
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 enjoyed our first visit to Leo's Italian Social in Biltmore Park Town Center in Asheville. We both found our veal Parmesan dishes (something you can't find at too many places) to be quite tasty, and the service was friendly. We also liked the decor. We will be back!



B. My bet is that you'll never attend a family reunion as funny as the one you'll see in THE RED VELVET CAKE WAR, now playing at Parkway Playhouse through June 11. ... All in the talented ensemble cast have lines that will cause you to laugh, so to make sure I don't miss anybody, I'll list them here: Melanie Veazey, Bonnie Allen-Thomas, Cary Nichols, Alesa Bryant, George Pfeffer, Jamie Knox, Jeremy Holden, Dakota Whitehead, Lily Bartleson and Roberta Whiteside. ... For tickets, click: [Here](#).



C. I went with my friend Chuck Fink for breakfast at Gemelli Asheville. This was another place I hadn't previously visited, and I found it quite good. (Photo by Chuck Fink.)



D. I hosted three BLAINESWORLD podcasts this past week. All can be found: [Here](#) on the indicated dates.

A. Top: 5.31.2023 - Marc Joseph, author of I DON'T WANT TO TURN 3.

B. Middle: 6.1.2023 - Barbie Angell--writer, actor, emcee, artist.

C. Bottom:6.2.2023 - Jack Lunn, comedian.



D. Hot off the press! ... See below for the humor column I write for THE FAIRVIEW TOWN CRIER ... To note: (1) If you live in the Fairview area and you have a short joke, riddle or funny quote, please send it to: bginbc@aol.com and put FAIRVIEW in the subject line. ... (2) If you'd like more to get more jokes, sign up for more jokes, etc., sign up for my BLAINESWORLD blog by clicking: [Here](#).

LAUGH TIME BLAINE GREENFIELD

Inkwell (n.): An accomplished tattooist

When my sister-in-law was a waitress in Canada, she was taking drink orders from a group of Americans. They each ordered a glass of white wine. When they ordered a second glass, she suggested they choose a LITRE instead. They spoke among themselves and one man put up his hand and said, "I'll be the leader."

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Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it most never use it.

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Driving, I saw the flash of a traffic camera. I figured my picture was taken for speeding, even though I was within the speed limit. To be sure, I went around the block and

passed again, driving more slowly. Again the camera flashed. Thinking this was pretty funny, I drove past even slower three more times. Two weeks later, I got five tickets in the mail for driving without a seatbelt.

I saw a study that said speaking in front of a crowd is the number one fear of the average person.

Number two was death. So to most people, if you have to be at a funeral, you would rather be in the casket than doing the eulogy.

—Jerry Seinfeld

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Readers are invited to submit funnies. Thanks, Ann Miller, for the following riddle:

**What kind of doctor do you think Dr. Pepper was?
A Fizzician.**



Blaine Greenfield hosts BLAINESWORLD, a podcast, and he publishes a blog with the same name. To send items for possible inclusion in a future issue, email bginbc@aol.com.

E. We attended a remembrance for the life of Dr. Meredith Polansky, Cynthia's doctor with Our Family Doctor.

Dr. Michael Weizman, her business partner, led it and spoke glowingly about her life, as did several of her friends and colleagues. And Penny White played a touching guitar tribute.

F. Announcing this week's ...

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

It goes to Will Redish (top photo), our friend and carpenter extraordinaire.

We have a beautiful deck, but could not allow our amazing cat Kismet on it for fear he would jump over the top.

Will was able to fence it in, so that it can now be safely enjoyed by Kismet, as well as by Cynthia (bottom photo).

He can be reached at 828.620.0516.



