
You're reading BLAINESWORLD, a weekly blog published by Blaine Greenfield. It contains some jokes, hopefully, not tooo 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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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I enjoyed a nice spring day when we had delicious hamburgers at the Farm Burger location in South Asheville.



B. I hosted four BLAINESWORLD webcasts this past week. They can all be found on the indicated dates at this website: [Here](#).

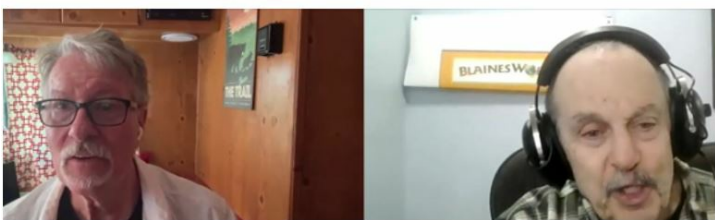
(1) Top: 4.1.2024 - Connie Regan-Blake, owner of Story Window Productions

(2) Bottom: 4.2.2024 - Tom Chalmers, Kim Richardson and Josh Batenhorst discuss the Reasonably Price Babies Birthday Bash!



(3) Top: 4.3.2024 - Ramin Gillett, Author

(4) Bottom: 4.4.2024 - Ralph Grizzle--Editor, Fairview Town Crier



C. We are blessed to have so many talented friends. Will Reddish (top photo) recently helped us out when we got a dresser (bottom left) for our amazing cat Kismet to use when jumping to the top shelf of Cynthia's closet (bottom right). The only problem: There were well over 100 pieces that needed assembling, along with a 16-page instruction booklet. And to top things off, 4 screws were missing. We're so grateful that Will was available to put the whole thing together.



D. Hot off the press: my April, 2024 humor column for THE FAIRVIEW TOWN CRIER. If you live in Fairview, Gerton, Fletcher or Reynolds, see the last part about how you can submit something for a future issue.

Politician (n):

Someone who shakes your hand before an election and your confidence after it.

If you can't think of a word, say, "I forgot the English word for it." That way, people will think you're bilingual instead of an idiot.

What is the longest word in the dictionary?

Answer: Smiles, because there is a mile between each "s."

A girl today said she recognized me from the Vegetarians Club, but I'd swear I've never met herbivore.

"Sometimes you lie in bed at night and you don't have a single thing to worry about. That always worries me!"

—Charlie Brown

An Englishman, a Scotsman, an Irishman, a Welshman, a Latvian, a Turk, a German, an Indian, an American, an Argentinean, a Dane, an Australian, a Slovak, an Egyptian and a Moroccan

walked into a fine restaurant.

"I'm sorry," said the *maitre d'* after scrutinizing the group, "But I'm unable to seat you without a Thai."

"A day without laughter is a day wasted."

—Charlie Chaplin

Helvetica and Times New Roman walk into a bar.

"Get out of here!" shouts the bartender. "We don't serve your type."

Thanks, Bonnie Sibner, for this riddle:

How do you keep a bagel from getting away?

Put lox on it.



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. We can't wait for y'all to see our yard in the very near future. Alyssa Hamilton (right), owner of Nuthatch Gardening Services, and Gwen Hill (left), marketing manager of the same firm, have been hard at work, getting it ready for both the spring and summer.



F. Congratulations to Daniel Barsoum and Lodi Dodi on their engagement.

G. Announcing this week's ...

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

It goes to RATIVE Anti Slip Non Skid Hospital Socks with Grippers for Men Women.

About this item:

- * Material : Terylene 97% + Spandex 3% great ventilation tough soft and quick drying
- * Super grips at sole of socks provide superb grip on slick surface such as wood floors,tile floors. Prevent falling or losing balance while walking or running.
- * Perfect companion socks for your yoga or pilate allows safer practice, fall prevention and enhances balance during exercise
- * Arch support for a secure fit
- * Use of high quality knitted fabric is not torn or deformed to even wash by washing machine.

They are great for walking around the house (with no need for slippers or sneakers), and they are also very comfortable.

I've bought similar socks, but none have compared to these.

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



2. Invites

A. Introducing ...

***** CONTEST #5 *****

In Contest #5, one lucky reader will win a variety package of Connie Regan-Blake's "Wordless Stories" Collage Greeting Cards. These are so cool. To see them for yourself, click: [Here](#).

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #5 in the subject line. Include both your name and mailing address in the body of the email. All entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2024.

