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BLAINESWORLD

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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2.3.2025

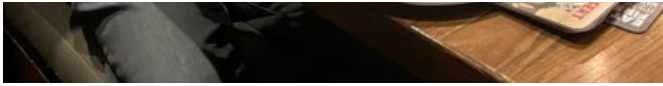
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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I had a delicious dinner at The Outback in Asheville where we received friendly service from Greyson. It was our first time there, so they brought out a complimentary Bloomin' Onion.





B. History came alive at "A Turnpike Sunset," Tom Godleski's engaging play about the famous Buncombe Turnpike. ... I loved the 14 songs (including 6 original ones) and the homespun humor, as well the outstanding performances from Godleski, David Hyatt, Steve Ensley, Jack Heinen, Mary Ann Heinen and Charlotte Warren. ... The play ran from Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2025, at Black Mountain Center for the Arts.

To give you an idea of what the show was all about, click:

1. [Here](#)
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C. Our amazing cat Kismet has a new job. He is now in charge of guarding the living room furniture.

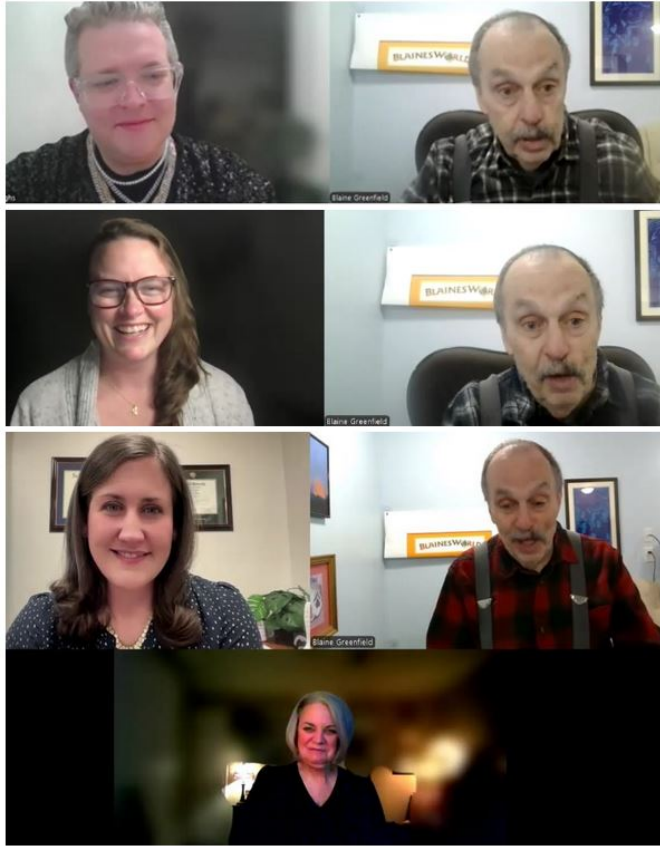


D. I hosted three BLAINESWORLD webcasts this past week. They can all be viewed at: [Here](#).

(1) Top: 1.27.2025 - Jeffrey Burroughs--President, River Arts District Artists, and Owner, Jeffrey in the RAD

(2) Middle: 1.27.2025 - Cory Wall discusses Fairview Strong

(3) Bottom: 1.29.2025 - Dr. Allison Thorp and Heather Schalk discuss Womansong



E. Hot off the press: the humor column I write for The Fairview Town Crier.

LAUGH TIME BLAINE GREENFIELD

Hipatitis: Terminal Coolness.

HUSBAND TO HIS WIFE AFTER WATCHING A DEPRESSING NEWS STORY: "I ONLY WATCH THE HISTORY CHANNEL. THEIR NEWS IS LESS DEPRESSING BECAUSE I KNOW WE ALREADY SURVIVED IT."

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Steve Winwood began his solo career in 1977. He would have started sooner, but he was stuck in traffic.

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What did the bald man say when he received a comb for his birthday? "I'll never part with this!"

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SINGING IN THE SHOWER IS FUN UNTIL YOU GET SOAP IN YOUR MOUTH. THEN IT'S A SOAP OPERA.

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DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE RED AND BROWN SHIPS THAT COLLIDED? ALL THE SAILORS WERE MAROONED.

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**"Never keep up with the Joneses. Drag them down to your level. It's cheaper."
—Quentin Crisp**

A five-dollar bill walks into a bar. The bartender says, "Hey. This is a singles bar."



Blaine Greenfield hosts BLAINESWORLD, a webcast, and he also publishes a blog with the same name. You can reach him at bginbc@aol.com.