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

***** CONTEST #9 *****

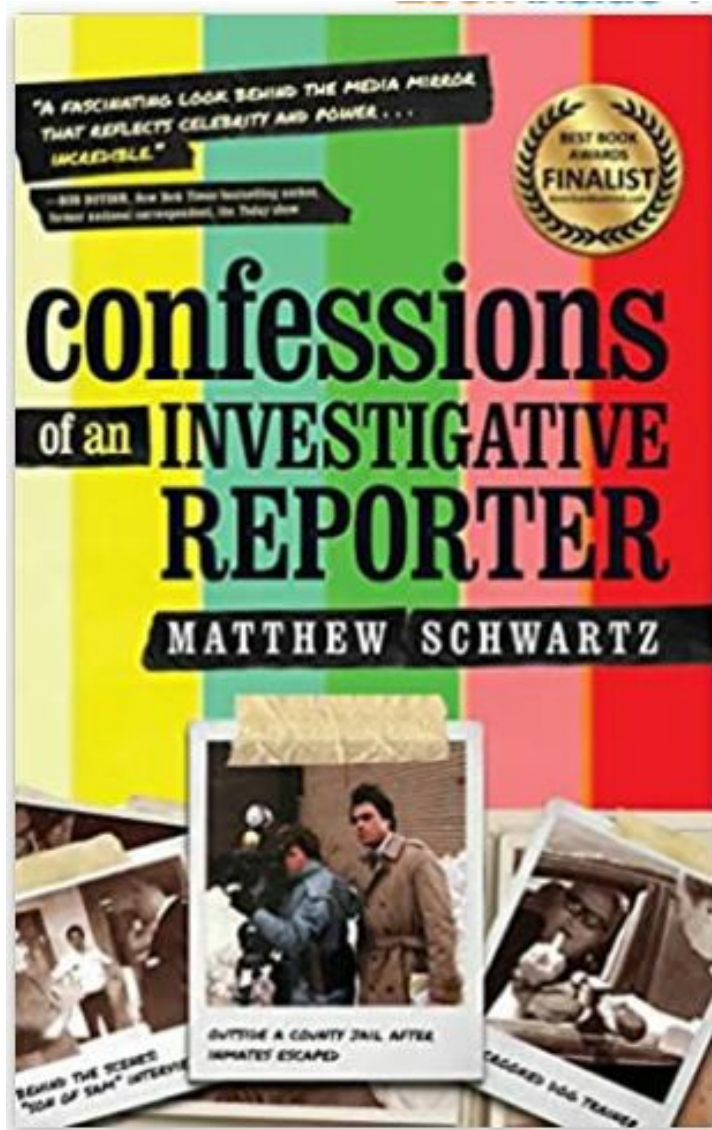
One lucky reader will win a copy of CONFESSIONS OF AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER by my friend Matthew Schwartz.

The author has had approximately 10,000 stories on television stations across the country for four decades. He has won more than 200 awards, including four New York Emmys and four regional Edward R. Murrow Awards for investigative reporting.

He did a half-dozen interviews with a real estate developer who was not yet well known outside New York: Donald Trump.

He went undercover to catch a car dealership rolling back odometers and selling the cars as new. He did a series on pets dying in airplane cargo holds. It led to a federal law making air travel safer for pets.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #9 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include your name and mailing address. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on June 5.



B. Please LIKE and SHARE the Facebook page for At the Café, the new musical written by Marcy Gallagher with music by Sarah Kohrs that will have its world premiere at The Tina McGuire Theater at The Wortham Center for the Performing Arts on August 18-20 and 25-27. For more information, click: [Here](#).

C. Want to be a guest on my BLAINESWORLD podcast, now seen on YouTube or you can listen to it on your favorite podcast player? 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.

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.

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

D. Are you interested in shows, concerts, 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](#).

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

3. FYI

For many, a 'natural death' may be preferable to enduring CPR
by Clayton Dalton

"Nurse refuses to perform CPR," read the caption on an ABC newscast in California. "911 dispatcher's pleas ignored." Several days earlier, an elderly woman at a senior living facility had gone into cardiac arrest. The dispatcher instructed an employee to perform CPR, or cardiopulmonary resuscitation. But the employee refused.

"Is there anybody there that's willing to help this lady and not let her die?" the dispatcher said. It made the local news, which elicited a national outcry and prompted a police investigation. But the woman was already dead — her heart had stopped. And according to family, the woman had wished to "die naturally and without any kind of life-prolonging intervention."

So why the controversy? It comes down to a widespread misconception of what CPR can, and can't, do. CPR can sometimes save lives, but it also has a dark side.