Note: Contest #4 had eight entries. Carol Latsch was the winner of a copy of ON GRATITUDE: SHERYL CROW, JEFF BRIDGES, ALICIA KEYS, DARYL HALL, RAY BRADBURY, ANNA KENDRICK, B.B. KING, ELMORE LEONARD, DEEPAK CHOPRA, AND 42 MORE CELEBRITIES SHARE WHAT THEY'RE MOST THANKFUL FOR by Todd Aaron Jensen. All told, there were eight entries.

B. Want to be a guest on my BLAINESWORLD webcast? It can now be seen on YouTube or you can listen to it on your favorite podcast player.

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.

If you are interested, let me know. And for more information about the webcast, click: [Here](#).

C. Are you interested in shows, 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](#).

3. FYI

A. 3 signs it's time to break up with your doctor

A doctor that was once a good fit might not always meet the needs you have now. Here are some signs that it's time to find a new one. To read this article, click: [Here](#).

B. These 10 common crutch phrases 'undermine our competence,' says Stanford expert

Avoid using phrases like "I think that" and "It might be," says Stanford University lecturer and communication expert Matt Abrahams. Here's why. To read this article, click: [Here](#).

C. The No. 1 personality trait employers always look for

"Employees who have this trait are more likely to find success, regardless of the job," writes Qualtrics Chief Workplace Psychologist Dr. Benjamin Granger. To read this article, click: [Here](#).

4. Joke 1

Please stop by to say hello.



5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I saw *SOMEONE LIKE YOU*, a Fathom showing (that means you need to pay more). It really wasn't worth it. The formulaic drama, based on the popular novel by #1 NY Times Bestselling author Karen Kingsbury, tells the story of an architect who loses his best friend and then launches a search to find that woman's twin sister who had been separated at birth. We both thought it was an overlong Hallmark movie. And we noticed that there didn't seem to be one actor over 35 or who wasn't beautiful. Rated G, though I wouldn't recommend bringing young children there.

B. We thought *WISH MAN*, which we saw on Amazon, was a far better film. It is a biopic about Frank Shankwitz, an Arizona motorcycle cop with a troubled past, who survives a near-fatal accident during a high-speed pursuit. He eventually meets a terminally ill young boy, and that inspires him to start the Make A Wish Foundation. The film started slowly, but by the end, it touched us. Common Sense Media gave it an age 13+

rating.

6. TV alert

A. **RIPLEY**: Now on Netflix

Here's a new series adaptation of **THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY**, the 1999 hit film.

B. **SUGAR**: Now on Apple TV+

Detective John Sugar (Colin Farrell) tools around LA in fancy suits and a sports car, hunting for the lost granddaughter of a movie mogul (James Cromwell, *L.A. Confidential*), as clips of classics like *Double Indemnity* play in his film-obsessed head.

C. **ELTON JOHN AND BERNIE TAUPIN: THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS GERSHWIN PRIZE FOR POPULAR SONGS**: Mon., April 8, at 8 p.m. on PBS and PBS.org

Elton John and lyricist Bernie Taupin tell good stories as they accept America's highest honor for musicians, and John performs his hits--as do Joni Mitchell, Garth Brooks, Annie Lennox, Billy Porter (who doubles as emcee), Metallica, Maren Morris, Charlie Puth, Jacob Lusk, Brandi Carlile and the Elton John Band.