F. Condolences to:

(1) Donnie Roland and family on the passing of Ward "Buddy" Wesley Roland Jr., Donnie's brother. For Buddy's obituary, click:

[Here.](#)

(2) Diane Mance and family on the passing of William "Bill" Mance, Diane's husband and a SCORE colleague of mine. For his obituary, click:

[Here](#)

[Here](#).

G. Congratulations to:

- (1) Adam Christopher Lentini and Zoe Goodpasture on their marriage.
- (2) Carson Riley Fox and family on the birth of Anchor Paul Fox, Carson's son.
- (3) Brenda Lunsford Lilly on being nominated for the Outstanding Teacher in Liberal Studies award at Western Carolina University where she is a professor.

H. Announcing this week's ...

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

It goes to Gene Blankenship (right picture)--the friendly Founder, Director and CEO at Rodeo Road Show.

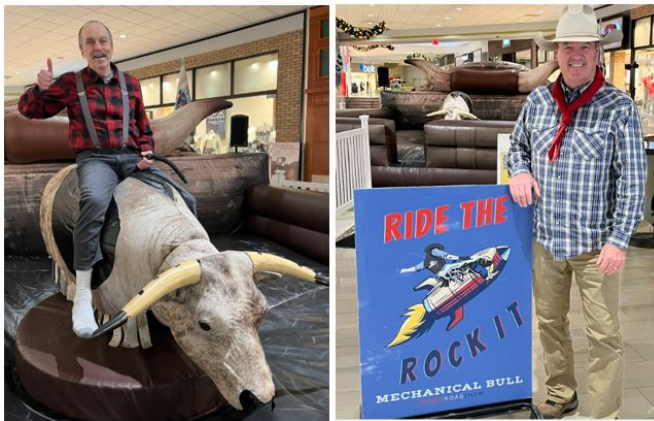
I met him recently when I got on top of Rockit, his mechanical bull, at Asheville Mall. This is the attraction that is both a challenge and a lot of fun for all those who try riding it.

Rockit also is a big hit at birthday parties, family reunions, corporate events and holiday parties.

For more information, click:

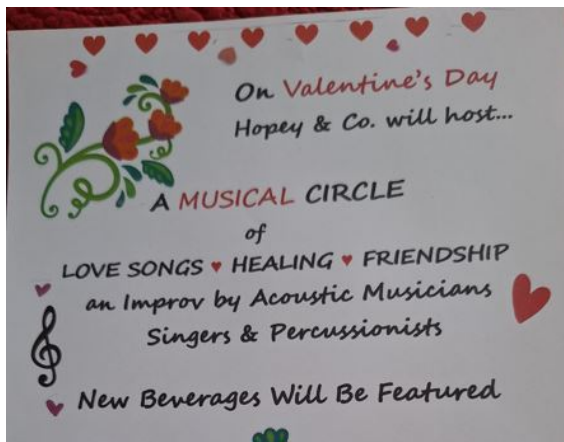
[Here](#).

Or send an email to: info@rodeoroadshow.org.



2. Invites

A. Come join this celebration ...





(Thanks, Lorre Diamond, for sharing the above.)

B. Last chance to enter:

***** CONTEST #1 (of 2025) *****

One lucky reader will win an autographed copy of my friend Rodney Richards' Free-spirited Poems.

To quote from the book's description:

Color! You must see the pictures inside with the poems. Colorful poems, pics, icons, and graphics meshed into the total reading experience. They integrate with the surprises, shocks, laughs, meditations, stories and more, over 140, which will get and hold your interest every time. These poems are not the usual kind nor on only one theme or made from only one style or page length. Some pages have three or four short gotchas.

These nine intriguing categories cover Women and men, Playful, Americanisms, Surreal and real, Daily living, What futures hold, Children, Relationships, and Apolitical. Guaranteed, you will find them different than most.

I have read these poems, and I think you'll agree with me that they are all worth your time spent reading them.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #1 in the subject line. Include in the body of the email your name and mailing address, so that if you win, I can send you a copy of this book. Entries must be received on or before deadline of 9 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 3, 2025.

C. 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 want to join me, let me know. And for more information about the webcast, click:

[Here](#).

D. 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](#)

E. 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. This is a great deal on gas, especially if you live near a bp or Amoco station. For more information, click:

[Here.](#)

Gas is also cheap at Ingles if you use that company's Advantage card. And prices at Sam's Club are usually quite good.

Note: At times, I've seen that CITGO has a similar offer. For others, search the internet.

BPme rewards Visa[®]

**Save 30¢
on every
gallon**

at bp and Amoco stations for
your first 60 days after account
opening and 15¢ off thereafter¹

Plus earn cash back!

← Learn more
and apply online

See reverse for details.

