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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I enjoyed the following show. Here's what I wrote about it on Facebook:

If you're in the mood for a toe-tapping musical about the lives and loves of five unique southern women, then see GOOD OL'GIRLS before its run ends at HART on Oct. 8. ... Shelia Sumpter's direction and choreography are both spot on, as is the music direction from Kelly Jackson. .. Brandi Andrade, Kristen Hedberg, Lara Hollaway, Tabitha Judy, Shelly Nielsen and Brenda Sheets all shine in the ensemble cast. .. They're ably backed up by musicians Jackson, David Bruce, Chelcy Frost and Drake Frost. ... And kudos to the work of stage managers Savanna Shaw and Reese Pifer. ... For tickets, click: [Here](#).



B. We finally got to the second location of Vinnie's (on Hendersonville Ave.) for a delicious meal. The food there was just as good as we've always had at the original Vinnie's on Merrimon Ave.



C. I had the pleasure of hosting Katie Oates, singer-songwriter extraordinaire, on my BLAINESWORLD podcast this past week. To view or listen to the show, click: <http://www.blaineworld.net> and go to the one dated 9.26.2023.



D. Hot off the press ... the humor column I write for THE FAIRVIEW TOWN CRIER. ... That paper wants me to use short jokes, riddles or quotes from folks who live in Fairview, so if you fit in that category, please send submissions to: bginbc@aol.com and put FAIRVIEW in the subject line.

Mobilization (n.): Removing your land line and switching all calls to your mobile.

A man is struggling to find a parking space.

"Lord," he prays. "I can't stand this. If you open a space up for me, I swear I'll give up the drink and go to mass every Sunday."

Suddenly, the clouds part and the sun shines on an empty parking spot. Without hesitation, the man says: "Never mind, I found one!"



The village blacksmith finally found an apprentice willing to work hard for long hours. The blacksmith instructed the boy,

"When I take the shoe out of the fire, I'll lay it on the anvil; and when I nod my head, you hit it with this hammer."

The apprentice did as he was told. Now he's the village blacksmith.

Never follow anyone else's path. Unless you're in the woods and you're lost and you see a path. Then by all means follow that path."

— Ellen DeGeneres

Have children while your parents are young enough to take care of them.

—Rita Rudner

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

MARIA: Here is it.

TEACHER: Correct. Now, Class, who discovered America?

CLASS: Maria.

When asked in a restaurant, "Would you like a table?"

Respond with, "No, not at all. I came here to eat on the ground.

Carpet for two, please."

Thanks, Lynda Sickler, for this favorite joke from her grandson, Krayden Betts, 7:

Why did the cat cross the road?

Because the chicken had a laser pointer.



Blaine Greenfield hosts **BLAINESWORLD**, a podcast, and he publishes a blog with the same name. To send items for possible inclusion in a future issue, email bginbc@aol.com.

E. Congratulations to Adrienne Blanks & The Oracles for winning the contest for Best Costumes at the 15th Annual Music Video Asheville Awards.

F. Correction: A recent issue recognized the excellent service we received from Faith Taylor at The Exchange--a new downtown restaurant located in The Restoration Hotel in downtown Asheville.

I failed to also mention Eric Kuhn, that establishment's manager. We were impressed that he came over to introduce himself, then a bit later, checked on how our meal was. That's done at a lot of places, but Eric seemed genuinely interested in our responses. Also, he did not just say a quick "hello" and then run off. He actually stayed a few minutes and had an actual conversation with us.

G. Announcing this week's ...

***** **BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD** *****

It goes to pureskin Nail Renewal Solution.

The nails on my right hand had started to crack, They eventually had some discoloration on them as well. And they looked terrible.

I found the above product on the internet and after about a month, noticed a big improvement. (The instructions had said it would take that long.)

The product is advertised as providing:
Maximum Strength Nail Care, Effective Solution for Finger & Toenail Health, Suitable for Athlete's Foot & Ringworm Conditions. The packaging lists even more uses.

For more information, click: [Here](#).

