

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 our dinner at Charlie O's and the service we received from another Cynthia. ... The food there is always good, as is the ambiance. ... Before we got there, we went to another restaurant that shall remain nameless. We had to leave that one because the noise level was deafening.



B. Don't you love this picture of Cynthia with her good friend Scout Gallagher?



C. View the most recent BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: Guests: (first half) D.J. Svoboda, founder and CEO of The Imagifriends of Imagiville/ autism advocate and autism ambassador; and (second half) Marcy and Tom Gallagher, authors of personalized novels for [Here](#).



D. And there was a special Facebook Live edition of the BLAINESWORLD show that can be viewed by clicking: [Here](#). .. Guest: Steve Lloyd, executive director, HART, discussing SLOW FOOD. It opens tonight and runs through Jan. 30.



E. Condolences to:

- (1) Trevor Snodgrass and family on the passing of Mark Snodgrass, Trevor's father.
- (2) Jay Joslin on the passing of Lysbeth Bonner Joslin, Jay's mother.

F. Congratulations to:

- (1) Matilyn Hull on her promotion to Membership Manager & Digital Media Associate at Asheville Art Museum.
- (2) Barb Fiedler on being named Top Producer for December, 2021, of the South Office of Preferred Properties of Asheville.
- (3) Marci Bernstein on her new job as Interim Executive Director at Parkway Playhouse.
- (4) Adora Winqvist on the publication of her book, DETOX. NOURISH. ACTIVATE.
- (5) Alison Gripentrog on her new job with Mission Health Hospital.
- (6) BJ Leiderman on becoming a Voting Member of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences.

G. Thanks, Cynthia Greenfield, for submitting this week's nomination for this week's ...

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

With my friends Cappy Tosett (top picture) and Susan Markowitz, I visited a cat sanctuary called FUR of WNC, which is a 501 non-profit, state certified shelter.

The unusual experience of visiting was in the fact that the shelter is located in a lovely house, and the cats roam free from upstairs, to downstairs, to lovely little nooks and crannies. There are dozens of cat posts, toys and blankets. Small rooms and larger rooms, so that if a cat chose, he/she could hide away.

All cats are fixed, vaccinated, tested and micro-chipped before adoption. The location is in Waynesville, NC.

Visit the sanctuary by appointment only by calling 888-844-CATS. For more information, click: [Here](#).



2. Invites

A. Reminder, there's still time to enter

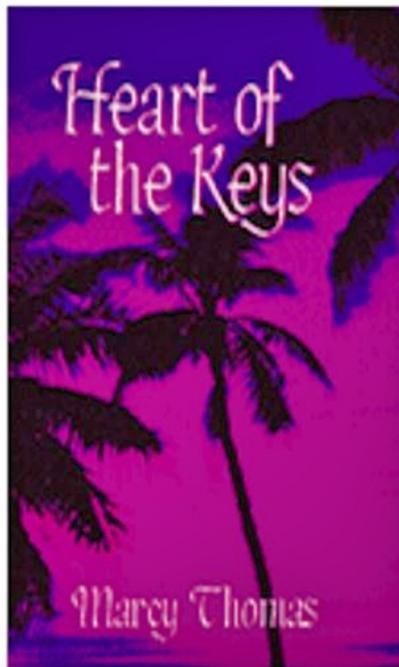
***** CONTEST #2 *****

Thanks to the generosity of authors Tom and Marcy Gallagher (two of their books are pictured below), one lucky reader win a copy of his or her own personalized romance novel. You'll get the chance to take on the starring role as hero/heroine alongside your spouse or significant other.

This is definitely one of the best prizes of any BLAINESWORLD contest and a great Valentine's Day gift. It also makes a great birthday or anniversary gift.

I've previously ordered and loved two of their novels. And they've delighted Cynthia, too.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST 2 in the subject line. In the body of your email, you include both your name and email address. All entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 24.



B. Want to be a guest on my radio/Facebook Live show? If you have news you'd like to share and/or a story to tell, send an email to: bjinbc@aol.com and put GUEST in the subject line. In the body of the email, include both your name and phone number.

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

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 evenings.

C. 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](#).

D. 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).

3. FYI

Thanks, Mark Murray, for putting this on my radar screen:
Get free at-home COVID-19 tests

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order #4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days.

To get the above, click: [Here](#).

Note: Free N95 masks are now also available. To find out how to obtain them, click: [Here](#).

