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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I got a kick out of getting a quick glimpse of yesterday's eclipse. ... Unfortunately, our glasses in the bottom photo did not arrive in time. ... Guess we'll just have to put them away until the next eclipse takes place in 2044. (Thanks, Bill Lewis, for sharing.)



B. We celebrated our friend Tom Gallagher's birthday with his wife Marcy at a delicious dinner at Hemingway's Cuba Restaurant.



C. We also joined our friends Kathy and Joe Mallon for a tasty dinner at Stone Bowl Korean Restaurant in Asheville.



D. Kismet, our amazing cat, found a new resting place ... an orthopedic chair that Cynthia is also using for a few days as a result of an arthritis flare-up.



E. I had the pleasure of hosting two BLAINESWORLD webcasts this past week. They can both be found [Here](#).

(1) Top: 4.9.2024--John Boyle--Columnist, Asheville Watchdog

(2) Bottom: 4.10.2024--Kenneth Eggert, Musician/College Professor, and Author, THE MYTH OF PERFECT PITCH



F. Looking to hire somebody for a paid gig starting within the next two weeks. I'm seeking one person to help me ...

1. Take copy and turn it into both an Amazon and Kindle paperback.
2. Crop and/or format pictures.
3. Get an ISBN Number.

Person should have experience having done this type of work before.

If interested, please send an email to me: bginc@aol.com and put BOOK PROJECT in subject line. Include your email address and phone number in the body of the email, along with a sentence or two about your relevant background.

Thanks!

PS. If you are not the right person, please feel free to forward this information to somebody who might be.

PLEASE HELP DEPARTMENT

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(SEE ABOVE)

G. Condolences to:

(1) Chelsey Lee Gaddy and family on the passing of Nora Lee (Mashburn) Jones, Chelsey's grandmother. For her obituary, click: [Here](#)

(2) Coco Palmer Dolce and family on the passing of Betsy Holmquist Palmer, Coco's mother.

H. Announcing this week's ...

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

It goes to Reasonably Prices Babies, which recently celebrated its 13th year with a hilarious birthday bash at The Grey Eagle.

For those not familiar with Asheville's premier improv group, check out this description from its Facebook page:

About RPB: Reasonably Priced Babies have been building improvised comedy to Asheville stages for 13 years now, but they are no toddlers to the art of improv. With over 140 years of combined experience the Babies are no strangers to bringing laughter to audiences both in Asheville and around the world! The Babies include Tom Chalmers (formerly Gotham City Improv, Second City, Improv Olympic), Mondy Carter (Dead Ale Wives, LaZoom), Karen Stobbe (Executive Director- In the Moment, Comedy Sportz), Kim Richardson (award-winning Singer/Songwriter), Josh Batenhorst (former CEO Bright Star Touring Theatre) and the musical stylings of Aaron Price (formerly of Collapsible Records, Wham Bam Bowie Band, etc.).

And for a special treat, click to see part of Tom's talk from the birthday gala entitled "Being Wrong is OK": [Here](#).



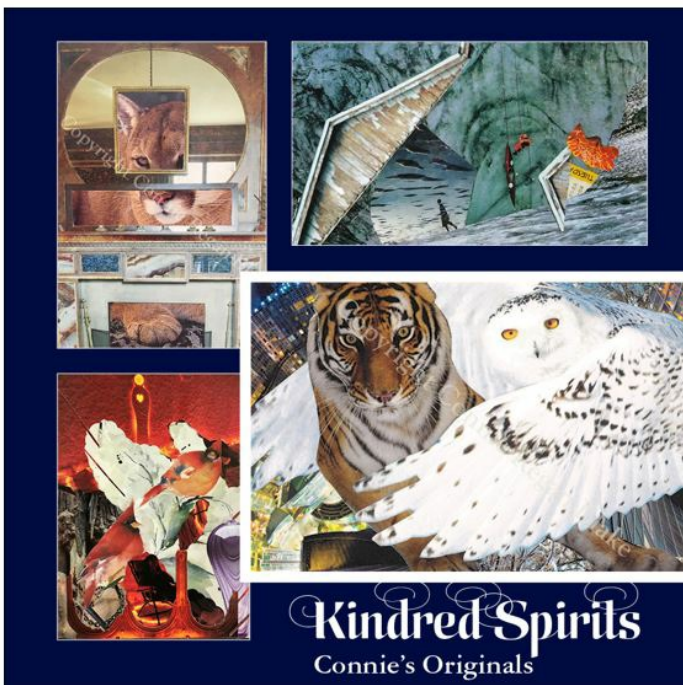
2. Invites

A. Reminder about ...

***** 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 yourself, click: [Here](#) and/or see picture below.

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.



