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## BLAINESWORLD

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### 1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I loved seeing the following show. What follows is what I thought about it.

Review: Disney's The Little Mermaid Enchants at Asheville Community Theatre

This high-energy production of The Little Mermaid shines from start to finish. Directed and choreographed by the ever-resourceful Zoe Zelonky--who even stepped into roles when needed--the show is a seamless blend of heart, humor, and spectacle, elevated by Shua Scilex's expert music direction.

Morgan Miller shines as Ariel, capturing the character's longing and wonder with a stunning voice. Jacob Springfield is a charming Prince Eric, and Dwight Chiles makes Ursula gloriously wicked and unforgettable. Scott Cameron brings authority and warmth to King Triton, River Spade delights as a spirited Sebastian, and Alyssa Freeman lights up the stage as the quirky and lovable Scuttle.

In supporting roles, Pierce Besler is a lovable Flounder, Lupe Perez a perfectly proper Grimsby, and Samantha S. Grady nearly steals the show as Chef Louis, aided by a perfectly theatrical mustache that seems to have a personality of its own. Quinn Terry and Leksykhana Jordan, as Jetsam and Flotsam, slither in sync with mesmerizing style.

The Mersisters--played by Mia Brown, Naimah Coleman, Bex Cran(dall)Mike, Sam Greene, Arizona Hall, and Amanda Little--bring flair, harmony, and personality to every scene. They're backed by a dynamic ensemble of 24 performers who fill the stage with nonstop energy.

Visually, audiences are treated to a feast for the eyes. Jill Summers' imaginative set and Fable Wilde Day's fabulous costumes, hair, and makeup transport viewers from ocean depths to palace halls.

Catch this dazzling production before it swims away on July 6. You'll leave smiling, singing, and dreaming of life under the sea.

For tickets, click:  
<https://tinyurl.com/5n7mrvuu>.



B. Afterward, we had some tasty pizza at Mellow Mushroom.



C. Review: "Thrill Me" at The Bebe Theatre Is Not to Be Missed

Dark, gripping and chillingly intimate, Thrill Me: The Leopold & Loeb Story delivers a knockout night of chilling theater. With a haunting score by Stephen Dolginoff and razor-sharp direction by Mark Jones, this 85-minute musical dives deep into the twisted relationship behind one of the most infamous murders of the 20th century.

Eric Martinez (Nathan) and Corey Link (Richard) are magnetic as the obsessive Leopold and the manipulative Loeb, backed by John Crawley's evocative live piano. Their chemistry is electric--equal parts love, control and danger.

...anger...

The minimalist staging heightens the tension, with Claire Daniel's moody lighting and Laura Fuller's seamless stage management making every moment count.

If you're a fan of Netflix-style true crime, you'll be hooked from the first note. Don't miss this tightly wound thriller that explores the dark edges of desire, power and manipulation.

The show runs through June 29. For tickets:

<https://tinyurl.com/47z7ev7r>.



D. We like the warmer weather, in that it enables us to get out more often .... and see such friends as Steve White and David Horwitz at Hilltop Ice Cream Shop. We so miss seeing them whenever we went to Grail Moviehouse ... and are hopeful that their establishment (destroyed by Hurricane Helene) can soon find a new location.

Note: You won't be disappointed if you can get to Hilltop, which now has two great locations. For more information about its new store in North Asheville, click:

<https://www.citizen-times.com/story/life/2025/06/03/hilltop-ice-cream-opens-shop-in-north-asheville-in-time-for-the-summer/83990437007/>.



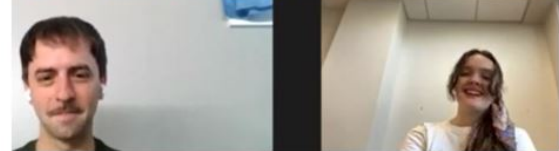
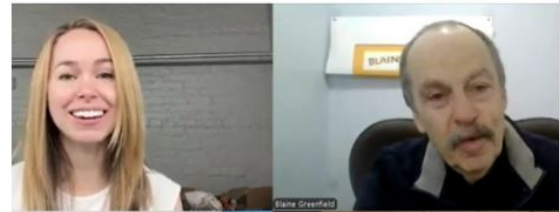
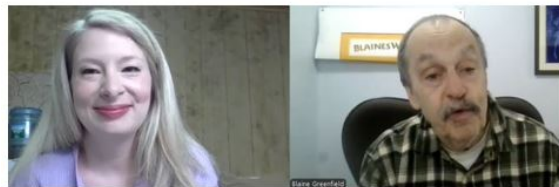


E. I had the pleasure of hosting three BLAINESWORLD webcasts this past week, They can be found at: [www.blaineworld.net](http://www.blaineworld.net).

