

You're reading BLAINESWORLD, a weekly blog published by Blaine Greenfield. It contains some jokes, hopefully, not toooo risqué (typically in Sections 4, 7 and 10); contests; reviews of shows. movies and books; quotes, etc. ... Please feel free to share it with 437 of your closest friends and relatives.. ... And In the unlikely event that you or they are not already a subscriber, just click the following link to be added to the free mailing list: [Here](#).

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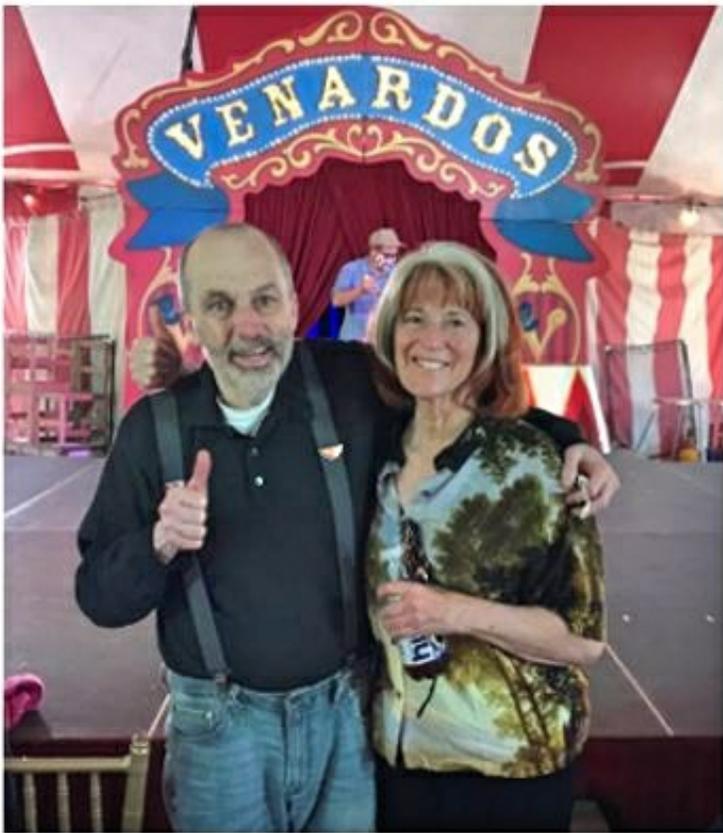
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## 1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I loved seeing a performance of The Vernados Circus at the Asheville Outlets. ... Click here to watch some of the fantastic juggling that we saw: [Here](#). ... And we also enjoyed this terrific escape act: [Here](#). For tickets (through Nov. 7), click: [Here](#).



B LAST WEEKEND FOR HARVEY AT HART! ... You're going to love this comedy that features an amazing performance from Harvey playing himself. The rest of the cast is equally outstanding: Jack Heinen, Mary Ann Heinen, Lara Hollaway, Troy Sheets, Brenda Sheets, Jeff Streitfeld, Mark Colbenson (who also deserves kudos for his work as stage manager), Bonnie DeMarco, June Thomas, Scott Shanken and Ryan Peterson. ... And, as always, Wanda Taylor's direction is spot on. ... For tickets: Call 828.456.6322 or order them online at: [Here](#).



C. We recently had a delicious dinner with our friend Bonnie Solomon at P.F. Chang's.



D. TWO WEEKS LEFT! .... You can still see **BLOODBATH: VICTORIA'S SECRET** at the Magnetic Theatre through Oct. 30, and I strongly recommend that you do if in the mood for both some horror and comedy. ... There's also fine acting from Lauren Otis, Casey Steen, George Heard, Stephanie Nusbaum, Matilyn Hull and Sonia D'Andrea ... Jamieson Ridenhour, who wrote and directed the play, has another winner in this production. ... And hats off to Tippin for creating the great IMDb-type listings that can be seen in the lobby, as well as to Jered Shults for his work as violence choreographer. ... For tickets: [Here](#).



E. This week's BLAINESWORLD show can be seen by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) Scott Burnette, Fire Chief, City of Asheville, Fire Department; and (second half): Emily Shaules, premier coach, speaker and author, Masterpath Coaching.



F. There was also a special Facebook Live edition of the BLAINESWORLD show that can be seen by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: Magicians Bryan Hilemon and TJ Shimeld discuss Vanishing Wheelchair events that will be taking place this coming Oct. 29 and 30, 2021.



G. Condolences to Heide Har and family on the passing of Heide's mother.

H. Congratulations to:

(1) Scott Burnette, Asheville's Fire Chief, on his appearance on WLOS. He discussed the new Fire Station 13. To see the clip, click: [Here](#).

