

BLAINESWORLD

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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I had a fun evening with Bobbie and Karen Allison, our neighbors (and friends), during which we played What Do You Meme? We then had some delicious desserts from both Hilltop Ice Cream and Trout Lilly.



B. Catch the most recent BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). Guests: (first half) Olivia Onderlinde, Corporate Engagement Manager at Manna Food Bank; and (second half) Dr. Jack Allison, physician, author and songwriter.



C. It's always a pleasure to get together with my friend Mark Lieberman to solve all the world's problems. We did so recently, enjoying a tasty lunch at Cornerstone Restaurant and receiving fine service from Dianna.



D. We always get a kick out of seeing Larry and Nancy Turner and their dog Bailey.



E. HOT OFF THE PRESS! ... Latest humor column that I wrote for THE FAIRVIEW TOWN CRIER. ... See below. ... And PLEASE HELP if you live in Fairview, Fletcher, Gerton or Reynolds ...Send me a funny joke, riddle or quote that I can use in a future column. Keep it both short and clean. ... Mail it to: bgiinbc@aol.com and put LAUGH TIME in the subject line. ... Thanks! ... PS. The paper has requested that I only use submissions for this column from those in the aforementioned areas.

i·ro·ny *Irənē* (n.): drawing trees on paper

I worked in the woods as a lumberjack,
but I just couldn't hack it...so they gave
me the axe!

“My mother always used to say:
The older you get, the better you get,
unless you're a banana.”—Betty White

A very old man lies on his death bed. He smells the cooking from the kitchen. His beloved wife of 50 years, Lillian, is making his favorite cookies. With every bit of his remaining strength, he pulls himself out of bed and crawls his way to the kitchen. As he reaches for one of the steaming cookies, Lillian hits him on the back of his hand with her spatula. “Leave them alone,” she shouts. “They're for your funeral!”

I like to help people find things by pointing out that they gotta be around here somewhere.

Q: How can you go without sleep for seven days and not be tired?
A. Sleep at night.

Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floorboards? He was going through a stage.

A pun has not completely matured until it is full groan.

Me at 16: This radio station is playing my song.

Me at 21: This bar is playing my song.
Me now: This grocery store is playing my song.

Thanks to these Fairview readers for the following submissions.

Patti McCoy

I think I have a weekend immune system because I only get sick during the week.

Stephen Steff Israel

Push-downs: Lie on your back and relax. Push your arms up all the way. Repeat several times. Recover!

Are you a Fairview resident? Have you heard or read something funny recently? Email me at bginbc@aol.com or call/text 215-208-0646—and include your name. Your joke may appear in a future issue.



Blaine Greenfield is host of the BLAINESWORLD radio/Facebook Live show on WPVM, and he publishes an award-winning blog with the same name.

F. Condolences to Bob Harris and family on the passing of Margaret "Sandy" Cleveland, Bob's sister.

G. Congratulations to:

(1) Mark Lieberman on the fact that his popular podcast, "The World According to Mark," is moving and

expanding. It can now be found on Facebook's "The World According to Mark" page, so you can pick it up anytime. Podcast interviews can also be found by going to: [Here](#).

(2) Meredith Page Switzer on being named Executive Director role at All Souls Counseling Center.

H. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Mark Tuomenoksa and Sarah Kohrs--two extraordinarily talented musicians whose synergy and skills provide a sophisticated sound that exponentially exceeds what you would expect from any duo.

Their group is Tumo Kohrs, and they rock.

New to the Asheville area, they recently gave their first house concert.

It rocked. But don't just believe me, see it for yourself by clicking: [Here](#).

I loved, loved, loved every song, but especially the second one and the last one (arguably the greatest rock song of all time).

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

And if you'd like to book them for a gig, send an email to: tumokohrs@gmail.com.



2. Invites

A. Good news! The entry date for this giveaway has been extended ...

***** CONTEST #6 *****

One lucky reader will win an autographed copy of THE WARM HEART OF AFRICA by Jack Allison.

To quote Chris Matthews, retired host of the MSNBC show HARDBALL: "A Peace Corps volunteer like I was, Jack Allison writes about the real Africa--the summer heat, the pungent aroma, the sound of children at play, but most of all, the humanity. in THE WARM HEART OF AFRICA, you can hear the continent's voice--and instantly know why it changed our lives."

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST 6 in the subject line. In the body of

your email, include both your name and mailing address. All entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Mon., April 4.