A. Top: 6.15.2025 - Beth Russo--Founder & Director of "People Who Help"

B. Middle: 6.17.2025 - Jenny Martin--Director, Matilda the Musical

C. Bottom: 6.20.2025 - Amanda Hargen, Cody Brown and Katie Parsons discuss The Stinky Cheese Man



F. Congratulations to:

(1) Dallas Mckinney on his new job as District Manager for Spirit Halloween where he'll be running four stores.

(2) Christine Hagedorn on her promotion to Associate Professor at Rosemont College.

G. Announcing this week's ...

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

It goes to Miguel Pena, a service representative at Paramount Kia of Asheville.

We have done all the service for Cynthia's car ever since she got it several years ago.

All those we have encountered have been both friendly and helpful.

Miguel is relatively new there. We have been especially impressed by both his winning smile and enthusiasm.

And just the other day, he did something that might not sound like a big deal--but it was to us. We were putting Cynthia's walker into the trunk when he walked over and helped us. (Actually, he did more than help

us. He was the one who put it into the trunk.)

We had finished our paperwork and were getting ready to leave. So there was no real reason for Miguel to do what he did. His thoughtfulness was much appreciated.

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## 2. Cynthia's Corner

LOVE

What is it?

My thoughts:

It is a full, warm, delightful heart space—not something you can touch.

Elusive, but very real.

Like death and God.

Here are some definitions of love by children:

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth."--Billy, 4

"Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day."--Noelle, 7

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she could not bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That is love."--Rebecca, 8

Now, the answer to the question "What is love?" from friends and family of mine:

"Experiencing interbeing. I am in you and you are in me. The world as one... in that space, a place of huge generosity and love."--Padma

"Being and doing without trying."--Lisa

Tired-Ass Love

People say "love" too much. They mean "like."

Like is easy. Love is doing the hard shit when you'd rather slam the door.

Love is one tired ass showing up for another tired ass.

That's it!--Socorro

"Sitting on my couch with my dogs."--Bonnie

"Unconditional commitment."--Bonnie

"Putting someone before yourself. Taking care of their needs before taking care of yourself."--Berta

"Connection."—Michele

"Caring so deeply for another person or people that you want everything good for them: their health, happiness, success, satisfaction, etc.—with every aspect of their lives and in every moment. And not just for them, but for the people they love too."--Jenn

"Opening one's heart to another."--Bonnie

"Never to say sorry."--Edina

"A feeling that puts a smile on your face."--Blaine

"It whispers to keep on going, especially when you are sure you cannot. And not giving up on anyone or anything."--Ellane

"Sharing and having a soulmate you trust, and enjoying life together." —Sandy

"Unconditional—and the highest vibrational frequency of the universe." —Walela

"Where there is love, there is life."--Gandhi (shared by Francie)

"Showing your whole self, knowing it is safe."--Kat

"Laughing together, surrender, sharing or sacrifice for another.  
When all is said and done, love is best said without words."--Karen

"Soft as an easy chair."--Cappy

"Overwhelming with purity, selflessness, kindness, and truth."--Jessica

"Trusting my partner with my deepest thoughts."--Tom

"Love is acceptance. Not sure how to answer. I asked a woman who is a poet. She said. "Love is a verb."--  
Lavelle

Compassion."--Ken

And now, a video you will enjoy and may already be familiar with:  
All You Need is Love by The Beatles:

[Here](#)