(2) Patrick Fitzsimmon for running for Mayor of Weaverville. Unfortunately, I can't vote him for because I don't live in that town, but I do know he would be excellent elected official.

Note: Low turnouts on election day allow marginal candidates to win. Vote on Sat., Oct. 30, 8-3 at new Community Center or on Tues, Nov. 2 6:30am-7:30pm at your regular polling station. Don't sit this one out!

I. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to the amazing Carol Anders.

Prior to retiring in Asheville, she was a consultant trainer for a national real estate trainer.

She now keeps busy hosting a weekly radio show, "Dreamers & Doers" on 103.3 Asheville FM, and she is active in fundraising for the Beloved Community. In addition, she recently taught an OLLI class, "Finding the New You."

She also is a big, big supporter of the arts community in Asheville and attends as many productions as she can.

Her enthusiasm is infectious, as is her smile.

Pictured: Yours truly on the far left and Carol (standing) at the aforementioned OLLI course.



## 2. Invites

### A. Reminder ...

#### \*\*\*\*\* CONTEST #24 \*\*\*\*\*

One lucky reader will win an autographed copy of *KICKING THROUGH THE ASHES: MY LIFE AS A STAND-UP IN THE 1980S COMEDY BOOM* by Ritch Shydner.

Note: To see my review of this book, see Section 5B (below).

To enter this contest, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #24 in the subject line. Include your name and mailing address in the body of the email. All entries must be received before Monday, Oct. 25, at 9 p.m.

Pictured: Yours truly with the author.



B.. Are you interested in shows, concerts, movies, TV, etc.? ... If so, I encourage you to join a new 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: click: [Here](#).

C. Come join Cynthia for the two courses she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week via Zoom: Meditation on Monday and Move Your Body on Wednesday. To attend these and/or any of the other courses, scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

Note: For others, see Sect.13 (at the bottom of this issue)

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### **3. FYI**

As you know, I'm a big fan of email And I've even gotten fonder of texting. But when it comes to arranging a date to meet somebody, I often find a phone call works best--or at least when it comes to finalizing plans.

I saw this recently when trying to get together with a friend for lunch., We first had to go back and forth just to agree on a date, then we had to go back and forth some more to finalize both the time and location.

It took us about a week doing the above. Afterward, I realized that one 5-minute call would have made things much simpler.

### **FYI, part 2**

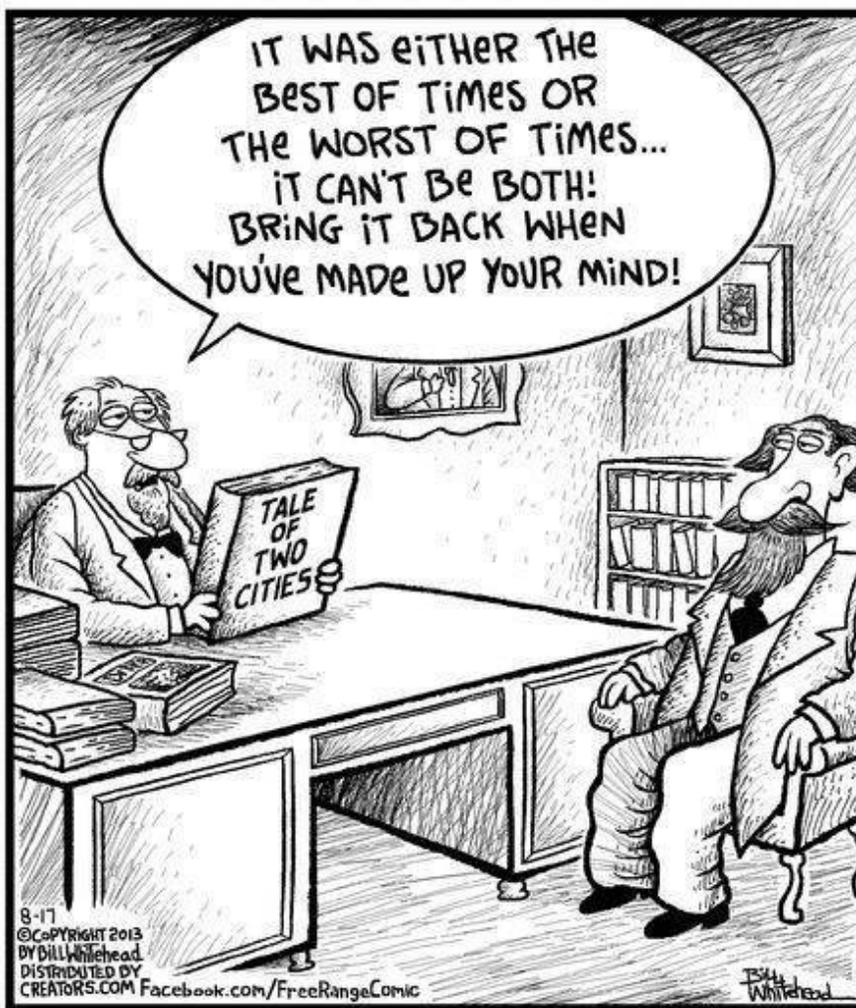
To read the following articles, click: [Here](#)

A. Is the New Aspirin Advice a Medical Flip-Flop, or Just Science? B. As Broadway Returns, Shows Rethink and Restage Depictions of Race. C. How I Knew I Needed to Quit Instagram.

