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## BLAINESWORLD

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 love watching birds fly outside our home (left photo). But we don't love it when they fly into the windows, and we worry that they might hurt themselves doing so.

So Cynthia researched the problem and came up with a solution; i.e., she put decals on the windows (right photo).

We no longer have the problem!





B. Be prepared to LAUGH, CRY and then LOVE Terms of Endearment, the tragicomedy that's running at Hendersonville Theatre from May 1-11. ... Victoria Lamberth and Lauren Otis are outstanding as the mother and daughter who often struggle in their relationships, both with each other and everybody else in their lives. Tate Albert is superb in his role as the hard-drinking neighbor. And Jered Shults, Mary Weisberger and Mark Hodgdon round out the cast with equally fine performances. ... Jonathan Forrester's direction is spot on. .... For tickets, click: <https://tinyurl.com/yebcfa8k>.



C. Thanks to my friend Bob Bond who for attending my recent Marketing seminar that I conducted for Asheville SCORE. His participation was most welcome.

Best of all, we got together for lunch afterward at The Madness Sushi Burger & Bar in Candler. Our food was fantastic, as was the service we received from Allie. We were also impressed by Dante, the manager. He visited our table on two separate occasions to see how we were doing and actually listened to our responses. (At other places, you often see a manager stop by to say "hello" and before you answer, he or she is on to the next table.) In addition, Dante helped the servers and made sure the place was spotless. You don't see that happen at too many other restaurants.



D. I hosted three BLAINESWORLD webcasts this past week. They can be viewed by clicking: <https://www.blainesworld.net/>.

(1) Top: Hara Sitnick--Personal Organizer & Owner, Order from Chaos

(2) Middle: 4.29.2025 - George Awad and Gillian Bellinger discuss the Asheville Improv Festival that will run from May 7-11. For tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/3vzvbnnt>.

(3) Bottom: 4.30.2025 - Jonathan Forrester discusses Terms of Endearment, a play that he is directing. It runs at Hendersonville Theatre from May 1-11. For tickets, click: [https://hvltheatre.ludus.com/index.php?show\\_id=200462506](https://hvltheatre.ludus.com/index.php?show_id=200462506).



E. Hot off the press ... the humor column I wrote for THE FAIRVIEW TOWN CRIER.

**LAUGH TIME BLAINE GREENFIELD**

**Caterpallor (n):  
The color you turn  
after finding half  
a worm in the fruit  
you're eating.**

A teacher told me not to worry about spelling because in the future there will be autocorrect, for which I am eternally grapefruit.

Here's a tip: Ring your doorbell on your way to bed at night. This will clear the

dogs off your bed long enough for you to get in and get comfortable.

It's OK if you disagree with me. I can't force you to be right.

Studies have shown that people who have more birthdays live longer than those who do not have as many.

My new car has a button for pretty much everything. There's even one

that reads, "Rear Wiper." Still too afraid to try that one.

"I used to think that the brain was the most wonderful organ in my body. Then I realized who was telling me this."  
—Emo Phillips



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F. Congratulations to:

(1) Elsten Torres on being featured in Indie Pulse Music. You can read the article by clicking: [https://indiepulsemusic.com/2025/04/27/music-sin-fronteras-4-27-25/?fbclid=IwY2xjawJ9loNleHRuA2FibQlxMABicmlkETFh5MjRrQnd3YTBqQWZjAR5nSrsGJgaka-1DbN9obq3EG\\_mls9w8--uUqV5OssdV\\_FyZwgeT\\_KRAwDceKA\\_aem\\_L3r4BJJdnpwl-fi8\\_vtKnA](https://indiepulsemusic.com/2025/04/27/music-sin-fronteras-4-27-25/?fbclid=IwY2xjawJ9loNleHRuA2FibQlxMABicmlkETFh5MjRrQnd3YTBqQWZjAR5nSrsGJgaka-1DbN9obq3EG_mls9w8--uUqV5OssdV_FyZwgeT_KRAwDceKA_aem_L3r4BJJdnpwl-fi8_vtKnA).

