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# BLAINESWORLD

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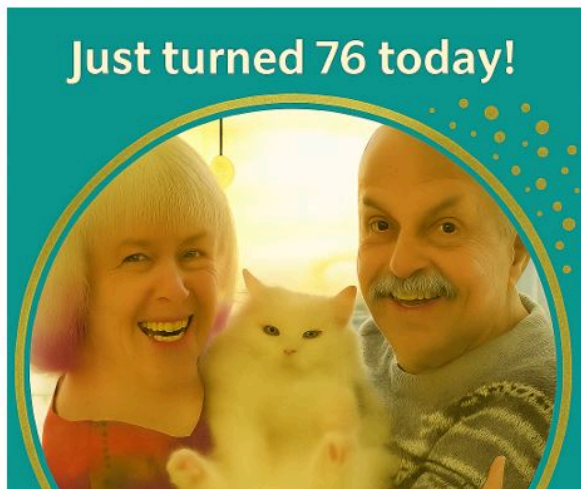
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## 1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I were blessed to be able to spend my birthday (June 14) together. I feel grateful for having both her and Kismet by my side--and for the love that surrounds me from all the readers of this missive. Appreciate you all.



Cynthia, my beautiful bride,  
still looks amazing  
and Kismet hasn't aged a day.  
Me? I now make  
more creaking sounds  
than our floorboards.

B. To y'all ...

Thanks for remembering my birthday.  
If a man's wealth is measured by the  
quality and quantity of his friends,  
then I'm truly rich—especially with  
you as part of my portfolio!

C. We got to celebrate the occasion with some nearby friends and delicious pizza from Piazza where we received friendly service from Kyle.



D. And afterward, the two of us had some tasty Hilltop Ice Cream, served by the oh-so friendly Emma Grace.



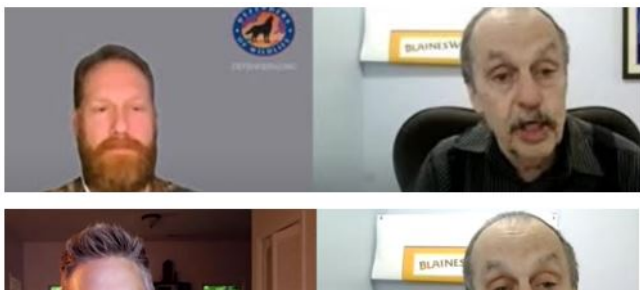


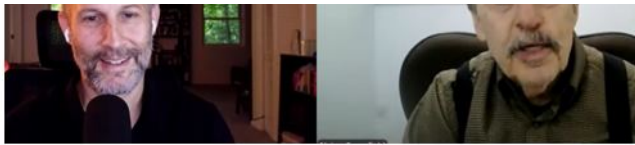
E. Kismet, our amazing Ragdoll cat, insisted this sign go on the front door. Trespassers will be hissed at. You've been warned.



F. I hosted three BLAINESWORLD webcasts this past week. They can be viewed at: <https://www.blaineworld.net/>.

- (1) Top: 6.9.2025 - Ben Prater, Southeast Program Director at Defenders of Wildlife
- (2) Middle: 6.10.2025 - Aaron Wesley Means--Owner & CEO, ACTIVATE Business Solutions
- (3) Bottom: 6.14.2025 - Eric Martinez and Mark Jones discuss Thrill Me





G. Announcing this week's ...

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

It goes to the Rothco Crossbody Canvas Sling Bag.

This sling bag combines both style and function, this and it keeps my everyday essentials in order and makes them easily accessible.

Now I don't have to continually search for my phone, keys, wallet, glasses, pen and pad, etc. They are all in this one convenient location.

I'm loving it!

For more information, click:

[Here.](#)

(Thanks, Tom Gallagher, for the recommendation.)