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### **4. Joke 1**

Fortunately, Charles Dickens did not follow this advice from his first publisher.. (Thanks, Becky Gaudreaux, for sharing.)



## 5. Reviews

A. Revisited 2013's *ABOUT TIME*, a sweet fantasy about time travel starring Domhnall Gleeson, Rachel McAdams and Bill Nighy. The second viewing was just as good as the first, and in watching it again, I realized how terrific the soundtrack was. Available now on Netflix. Rated R, though I think it is appropriate for mature teenagers.

Note: This is one of my all-time favorite films. If you'd like to see my complete listing, send an email to [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

B. *KICKING THROUGH THE ASHES: MY LIFE AS A STAND-UP IN THE 1980S COMEDY BOOM* (My Media Books) by Ritch Shnyder is a book you'll love--even if not a big comedy fan.

The author, a stand-up comedian and actor, has appeared on *Late Night with David Letterman*, *The Tonight Show* with both Johnny Carson and Jay Leno, an HBO half-hour special and *Married With Children*. In addition, he has written for the *Roseanne* show and been in *Roxanne* and other movies.

He candidly tells tales from his life, both the good and bad parts, and he makes you really feel that you were living the decade with him.

You'll get a special kick reading the stories about Jerry Seinfeld, Tim Allen, Carol Leifer, Richard Belzer,

Andrew Dice Clay, Rodney Dangerfield, Tom Dreesen, Budd Friedman, Gilbert Gottfried, Sam Kinison, Bill Maher, Steve Martin, Jackie "The Jokeman" Martling, Robin Williams and Richard Pryor, among others.

Although not a joke book, you'll find yourself laughing at several one-liners including the following from Shydner's friend Phyllis Diller: "Homework can't kill you, but why take the chance?"

I also enjoyed the answer Rodney Dangerfield gave when asked why he always wore a dark suit, white shirt and red tie. He replied "What do I know, I'm lazy. ... It's one less thing I gotta think about."

But my favorite part of the book was how the author discussed the hard work that is involved in stand-up: "A great deal of that work is writing jokes, specifically creating the words on the page to fly on the stage. A crucial element is editing the joke, tweaking the timing. I heard that old joke--"What is the key to comedy?" where the teller blurts out the answer, "timing," before the listener can answer--before I knew exactly what the word meant to joke construction. The best joke gives just enough of a setup so that the punchline is delivered at exactly the moment the audience is ready to receive it. That is the snap of the whip that causes the audience to jump with laughter."

Dozens of photos added to my enjoyment of KICKING THROUGH THE ASHES.

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## 6. TV alert

A. SQUID GAME: Available now on Netflix

Hundreds of cash-strapped contestants accept an invitation to compete in children's games for a tempting prize, but the stakes are deadly. I'll watch at least one episode of this thriller to see why everybody is talking about it.

B. THE FIGHT THAT NEVER ENDS: Movie premiere on Sunday, Oct. 24, at 8 p.m. on Lifetime

A black help-line director teams with a white ally to fight oppression in L.A. Inspired by a true story.

C. CURB YOUR ENTHUSIASM: Season 11 premiere on Sunday, Oct. 24, at 10:30 p.m. on HBO

Larry David investigates the case of a malfunctioning toilet. It might not sound like much of a plot, but if you like this show as much as I do, you'll be watching to see how he handles this predicament.

D. B POSITIVE: Thursday, Oct. 28, at 9:30 p.m. on CBS

Now that Annaleigh Ashford has made her kidney donation, she switches gears to become owner a retirement home. Guests include Hector Elizondo and Jane Seymour.

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## 7. Joke 2

My hope is that things will all get sworded out in the end!

**THE SWORDFISH HAS FEW PREDATORS  
TO WORRY ABOUT IN THE WILD,**



**EXCEPT FOR THE SELDOM SEEN PENFISH  
WHICH IS SAID TO BE EVEN MIGHTIER.**

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## 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](mailto: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 from The Topdales by clicking: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for the following:

Asheville has a vibrant music scene. There's a busker on almost every downtown corner--and lots of formal

venues too.

Here's the town's famous Spoon Lady. 50+ million views.

