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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I celebrated my return to driving (after having the splint removed from my fractured finger) with a visit to Hilltop Ice Cream Shop. As always, we were delighted by what we got. And we also got a kick out of the sign on the wall: "YOU CAN'T BUY HAPPINESS BUT YOU CAN BUY ICE CREAM AND THAT'S KIND OF THE SAME THING" ... Soooo true!



B. I enjoyed a second celebration, this time with my friend Tom Gallagher over a tasty breakfast at The Local Joint. Tom was in good spirits, in that he too had just resumed driving after his recent brain surgery.

(See Section 1H for more details about that.)



C. And I just had to share the picture of Cynthia's lovely smile after she received these flowers from her friend Karen Winters.



D. Kismet, our amazing cat, asked me to remind you that March 28 was Respect Your Cat Day. So even if you missed it this year, you can still get off your computer and celebrate it now with your favorite kitty by taking a nap together!





E. I hosted one BLAINESWORLD webcast this week, featuring Kim Butler and Heather Schalk with Chix and Friends. It can be viewed by clicking:
<https://www.blaineworld.net/>.



F. Condolences to:

- (1) Chic Dowburd and family on the passing of Chic's sister.
- (2) Tom Chalmers and family on the passing of Thomas E. "Ted" Chalmers, Jr., Tom's father. For Ted's obituary, click:
https://www.barryjarrellfuneralhome.com/obituary/Thomas-ChalmersJr?fbclid=IwY2xjawJWjZpleHRuA2FibQixMQABHbh9OvZ729htxud_HOJae1m-KRjIS31TUQM19N0DeaM807qAkjcttL_iw_aem_OVVakmXgpfVv4vGKdwMwBA.

G. Congratulations to:

- (1) Michele and Jason Louzon on the birth of their grandson.
- (2) Judy Toland, one of my favorite former students, on her upcoming retirement as a professor at Bucks County Community College.
- (3) Dallas Mckinney and Matt Brown on their marriage.
- (4) Aaron Means, owner of Activate Business Solutions, on being chosen as the Alignable Local Business Person of the Year for the second year in a row.

H. Announcing this week's ...

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

Thanks, Tom Gallagher, for this week's nomination. To quote Tom:

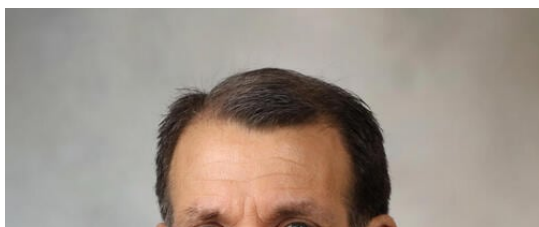
My nomination this week goes to Dr. Richard Zimmerman, an exceptional neurosurgeon, at Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, Arizona.

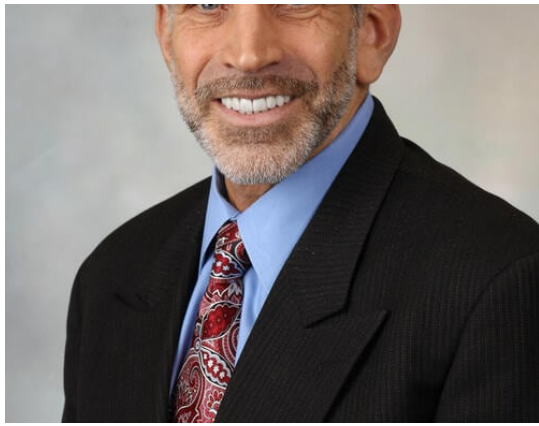
Previous surgeries for my trigeminal neuralgia used a Teflon pad that was placed between a nerve and a blood vessel to stop the transmission of pain in the brain. Unfortunately, in my case, my system attacked the Teflon and built a granuloma (a tiny cluster of white blood cells and other tissue).

Previous surgeries left me in worse shape than I had been. Dr. Zimmerman was able to remove the Teflon and the granuloma.

The operation took 6 1/2 hours and seems to be working. The consistent pain that I was suffering daily is now gone.

For more information about Dr. Zimmerman, click:
<https://www.mayoclinic.org/biographies/zimmerman-richard-s-m-d/bio-20054016>.





2. Invites

A. Still time to enter ...

******* CONTEST #4 *******

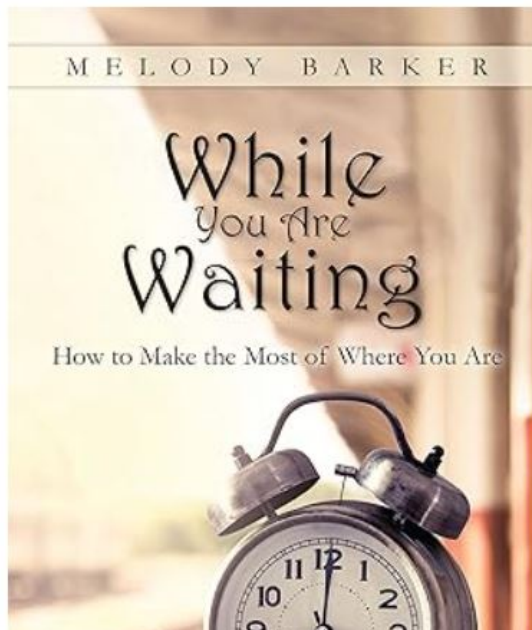
One lucky reader will win a copy of *WHILE YOU ARE WAITING: HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF WHERE YOU ARE* by Melody Barker.

