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You're reading BLAINESWORLD, a weekly blog published by Blaine Greenfield. It contains some jokes, hopefully, not toooo risqué (typically in Sections 5, 8 and 11); 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 welcome the fact that our amazing cat Kismet sleeps peacefully (left photo) most of the time. But sometimes, he gets an idea, and when he does, he immediately wants our attention (right photo).



B. This particular night, he had one of his best ideas ever; i.e., Cynthia should have an increased role in each week's BLAINESWORLD. She has always been the proofreader, but beginning with this issue, she has now become a regular columnist. You can find her wisdom in Section 2 (below).

C. Kudos to Steven Samuels for his multiple roles in *Death Comes to Play*, a high-stakes gothic comedy. He not only wrote this entertaining play, but he also both directed and appeared in it. ... Samuels was ably joined on stage by these other talented actors: Laura Tratnik, Olivia Stuller and and Alex McDonald Villareal. Overall, it a most entertaining evening of theater. ... This Sublime Theater world premiere runs through Saturday, May 3. For tickets, click: [Here](#).



D. I had a blast at Arms Around ASD's Autism Acceptance Month Open House & Fashion Show. Thanks to Michele Louzon, Jennifer Talbot Hartzog, Dahmit Janet, Hedwig Merkin, Babs Mountjoy and Jason Hadley, among many others, for helping to make it the success that it was.



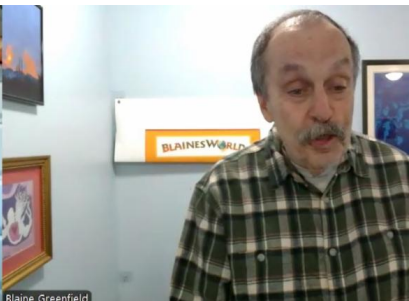


E. I hosted two BLAINESWORLD webcasts this past week. Both can be viewed at: [Here](#).

(1) 4.14.2025 - Quinn Kinsella--owner, Quintessential Greenscapes



(2) 4.15.2025 - Lyndon Harris--Forgiveness Coach, Motivational Speaker & Author



F. Congratulations to Beth Russo on her new position as Principal at People Who Help.

G. Announcing this week's ...

***** BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARDS *****

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This week, it goes to Asheville Community Theatre for its terrific production of Into The Woods, the Stephen Sondheim musical.

There was so much to like about it, including:

1. The spot on direction from Dwight Chiles, as well as the fact that he had to fill-in at the last minute to play the role of Jack's Mother.
2. There was a live 6-piece orchestra, featuring John Crawley's superb direction (and piano performance). Joining him were the equally outstanding Misty Rondeau, Maylee Speakman, Jim Anthony, Beth Richard and David Bruce.
3. 16 other actors--all who were excelled in their respective roles: Nathan Dibben, Rachel Dibben, Sha'Air Hawkins, Shula Scilex, Holly Watts, Emily Dake, Joby Lavery, Jamie Lee "Gerti" Gertz, Allie Maree Sterling, Naimah "Nemo" Coleman, Jacob Springfield and George Sieburg. And these others who played more than one part: Scott Fisher, Elizabeth DeVault, Matt Wade and Hanni Muerdter.
4. Zoe Zelonky's lively choreography, Jill Summers' scenic design, Ida Bostian's costume design and Elly Leidner's work as stage manager.
5. Perhaps best of all is the fact that you're in luck if you haven't seen the show yet and/or if you want to see it again. It runs through May 4. For tickets, click: [Here](#).



2. Cynthia's Corner

Remember

Why does one become a doctor? (Or a dancer, a preacher or anything else for that matter.)

Do you remember when you were a child? Something inspired you. You went to a performance and saw an actor sing, and you said, "I want to do that." Or you received a massage and it relaxed you in a way that was miraculous, and you said, "I want to do that for others."

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well, one day, there was a young boy, and his sister was very sick. In the hospital, a doctor came numerous times to help his sister. He was kind. And he told the family what he was trying to do. The boy was inspired by this doctor and said to himself, "I want to do that when I grow up."