(2) Jan Lowe on her retirement as Director of Leadership Asheville. She helped make this important program even stronger during her 10 years of great service. .

G. Announcing this week's ...

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

Thanks, Cynthia Greenfield, for submitting the following nomination.

It goes to Alicia Rambo (pictured below with me)--Audiology Assistant at The Hearing Center of Asheville.

She has many roles. Most recently when I went to her, I learned so much. She taught me about the new download of my Phonac app. She also taught me a few tricks that I was not aware of about using my Bluetooth and using my Phonac app.

It makes life so much easier than it was previously. In addition, she cleaned my hearing aides and put some new devices in them. And she taught me how to lower background noise in a few different settings.

She is always very pleasant and a joy to work with. Knowing that I was asking a lot of questions and taking up a lot of time, she reassured me that I was her last client and that I could ask as many questions as necessary.

Overall, it was a wonderful experience. I now feel much more comfortable about using my hearing aids.

For more information about The Hearing Center of Asheville, click: <https://thehearingcenter.com/>.



## 2. Cynthia's Corner

Hi, y'all. I wanted to write something inspiring this week. Thoughts came, but nothing was quite right.

Poetry does inspire me. So instead, I would like to share some quotes from Hafiz, a 12th century Persian mystical Sufi poet. And my interpretations.

What is great about poetry, art, movies, stories, music .... anything really in the arts .... is how it reaches each person in his or her own way. We are all wired differently, and we interpret things in our own way--bringing our unique understanding of the world. Also, there is that common factor of unity, like wow, that touched both of us!

When I watch movies with Blaine, sometimes, he is touched .... sometimes, I am touched. ... and sometimes we are both touched. I especially love to watch Blaine when he is touched.

I would also love to hear from you about any of your reactions to what follows ...  
Hafiz

1) "Stay close to anything that makes you glad you are alive."

For me: my husband Blaine, dancing, touch, ice cream.

2) "Fear is the cheapest room in the house. I would like to see you living in better conditions. I spend too much time in fear, and worry. Time to move to a better room in my head!"

3) "Love sometimes wants to do us a great favor: hold us upside down and shake all of the nonsense out!" Oh so much nonsense, so much "extra" that is not necessary. OK, I am ready to shake all of the nonsense out or at least some.

4) "Start seeing everything as God. But, keep it a secret!"

Love this one. Keep it a secret, But you know. and they will know if you think that way.

5) "Learn to recognize the counterfeit coins that may buy you just a moment of pleasure. But, then drag you for days like a broken man behind a farting camel."

This is part of a great poem by Hafiz. I love it ... counterfeit coins ... for me: food, gossip, complaining ... all the things that attract me in the moment, but then drag me for days like a broken man behind a farting camel. What a great image.

6) "What do sad people have in common? It seems they have all built a shrine to the past and often go there and do a strange wail and worship. What is the beginning of happiness? It is to stop being so religious like that."

Letting go of our stories that make us sad. Stopping being so religious about holding onto whatever we may be holding onto at the moment.

Bye for now. Hope to hear from you and even just one thought or one of your own unique interpretations of these quotes.

See you next week.