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: bginbc@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: [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

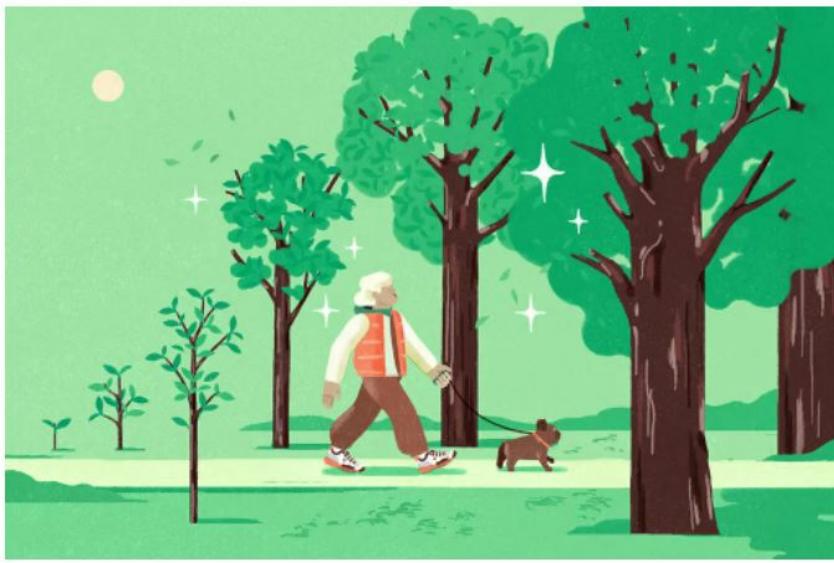
Note: When you click any of the following articles, you may see an ad. Click the ad (in the upper right hand), and you should be able to read the article. If you can't, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put NAME OF THE ARTICLE (you saw the link) in the subject line, and I'll be glad to send it to you.

How to Age Gracefully
by Jane E. Brody

The day after my 80th birthday, which overflowed with good wishes, surprises and Covid-safe celebrations, I awoke feeling fulfilled and thinking that whatever happens going forward, I'm OK with it. My life has been rewarding, my bucket list is empty, my family is thriving, and if everything ends tomorrow, so be it.

Not that I expect to do anything to hasten my demise. I will continue to exercise regularly, eat healthfully and strive to minimize stress. But I'm also now taking stock of the many common hallmarks of aging and deciding what I need to reconsider.

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



Gracia Lam

FYI, part 2

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

A. 7 Things You Should Never Do at the Airport Before Your Flight. B. How to Discover the Life-Affirming Comforts of 'Death Cleaning'. C. Meet Me at 3 A.M. for a Cup of Coffee. D. Have You Praised a Colleague Today. Go On, Say Something Nice.

4. Joke 1

Soooo true. And profound, too.



A. Cynthia and I just saw THE LOST CITY, a romantic comedy/adventure film starring Sandra Bullock and Channing Tatum. The two actors have good chemistry together, and Brad Pitt steals just about every scene he is in. There are also a few laugh-out-loud moments, but not nearly enough. Wait for this one to appear via one of the streaming services. Rated PG-13.

Note: you do see it, make sure you stay for the ending credits.

B. We much preferred THE WEEKEND AWAY, a Netflix thriller about a woman whose best friend vanishes during a girls trip to Croatia. There are many twists and turns in this film that will keep you guessing until the very end. We both think you'll like this film. Rated TV-14.

6. TV alert

A. THE OUTLAWS: Now on Amazon Prime

Stephen Merchant (cocreator of The Office) plays a lawyer sentenced to community service cleaning up a derelict building after getting busted thanks to his parked car's brake lights flashing while he's occupied with a sex worker in this comedy-thriller. Christopher Walken is on the cleanup crew.

B. OZARK, SEASON 4: Now on Netflix

(Netflix)

In the final season of Netflix's titanic hit series, a casino-owning couple (Jason Bateman and Laura Linney) find themselves caught between the Mexican mob, homegrown drug thugs and a smart, peeved former employee.

C. 64TH GRAMMY AWARDS: Sun., April 3, at 8 p.m. on CBS

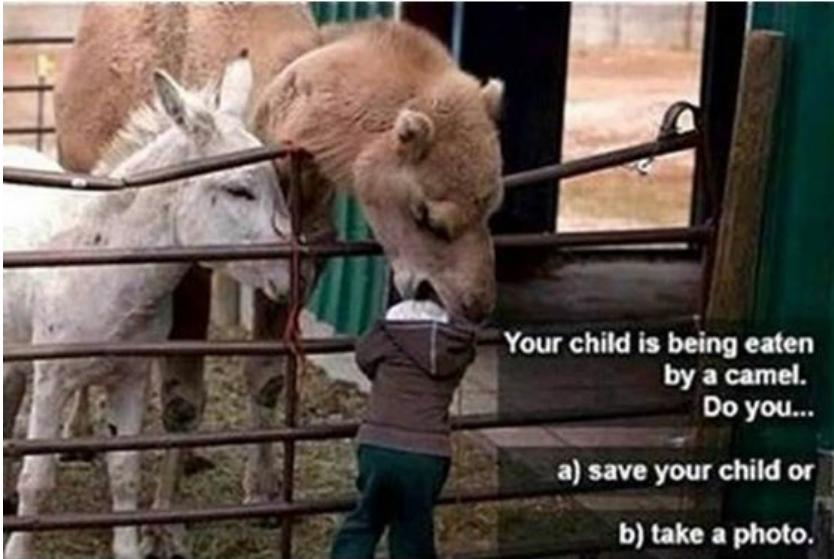
Trevor Noah hosts the music industry's answer to the Oscars, with performers including Lady Gaga, John Legend, Carrie Underwood, BTS, Brandi Carlile and Billie Eilish.