You know that kind of hope and excitement that only a young child can have. Do you remember that excitement?

This young boy went to school. It was not easy, but he did become a medical professional. How tiring ... all the learning ... all the expectations ... the disappointments when he could not help people ... all the hours.

Many medical professionals get tired, as do those in many other professions. All the details. All the hours. But some remember. Remember the feeling of the WHY. Remember how that doctor helped your sister. Remember being moved by an actor when you went to a play as a child. Remember that miraculous first massage.

So why am i writing this?

Because I recently went to Tim Odell, a PA (physician assistant) with Advent Health in Hendersonville who is pictured below. I had fallen and suffered a T12 compression fracture as a result.

Tim works with people with spine injuries. He spent a great deal of time with me, answering my questions in layman's terms. He was very patient.

I have been to a bunch of doctors lately. But Tim Odell remembers why he decided to help people. He remembers and keeps alive the day he decided to do what he does.

At one point, it must have been after over 30+ minutes, he asked me if I could stand up. I thought he wanted to see something medically. Instead, after I stood up, he asked, "Can I give you a hug?"

I have to say this is the nicest, kindest thing any medical professional has ever done.

I want to cry remembering this.

I want to thank him for remembering.

I want all of you reading this to remember why you do all of the things you do.

And to not forget them as easy as that can be.

Fondly,
Cynthia (Greenfield)
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PS What do you do that you are passionate about? Do you remember the WHY? Please feel free to share your thoughts about these questions and/or anything else after reading the above. I can be reached at my email address.



3. Invites

A. Reminder about ...

***** CONTEST #5 *****

Two lucky readers will win autographed copies of Etched in Stone by my friend Mark Lew.

To quote from the book's description:
What if God made a mistake?

Or what if we've living a misinterpretation of his words?

Mark Lew's wildly controversial and thought-provoking first novel asks these very questions. Beginning in the Kalahari Desert in Africa, Etched In Stone tells the story of Jodie, a biochemist whose life is turned upside down by a rock with radiant properties unearthed in a scientifically inexplicable biochemical dead zone in the desert. Defying the local workers' vehement and terrified pleas not to touch it, Jodie is transported, for a moment, to the Garden of Eden – later discovering the rock is the one Cain used to kill Abel as described in the Bible.

With the help of two men, Jodie must decide: Should she keep the powerful stone buried, or should she follow the dangerous path upon which it appears to be taking her? As the world descends deeper and more violently into chaos, it becomes clear that Jodie has been chosen to fight for the actual survival of humanity. The explosive climax between good and evil; truth and lies; order and chaos is astonishing, an ending that leaves readers to contemplate not only the basis for their beliefs, but their morality, as well.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #5 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 28, 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.

4. FYI

A. 8 Ways to Respond to an Apology Besides 'It's OK':

[Here](#)

B. Falling can be risky. Here's how to avoid it and what to do if it happens:

[Here](#)

C. The truth about Zillow's Zestimate:

[Here](#)

Note: The Zestimate is a rough guess. But you'll find some good information here on how your home's Zestimate can reflect its highest true value.

D. I Asked 4 Chefs the Best Way to Reheat Pizza, and They All Swear By This Technique:

[Here](#)

E. This Physical Change Can Predict Dementia Risk 12 Years Before Diagnosis:

[Here](#)

5. Joke 1

Methinks this would make a perfect ad for the hearing aid industry. ... PS. If you're like me, and you celebrate all holidays (because there's more food, fun and friends that way), HAPPY EASTER!



6. Reviews

A. Life or Something Like It: Netflix

Reporter Lanie Kerrigan (Angelina Jolie) interviews psychic homeless man Prophet Jack (Tony Shalhoub) for a fluff piece about a football game's score. Instead, he tells her that her life has no meaning and will end in just a few days. This sparks her to action to change the pattern of her life--and love enters into it in the form of Edward Burns. ... Very predictable, but also quite watchable. We enjoyed it. ... You'll even get to see a too-short version of "Happy Together" in one of the scenes. ... Rated PG-13.