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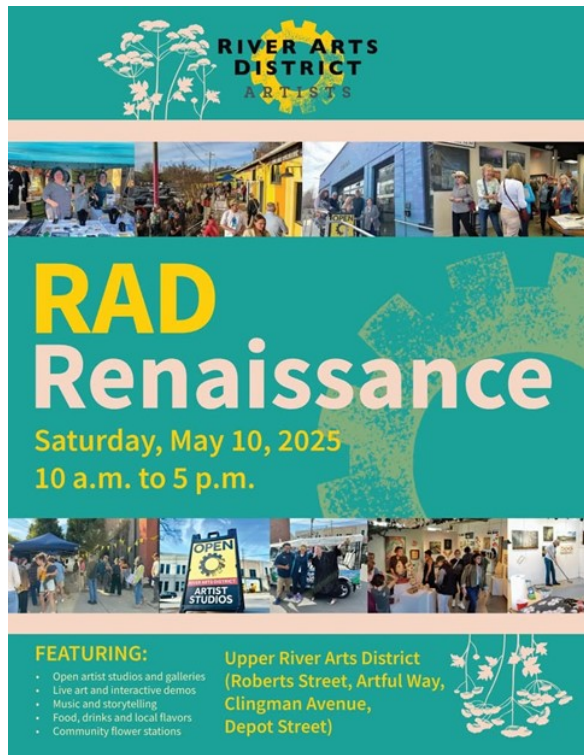
### 3. Invites

A.



(Thanks, Cappy Tosetti, for sharing.)

B.



(Thanks, Shela Anmuth, for sharing.)

C. Introducing ...

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

One lucky reader will win a copy of MINDFULNESS TRAINING FOR THOSE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA, CHRONIC ILLNESS OR AN AGING BRAIN by Jarem Sawatsky.

To quote from the description from Amazon:

Want to enjoy the life you are living, even as you face major life challenges?

Is your mind succumbing to age? Is your body failing you? Can you ever find joy, peace, or fulfillment in these challenging conditions? The answer is a resounding YES.

Author Jarem Sawatsky saw the countless guides out there for those caring for the ill and healing the curable, but when he was diagnosed with Huntington's Disease he found there was nothing for those living with an incurable illness. He quit his job as a professor and devoted his life to exploring the possibilities of living with chronic conditions. Now he's bringing his findings and insights to you in this empowering mindfulness guide.

To enter the contest, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #6 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., May 19.

Note: In Contest #5, Steve Darter and Connor Ray both won autographed copies of Etched in Stone by my friend Mark Lew. All told, there were six entries.

D. 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/>.

E. 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>

Note: See Sect. 10 on how to access the above is you use AOL.

F. 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.

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#### 4. FYI

A. 3 tips for lowering your risk of dementia, stroke and depression simultaneously:  
[Here](#)

B. Dietitians Warn You Should Never Take These Vitamins Together:  
[Here](#)

C. Restless Sleepers Share Their 5 Go-To Secrets For Falling Back Asleep:  
[Here](#)

D. New prostate cancer test pinpoints disease better than PSA option, study finds:  
[Here](#)

E. Here's what experts say about selling gold jewelry for cash:  
[Here](#)

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#### 5. Joke 1

I've seen this at more than one such establishment.



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## 6. Reviews

A. *The Hating Game* (2021) is a charming romantic comedy that we saw on Netflix. It brings enemies to lovers to life with wit and chemistry. Set in a Manhattan publishing house, the film follows Lucy Hutton (Lucy Hale) and Joshua Templeman (Austin Stowell), two executive assistants whose fierce workplace rivalry takes a romantic turn when they compete for a coveted promotion. While the plot follows familiar rom-com beats, the palpable chemistry between Hale and Stowell elevates the story, making their transition from adversaries to lovers both believable and engaging. Critics have noted that the film's strength lies in its lead performances, with *The Guardian* describing it as "about as bland and as easily consumed as a cone of soft-serve ice-cream on a hot day," yet acknowledging the "palpable chemistry" between the stars. Audience reactions have been generally favorable, with a 69% critic score and 76% audience score on Rotten Tomatoes, and a 7.3 user score on Metacritic. Overall, *The Hating Game* delivers a delightful blend of humor and heart, making it a satisfying watch for rom-com enthusiasts. We both liked it. MPG rating R.

