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# BLAINESWORLD

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## 1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I were glad to finally get out after spending several weeks inside. We celebrated the occasion by joining our friends Tom and Marcy Gallagher for a delicious dinner at The Local Joint. But as good as the food was, the company was even better!



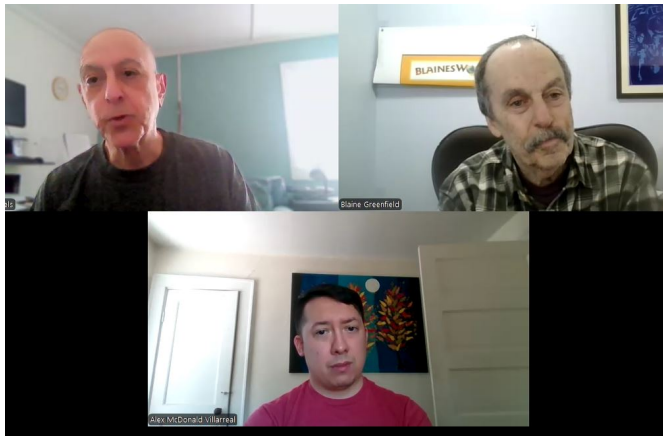
B. Harold Clurman .... oops, typo ... Ronald Rand rocked in Let It Be Art! Harold Clurman's Life of Passion at The Clack Mountain Center for the Arts. ... I'm so glad I got to see it.



C. I had the pleasure of hosting three BLAINESWORLD webcasts this past week. They can be viewed: [Here](#).

(1) 4.21.2025 - Steven Samuels & Alex McDonald Villarreal discuss Death Comes To Play that runs through May 3; tickets:

[Here](#).



(2) 4.22.2025 - Robert Arleigh White--Storyteller and Consultant



(3) 4.23.2025 - Ellen Pappas & Christina Dubuc discuss The Autumn Players and their upcoming production of My Three Angels that will run from May 2-4. For more information, click:

[Here](#).



D. Condolences to:

- (1) Karen Winters and family on the passing of Henry O. Langrehe, Karen's father. For his obituary, click: [Here](#).
- (2) Stephanie Hickling Beckman and Trish Hickling Beckman on the passing of Catherine Hickling, Stephanie's mother.
- (3) Lora Ristau and family on the passing of Mary Catherine Ristau, Lora's mother. For her obituary, click: [Here](#).
- (4) Scott Garland and family on the passing of Ronald Heschke, Scott's father. For his obituary, click: [Here](#).
- (5) Judith Loniak and family on the passing of Judith's Uncle Michael.
- (6) The family of Gene Alligood on his passing in December. For his obituary, click: [Here](#).

E. Announcing this week's ...

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

It goes to Wild Fork Foods, a company that provide a large selection of high quality steak, seafood, chicken, pork, lamb, ground beef, sausage, other meats and specialty foods via mail order.

We have tried several of their items, including (below) meat loaf, taglierini with Bolognese sauce and lasagna.

The food is always fresh and oh-so tasty. And there's even free shipping if your order is large enough.

For more information, click:

[Here](#).





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## 2. Cynthia's Corner

I would like to share my favorite poem. It is by Rumi, a Persian Poet and Sufi Mystic.

Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing,  
there is a field.  
I will meet you there.

When the soul lies down in that grass,  
the world is too full to talk about.

Ideas, language, each other —  
they all fade away.

The breeze at dawn has secrets to tell you.  
Don't go back to sleep.

You must ask for what you really want.  
Don't go back to sleep.

People are going back and forth across the doorsill  
where the two worlds touch.

The door is round and open.  
Don't go back to sleep.

Note: For more information about the above poem, click:  
[Here](#).

Why I love it:

I love the first two sentences the most. "Out beyond ideas of rightdoing and wrongdoing, there is a field. I will meet you there."

Out beyond worry and fear. Out beyond our mind and differences and conflict. What would that experience be like. To meet in that field.