D. **SCOOP**: Now on Netflix

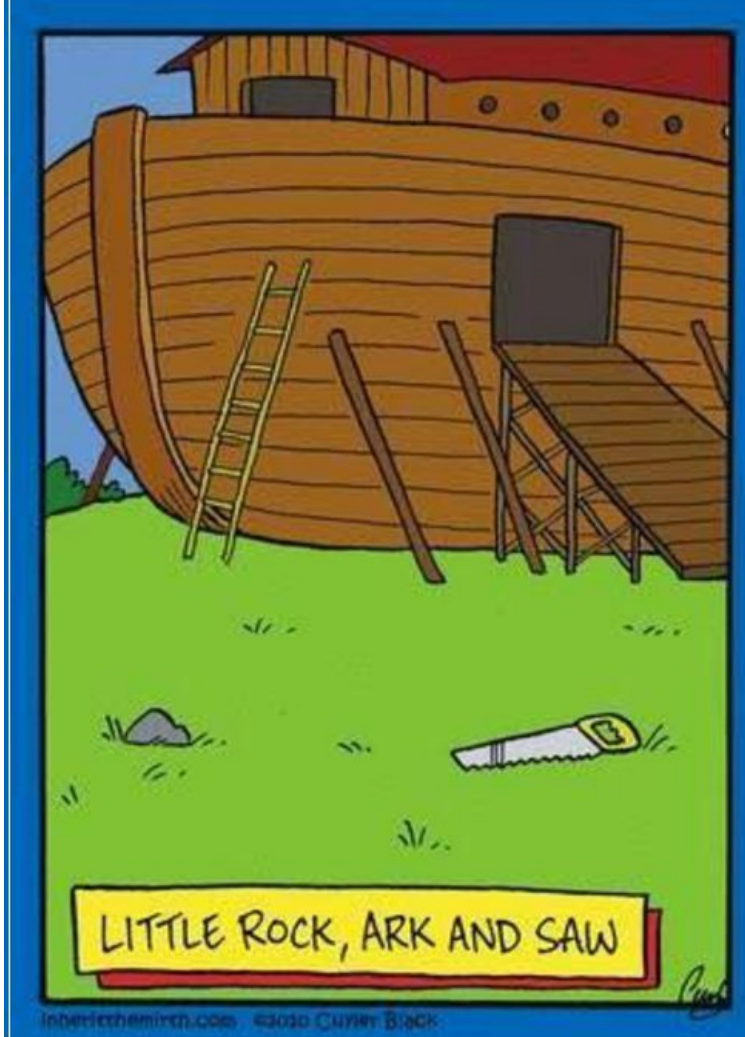
Britain's Prince Andrew (Rufus Sewell) faces off with BBC journalist Emily Maitlis (Gillian Anderson, *X-Files* and *The Crown*) during a live interview on the prime-time show *Newsnight* – an ill-advised appearance that crystallized the royal's ties to convicted pedophile Jeffrey Epstein and led to his ouster from official duties.

E. **ROAD HOUSE**: Now on Prime Video

The 1989 Patrick Swayze action film gets a 21st-century update, with Jake Gyllenhaal playing a world-weary former UFC fighter who takes a job as a bouncer at a Florida Keys dive bar that seems to attract a very aggro clientele.

7. Joke 2

Now you know how this famous city got its name. (Thanks, Elaine Bilk, for sharing.)



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 cover from the Couch Choir: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

A Classic 60's TV Show Dance Party: [Here](#).

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

(1) Thurston Harris - "Little Bitty Pretty One," one of my favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith, Hymns (4.7.2024): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Marvin Gaye: [Here](#).

(4) And here's the full video of "What's Going On," the song that Neil mentions: [Here](#).

(5) Tony Bennett, Lady Gaga - "I've Got You Under My Skin": [Here](#). (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

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

You can visit a useless website by clicking: [Here](#).

The site recommended fun games like mazes, peg solitaire, and puzzles. One random website we encountered advertises bizarre products for sale, including a tortilla blanket and a farting animal coloring book. We also stumbled on a site showcasing books with odd titles – our personal favorite being “Fifty Shades of Chicken.”

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](#).

9. Technology tip

When you copy text from any source, programs will usually include any formatting that comes with it. To paste this as plain text, press Ctrl + Shift + V instead of the standard Ctrl + V, and the system will paste unformatted text. This also works on Mac: Cmd + Shift + V.

10. Joke 3

Best sign of the day ...



11. Two quotes I like

A. Top: Thanks, Christopher Durang (1949-2024), for your career as an American playwright known for works of outrageous and often absurd comedy. His work was especially popular in the 1980s, though his career seemed to get a second wind in the late 1990s. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).

B. Bottom: Thanks, Joe Flaherty (1941-2024), for your career as an American actor, writer, and comedian. He is best known for his work on the Canadian sketch comedy SCTV, his role as Harold Weir on Freaks and Geeks and as the heckler in Happy Gilmore. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).

"If everyone took antidepressants, Chekhov would have had nothing to write about."--Christopher Durang



"The whole [SCTV] was greater than the sum of its parts."--Joe Flaherty



12. Thought for the day

Finally, the perfect April Fools' Day prank! ... I don't know about you, but this has me writing a note to myself: "Self, get some of these baggies." (Thanks, Jimmy Ferraro for sharing.)

When you don't want people eating
your food..



PS. Make it a great week!

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