B. We saw *Conclave* (2024) on Netflix. Directed by Edward Berger, it offers a gripping and visually sumptuous portrayal of the secretive papal election process following the death of the Pope. Ralph Fiennes delivers a commanding performance as Cardinal Thomas Lawrence, the Dean of the College of Cardinals, who finds himself navigating a web of intrigue and personal revelations while overseeing the conclave. The film's meticulous production design and cinematography capture the grandeur of the Vatican, while its narrative delves into themes of faith, power, and institutional reform. Critics have praised *Conclave* for its compelling storytelling and outstanding ensemble cast, including Stanley Tucci and Isabella Rossellini. The film has garnered significant acclaim, earning eight Academy Award nominations and winning Best Adapted Screenplay. It also secured four BAFTA Awards, including Best Film and Outstanding British Film. With a worldwide gross of over \$116 million on a \$20 million budget, *Conclave* stands as a thought-provoking and engaging drama that resonates with contemporary audiences.

It is especially relevant now with a new Pope about to be chosen. It is on the talky side, but overall, I liked it more than Cynthia did. MPG Rating: PG, though methinks it would not be of interest to anybody younger than 13.

### C. MOULIN ROGUE National Tour \*\*\*\*

Winner of 10 Tony Awards in 2020 this musical deserves everyone that it one. Everything about this show is perfect, the set, costumes choreography, lighting. The score is not original but is based on pop songs that we all know and love.

Combining over 70 songs from Adele, Katy Perry, Sia, Rihanna, Beyoncé and more to create a pop score that's unique in musical theatre while still firmly rooted in character and storytelling.

This musical is now in my top 10 of favorites.

Update: Broadway Cares Equity Fights AIDS does a tour fundraiser in April and October and the cast was amazing about raising funds which goes to more than just HIV.

(Thanks, Mike Martinelli, for sharing.)

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## 7. TV Alert

### A. Conan O'Brien: The Mark Twain Prize for American Humor: Netflix

Watch the ceremony wherein Adam Sandler, Andy Richter, John Mulaney, Stephen Colbert, Nikki Glaser, Sarah Silverman, Bill Burr, Will Ferrell, Kumail Nanjiani and David Letterman razz and honor America's tallest redhead comedian, and hear Conan say, "I am honored to be the first winner of the Mark Twain Prize recognized not for humor, but for my work as a riverboat pilot."

### B. *The Four Seasons*, Season 1: Netflix

This modern twist on the beloved 1981 Alan Alda-Carol Burnett midlife crisis comedy chronicles the ups and downs of a group of tight-knit couples who vacation together every year. This time around, the cast includes Tina Fey, 54, Steve Carell, 62, and Colman Domingo, 55 (who, in a nod to changing times, is half of a gay couple), and in one brief scene, Alda, 89.

### C. Another Simple Favor: Prime Video

Anna Kendrick and Blake Lively reunite for this sequel to their 2018 comedic thriller *Simple Favor*. This time, the setting is the beautiful Italian island of Capri, where Lively's Emily is getting married to a wealthy businessman after her release from prison. Naturally, the guests include crime-solving mommy blogger Stephanie (Kendrick) — who won't get much time for canapes, since the nuptials include a new bouquet of murder and double-crosses

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D. Miss Austen: Sundays at 9 p.m., EST, on PBS Masterpiece  
After the death of Jane Austen (Patsy Ferran), her sister Cassandra (Keeley Hawes) burns Jane's letters (which really happened). In this four-part drama, Cassy does it to rescue her sister's reputation. Two Downton Abbey cast members reunite for the show: Phyllis Logan, 69, as Jane and Cassy's mother, and Rose Leslie as Cassy's friend Isabella, who may possess those scandalous letters.

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## 8. Joke 2

You'll thank me for this one.



I replaced my litter box with a FedX box. Now when it's full, I just tape it shut and put it on my porch for someone to steal.

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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, here's Pomplamoose:

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

(Thanks, Michael Chadwick, for sharing.)

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

Avoid falling if you stumble:

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/540720258627979>

Thanks, Martin Sutton, for sharing.