To quote from the book's cover:
Have you struggled while you are waiting for something?

What are you waiting for? Marriage? Healing? Promotion? Provision ...? Everyone is waiting for something! How do we live a full, purposeful life while we wait--before God brings us the desires of our heart? How do we wait well?

Sometimes it is hard to enjoy the journey because we are so absorbed thinking about how much better things will be when we reach our destination. Melody Barker teaches you how to wait expectantly without pushing the pause button on your life. She shows you the art of actively waiting well.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #4 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 the 9 p.m. on Mon., April 7, 2025.





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 want to join me, let me know. And for more information about the webcast, click:
<https://www.blainesworld.net/>.

C. I'm back on Facebook after having been hacked. If we are not currently friends there (or if we lost contact because of the hack), please friend me by looking up: Blaine Greenfield. You'll see a picture of me in a blue shirt with, naturally, my thumb up. This is my Facebook ID:
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100092574177872>.

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:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/245515070390413>.

Note: Please also use the above to promote any shows you're involved in.

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:
<https://www.armsaroundasd.org/>.

3. FYI

A. 10 Questions You Should Always Ask at Doctors' Appointments
[Here](#)

B. Decision coach who's worked with 500 people: The No. 1 mistake that leads to huge regret
[Here](#)

C. Rich people live by these 5 rules, self-made millionaire says: 'It's not just about cost'
[Here](#)

D. This 1 Toxic Mindset Can Destroy Your Mental Health (And You're Probably Guilty Of It, Too)
[Here](#)

E. Things people forget to clean the most, according to cleaning experts
[Here](#)

4. Joke 1

Mr. Potato Head's reaction is spot funny.





I don't believe this...we're a half hour late for the dinner party and you're still picking your nose!

5. Reviews

A. The Penguin Lessons, PG-13

I liked this film, which we saw at The Carolinas Asheville, and Cynthia loved it. ... This sweet period dramedy about a crusty midlife British teacher Tom Michel (Steve Coogan, 59) in 1976 Argentina whose life is changed by a beached, oil-soaked penguin is an improbable tale, based on the memoir by the real Tom Michel. Jonathan Pryce, 77, adds gravitas and grace in a slender role as Michell's prickly headmaster at the local private school for privileged young men where he – and the penguin — take up residence just in time for the local coup overthrowing Isabel Perón.

The film is both moving and often funny. Coogan is terrific in the leading role, and the real-life penguin was equally as good. This will be worth your time if you get to see it.

B. La Dolce Villa, 13+ from Common Sense Media

This time, Cynthia thought the film was OK, while I liked it a lot more than she did when we saw it on Netflix. It is a rom-com about a widowed restaurant consultant who travels to Italy to stop his daughter from purchasing and renovating a rundown villa. The movie has high production values and beautiful shots of the Italian countryside, though it was highly predictable and the ending felt rushed. We did like the performances from Scott Foley and others.

6. TV alert

A. An Oprah Winfrey Special: The Menopause Revolution (ABC on Mon., March 31 at 10 p.m.)

"This show starts the revolution of answers for millions of women," explains Oprah Winfrey, 71, in a special featuring medical experts, average women, and celebs Halle Berry, 58, Naomi Watts, 56, and Maria Shriver, 69.

B. Holland (Prime Video)

Nicole Kidman, 57, stars in a twisty thriller about a teacher who teams with a colleague (Gael García Bernal) to investigate mysterious goings-on in their idyllic, tulip-filled hometown of Holland, Michigan — and her possibly suspect hubby (Succession's Matthew Macfadyen, 50). The reviews were mostly terrible, but if you're a Kidman fan, you might want to give it a shot.

C. Adolescence (Netflix)

In the most-talked-about TV series of 2025, a shocked father (superb English actor Stephen Graham, 51, who co-created the show) discovers his social-media-traumatized teen son (instant star Owen Cooper) is accused of involvement in a girl classmate's murder. Erin Doherty is fantastic as the court-appointed therapist struggling to get through to the smart, bitter, unhinged child.

D. Bosch: Legacy, Final Season (Prime Video)

In the third and (sadly) final season of this spinoff from the original Bosch series, a murder investigation complicates the lives of our three heroes. Detective Harry Bosch (Titus Welliver, 63) confronts the limits of police work; crusading attorney Honey "Money" Chandler (Mimi Rogers, 69) angles to become L.A.'s new district attorney.