B. Asheville's Big Attraction, Its Food Scene, Tries to Hit Reset
Hurricane Helene's floods have wreaked lasting damage on a tourist town whose nationally recognized restaurants are especially vulnerable to disasters:

[Here.](#)

(Thanks, Jonathan Kriss, for sharing.)

C. How to Feel Alive Again

Katherine May, the best-selling author, has one simple question to help you get started:

[Here.](#)

D. Nutritionists Pick The Best (And Worst) Breakfast Cereals For Your Health:

[Here.](#)

E. 19 "Took For Granted" Moments And Experiences That Older Adults Didn't Appreciate When They Were Younger:
[Here.](#)

4. Joke 1

I also know that a lot of relatives are coming over. (Thanks, Jimmy Ferraro, for sharing.)



5. Reviews

A. Emilia Pérez on Netflix

Cynthia and I guarantee that you will never see a film quite like this musical fantasia/crime drama that stars Karla Sofía Gascón as a ruthless Mexican drug lord who hires a high-powered attorney (Zoe Saldña) to find him a doctor so he can transition to female and start a new life under a new name. The dancing is enthusiastic and much of the music is memorable. We recommend that you watch it, though heads up: many folks didn't like it. At all. Rated R.

B. Making Emilia Pérez on Netflix

This 2025 documentary offers a behind-the-scenes look at the making of the musical Emilia Pérez. It is excellent. I recommend that first watch the film.

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

C. September 5 at The Carolina Asheville

We both liked this riveting pulse-pounder, which is a true story that puts you in the hearts and minds of the ABC Sports news crew who had to show it to the world. It's a leading contender for the Best Picture Oscar. Peter Sarsgaard and John Magaro are both excellent in the leading roles. Rated R.

6. TV alert

A. The 67th Grammy Awards: Sunday, Feb. 2, from 8-11 p.m. on CBS

Will Beyoncé, the most Grammy-honored singer ever, whose Cowboy Carter is tied with Michael Jackson's Thriller for a record number of Grammy nominations (11), win the top Grammy prize for the first time? Tune in and see.

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B. The Recruit, Season 2 on Netflix

In this fast-paced series about the CIA's brightest lawyer (Noah Centineo), who isn't immune from high-stakes adventure and hair-raising danger just because he attended law school, the newcomer is a South Korean intelligence agent (Teo Yoo). Can he be trusted?

C. Night Court: Tuesday, Feb. 4, on NBC at 8:30 p.m.

John Larroquette is a rare 77-year-old starring on a major sitcom, as irascible attorney Dan Fielding on Night Court, and in the Feb. 4 episode, titled "Age Against the Machine," he strikes a satisfying blow (to the funnybone) against ageism. In a line Larroquette crafted, Dan tells a young scamp (Andrew Rannells) who doubts the value of older workers, "My generation went to the moon! Invented the computer and the cellphone! We were the Beatles! And David Foster Wallace and Margaret Atwood and Viagra and the Hula Hoop!"

D. You're Cordially Invited: On Amazon Prime

What's better than a comedy about a wedding party that goes horribly wrong? How about a comedy about two disaster-prone weddings double-booked into the same bucolic destination venue? Will Ferrell, 57, and Reese Witherspoon star.

7. Joke 2

I tried working in a muffler factory but that was exhausting.



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 Heinz Ketchup commercial:

[Here.](#)

B. Video of the week

"Hey Jude, " performed by Sting, Paul McCartney, Elton John and Phil Collins among others:

[Here.](#)

(Thanks, Donna Giovannetti Brennan, for sharing.)

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

(1) Carly Rae Jepsen - Call Me Maybe one of my favorites:

(1) Gary has spoken - can't be made, one of my favorites.
[Here.](#)

(2) Howard Smith Jr.: Hymns (2.2.2025):
[Here.](#)

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Rick James:
[Here.](#)

(4) To see the "Super Freak" song that Neil mentions, click:
[Here.](#)

(5) Whiteys Lindy Hoppers: Hellzapoppin. Probably the greatest Lindy hop sequence ever filmed:
[Here.](#)

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

Take a virtual journey by viewing short video clips through someone else's window from various places around the world by clicking Window Swap:

[Here.](#)

Click at the bottom to open a window somewhere in the world.

You'll also see an option to become a free member or an all-access member (\$5/month).

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

Facebook is increasingly becoming a big pain.

As you might have heard, I got hacked again. It was impossible to get any help from Facebook. I even paid to become a Meta user (the company that owns both Instagram and Facebook), in that Instagram at least offers a help option. But that too was of no use.

So the tip: Don't waist you money on paying for a help option from Instagram. And consider using Bluesky, in addition to and/or instead of Facebook? (See question 9D below.)