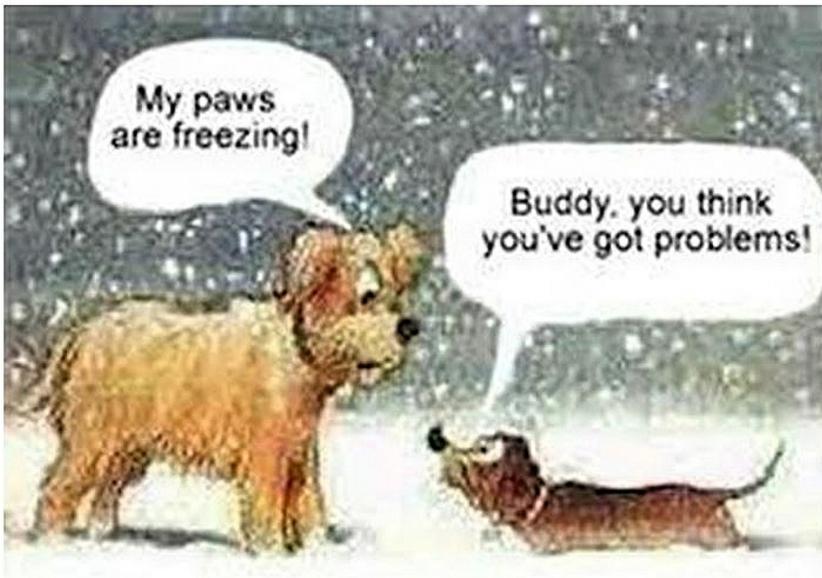
FYI, part 2

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

A. Sharon Lewis: 6 reasons not to get omicron right now. B. Craving chocolate? Stress Snacking? Answers to Your Questions About Mindful Eating. C. Is It Better to Exercise in the Morning or Evening? D. Leadership

4. Joke 1

It snowed here this week, which gets me thinking ... I'm grateful that I can spend my day indoors. ... Things could always be worse.



5. Reviews

A. Saw REDEEMING LOVE, a film based on the novel of the same title by Francine Rivers and inspired inspired by the Old Testament story of the prophet Hosea and his wife, Gomer. This story of love and redemption started slowly, but will grab you by the end. It is set in the West, during the Gold Rush era, and is about a woman sold into prostitution as a child. She has survives and eventually discovers that there is no brokenness that love can't heal. Abigail Cowen and Tom Lewis make appealing leads. Rated: PG-13.

Note: The critic reviews on Rotten Tomatoes were terrible, but almost everybody who has seen it liked it a lot.

B. Saw I AM WOMAN on Netflix. It is the true story of single mother Helen Reddy who leaves her old life in Australia for New York and stardom, only to find that the industry doesn't take her seriously. Tilda Cobham-Hervey was great in the leading role, and I thought Even Peters was quite good as her husband. I especially liked the musical numbers, featuring Chelsea Cullen who provided the singing voice. I did not see a rating, but would give it a PG-13.

6. TV alert

A. AS WE SEE IT: Now on Amazon

Three roommates on the autism spectrum strive to get and keep jobs, make friends, fall in love, and navigate a world that eludes them.

Cynthia and I are halfway through this series, and we are loving it. You will too!

Perhaps best of all: The three leading actors are on the spectrum. For more information, read: [Here](#).

B. HACKS: Now on HBO Max

This terrific series balances a critique of the comedy world with more intimate moments. Jean Smart and Hannah Eeinbinder are both outstanding in the leading roles.

C. TURN UP CHARLIE: Now on Netflix

The show is about a struggling DJ and eternal bachelor who is given a final chance at success when he reluctantly becomes a nanny to his famous best friend's problem-child daughter. It stars Idris Elba (also the co-creator of the series), and that's why I watched it. The first few episodes were good, but then I started to lose interest. I'm not surprised that it was canceled after one season.

D. JUDGE STEVE HARVEY: Tuesdays at 8 p.m. on ABC

Although the talented comedian may not be a real judge, the cases he will oversee are real, and he will be adding his comical commentary to each situation.

According to decider.com, you should "STREAM IT. Sure, Judge Steve Harvey is silly. But Harvey knows how to work an audience, and he also knows how silly the show should be. If everyone, including the people bringing the cases in front of him, can roll with it, so can we."

7. Joke 2

What really impresses me is how much hair he has grown since his retirement!



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 guitar version version from Thom Cooper: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Asheville was featured on Samantha Brown's Places to Love on PBS. To view the clip, click: [Here](#).

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

(1) The Happy Time 1968 Tony Awards, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Sunday hymns, 1.23.2022: [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Mick Taylor (the only lead guitarist who ever quit the Rolling Stones) :[Here](#).

(4) George Pappas: Remigio Pereira: Acropolis Adieu live in Greece "Pavlo Live in Kastoria": [Here](#).

(5) Michael Firestone: "Under the Boardwalk" (cover): [Here](#).

(6) Woody Allen in BANANAS: [Here](#).