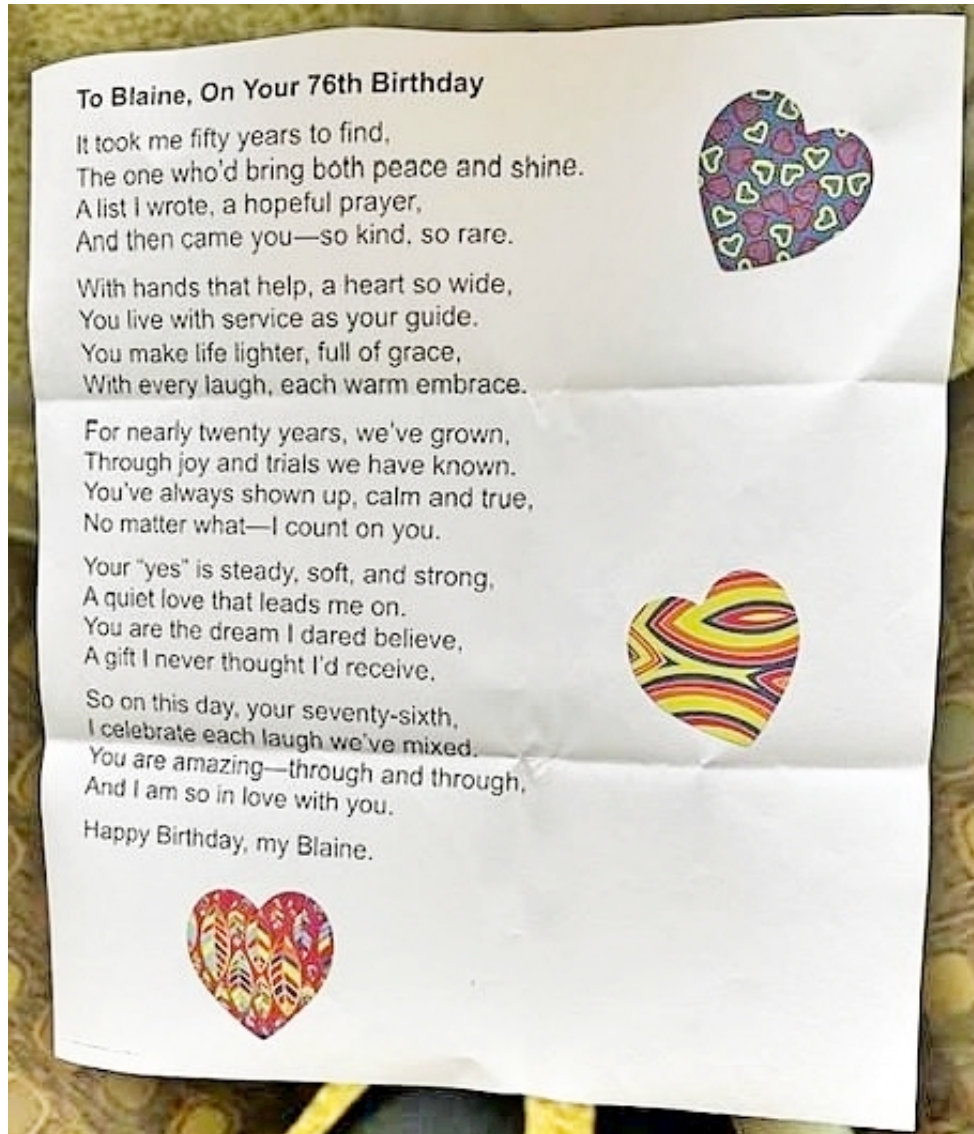
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2. Cynthia's Corner

Yesterday was Blaine's birthday. In preparation for next week's theme—Love—I'd like to share a poem I wrote for him to celebrate his birthday. If I had to capture who Blaine is to me in a single phrase, it would be: "constant presence, commitment and love."

As a way of honoring our beloved Blaine, I invite you to send me a phrase or sentence that expresses who he is for you or what this newsletter means to you. You can email your submission to [cgreenfield1001@aol.com](mailto:cgreenfield1001@aol.com).

Below is my poem for Blaine:



Warmly,  
Cynthia (Greenfield)

PS. In preparation for the topic of Love for next week, see this heart-warming video of Kids' Hilarious Definitions of Love: [Here](#).

