

You're reading BLAINESWORLD, a weekly blog published by Blaine Greenfield. It contains some jokes, hopefully, not tooo risqué (typically in Sections 4, 7 and 10); 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 both enjoyed the ease of voting early in the North Carolina primary election. It took us less than 10 minutes, and there were no lines. ... There were several excellent candidates on the ballot. Two, in particular, we're supporting: Bill Branyon for Buncombe County Board of Commissioners to represent District 1 and Todd Williams for District Attorney.



B. We got a kick out of joining our friend Ellane Chandler (top photo) to see a performance of The Amazing Acro-Cats (top photo). This circus troupe features domestic cats and a few other small animals,. That's Kirby Gibson (far left in bottom photo) who surprised us when she was brought on stage.



C. We're currently experiencing some difficulties with our water heating system, which is making it difficult for us to take showers. Fortunately, our oh-so-helpful neighbor Bobby Allison came to the rescue.



D. It saddened my friend Tom Gallagher and me when we went to Ziggy's Bakery & Deli for the last time. As always, our cheesesteaks were outstanding. This fantastic eatery will have closed by the time you read this, and it will be very much missed.



E. Catch a short glimpse of BIRDS OF AMERICA by clicking: [Here](#) ... Then catch the show at the Black Mountain Center for the Arts through May 22. ... You'll love the performances of both John Hall and Trinity Smith-Keel in this play about the relationship of a father and daughter over a span of 10 years, dealing with their struggles to understand one another. And kudos to Julie Wharton for her spot on direction. ... For tickets, click: [Here](#).



F. Catch this week's BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: Guests: (first half) Alison Cross with the Body, Beauty and Bravery Project, discussing eating disorders; and (second half) Jess McLean with Read to Succeed Asheville/Buncombe.



G. Condolences to:

- (1) Jeffrey and Joyce Rosman on the passing of Bella Rosman, Jeffrey's mother.
- (2) Lisa Zaglin and family on the passing of Lisa's Aunt Connie.
- (3) Mary O'Connor and family on the passing of Cecelia McCloy, Mary's first cousin.

H. Congratulations to Kevin May on being accepted to the University of Mobile to get his masters in musical theatre.

I Correction: Last week's BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD recognized the outstanding work done by Steam Master Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning in Fairview. I misspelled the names of the owners. Here are their names

with the collect spelling: Daniel and Liz Bopp. Sorry' bout that!

J. Announcing this week's ..

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

This week, it goes to Classic Rock Auto Detail--a firm nominated by Maria Porambo. (Thanks, Maria!)

Here was her nomination:

I chose Classic Rock Auto Detail to get my car detailed because of their mission. They hire intellectually disabled people. They also prepare these individuals and work with other companies to place them into jobs that would be good for their skillset.

I don't think my car was this clean when I drove it off the lot! And because it started raining when they were finished, they kept my car in the garage until I got there and gave me a coupon for a free wash.

My car is several years old and not only had the regular dirt and grime, but a ton of pet hair and ashes (I used to smoke.)

I did this to get rid of the smoke smell, and I have to say I got so much more. Speaking with the managers, Brian and Ian Damiani, I could see the passion they have in their mission.

So if you are anywhere near Richboro in Bucks County, PA, please support these brothers.

For more information: [Here](#).

2. Invites

A. REMINDER: TIME FOR MY ANNUAL TREK! ...This year, I'm heading up North and down South. ... Some of the details: (1) I will be in both the Livingston, NJ, and Bucks County, PA, areas from May 19-21. (2) There is a definite get together at Zebra Striped Whale in Newtown, PA, on Saturday, May 21, from 2-4 p.m. that will be made memorable by that fact that John Strauss will be leading a sing-along of arguably the greatest rock song of all time. (3) From there, I'll be in the Lake Worth, FL, area from May 23-25. ... If you'd like to try to get together during any of these times, please message me via Facebook or send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put TREK in the subject line.

B. There's still time to enter ...

******* Contest #8 *******

The deadline has been extended.