B. Tyler Perry's A Fall from Grace: Netflix

Disheartened since her ex-husband's affair, Grace Waters feels restored by a new romance. But when secrets erode her short-lived joy, Grace's vulnerable side turns violent. ... Crystal Fox, Phylicia Rashad, Bresha Webb and Mehdad Brooks are all good in the leading roles. The ending is excellent. ... Rated TV-MA.

7. TV Alert

A. Love on the Spectrum, Season 3: Netflix

This American reality television show is based on the Australian version by the same name, it follows people on the autism spectrum as they explore the dating world. We liked Seasons 1 and 2 and thought Season 3 was the best one ever. It is a sweet, touching show that will have you rooting of all the participants.

B. Law & Order: Organized Crime, Season 5: Peacock, NBC

Detective Elliot Stabler (Christopher Meloni) has had a car wreck, and who shows up to comfort him in the hospital in the second episode? Law & Order: Special Victims Unit's Captain Olivia Benson (Mariska Hargitay).

C. Ransom Canyon, Season 1: Netflix

Netflix takes a page from Yellowstone in this romance-fueled family drama set in the Texas Hill Country. Josh Duhamel and Minka Kelly star in this contemporary Western drama about love, lust, heartache, deceit and the rugged land that the three local families all call home.

D. Conclave: Prime Video, beginning on April 22

Ralph Fiennes plays a saintly cardinal at the center of the rather unsaintly election of a new pope in Conclave, the kind of old-fashioned movie Oscars celebrate and grownups adore. The film stars a host of actors upping each others' game: Stanley Tucci, John Lithgow and most delightfully of all, Isabella Rossellini, who earned her first Oscar honor ever at 72 as a nun involved in the Vatican power play.

8. Joke 2

Reminds me of my days as a kid back in 1959. I raised money by delivering newspapers. (Thanks, Stephen Oaks, for sharing.)



9. Clips/Websites

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 Rivethead singing it by clicking:
[Here](#).

Note: Feel free to submit your choices for greatest recording artists, music, etc. I'll try to run what you send me in in section 8C (below).

B. Video of the week

Everybody's seen "Casablanca" – it was filmed in 1942, released in 1943 and starred Humphry Bogart, Ingrid Bergman and Paul Henreid. The plot focuses on an American expatriate (Bogart) who must choose between his love for a woman (Bergman) and helping her husband (Henreid), a Czechoslovak resistance leader, escape from the Vichy-controlled city of Casablanca to continue his fight against the Germans.

The film won the Oscar in 1944 as Best Picture and Bogart won as Best Actor – other wins were best screenplay, best direction and best cinema.

The point is that it was a huge film – and also a great propaganda film that hit the screens in the middle of World War 2. I admit that over the years I've watched it many times. Since I know you've seen it too, I'm not giving anything away when I remind you that in the end Humphrey sacrifices his love for Ingrid by sending her and her husband, Paul, to Lisbon on a plane, despite needing the transit papers himself; the film ends with Rick and French Captain Louis Renault (Claude Rains) walking away together, with Rick famously saying, "Louis, I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship."
But did you know that there was an alternate ending?

To view it, click:

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

(Thanks Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

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

(1) Sam and Dave, "Soul Man," one of my favorites:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ONNSIk--tE>

(2) And if you liked the above, you'll love watching the Blues Brothers perform the song by clicking:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTWH1Fdkjow>

(3) Howard Smith Jr.: Hymns (4.20.2025):

<https://www.facebook.com/hs.smith.73/videos/1443880157055000>

(4) Neil Ratner Rock Dog: Santanna:

<https://www.facebook.com/neilratnerrockdoc/videos/3975276829454419>

(5) Thanks, Neil, for having me revisit this classic song: Samba Pa Ti. You can do the same by clicking:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGJdU2dpYxg>

(6) Celine Dion: It's All Coming Back to Me Now:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8QmRL4jDTg>

(7) Effective Medication:

https://www.instagram.com/reel/DH_DrnMAti8/?igsh=MWZ1dzB4dTZ4ZXRsbG%3D%3D

(Thanks, Gil Calderwood, for sharing.)