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

My friend Scott Treadway is not only amazing actor, he is also a talented photographer who took my very fine headshot. In addition, his website is soooo cool---particularly the beginning. To view it, please click: [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](#).

9. Technology tip

How I Cut My Family's Cable and Streaming Bill by \$170
by Anne Carrins

It was another fat cable bill that finally spurred me to act. For my New Year's resolution, I would cut the cord and watch streaming services instead.

And I've done it--or at least a modified version of it (more of a "fraying" of the cord, let's say). Here's what I did, and why. But note: Things are moving at lightning pace in the world of television and streaming services, so details may change at any time.

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

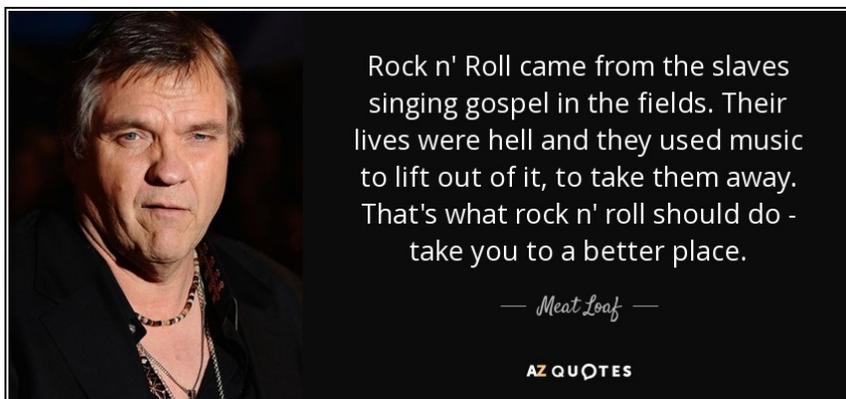
10. Joke 3

Someone asked an old man: "Even after 75 years, you still call your wife ... darling, honey, luv. What's the secret?" ... Old man: "I forgot her name, and I'm scared to ask her." (Thanks, Janeen Ravkin, for sharing.)



11. Two quotes I like

A. Thanks, Meat Loaf (1947-2022), for your career as an American singer and actor. ... I'll most remember him for having earned a Grammy Award for Best Solo Rock Vocal Performance for the song "I'd Do Anything for Love," along with your appearances in THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW and FIGHT CLUB. ... For more information about his life and a clip of him of him singing, click: [Here](#).



B. Thanks, Ronnie Spector (1943-2022), for your career as an American singer who formed the girl group the Ronnettes. ... She sang lead on the group's string of hits in the early-to-mid-1960s, including "Be My Baby," "Baby, I Love You," "The Best Part of Breakin' Up" and "Walking in the Rain." ... Spector was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as a member of the Ronettes ... For more information about her life (and a clip of her performing), click: [Here](#).



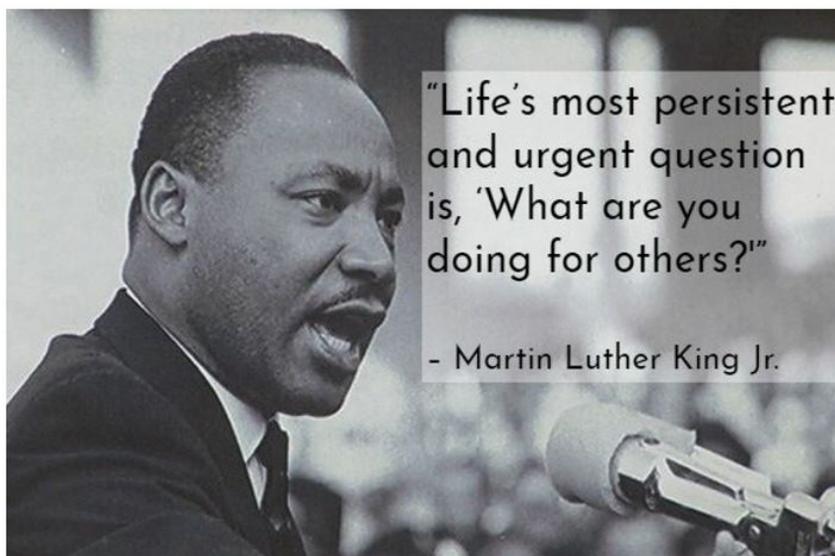
The people need to feel the music.
That's what's so important, and
that's what is missing. You have to
let the audience feel you, you have
to let them feel the love, feel the
rock 'n' roll, feel the energy.

— Ronnie Spector —

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12. Thought for the day

This as me thinking that I need to ask this question more often. And then, in remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, I need to also do something about my response.



13. Advance planning department

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

A. HART workshops. B. Jean Dolan: Happy Together Tour in Quakertown.

PS. Make it a great week!