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

(1) George Harrison, "My Sweet Lord," one of my favorites:

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

Note: This was the first hit for an ex-Beatle, it features Harrison's teardrop slide licks and a melody virtually identical to the Chiffons' "He's So Fine." After a lawsuit, Harrison had to pay \$587,000 to his former manager Allen Klein, who then owned the rights to "He's So Fine." "It made me so paranoid about writing," Harrison said. "I thought, 'I don't even want to touch the guitar, in case I'm touching somebody's note.'"

(2) Howard Smith Jr.: Hymns (5.4.2025):

<https://www.facebook.com/hs.smith.73/videos/1218824982966659>

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Chicago:

<https://www.facebook.com/neilratnerrockdoc/videos/986964876569440>

(4) Above group performed in one of the first rock concerts I ever attended. I hey sang "Beginnings," the song that Neil mentioned in his program. If you want to hear it, click:  
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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pizRRft3\\_8Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pizRRft3_8Y).

(5) Your energy affects everyone around you:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/ktk9xvbb8hsiurdsp9foi/Your-energy-affects-everyone-around-you.mp4?rkey=s04st6oe57syftrqetif0dwsj&st=c1lkg2tj&dl=0>

(Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

(6) Baylie Littrell | All Of Me | Top 14 Revealed | American Idol 2025)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=juZQ2XF5YE4>

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

Turn your screen into a canvas and create art with digital sand, one of those unusual sites that showcase boundless creativity. It's a unique form of digital creativity that's surprisingly soothing and allows for an expression of creativity that you didn't know you needed.

To check it out, click:  
<https://thisissand.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>.

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## 10. Technology Tip

If you use AOL and/or know somebody who does, please share the following information with them. (See below.)

The AOL browser is terrible for internet usage, and even the company will tell you that if you get an honest representative on the phone.

- ✓ **Log into Facebook directly in AOL's browser first — if you're not logged in properly, Facebook hides some content.**
- ✓ **Open the link in a full external browser instead of inside AOL (like Chrome, Edge, or Firefox). Even if you start from AOL, you can right-click and say "Open in Browser."**
- ✓ **Update AOL software — if you are using an old AOL Desktop, it may be stuck with an old web engine that Facebook doesn't like.**

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## 11. Joke 3

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her lawyer she had two final requests: First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Walmart.

"Walmart?" the lawyer exclaimed. "Why Walmart?"

"Then I'll be sure my daughter visits me twice a week."





## 12. Two Quotes I Like

A. Top: Thanks, Ruth Buzzi (1936-2025), for your career as an American actor and comedian who appeared on stage, in films and on television. Buzzi was best known for her performances on the comedy-variety show Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In from 1968 to 1973, for which she won a Golden Globe Award and received five Emmy nominations. For more information about her life, click: <https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/tv/tv-news/ruth-buzzi-dead-laugh-in-1236206037/>.

B. Bottom: Thanks, Dick Barnett (1936-2025), for your career as an n American professional basketball player who was a shooting guard in the National Basketball Association for the Syracuse Nationals, Los Angeles Lakers and New York Knicks. He won two NBA championships with the Knicks. Barnett was also a member of the Cleveland Pipers in the American Basketball League. Barnett was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2024. For more information about his life, click: <https://www.nba.com/news/dick-barnett-knicks-dies>.



**"Some of the players felt it would improve our eyesight if we went to the burlesque show at the hotel, even though we might miss curfew. When we mentioned it to Red [Holtzman, our coach], he told us not to go because we might see something there that we shouldn't see. But we went to the burlesque show anyway. And we did see something there that we shouldn't have seen. We saw Red."--Dick Barnett**





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### 13. Thought For The Day

Advice that's definitely worth trying!

## 10 STEPS TO SUCCESS

IG: @entrepreneurshipfacts

1. Try
2. Try again
3. Try once more
4. Try a little differently
5. Try it again tomorrow
6. Try and ask for help
7. Try to find someone who has done it
8. Try to fix what is not working
9. Try to expand what is working
10. Just keep trying until you succeed



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

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