And I love how he says, "Do not go back to sleep" To me, that means remember our connections and unity. Let go of our differences and rigid beliefs and opinions.

Lets meet, you and I, in that field where there is no division, only openness, compassion, and shared humanity.

I see a real field ... a real place ... a real experience .... we are all playing together ... embracing each other.

To me, Rumi's teaching is one of unity and oneness, a call to leave behind conflict and meet in a space of unconditional love and understanding.

Let us all, you and me, our families, our friends, let's all of us meet there and not go back to sleep.

Fondly,

Cynthia (Greenfield)

My email if you want to share your reactions: [cgreenfield1001@aol.com](mailto:cgreenfield1001@aol.com).

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## 3. Invites

### A. Marketing Your Business

## LIVE EVENT (IN PERSON)

Date & Time: May 3, 2025, 9:00am - 12 noon

### Location:

A-B Tech Enka Campus, Room 2046  
1465 Sand Hill Road  
Candler, US, 28715

### About the event:

Marketing for the 21st Century small business is more dynamic and challenging than ever. Discover how to effectively and efficiently use marketing tools. Gain insights to understand and reach your customer, analyze your industry and business environment and differentiate between branding, advertising and grassroots marketing techniques.

### Those who should attend:

Business owners, entrepreneurs, theater folks and heads of non-profit organizations, among others.

### Instructor:

Blaine Greenfield

Blaine Greenfield has 35 years of teaching experience as a Marketing Professor at the community college, university and graduate levels. At the same time, he operated his own consulting firm-providing marketing assistance to small and medium-sized businesses, as well as to non-profit organizations. Blaine has spoken groups throughout the country, and he has served as a mediator and/or arbitrator in over 2,500 cases.

To register, go:

[Here](#)

and then look for 'Marketing Your Business' in Upcoming Events.

Note: All those attending will learn the difference between a right- and left-handed pencil. And one lucky person will have a chance to win \$500. But this will only happen if you personally attend this workshop!



B. Last chance to enter ...

### \*\*\*\*\* 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](mailto: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.

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. 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: [Here](#).

E. 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](#).

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

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#### 4. FYI

A. The 10 worst-paying college majors, 5 years after graduation: [Here](#)

B. 5 Things You Should Always Clean Before Guests Come Over: [Here](#)

C. I always ask this one question during job interviews: [Here](#)

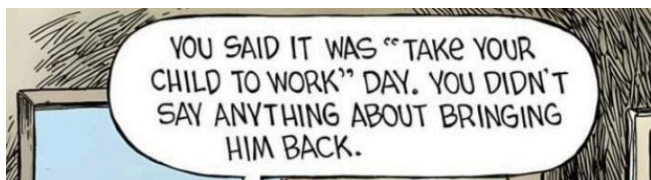
D. 5 Ways to Get More Deep Sleep—and Why This Sleep Phase Is So Important, According to Experts: [Here](#)

E. These are the top 3 regrets at the end of life, according to a death doula: [Here](#)

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#### 5. Joke 1

Brings back memories of when my daughter Risa was younger, and she negotiated three snack breaks and a raise. (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)





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## 6. Reviews

### A. Compliance (2012): Netflix

This is a chilling psychological thriller that delves into the unsettling dynamics of authority and obedience. Directed by Craig Zobel and inspired by true events, the film portrays a fast-food manager, Sandra (Ann Dowd), who receives a call from someone claiming to be a police officer. Under his instructions, she detains and humiliates a young employee, Becky (Dreama Walker), leading to increasingly disturbing actions. The film's stark realism and powerful performances, particularly by Dowd, compel viewers to confront uncomfortable questions about compliance and moral responsibility. Critics have noted its haunting impact, with Roger Ebert describing it as a "well-made film" that exposes the human tendency to cave in to authority". Compliance is not an easy watch, but its provocative narrative ensures it lingers in the mind long after the credits roll. I liked it a lot. Rated R.