D. Ken Burns' BENJAMIN FRANKLIN: Premieres Mon., April 4, and Tues., April 5, both night at 8 p.m., on PBS

This two-part film explores Franklin's multi-faceted life as a scientist, inventor, writer, diplomat and founding father.

7. Joke 2

Mr. Curious here: What would you do? (Thanks, Janeen Ravkin, 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 version from Gary Bonner (one of the co-writers of the song) that he did seven years after the Turtles had their massive hit: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Thanks, Carol Duermit, for sharing this clip from a college football star (Harry Miller) about his mental health struggles: To quote Carol: "What a wonderful young man. I hope he keeps the hope."

To view it, click: [Here](#).

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

(1) Johnny Burnett: Dreamin', one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns (4.3.2022): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Tony Banks: [Here](#).

(4) Neil recommend that I listen to some Genesis, so I did. Here's a clip I think you'll like to see, featuring Banks: [Here](#).

(5) Brett Noel: Crush On: Lynn Ruth Miller

"People look at me as a doddering old woman, and I don't feel that way" — We meet the 86-year-old comedian Lynn Ruth Miller, who started her career in stand-up at age 71: [Here](#).

(6) Glory from the original production of "Pippin" (with Ben Vereen): [Here](#).

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

Lifehacker will help you make life's hurdles a little bit easier to manage. To see for yourself, click: [Here](#).

There are some very useful articles, including this one: 13 Places You can Legally Stream TV Shows for Free: [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

I've written about snipping before, but for those of you new to BLAINESWORLD ... or who may have missed this ... check this tool that's very cool--and useful, too.

What it is:

The Snipping Tool is a feature introduced in Windows 7 and is also available in Windows 8 and Windows 10. It allows you to take all or part of a screenshot and save that image. For example, if you wanted to send a recipe to a friend, but didn't want to send the whole web page, you would use this tool to crop out the recipe. The picture is an example of the Windows snipping tool. To use this tool, follow the instructions below.

They can be found by clicking: [Here](#).

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

10. Joke 3

Be careful what you wish for! (Thanks, Becky Gautreaux, for sharing.)



11. A quote I like

Comedian Kathy Griffin wasn't laughing after Will Smith's outburst at the Oscars ...



Let me tell you something, it's a very bad practice to walk up on stage and physically assault a Comedian. Now we all have to worry about who wants to be the next Will Smith in comedy clubs and theaters.

12. Thought for the day

WE COULD USE HIM TODAY IN RUSSIA! ... In the 1970s, Pete Seeger was invited to sing in Barcelona, Spain. Francisco Franco's fascist government, the last of the dictatorships that started World War II, was still in power but declining. A pro-democracy movement was gaining strength and to prove it, they invited America's best-known freedom singer to Spain. More than a hundred thousand people were in the stadium, where rock bands had played all day. But the crowd had come for Seeger.

As Pete prepared to go on, government officials handed him a list of songs he was not allowed to sing. Pete

studied it mournfully, saying it looked an awful lot like his set list. But they insisted: he must not sing any of these songs.

Pete took the government's list of banned songs and strolled on stage. He held up the paper and said, "I've been told that I'm not allowed to sing these songs." He grinned at the crowd and said, "So I'll just play the chords; maybe you know the words. They didn't say anything about YOU singing them."

He strummed his banjo to one song after another, and they all sang. A hundred thousand defiant freedom singers breaking the law with Pete Seeger, filling the stadium with words their government did not want them to hear, words they all knew and had sung together in secret circles for years.

What could the government do? Arrest a hundred thousand singers? It had been beaten by a few banjo chords and the fame of a man whose songs were on the lips of the whole world.

Source: [Here](#). (Thanks, Michael Jefry Stevens, for sharing.)



13. Advance planning department

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

A. Lynda Shuler: Come out to American Vinyl Sunday, April 3rd, at 8 p.m. B. Hank Eder: Film Acting lasses begin April 5, at 6 p.m. at the Asheville School of Film, and the first class is free.

PS. Make it a great week!