Angels in Heaven - Chris Rodrigues & the Spoon Lady: [Here](#).

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

(1) "i Think I Love You, Partridge Family, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Adele - Easy On Me (her newest song): [Here](#).

(3) Rosanne Donow: Sam Cooke – You Send Me (Official Lyric Video): [Here](#).

(4) Howard Smith: Piano hymns (10.24.31): [Here](#).

(5) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: The Doobie Brothers: [Here](#).

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

Radio Garden enables you to hear what radio is like in Paris or Tokyo. You can travel through the airwaves and see what is playing in local cities (literally any city) in real-time by clicking: [Here](#).

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](#).

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## 9. Technology tip

Reopen a closed browser tab

It happens all the time. You have a dozen tabs open in your browser and accidentally close the wrong one. You could open up your browser's history and reopen the tab from there, or you can do it with a couple of keystrokes.

Hit Ctrl+Shift+T on your PC or Command+Shift+T on your Mac to automatically reopen the tab you just closed.

Source: [Here](#).

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## 10. Joke 3

My uncle once took a job as a door-to-door salesperson. He went to the first house in his new territory and knocks on the door. A lady opens it. Before she has a chance to say anything, he runs inside and dumps horse manure all over the carpet. ... He tells her, "Lady, if this vacuum cleaner doesn't do wonders cleaning

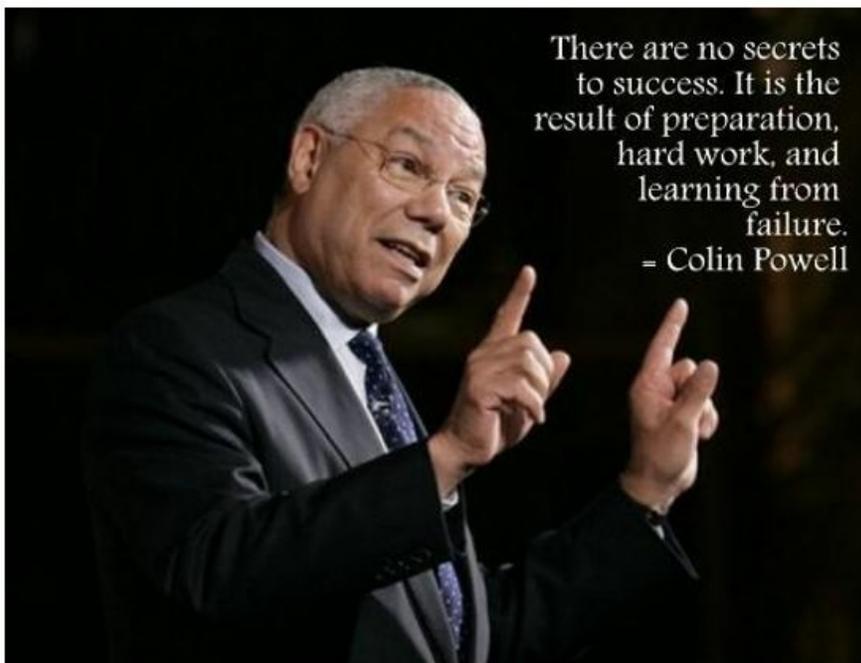
up that mess, I'll eat every chunk of it." ... She replies, "You want tomato sauce on that? We just moved in, and we haven't got the electricity turned on yet."



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### 11. A quote I like

Thanks, Colin Powell (1937-2021), for your service as an American politician, diplomat and four-star general who served as the 65th United States Secretary of State from 2001 to 2005. I admired the fact that while he was a moderate Republican most of his life (until he left the party after the Capitol riot), he endorsed the candidacies of Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and Joe Biden. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).



Note: For more on Powell, read Section 12 (below).

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### 12. Thought for the day

Colin Powell: 'Get mad, and then get over it,' and 12 other rules he lived and worked by  
by Jade Scipioni

Colin Powell accomplished his goals by adopting a handful of key life principles along the way. Thirteen of them, in fact. ...

Throughout the ups and downs, Powell lived by a set of "13 rules," which he laid out in his 2012 memoir, "It Worked For Me: In Life and Leadership."

Here are those rules for success and leadership:

1. It ain't as bad as you think. It will look better in the morning.

To read the rest of this interesting article, click: [Here](#).

Note: For more on Powell, read Section 11 (above).

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### **13. Advance planning department**

For more information about the following events, click: [Here](#).

A. NEW PLAY WHERE OLD-TIME RADIO MEETS THE 21ST CENTURY at NC Stage. B. Montford Park Players present Living Dead in Denmark. C. Bryan Hilemon: SEANCE & SPOOK SHOW. D. TJ Shimeld: A Day of magic Benefitting the Vanishing Wheelchair.

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**PS.** Make it a great week!

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