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### 3. Invites

A. Introducing ...

\*\*\*\*\* CONTEST #8 \*\*\*\*\*

One lucky reader will win a copy of Poems of The Laughing Buddha by Jane Mala Robbins.

To quote from the Amazon description about the book:

This unique, funny and inspiring book of poems documents the poet's journey into greater and greater joy as she spends more time with her statue of the Laughing Buddha. "She practically dares the universe to bring her down, and it cannot do so. In poem after poem, laughter triumphs over whatever comes her way. It is a literate, knowing laughter," that will set the reader "smiling, then laughing, then seeing, then smiling a deeper kind of smile." Jane Marla Robbins is a National Endowment of the Arts Poetry Grant finalist.

To enter the contest, send an email to: [bgjnc@aol.com](mailto:bgjnc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #8 in the subject line. Include in the body of the email your name and mailing address, so that if you win, Moe can send you a copy of this book. Entries must be received on or before the 9 p.m. on Mon., June 30.

Note: Gladys Podhurst and Catherine Yael Serota were the winners of Contest #7, an autographed copy of Sovereign Oak by my friend Moe Davis. All told, there were seven entries.

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. Send an email to: [bgjnc@aol.com](mailto:bgjnc@aol.com), if interested, and put WEBCAST in the subject line. And for more information, click: <https://www.blaineworld.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.

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.

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#### 4. FYI

A. Why Ignoring This Dot on Your Tire Could Be a Big Mistake  
by Jake Manning

When you buy new tires, you might notice small red and yellow dots on the sidewalls. These dots are not just random marks or indicators of any discounts or defects.

Instead, they serve a very specific purpose in the installation and balancing of tires.

For many drivers, understanding what these dots mean can be the key to maintaining comfort and safety on the road.

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

(Thanks, Dana Kagan, for sharing.)





B. Want to travel the world, drink coffee, and TikTok about it?:

[Here](#)

(Thanks. Cyd Dawson, for sharing.)

C. The #1 Fruit to Eat for Better Heart Health, According to a Cardiologist:

[Here](#)

D. Don't 'feel guilty' for spending on these 8 things, says expert:

[Here](#)

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

[Here](#)

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## 5. Joke 1

Just in time: A Dad joke for y'all to enjoy on Father's Day! My hope is that you get to share it with your father—if you're blessed to still have him with you—or at least take a moment to think about him. And as you do, be sure to read "A Dad Defends Dad Jokes" by clicking here: <https://tinyurl.com/98v8mwe2>.



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## 6. Reviews

A. The Last Rodeo delivers a stirring and heartfelt ride, anchored by compelling performances from Neal McDonough as aging bull-rider-turned-grandfather Joe Wainwright, Mykelti Williamson bringing warmth and humor as his level friend Charlie Williams, Sarah Jones as his steadfast daughter Sally, and Christopher

humor as his loyal friend Charlie Williams, Sarah Jones as his steadfast daughter Sally, and Christopher McDonald as the slick official Jimmy Mack. The film blends grit and emotion, capturing the dust and danger of the arena without sacrificing its touching family drama, as Joe risks everything—including his pride—to save his grandson. Though the pacing and plot lean on familiar dramatic beats, the authentic rodeo sequences elevate the experience, making it both tender and thrilling. We saw it at the Regal Biltmore Grande. Rated PG.

B. *The Golden Voice* on Amazon Prime is a poignant, music-driven drama led by a powerful turn from Nick Nolte as Barry, a weathered Vietnam vet who pulls young street singer KJ (Dharon Jones) back from the brink through their shared love of music and deepening friendship. Nolte's gravelly performance and Jones's soulful, heartfelt singing blend beautifully, anchoring a story that entertains as it uplifts. Though the narrative occasionally dips into sentimentality and treads familiar beats of mentorship and redemption, its sincerity and the chemistry between its two leads help it transcend clichés. The film's 86-minute runtime keeps it lean and focused, leaving a resonant, hopeful afterglow. Rated NR. (Thanks, Ken Greenfield, for the recommendation.)

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## 7. TV Alert

### A. FUBAR, Season 2 (Netflix)

CIA spy Luke (Arnold Schwarzenegger, 77) had always kept his family in the dark about his hush-hush job, but found out last season that his daughter (Monica Barbaro) is secretly a spy too. His old flame (The Matrix's Carrie-Anne Moss, 57), an ex-East German spy, is back in his life.