For the rest of this eye-opening article, click: [Here](#).

4. Joke 1

What a guy! (Thanks, Thomsen Guth, for sharing.)

HI DARLING!

USE MY ATM CARD, TAKE ANY
AMOUNT OUT, GO SHOPPING AND
TAKE YOUR FRIENDS FOR LUNCH

PIN CODE: $\int_0^1 \frac{(3x^3 - x^2 + 2x - 4) dx}{\sqrt{x^2 - 3x + 2}}$

I LOVE YOU HONEY



5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I were surprised that we liked ABOUT MY FATHER as much as we did, This comedy stars Sebastian Maniscalco (who also co-wrote the film) drawing on his own life material. He was very funny, as was Robert DeNiro as his father and David Rashe as the father of his girlfriend. ... Though we had seen too many of the scenes in the previews, we surprisingly found ourselves laughing again in the theater. ... Rated PG-13.

B. We liked revisiting 1992's MY COUSIN VINNY on Netflix even more. This courtroom comedy featured terrific performances from Joe Pesci and Marisa Tomei (who won an Oscar for her work), along with a supporting cast of such fine character actors as Fred Gwynne, Lane Smith, Austin Pendleton, Bruce McGill and Maury Chaykin. If you can find this one TV, watch it. ... Rated R, but a very mild R. Any mature teenager would surely enjoy it.

Note: I added MY COUSIN VINNY to my list of favorite films. If you'd like to get a copy, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

6. TV alert

A. LITTLE RICHARD: KING AND QUEEN OF ROCK 'N' ROLL: Now on PBS On Demand
The rock pioneer features interview with Keith Richards and Ringo Starr (whose bands used to be Little Richard's opening acts), the singer's spiritual adviser and, in never-before-broadcast audiotapes, Little Richard himself.

Note: You can also watch the above online by clicking: [Here](#).

B. 30 FOR 30: THE LUCKIEST GUY IN THE WORLD: Tues., June 6, at 8 p.m. on ESPN
Legendary director Steve James tells the tall but true tale of basketball Hall of Famer Bill Walton, 70, the Grateful Dead fan, activist and rule breaker who knows both the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat.

C. ANNA NICOLE SMITH: YOU DON'T KNOW ME: Now on Netflix
This documentary unearths never-before-seen footage, home movies and insiders who'd never spoken publicly to reveal the inner life of the model, actress and tabloid obsession born Vickie Lynn Hogan.

D. BARRY (Season 4): Now on HBO and HBO Max

Catch the final season of this inspired, touching, grisly comic thriller about a hit man (Bill Hader) sent to prison by his beloved acting teacher (Henry Winkler).

7. Joke 2

I've also wondered about this! (Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing.)



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 Trouvere: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Thanks!! And here's the YouTube link for the Daniel Craig spoof I told you about! It's s riot!: [Here](#). (Thanks, Brian Biro, for sharing.)

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

(1) The Four Tops - I can't help myself (sugar pie, honey bunch) , one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

Note: I remember this so fondly because it was the song my daughter danced to at her first recital.

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns (6.4.2023: [Here](#)).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: On May 27, 1957, Buddy Holly and the Crickets released the song That'll Be the Day. Holly had been kicking around his hometown in Lubbock, Texas trying to write a hit song for his small rockabilly band since he had attended an Elvis Presley gig at his High School sometime in 1955. His band in those days consisted of him on lead vocals and guitar, Jerry Allison on the drums, and Joe B. Maudlin on upright bass. He and Jerry decided to get together and go see The Searchers, a Western movie starring John Wayne. In the movie, Wayne keeps replying, "That'll be the day," every time another character in the film predicts or proclaims something will happen when he felt it was not likely to happen. The phrase stuck in Jerry's mind, and when they were hanging out at Jerry's house one night, Buddy looked at Jerry and said that it sure would be nice if they could record a hit song. Jerry replied with, "That'll be the day," imitating John

Wayne in the film.

For the song, click: [Here](#).

(4) On walking down stairs: [Here](#). (Thanks, Toni Sciacchitano Feedback, for sharing.)

And for more information on the above walk, click: [Here](#).