One lucky reader will win an autographed copy of 94 MAIDENS: A NOVEL INSPIRED BY TRUE EVENTS by Rhonda Fink-Whitman.

To quote one Amazon reviewer:

I could not put this book down. I found it compelling to read the author's feelings as she traveled to the sites of the concentration camps with her husband and teenage son, and then went back in history to what was actually happening to the Jews during the Holocaust. Everyone must read this book. Very well written.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST 8 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include both your name and mailing address. All entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Mon, May 16.

C. Want to be a guest on my radio/Facebook Live show? If you have news you'd like to share and/or a story to tell, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put GUEST in the subject line. In the body of the email, include both your name and phone number.

For more information about the show, click: [Here](#).

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 evenings.

D. Are you interested in shows, concerts, movies, TV, etc.? ... If so, I encourage you to join a new 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](#).

E. Come join Cynthia for the two courses she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week via Zoom: Meditation on Monday and Move Your Body on Wednesday. To attend these and/or any of the other courses, scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

Note: For others, see Sect.13 (at the bottom of this issue).

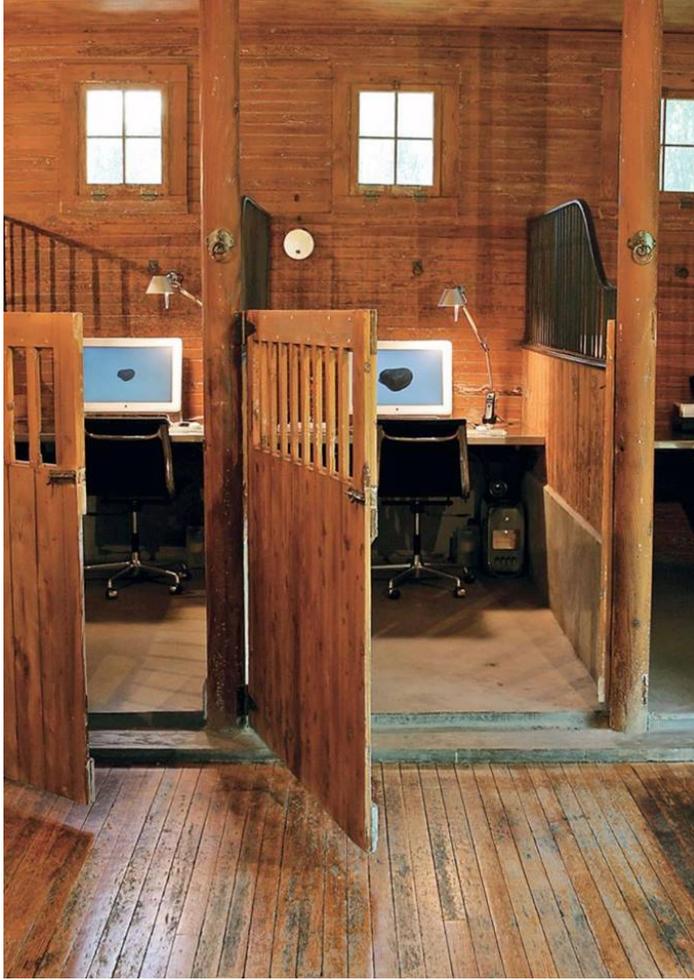
3. FYI

HOW COOL IS THIS? VERY! ... The number actually works. Give it a call to see for yourself ... And for more information on the project, click: [Here](#). ... (Thanks, Annette Abigail Wells, for sharing.)

**If you need a little
motivation today, call
707-998-8410. It's a
school project where
kindergartners give
you a pep talk.**

4. Joke 1

It's important to have a stable work environment. (Thanks, Jim Chewning, for sharing.)



5. Reviews

A. OUR FATHER is a fascinating documentary about Dr. Donald Cline, a fertility physician, married dad, philanthropist and church elder who is accused of illegally inseminating numerous women with his sperm at his Indiana office. What make the story so unbelievable is the fact that there are 44 doctors known to have both done this and gotten away with it. Appropriate for mature teenager. Now on Netflix.