Questions for y'all:

A. Are we still "friends" on Facebook. If not, please send me a Facebook friend request:
Blaine Greenfield
[Here.](#)

B. is it just me or are you finding that you are getting an increasingly lower amount of "likes" and/or comments whenever you post something on Facebook? I used to get anywhere from 10-20 or more per day. Lately, I sometimes don't even get one.

C. Are you finding it difficult to read the comments posted by others? Even when I click the "All comments" option, I never see all the comments that have been posed.

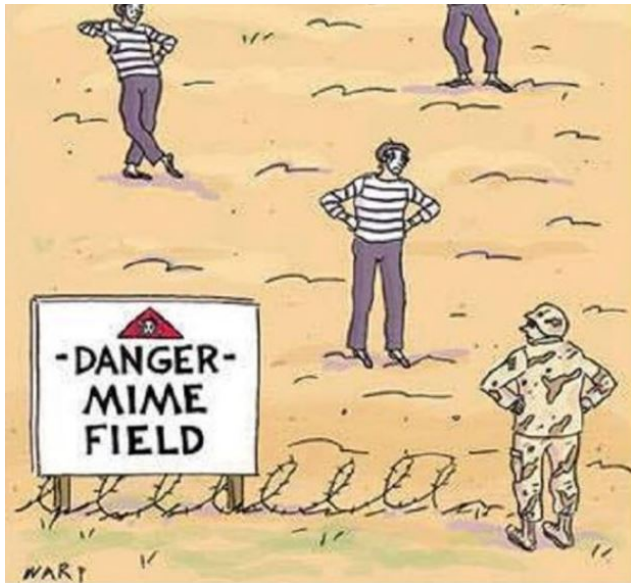
D. Is it time to consider Bluesky as an alternative to Facebook?

For more information on this latter question, click:
[Here.](#)

10. Joke 3

Be forewarned ...





11. Two quotes I like

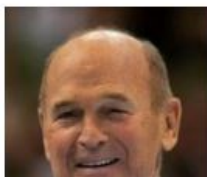
A. Top: Thanks, Marianne Faithfull (1946-2025), for your career as an English singer and actress who achieved popularity in the 1960s with the release of her UK top 10 single "As Tears Go By" and became one of the leading female artists of the British Invasion in the United States. In 2023, Rolling Stone ranked Faithfull at number 173 on its list of the 200 Greatest Singers of All Time. For more information about her life, click:

[Here.](#)

B. Bottom: Thanks, Dick Button (1929-2025), for your career as an American figure skater and skating analyst. He was a two-time Olympic champion (1948, 1952) and five-time consecutive world champion (1948–1952). For more information about his life, click:

[Here.](#)

"Maybe the most that you can expect from a relationship that goes bad is to come out of it with a few good songs."--Marianne Faithfull

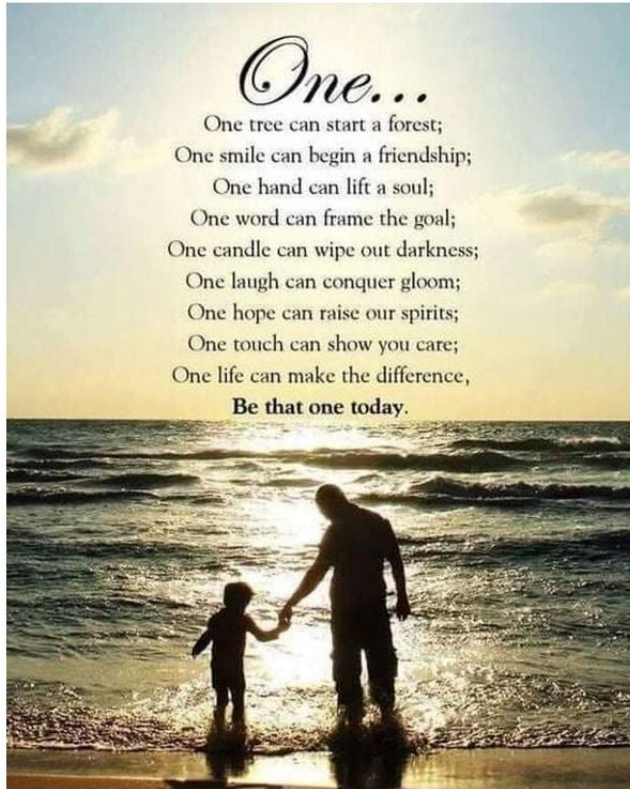


There is a popular fallacy that falling down is the mark of a poor skater. But the truth is that when one stops falling, he has probably stopped improving.



12. Thought for the day

Amen--and awomen too. If you know the author of this poem, please do let me know. (Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing.)



PS. Make it a great week!