### B. *Grey's Anatomy*, Season 21 (Netflix)

In the latest season of the hit medical drama, star Ellen Pompeo, 55, returns in episodes that pack in everything from a hospital hostage situation to a cast member's pregnancy to a more sober-minded storyline about Alzheimer's research.

### C. *The Chosen*, Season 5 (Amazon Prime)

The faith-based phenomenon watched by 280 million worldwide is ready to follow Jonathan Roumie's Jesus into Jerusalem for his final days before the crucifixion.

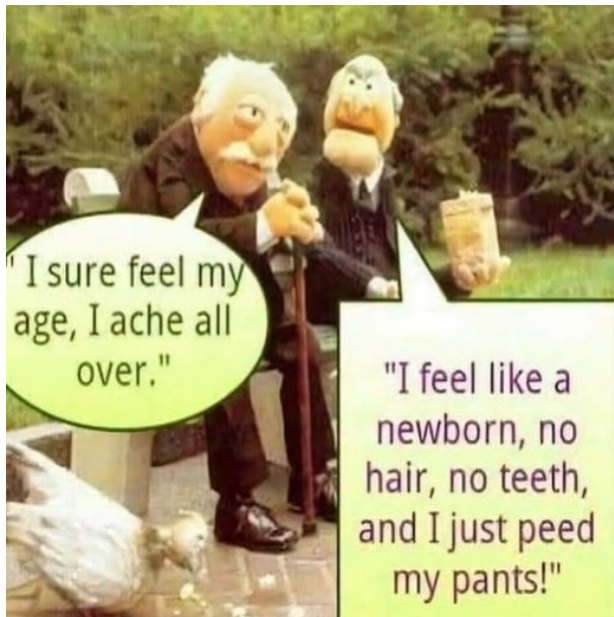
### D. *Joy in the Morning*: (Tuner Classic Movies) on Tuesday, June 17, at 12 a.m.

A law student (Richard Chamberlain) and his bride (Yvette Mimieux) try to build a life together despite her fear of intimacy.

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## 8. Joke 2

These two guys remind me of the classic saying I discuss with friends my age: once an adult, twice a child.



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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, you heard a cover from Adonis Vowsen by clicking:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0S\\_uGHQR7p4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0S_uGHQR7p4).

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

Let's Dance - Chris Montez

Rock and roll dance scene from the movie: UNTAMED YOUTH (1957). Starring: Mamie Van Doren, Lori Nelson and John Russel.

To view these, click:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYb4W7vp\\_u4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYb4W7vp_u4).

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

(1) Pete Seeger and Theodore Bikel sing "Last Night I Had the Strangest Dream." See why when you click the following link:

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

and pay special attention to the second lyric: "The world had all agreed to put an end to war."

(Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing.)

(2) Howard Smith Jr.: Hymns (6.15.2025):

<https://www.facebook.com/hs.smith.73/videos/1454310879341502>

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: The Rolling Stones:

<https://www.facebook.com/neilratnerrockdoc/videos/1299781428230814>

(4) Thanks for the reminder, Neil, of why "Miss You" is on the list from Rolling Stones of The 500 Greatest Songs of All Time. Your many fans and friends can see why by clicking: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hic-dnps6MU&list=RDhic-dnps6MU&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hic-dnps6MU&list=RDhic-dnps6MU&start_radio=1).

(5) Michael Bublé - Forever Now [Official Music Video with Lyrics]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRvYu5oOXF0>

(Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

(6) What it's like being a guy in a relationship?:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DJxB3B0SX69/>

(Thanks, Dan Becker, for sharing.)

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

Internet Live Stats is a super cool site that shows you internet stats as they happen. You can access live stats with just a few clicks. It's got live counters for all sorts of things like how many websites are up, tweets going out, Google searches happening, YouTube videos are getting watched and emails are being sent--all ticking up right before your eye.

To check it out yourself, click:

<https://www.internetlivestats.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 sending one to Blaine Greenfield or clicking:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100092574177872>.