(5) Andy Goldberg: "The Pesach Blues": [Here](#). (Thanks, Chuck Fink, for sharing.)

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

Discover the cosmos from the best of the best with NASA's Astronomy Picture of the Day. You'll get to see a stunning photo of space while also learning something with the explorative caption underneath. To view, click: [Here](#).

E. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running . . . to view it, please click: [Here](#).

F. Are you on Facebook? If so, please friend me by clicking: [Here](#).

Note: As you may recall having recently read, I was hacked while on Facebook. So some of you might no longer be on my friends list. (What a revolting development!)

That is why I'm making the this request.

9. Technology tip

If you get a number sent via text, always be skeptical about it. And then check it before taking any action.

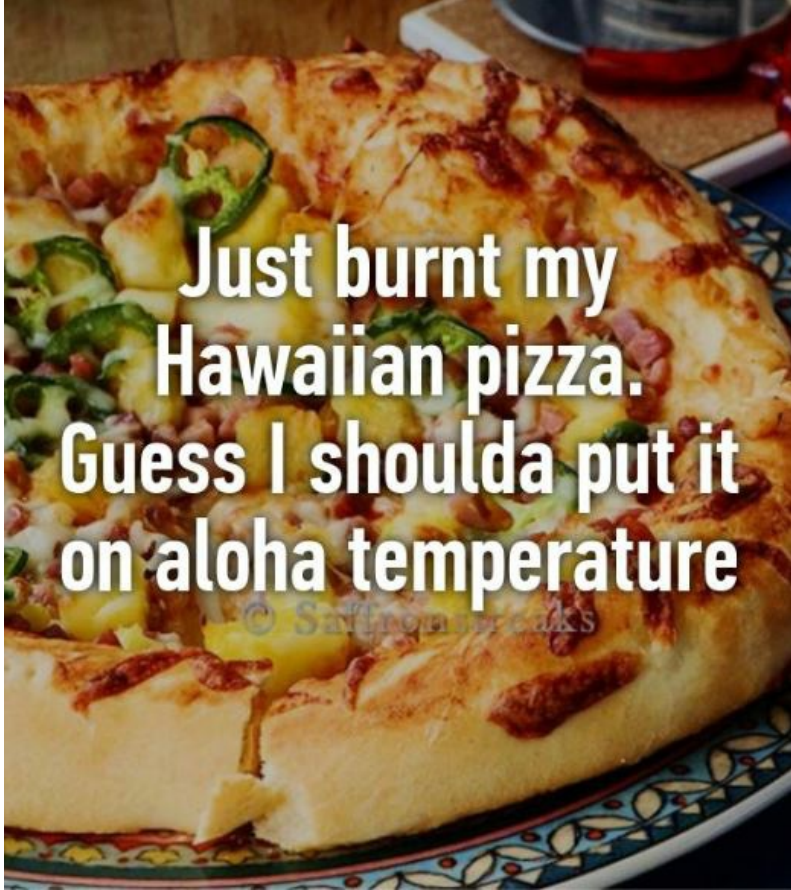
Recently, I received a text from what said it was USPS. This was the number that was in the text: 1.480.359.1452.

I knew this was garbage, but so I could tell you what happened, I did a Google search on that number.

Turns out there was no such number listed via Google. But had I actually dialed it, I would have been taken to some place that could have caused damage to my computer and/or bank account.

10. Joke 3

I really lava this kind ...



11. A quote I like

Thanks, George Maharis (1928-2023), for an American actor, singer and artist who portrayed Buz Murdock in the first three seasons of the TV series Route 66. Maharis also recorded numerous pop music albums at the height of his fame, and he later starred in the TV series The Most Deadly Game. For more information about his life, click: <https://tinyurl.com/5t4kejfx>.

"You learn to draw from your own life experiences and allow that to serve you as you play a character. It encourages you to be daring, fresh, not repetitive, and it draws you away from imitating. The end result is that your work is honest and believable because you're connected to what you're doing."--George Maharis



12. Thought for the day

Soooo true. ... And we also need to stop telling folks to have a happy Memorial Day; instead, remind them to make it a grateful one!



PS. Make it a great day!

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