2. Invites

A. There's still time to enter ...

***** **CONTEST #15** *****

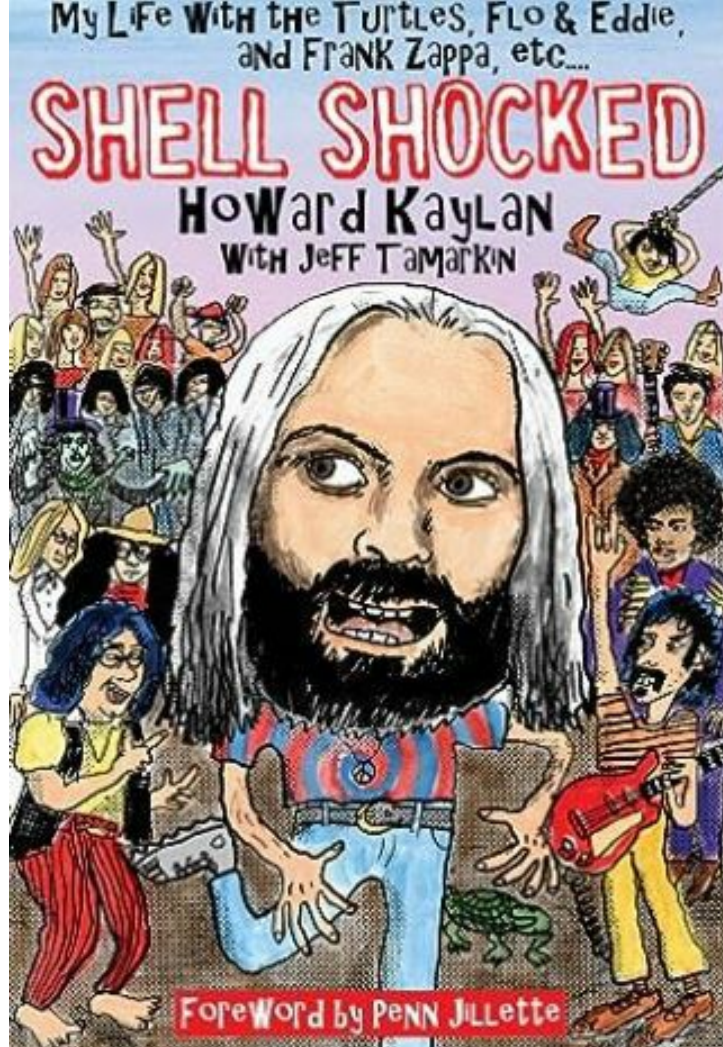
This is the one you've been waiting for ... a lucky reader will win a book about arguably the greatest rock group of all time ...

SHELL SHOCKED; MY LIFE WITH THE TURTLES, FLO & EDDIE, AND FRANK ZAPPA, ETC. by Hoard Kaylan with Jeff Tamarin

To quote Shindig Magazine:

It's a great book, and interesting all the way through. Kaylan knows everybody, remember, and he names names. Better even, he's still out there pounding the road into submission a hundred or so nights every year. This is a 262-page book. It could have been 500 and I still would have been sorry when it was over. With any luck, he's left something for [Mark] Volman to write about.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST 15 in the subject line. Include your name and mailing address in the body of the email. All entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 2.



B. Want to be a guest on my BLAINESWORLD podcast, now seen on YouTube or you can listen to it on your favorite podcast player? If you have news you'd like to share and/or a story to tell, send an email to: bjnbc@aol.com and put GUEST in the subject line. In the body of the email, include both your name and phone number.

Even if you've been a guest before, I'd welcome the opportunity to speak with you again. I now tape via Zoom, usually in the early evening.

For more information about the podcast, click: [Here](#)

C. Are you interested in shows, concerts, movies, TV, etc.? ... If so, I encourage you to join a group I've formed on Facebook that's called Entertainment. To do so, all you need to do is follow the instructions when you click: [Here](#).

D. Come join Cynthia for the course she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week:

Move Your Body on Wednesday via Zoom or in person.

To attend this course and/or any other that is being offered, scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

E. Exclusive Gift for BLAINESWORLD Fans!

Grab a FREE one-month Personalized Astrology Transits Report from my astrologer friend Michael Spremulli—a \$10 value!

An astrology transit report is a powerful tool that can provide valuable insights into the current influences and opportunities present in your life. This personalized report examines the positions of the planets at the time of your birth against the current planetary transits and explains how they are impacting you now.