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. [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. The Most Offensive Customer Service Phrases, Chosen By Five Customer Service Experts
by Micah Solomon

Certain phrases, in particular, are absolutely unacceptable when working with customers. I'd like to offer a couple here, and also offer the top choices from four other customer service experts: Jeff Hargett from the Ritz-Carlton Leadership Center (the branch of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company that advises other organizations), customer experience blogger Bill Quiseng, contact center consultant Colin Taylor, and hospitality guru Danny Meyer, the New York restaurateur and Shake Shack mogul [his responses taken from my recent interview and his writings].

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

B. Is water really N.Y. pizza's claim to fame? Some L.A. eateries are betting on it.
For a delicious dough, some L.A. pizzerias are tapping a company that recreates the formula for New York City water.

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

C. The 2 Words You Never, Ever Want To Say To An Angry Person
There's a way to take the edge off a situation without using triggering phrases that can make people even more irritated.

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

4. Joke 1

Reminds me of the question that I get asked every night!



5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I saw *THE LONG GAME* at Regal Biltmore Grande. It's a predictable yet engaging drama based on a true story about a group of Latino golf caddies who start their own high school golf team who develop and who become winners. Dennis Quaid, as always, is watchable in one of the leading roles, and I also liked the work of Jay Hernandez and Cheech Marin. Rated PG.

B. We saw *SON OF THE SOUTH* on Amazon Prime. In this true story set during the sixties Civil Rights Movement, a Klansman's grandson is forced to face the rampant racism of his own culture. Defying his family and white Southern norms, he embraces the fight against social injustice, repression and violence to change the world he was born into. Lucas Till is quite good in the leading role, and we liked Cedric the Entertainer's work as Reverend Ralph Abernathy and Brian Dennehy as Grandfather. Rated PG-13.

6. TV alert

A. *FRANKLIN*: Now on Apple TV+

Michael Douglas stars as founding father Benjamin Franklin in an 8-part adaptation of Stacy Schiff's dazzling 2005 book, *A Great Improvisation: Franklin, France and the Birth of America*.

B. *BILLY JOEL: THE 100TH LIVE AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN - THE GREATEST ARENA RUN OF ALL TIME*: Sun., April 14, at 9 p.m. on CBS

Billy Joel presents his first concert to air on a broadcast network, shot at his record-breaking 100th consecutive performance at New York's Madison Square Garden, with special appearances by Sting and Jerry Seinfeld.

C. *THE SYMPATHIZER*: Now on Max

Hoa Xuande, Sandra Oh and Robert Downey Jr. (in multiple roles) star in an adaptation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about a half-Vietnamese, half-French communist agent who joins the South Vietnamese Army during the Vietnam War, then moves to California.

D. *STEVE! (MARTIN) A DOCUMENTARY IN 2 PIECES*: Now on Apple TV+

Comic turned A-list actor Steve Martin gets the documentary treatment from A-list director Morgan Neville

7. Joke 2

I can't wait to see the response! (Thanks, Michael Trayford, for sharing.)

**When you're at
the checkout line
and they ask you if
you found
everything,
say, "Why, are you
hiding stuff?"**

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 MegaGoneFree: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Jim Carrey Makes His Debut on National TV: [Here](#). (Thanks, Paul Marks, for sharing.)

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

(1) Beaches -Wind Beneath My Wings, one of my favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith Jr.: Hymns (4.14.2024): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Richard Manuel: [Here](#).

(4) And to listen to Manuel's "Tears of Rage," click: [Here](#).

(5) Sex standing up: [Here](#). (Thanks, Sharon Butler, for sharing.)