### B. Lucy (2014): Netflix

This film, directed by Luc Besson, is a visually ambitious sci-fi action thriller that starts strong but ultimately falters under the weight of its own high-concept premise. Scarlett Johansson delivers a compelling performance as Lucy, a woman who gains extraordinary mental abilities after a synthetic drug leaks into her system. The film kicks off with kinetic energy and stylish action sequences, including an insane car chase through Paris. However, as the narrative progresses, it becomes increasingly abstract and philosophical, embracing a pseudo-scientific approach that some viewers may find fascinating and others frustrating. While Lucy offers an entertaining ride with its blend of action and ambition, its rushed third act and lack of character development prevent it from reaching its full potential. Overall, it's a flawed yet intriguing film that showcases Besson's visual flair and Johansson's versatility. It was only fair. Rated R.

### C. Book review:

Imperfect: An Improbable Life by Jim Abbott and Tim Brown is an inspiring and heartfelt memoir that captures the extraordinary journey of Abbott, a one-handed pitcher who defied every odd to make it to the major leagues. The book is honest, deeply personal, and filled with moments of both triumph and vulnerability, as Abbott shares not only his athletic achievements but also his struggles with self-doubt and public expectations. His story goes far beyond baseball, touching on resilience, perseverance, and the meaning of true success. Written with humility and warmth, Imperfect leaves readers feeling uplifted and reminded that our greatest challenges can also be our greatest strengths. I strongly recommend this book.

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## 7. TV Alert

### A. Adolescence: Netflix

A family's world turns upside down when 13-year-old Jamie Miller is arrested for murdering a schoolmate: the charges against their son force them to confront every parent's worst nightmare. This 4-part crime drama is disturbing to watch, but it is very thought-provoking. Cynthia and I watched it together and couldn't stop talking about it afterward.

SPOILER ALERT: Wait until you've seen the above before reading this excellent article about it: [Here](#).

### B. Super Pumped: The Battle for Uber: Netflix

This story of the ride-sharing company, Uber, from the perspective of the company's CEO Travis Kalanick, who is ultimately ousted in a boardroom coup after tense internal and external battles that ripple with unpredictable consequences. Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Kyle Chandler are fine in the leading roles. I found

the beginning interesting, but the series started to drag for me about halfway through its seven episodes. Cynthia found it very talkative and stopped watching about halfway through.

**C. Havoc: Netflix**

Gareth Evans, the action-movie maestro behind *The Raid*, directs this knuckle-scraping thriller about a detective (*Mad Max: Fury Road*'s Tom Hardy) taking on a deadly, drug-dealing underworld syndicate, dirty politicians and even dirtier cops.

**D. Étoile: Prime Video**

The focus is on famed ballet companies in Paris and New York City who get so strapped financially that they agree to swap their biggest stars in hopes of boosting ticket sales. Luke Kirby, who played Lenny Bruce in *Maisel*, and British-French star Charlotte Gainsbourg, 53, lead the cast.

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## 8. Joke 2

On Arbor Day, let's plant more trees before there's even a longer line out the bark yard!



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## 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, listen to the the Ohio State University Men's Glee Club 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

Golf Fans Loved What Jim Nantz and CBS Did After Rory McIlroy's Winning Masters Putt

Note: The clip below is worth watching even if you're not a golf fan.

Media Rory McIlroy won his first Masters in dramatic fashion on Sunday and became just the sixth player in history to complete the Grand Slam. But he sure didn't make it easy on himself. McIlroy had a comfortable lead heading into the back nine but that all went away thanks to a mind-boggling double bogey on the par-5 13th hole and a few other mistakes down the stretch, including a missed par putt on the 18th hole. Rory McIlroy won the Masters on Sunday to complete the career Grand Slam

McIlroy won the Masters on Sunday to complete the career Grand Slam.

He was then able to win it on the first playoff hole when he knocked in a two-foot birdie putt. Golf fans loved how Jim Nantz and the CBS broadcast handled the moment after the winning putt, as they sat back and mostly let McIlroy's emotional celebration be the story.