Hurry, this offer is first-come, first-served and supplies are limited. Sorry, no rainchecks. Act now by clicking: [Here](#) to claim your free one-month transits report. Use the code BW at checkout.

F. Join me at either of two upcoming Marketing seminars I'll be conducting for Asheville SCORE.

You can't beat the price; i.e., FREE!

Description: Marketing for the 21st Century small business is more dynamic and challenging than ever. Discover how to effectively and efficiently use marketing tools. Gain insights to understand and reach your customer, analyze your industry and business environment and differentiate between branding, advertising, and grassroots marketing techniques.

Instructor: Blaine Greenfield

Blaine Greenfield has 35 years of teaching experience as a Marketing Professor at the community college, university and graduate levels. At the same time, he operated his own consulting firm-providing marketing assistance to small and medium-sized businesses, as well as to non-profit organizations. Blaine has spoken groups throughout the country, and he has served as a mediator and/or arbitrator in over 2,500 cases.

Date, time & location: Thursday, Oct. 19 from 2-5 p.m. at A-Tech Madison Campus, Room: Ramsey 103, 4646 IS 25-70, Madison, NC

To register, click: [Here](#).

and/or

Date, time & location: Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m.-12 noon at A-B Teach Enka Campus, Room 2046, 1465 Sand Hill Road, Candler, NC

To register, click: [Here](#).

G, Join me in the the Dementia Society of America's 60-mile Challenge. Support those living with Dementia, caregivers and the community.

Find out more by clicking: [Here](#).

Note: You don't have to make a monetary contribution to participate.

3. FYI

A. Every U.S. household may place an order to receive four free COVID-19 rapid tests delivered directly to your home by clicking: [Here](#).

B. It's not just you. LinkedIn has gotten really weird.

by Rob Price

It was a hard day for Matthew Sciannella: He was officially getting divorced.

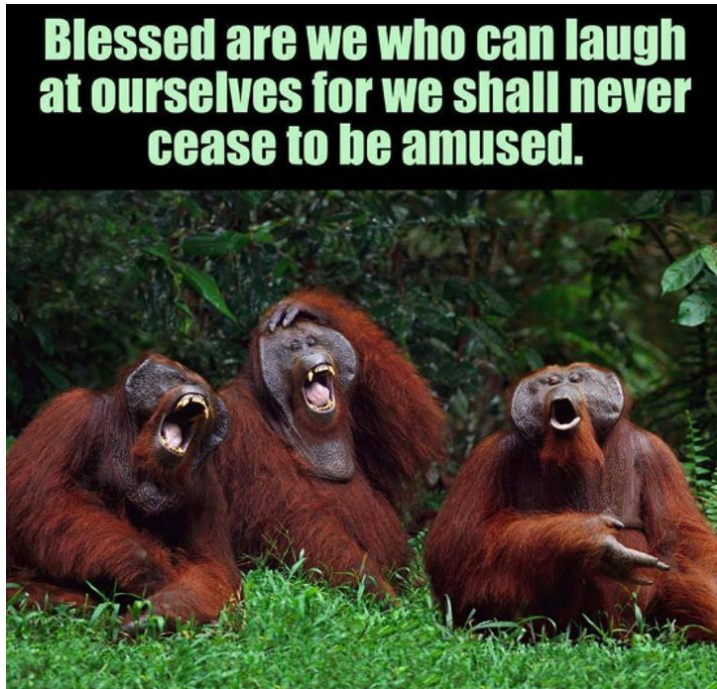
After 12 years of marriage and multiple children, he and his wife had drifted apart during the pandemic. In early 2021, they decided to call it quits. As the Washington, DC-area marketing executive grappled with the realities of being suddenly single again, he told his friends, he journaled about it, and he told his family. And then he told LinkedIn.

"I'm getting a divorce. God it sucks to write that," Sciannella shared with his several thousand professional connections.

For the rest of this article, click: [Here](#).

4. Joke 1

My new mantra! (Thanks, Ginger Heskett, for sharing.)