Note: Even if you're not on Instagram, just X out of requests to sign-in, and you should be able to see this.

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

A Soft Murmur allows you to mix your ambient soundscapes to create the perfect background noise for relaxation or productivity. From rain to thunder, from birds to waves, mix and match to find your ideal peaceful ambiance.

Check out this cool website by clicking:

<https://asoftmurmur.com/>.

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>.

10. Technology Tip

The easiest way to fix stuck or fix sticking keyboard keys on your laptop or desktop keyboard is with WD40. Spray under the stuck key then work it in the keyboard. After working in the keyboard wipe off all of the lubricant with a paper towel. Your stuck or sticking keyboard has a new life.

For an excellent video that show this, click:
[Here](#).

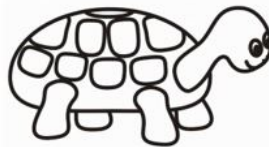
Note: This works! I accidentally spilled some stuff on my keyboard, and they keys were sticking like crazy. This technique worked, but you might have to try it more than once for best results.

11. Joke 3

Brilliant passive-aggressive way to teach bad drivers how to park: 1. Identify the bad driver (left). 2. Put this flyer under his or her windshield wiper (right). ... Make sure you keep a few copies of the flyer in your glove compartment, so you have them around when you next come across such an inconsiderate person. ... And maybe also keep sneakers in your car in case the that person is bigger than you!



**Many three year olds
have trouble staying
within the lines.**



**Maybe if you practice
coloring this turtle, it
will help with your parking.**

12. Two Quotes I Like

A. Thanks, Wink Martindale (1933-2025), for your career as an American disc jockey, radio personality, game show host and television producer. He was best known for hosting Gambit from 1972 to 1976 and again from 1980 to 1981, Tic-Tac-Dough from 1978 to 1985, High Rollers from 1987 to 1988 and Debt from 1996 to 1998. For more information about his life, click:

<https://www.katc.com/obituaries/wink-martindale-the-genial-game-show-host-and-an-early-tv-interviewer-of-elvis-presley-dies-at-91>.



B. Thanks, Jean Marsh (1934-2025), for your career as an English actress and writer. She co-created and starred in the ITV series Upstairs, Downstairs, for which she won the 1975 Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series for her performance as Rose Buck. She also was in numerous films,

including Cleopatra, Frenzy and The Eagle Has Landed. For more information about her life, click: https://www.nytimes.com/2025/04/13/arts/television/jean-marsh-dead.html?unlocked_article_code=1.BE8.bOt0.wpw3z5NnP39i&smid=url-share.

“I have had partners who I have thought about marrying and who have thought about marrying me.” The problem was that we never thought it at the same time.”—Jean Marsh



13. Thought For The Day

I heard a version of the following when it was expertly delivered by Skyler Goff in a recent performance of Doubt at Hendersonville Theater ...

The story is often told of the most unusual penance St. Philip Neri assigned to a woman for her sin of spreading gossip. The sixteenth-century saint instructed her to take a feather pillow to the top of the church bell tower, rip it open, and let the wind blow all the feathers away. This probably was not the kind of penance this woman, or any of us, would have been used to!

But the penance didn't end there. Philip Neri gave her a second and more difficult task. He told her to come down from the bell tower and collect all the feathers that had been scattered throughout the town. The poor lady, of course, could not do it — and that was the point Philip Neri was trying to make in order to underscore the destructive nature of gossip. When we detract from others in our speech, our malicious words are scattered abroad and cannot be gathered back. They continue to dishonor and divide many days, months, and years after we speak them as they linger in people's minds and pass from one tale-bearer to the next.

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