B. I'm not a fan of skateboarding, but I enjoyed TONY HAWK: UNTIL THE WHEELS FEEL OFF--not on HBO Max. The never-been-seen footage of him in action was unbelievable. It's amazing that he is still pushing his limits at the age of 53. Appropriate for mature teenagers.

6. TV alert

A. THE LINCOLN LAWYER: Now on Netflix

Netflix's The Lincoln Lawyer TV series is not directly connected to the 2011 movie as it is neither a sequel nor a remake. Rather, it is simply an adaptation of the same series of novels: The Lincoln Lawyer series by Michael Connelly. It primarily draws on the sequel, THE BRASS VERDICT. According to AARP, "It's not quite as rich as the other new Connelly show Bosch: Legacy, but it's a solid courtroom drama/detective show — the closest thing streaming has to Law & Order."

B. THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE: Coming Sun., May 15, to HBO and HBO Max

This is a six-episode series version of the 2003 best seller about the love of a woman's life who keeps popping up at various moments in her life.

C. LIONEL RICHIE: THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS GERSHWIN PRIZE FOR POPULAR SONG: Tues., May 17 on PBS (check local listings [Here](#))

His songs are performed by Luke Bryan, Andra Day, Gloria Estefan and others.

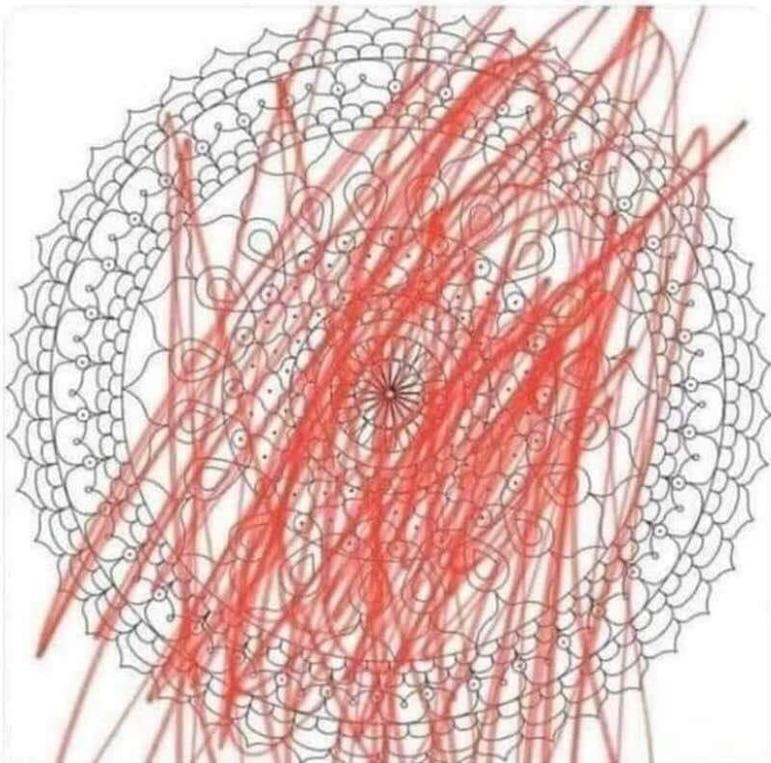
D. GEORGE CARLIN'S AMERICAN DREAM: Documentary premiere on Fri., May 20, and Sat., May 21, at 8 p.m. on HBO

A two-part dive into Carlin's nearly 50-year career in stand up.

7. Joke 2

It seems to have helped. And it has also enabled me to cut back on the amount of time I'm on Facebook because I'm now busy cranking out masterpieces like the one below. (Thanks, Carol Duermit, for sharing.)

I have started coloring to manage my stress and anxiety.



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: bjinbc@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 guitar version version from Sloan Dailey: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

THIS IS US fans and even those who aren't will get a kick out of this clip that unfortunately wasn't included in a recent episode: [Here](#). (Thanks, Beverly Cohen, for sharing.)