5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I loved A MILLION MILES AWAY, which is now on Amazon Prime. Inspired by the real-life story of NASA flight engineer José Hernández, the film follows him on a decades-long journey, from a rural village in Michoacán, Mexico, to more than 200 miles above the Earth in the International Space Station. Michael Peña and Rosa Salazar are both outstanding in the leading roles. Don't miss this one. Rated PG.

Note: I've added it to my list of favorite films. If you'd like to get a copy of this list, and an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

B. We also enjoyed THE RIDE, which we also saw on Amazon Prime. It is based on a true story of a BMX champion who overcame an abusive childhood through the love and life lessons of his interracial foster family. Even if you're not interested in BMX riding, you'll be glad you watched this inspiring film. Rated for ages 13+ by Common Sense Media.

6. TV alert

A. THE GOLDEN BACHELOR: Thursday nights at 8 p.m. on ABC
Gerry Turner, 72, courts 22 women with an average age of 67. At last, a reality dating show for grownups!

B. FLORA AND SON: Now on Apple TV+
Eve Hewson (star of the must-see series Bad Sisters) plays a single mom in Dublin who tries to get her wayward son's life on track by hiring him a guitar teacher (Joseph Gordon-Levitt). AARP calls it: "A feel-good musical movie from the creator of 2007's Oscar-winning Once."

For a preview, click: [Here](#).

C. QUANTUM LEAP, Season 2: Wednesdays at 8 p.m. on NBC
Raymond Lee stars in the reboot of the 1989-93 Scott Bakula show as Dr. Ben Song. He leaps into other people's bodies throughout history.

D. CASSANDRO; Now on Prime Video
Gael García Bernal stars in this true-life story about an openly gay amateur wrestler from El Paso, Texas, who rose to stardom in the ultra-macho world of Mexico's lucha libre pro-wrestling scene, all while defying the tradition that flamboyant "exoticos" are always supposed to lose in the ring.

7. Joke 2

Reminds me of this question: "May I help you?" ... I like to answer: "No thanks, I'm just shoplifting."
... Most often, the salesperson is not listening and will respond: "I'm here if you need me." (Thanks, Amber Riddle, for sharing.)

**When you're at
the checkout line
and they ask you if
you found
everything,
say, "Why, are you
hiding stuff?"**

8. Clips/Websites

A. The Turtles are arguably the greatest rock group of all time!

(1) As mentioned previously, this section will feature music by The Turtles--either their recordings and/or covers of their music by others.

I'd especially love to see any recording you may have done of "Happy Together."

Send it to: bginbc@aol.com and put THE TURTLES in the subject line.

Note: Even if you did not do a recording, I welcome anything done by others--not only of "Happy Together," but any other Turtles' song.

(2) For this week, please view this version of Cynthia and me singing by clicking: [Here](#).



B. Video of the week

96-year-old Dick Van Dyke still has the moves.

He and his wife made this video for Valentine's Day last year.

Just in case you're curious – and I bet you are -- she's 46 years younger. They've been married since 2012.

To view it, click: [Here](#). (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

C. And also check out these other clips at your convenience:

(1) Roy Orbison, "Oh, Pretty Woman," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

Note: Orbison performs this song as the finale of the Black & White Night Concert. He was backed by Bruce Springsteen, Elvis Costello, James Burton, Glen D. Hardin, Tom Waits, k.d. lang, Jackson Browne, Bonnie Raitt, JD Souther, T Bone Burnett, Steven Soles and Jennifer Warnes. Recorded September 30, 1987.

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns (10.1.2023): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Joan Jett: [Here](#).

(4) Neil cites her classic, "I Love Rock 'N Roll." Here it is: [Here](#).

(5) Illustrated early morning exercise for seniors: [Here](#). (Thanks, Marjorie Lefkowitz-Skwara, for sharing.)

(6) Awesome 3D Art: [Here](#). (Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing.)

D. Here's a website that you might want to check out:

Keep your brain sharp with games and quizzes on Sporcle. To view this website, click: [Here](#).

Categories include Sports, Geography, Music Movies, Television and History to name just a few.

There is also live trivia and a party app that you can play virtually with friends.

E. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running . . . to view it, please click: [Here](#).

F. Are you on Facebook? In the unlikely event we have not yet connected as friends there, please feel free to send me an invite by clicking: [Here](#).