To view this clip, click:

[Here](#).

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

(1) The Chiffons – He's So Fine, one of my favorites:

[Here](#)

(2) Howard Smith Jr.: Hymns (4.27.2025):

[Here](#)

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Peter Frampton:

[Here](#)

(4) To see Frampton perform "Show Me The Way," click:

[Here](#)

(5) Daniel Tosh, a very funny comedian:

[Here](#)

(Thanks, JP Reavely, for sharing.)

(6) Erik Gronwell: All By Myself:

[Here](#)

(Thanks, Donnie Roland, for sharing.)

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

Dad makes helpful YouTube channel for kids without a dad. He teaches a variety of things, including how to change a tire, tie a tie, shave, unclog a tub or get ready for their job interview. to view it, click:

[Here](#).

For more information about this cool guy, 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:

[Here](#).

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## 10. Technology Tip

Receiving odd texts for someone else? Rise of 'wrong number' messages is new payday for scammers by Kevin Williams

"Hey, how are you?"

"Sorry, I'm running a little late; I'll meet you for dinner at 6:15."

If you have been on the receiving end of an increasing number of seemingly random and innocuous texts like those, you aren't alone. And it wasn't a wrong number. Online scammers are increasingly turned to "wrong number" message tactics, aided by AI, to trick phone users into providing access to personal information and financial accounts.

For the rest of this informative article, click:

[Here](#).

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## 11. Joke 3

Best advice you'll hear today ...



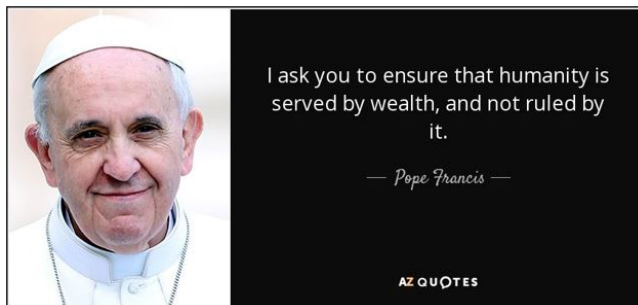
**Simon Holland**   
@simoncholland

...

If your wife tells you to do whatever you want, the last thing you should do (and I can't stress this enough) is whatever you want.

## 12. Two Quotes I Like

A. Thanks, Pope Francis, for your service as head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State from 2013 until his recent death. He was the first Jesuit pope, the first Latin American, the first from the Americas, the first from the Southern Hemisphere and the first born or raised outside of Europe since the 8th-century Syrian pope Gregory III. Throughout his papacy, he was noted for his support for the plight of refugees, migrants, and the impoverished. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).



B. Thanks, Mike Patrick (1944-2025), for your career as an American sportscaster, known for his long tenure with ESPN. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).

**"I tried to turn it down!" [recalling his initial offer to do NFL games, telling Steve Bornstein, then a senior vice president of ESPN, that he preferred to call college sports]. He said, 'Are you an idiot? This is the biggest thing we'll have.' I thought about it for a day and said yes. After all, he knows better than I do."--Mike Patrick**





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### 13. Thought For The Day

A man dies and goes to the pearly gates. St. Peter asks him if there's anything he wants before he enters heaven, and the man says he'd like to see hell.

So St. Peter takes him to a room full of miserable, starving people with a huge banquet table in the middle filled with delicious-looking food. The man asks St. Peter, "Why is THIS hell?" St. Peter replies, "Because the people can only eat the food with 11-foot chopsticks."

The man then says he's ready to go to heaven, and St. Peter takes him to a similar room with a huge banquet table in the middle filled with delicious food. Although the people there also have to eat with 11-foot chopsticks, they are all happy and well-fed. The man asks St. Peter why, and St. Peter replies, "Here in heaven we feed each other."



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**PS.** Make it a great week!

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