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

Note: THIS IS US ends its six-year run on Tues., May 24, so get your tissues ready!

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

(1) Elvis, "Cant Help Falling in Love," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns (5.15.22): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Jack Bruce: [Here](#).

(4) If any of of Neil's many fans and friend fans want to take his above advice , click this link to see Cream's farewell concert: [Here](#).

(5) Right on Time (64th GRAMMY Awards Performance): Brandi Carlile: [Here](#).

(6) Richard Shulman: A lovely ballad by Jimmy Van Heusen & Johnny Burke: Polkadots & Moonbeams: [Here](#).

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

Mental Floss is a super addicting online magazine with articles covering a really wide range of topics. To view it, click: [Here](#).

For example, in their "Big Questions" section, they tackle weirdly intriguing questions like why shells sound like the ocean and why yawns are contagious. Readers can even submit their own big questions.

And here's an interesting article I enjoyed reading: The Real Story of 'The Offer': When the Mob Protested 'The Godfather.'

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](#).

9. Technology tip

If a paywall prevents you from reading an article, take the first few words of an article and put them in quotes. Then do a Google search.

For example, I came across this article in THE WASHINGTON POST: More Republicans are working to undermine Trump endorsements.

It can be read by clicking: [Here](#).

But since I know that some folks can't read the article because of the paywall, I searched the headline via Google.

The results showed the above article, but also it also came from this source that all should be able to read: [Here](#).

Note: If you can't read something via a link in any issue of BLAINESWORLD, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put what you can't read in the subject line. I will do my best to see if I can get it to you.

10. Joke 3

Now that's hospitality!



11. A quote a I like

Thanks, Fred Ward (1942-2022) for your career as an American actor and producer. I especially admired the many diverse roles you played, including in such films as ESCPAE FROM ALCATRAZ, SOUTHERN COMFORT, THE RIGHT STUFF, THE PLAYER and SWING SHIFT. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).



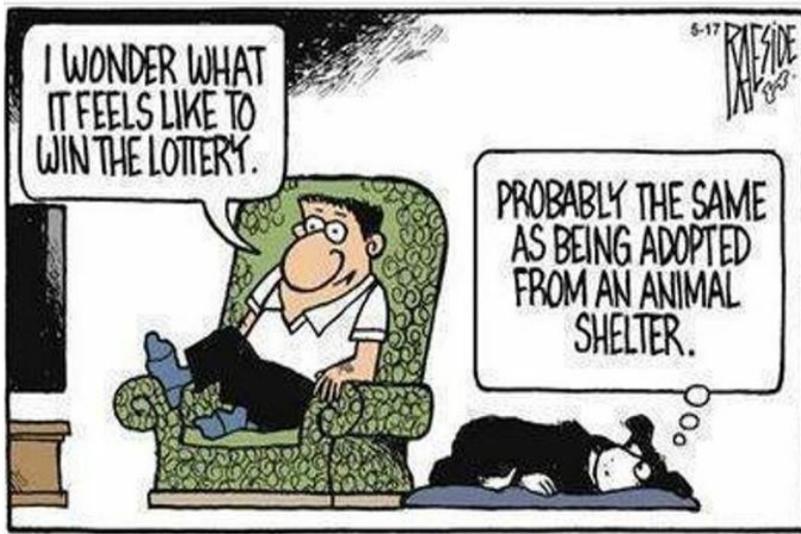
When you're a father, you know exactly where your heart really is. There's no question of it, no doubt. That part of your life has no second guessing.

— Fred Ward —

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12. Thought for the day

Cats think the darndest things ...



13. Advance planning department

For more information about the following events, please click: [Here](#).

A. Michelle Kuhnen: Health & Fitness Expo. B. Jeff Catanese: AS YOU LIKE IT. C. Mark Jones: MATILDA. D. Claire Daniel: ALL SHOOK UP. E. The Weaverville Center for Creative and Healthy Living: Benefit Concert for Ukraine.

PS. Make it a great week!