How to use the 'Sleep Timer' on your iPhone by Rick Rouse

Do you ever listen to music with your iPhone to help you fall asleep, only to wake up in the middle of the night or the next morning with the music still blaring in your ear?

If so, there's an easy way to prevent that from ever happening again...

Set your phone's 'Sleep Timer' to terminate the music app you're using after a certain period of time has elapsed.

For the rest of this informative tip, click: [Here](#).

And after you read the above, click the Subscribe button at the top. Rick's tips are the best!

10. Joke 3

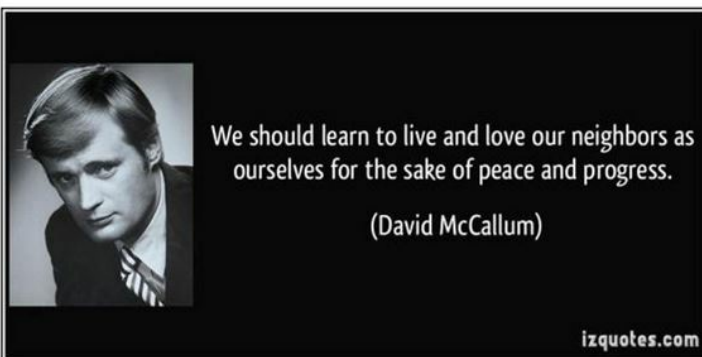
Rare 1925 photo of first online date. (Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing.)



11. Four quotes I like

A. Top: Thanks, David McCallum (1933-2023), for your career as a Scottish actor and musician. He gained wide recognition in the 1960s for playing secret agent Illya Kuryakin in the television series *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.* and beginning in 2003, he starred in the CBS television series *NCIS* as Dr. Donald "Ducky" Mallard, the team's chief medical examiner and one of the show's most popular characters. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).

B. Bottom: Thanks, Brooks Robinson (1937-2023), for your career as For American third baseman in Major League Baseball who played his entire career for the Baltimore Orioles from 1955 to 1977. Nicknamed "the Human Vacuum Cleaner", "Mr. Hoover", and "Mr. Oriole", he is generally considered to have been the greatest defensive third baseman in major league history. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).



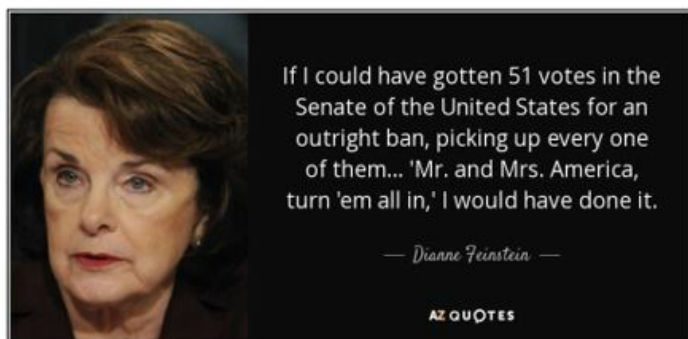
"If you're not practicing, somebody else is, somewhere, and he'll be ready to take your job."—Brooks Robinson



C. Top: Thanks, Michael Gambon (1940-2023), for your career as an Irish-American actor. Over his six-decade-long career, he received three Olivier Awards, two Screen Actors Guild Awards and four BAFTA Awards. Gambon enhanced his stardom through his role of Albus Dumbledore in the Harry Potter film series from 2004 to 2011. ... For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).

B. Bottom: Thanks, Dianne Feinstein (1933-2023) for your career as an American politician who served as a United States senator from California for 31 years, from 1992 until her death. She authored the 1994 Federal Assault Weapons Ban. For more information about her life, click: [Here](#).

"For an actor to remain a child is rather important. It's a childlike, dreamy thing, acting, if you think about it. It's the sort of thing children fantasize about, playing cowboys and Indians in the street. I think that acting is just a highly refined development of that."—Michael Gambon



12. Thought for the day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MY BEAUTIFUL BRIDE CYNTHIA! ... The guy below is expressing how I feel on the occasion. ... I'm so grateful that I will get to celebrate it with her. (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)



"I can't remember half of the fun I had - and I probably forgot the other half - but I know that it was with you."

PS. Make it a great week!

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