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

Perfect fun for your kids and grandkids:
Putting the 'Goo' in 'Good Fun'—Here Are 3 Different Ways To Make Slime

Oh, slime. Snotty, slinky, sometimes a little "farty." I am not sure how long it took my boys to figure out how to

make slime "fart," but I am positive when I became a mom that I didn't imagine that fun time with my kids would be seeing who could make their slime "fart" the loudest. Sound like something your own kiddos would enjoy? We've got all the details on how to make slime, including three different techniques!

To find out how, 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: <https://www.facebook.com/blainegreenfield/>.

9. Technology tip

Improve accessibility with the Accessibility Checker

Before you send an Outlook email message or share a Word document, Excel spreadsheet, PowerPoint presentation or OneNote notebook, run the Accessibility Checker to make your content easier for people with disabilities to read and edit.

To find out how to do this, click: [Here](#).

10. Joke 3

Tip of the day ...



**Always warm
your hands before
milking your cow.**

11. Two quotes I like

Note: Some may not like the mention of Simpson, but please read what I wrote above his picture. I highlighted what he accomplished as an entertainer, then pointed out why he is certainly not a person to be admired for much of what else he did in his life. The accompanying article gives more information about him.

This reminds me of when I previously wrote about the deaths of both Jerry Lee Lewis and Henry Kissinger. They did some noteworthy things in their respective lives, but much of the good they did was offset by other things that weren't so good.

A. Top: Thanks, O.J. Simpson (1947-2024), for your career as an American football player, actor and broadcaster. He played in the National Football League for 11 seasons, primarily with the Buffalo Bills, and is regarded as one of the greatest running backs of all time. Once a popular figure with the American public, Simpson's professional success was later overshadowed by his trial and controversial acquittal for the murders

of his former wife Nicole Brown and her friend Ron Goldman in 1994. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).

B. Bottom: Thanks, Clarence "Frogman" Henry (1937-2024), for your career as an American rhythm and blues singer and pianist, best known for his hits "Ain't Got No Home" and "(I Don't Know Why) But I Do." For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).

"I had some problems with fidelity in my life, but I've always been a guy that pretty much got along with everybody."--O.J. Simpson



"I sing like a girl. And I sing like a frog."--Clarence Henry



12. Thought for the day

The Fisherman and the Businessman

Once upon a time there was a businessman who was sitting on the beach in a small Italian village. As he sat, taking a brief break from the stress of his daily schedule, he saw a fisherman rowing a small boat back into the harbor. In the boat were a few large fish.

Impressed, the businessman asked the fisherman, "How long does it take you to catch so many fish?" To which he replied "Oh, not so long."

The businessman was confused, "Why don't you fish for longer to catch even more?" "More? This is enough to feed my entire family and even offer some to my neighbors," the fisherman said.

"So what do you do for the rest of your day?" enquired the businessman.

The fisherman replied, "Well, I've usually have caught my fish by late morning, at which point I go home, kiss my wife, and play with my kids. In the afternoon, I take a nap and read. In the evening, I go to the village to have a drink with my friends, play guitar, sing, and dance into the night!"

Putting his entrepreneurial hat on, the businessman offered a suggestion. "I have a PhD in business! can help you become much more successful. From now on, you should spend longer at sea and catch as many fish as possible. When you've saved enough money, buy a bigger boat to catch even more

fish. From there, you'll soon be able to buy more boats, set up your own company, build a production plant to can the fish and control distribution, and move to the city to control your other branches."

To this, the fisherman asks, "And after that?"

The businessman laughs, "After that, you'll be able to live like a king, take your company public, float your shares and be rich!"

"And after that?" Asks the fisherman once more.

"After that, you can retire, move to a house by the sea, wake up early in the morning to go fishing, then return home to play with your kids, kiss your wife, take a nap in the afternoon and join your friends in the village to drink, play guitar and dance into the night!"

Puzzled, the fisherman replies, "But isn't that what I'm doing already?"

Moral of the story:

Be content with what you have. Do you really need to keep pushing for more? Stress is often a choice. There's joy and peace in simplicity.

Source: [Here](#) ,#6

PS. Make it a great week!

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