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## 10. Technology Tip

The Best Speech-to-Text Apps and Tools for 2025

by Justin Pöt

Typing isn't easy or even possible for everyone, which is why many prefer to simply talk. Speech-to-text software, also sometimes called dictation software, can help with that; it turns what you say into typed text. You likely don't need to install software to dictate text to your computer or phone either since every major operating system has a speech-to-text feature that works just about as well as anything else on the market. Here, we point out where to find these features on your devices and discuss a powerful commercial product with more features. Below are the best apps and tools we evaluated.

For the rest of this informative article, click:

[https://www.pcmag.com/picks/best-speech-to-text-apps-and-tools?test\\_uuid=02LIF0iWksilxYTJVF8uH5y&test\\_variant=B](https://www.pcmag.com/picks/best-speech-to-text-apps-and-tools?test_uuid=02LIF0iWksilxYTJVF8uH5y&test_variant=B).

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### 11. Joke 3

This has me writing a note to myself: "Self, never forget our anniversary again."

**My wife took up gardening.**

**I wonder what she's going to plant.**



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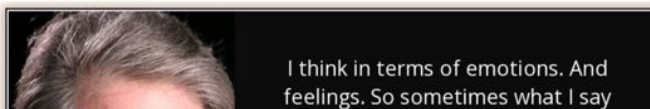
### 12. Two Quotes I Like

A. Top: Thanks, Brian Wilson (1942-2025), for your career as an American musician, songwriter, singer and record producer who co-founded the Beach Boys. Often called a genius for his novel approaches to pop composition and mastery of recording techniques, he is widely acknowledged as one of the most innovative and significant songwriters of the 20th century. In 2017, his song "I Get Around" was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame. For more information about his life, click:

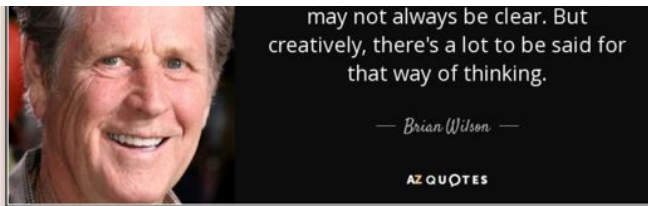
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/crmkyn981zvo>.

B. Bottom: Thanks, Sly Stone (1943-2025), for your career as an an American musician, songwriter and record producer. He was the frontman of Sly and the Family Stone, playing a critical role in the development of psychedelic soul and funk with his pioneering fusion of soul, rock, psychedelia and gospel in the 1960s and 1970s. In 1993, he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as a member of the group. For more information about his life, click:

<https://www.npr.org/2025/06/09/1209525990/sly-stone-obituary>.



I think in terms of emotions. And feelings. So sometimes what I say



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### 13. Thought For The Day

Understanding Dad. A Father's Day Gift to YOU!  
by Brian Biro

The love we fail to share is the only pain we live with.

My Dad, Louis Biro, passed away quietly recently at the age of 94. I held his hand as he took his last breath and gently joined my mom in eternal peace. She passed away in September of 2023. They had been married for 71 years. The night before he passed, Dad said mom had come to see him and told him she was waiting for him. He had never said anything like that before in his long life. I know they are together again without pain, probably enjoying my mom's incredible cinnamon rolls! I felt the strangest combination of sadness and joy as Dad let go. The sadness emanated from the end of the remarkable journey we had traveled together. The joy came from knowing that this was what he wanted, that he was complete.

With Father's Day this Sunday, I want to share the story of the journey of understanding my dad and I traveled. I tell this story often in my keynotes because I have come to know that so many of us have a similar story. Every time I tell it, someone comes up to me after the presentation to tell me they had a dad very much like mine and that hearing about our healing inspired them to heal their relationship and to find peace.

So, this story is my Father's Day gift to you today.

To read it, please click:

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/understanding-dad-fathers-day-gift-you-brian-kyqme/?trackingId=XD72GAQupzRoRKUzGg9Ctg%3D%3D>.

(Thanks, Brian Biro, for sharing.)





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

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