E. I want to recommend a short series on Netflix called Madam CJ Walker. It's about the first Black

millionaire in the U.S. It's based on a true story. It takes place in the early 1900's. I thought it was excellent and well done. You may want to check it out.

(Thanks, Ilene Logelin, for sharing. I agree with your assessment.)

7. Joke 2

Q: What do you call an alligator in a vest?

A. An investigator.



8. Clips/Sites

A. The Turtles are arguably the greatest rock group of all time!

(1) Their recording of "Happy Together" proves it

(2) As you may know, I welcome clips of them and/or others singing this classic song. For example, this week, you can see my friend Will E Kormos singing it by clicking: [Here](#).

Note: I'd love to feature a clip of you and/or your friends singing this classic song. Just send it to me at: bginbc@aol.com and put THE TURTLES in subject line.

And feel free to submit your choices for other great recording artists, music, etc. I'll try to run what you send me in in section 8C (below).

B. Video of the week

Walter Matthau's classic toilet joke left Johnny Carson flushed. It is one of the funniest things I've come across in a long time! You can also enjoy it by clicking: [Here](#).





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

(1) The Pointer Sisters - I'm So Excited, one of my favorites:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnPsziXgy3k>

(2) Howard Smith Jr.: Hymns (3.30.2025):

<https://www.facebook.com/hs.smith.73/videos/1851980578884176>

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Michael Jackson Debuts the Moonwalk:

<https://www.facebook.com/neilratnerrockdoc/videos/688933056894990>

(4) To see Jackson perform the above, click:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L55jpld7gzA>

(5) What a true relationship is about:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/1bo0tr3vproa08u3l61vv/What-a-true-relationship-is-about...mp4?rlkey=p5hxs46iz5e8fug6fkczmfidn&e=1&st=388vy4xg&dl=0>

(Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

(6) Carsen Webb Audition | Lose Control

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBRZ-i2fChk>

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

Enjoy the soothing sound of rain at any time with Rainy Mood. Whether you're looking to relax, sleep or boost your productivity, the sound of rain can be surprisingly therapeutic and calming. See for yourself by clicking:

[Here.](#)

E. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running . . . to view it, please click:

<https://www.blaineworld.net/>.

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:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100092574177872>.

9. Technology tip

How To Spot A Fake Facebook Account
by Alex Merton-McCann

How do you manage your Facebook friends? Do you keep your list really tight and only include 'active' pals? Or do you accept everyone you've ever laid eyes on? I'm probably somewhere in between. But... if I have never had a personal conversation with them or 'eyeballed' them in the flesh, then they are not on my friend list!

On the average week, I usually receive a few friend requests. Some are from people who I may have just met or reconnected with when I've been out and about – lovely and totally acceptable! But I do also receive requests from people whom I have never met and then, even more bizarrely – requests from people who I am already friends with. Weird, yes, I agree! Now, my gut (and experience) tells me that these are fake accounts. Why? Well, I have never eyeballed any of these 'new friends' and, to top it off they have very little personal info on their profiles so that's suspicious! And the requests from friends I already have? Well

personal info on their profiles so that's suspicious. And the requests from friends I already have? Well, unless I have heard directly from a friend that they are setting up a new Facebook account (very rare), these are likely fake accounts that scammers have set up to try and lure people known to the account holder to share private information. I recently mentioned my Facebook friend situation to my 20-year-old son who informed me he gets about 10 a week!

And while it can be annoying being harassed by randoms – as my kids would say – the issue is far bigger than that. Fake Facebook accounts are usually designed by clever cyber criminals who are trying to extract personal information from unsuspecting naive types – often kids and less tech-savvy types. And why do they want our personal information? It allows them to put together a profile that they can use to steal our identity so they can apply for loans, mobile phone plans, etc – but we'll get to that later.

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

10. Joke 3

I applaud this store's willingness to help its customers above and beyond, but methinks that adults could take a pass on seeing this.



11. Two quotes I like

A. Top: Thanks, Richard Chamberlain (1934-2025), for your career as an American actor and singer who became a teen idol in the title role of the television show Dr. Kildare. He subsequently earned the title "King of the Mini-Series" for his work in several TV miniseries such as Centennial, Shōgun and The Thorn Birds. For more information about his life, click:

[Here.](#)

B.. Bottom: Thanks, Brian James (1955-2025), for your career as an English rock guitarist, who was a bounding member of th Damnes as well as the Lords of the New Church. For more information about his life, click:

[Here.](#)

"Giving someone or something our entire attention, with no preconceived ideas or agendas whatever, is the essence of love." Richard Chamberlain

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"We wanted an in-your-face name to go with the in-your-face music that we were playing, but unfortunately not a lot of people in Britain understood that or wanted to try and get into us. It was the age of the glitter thing."--Brian Jones



12. Thought for the day

"Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end."--Scott Adams (born 1957), American cartoonist





PS. Make it a great week!

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