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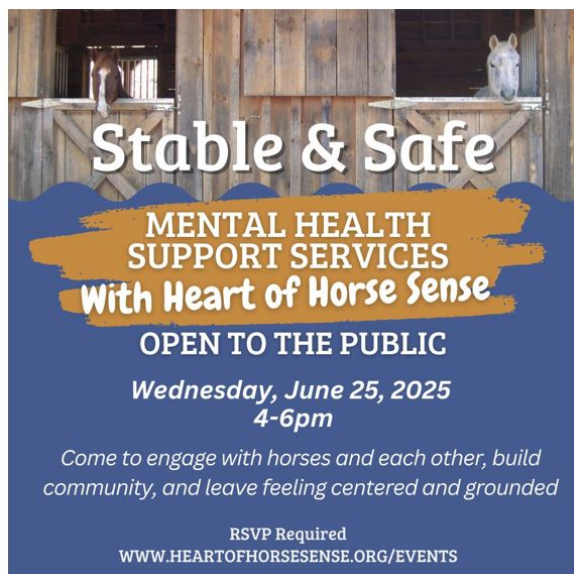
P.S. Please respond to this column with your own definition of love. I would love to hear from you.



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### 3. Invites

A. Thanks, Cappy Tosetti, for sharing this:



B. Reminder about ...

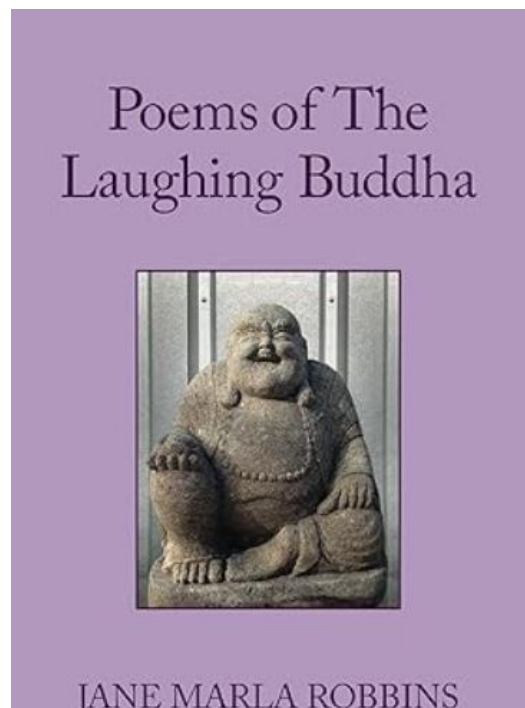
\*\*\*\*\* CONTEST #8 \*\*\*\*\*

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: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@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, I can send you a copy of this book. Entries must be received on or before the 9 p.m. on Mon., June 30.



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

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.

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: <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. 2 Asheville parking garages to close in late summer for improvement project work:  
[Here](#)

B. 5 clever scams spreading now  
by Kim Komando

Lately, I've had way too many calls on my shows from people who have lost thousands (sometimes hundreds of thousands) to scams. These are so cleverly evil, it's like Ocean's Eleven but starring a dude with three Instagram followers and a ChatGPT subscription.

You see, we're way past scam emails from sketchy Nigerian princes. Today's scams are slick, personalized and powered by scary-good tech like AI voice cloning and deepfakes. And yep, people fall for them every single day.

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

C. Couples Who Cuddle at Bedtime Have Lower Stress And Feel More Secure:  
[Here](#)

(Thanks, Cynthia Greenfield, for sharing.)

D. The MIND diet may help reduce Alzheimer's risk, a large study shows:  
[Here](#)

E. 12 Uses For Vaseline That Go Beyond Soothing Chapped Lips:  
[Here](#).

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#### 5. Joke 1

Not the sharpest mind in the room--but arguably the strongest.





"What did you take away from the meeting?"

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## 6. Reviews

A. Tyler Perry's *Straw*, now streaming on Netflix, is a tense and timely psychological thriller. Taraji P. Henson delivers a gripping performance as Janiyah, a desperate single mother pushed to the edge while trying to save her critically ill daughter. It's a powerful, emotional ride that keeps you guessing until the end. Rated R for language, thematic elements, and some violence.

B. Streaming on Netflix through June 30, *Crazy, Stupid, Love* is a sharp, funny, and heartfelt romantic comedy that hits all the right notes. Steve Carell shines as a newly single man navigating love with the help of a suave mentor played by Ryan Gosling, who nearly steals the show. With a stellar cast and smart writing, it's as charming as it is clever. Rated PG-13 for coarse humor, sexual content, and language.

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## 7. TV Alert

A. Justin Willman *Magic Lover*: Netflix

Willman conjures up laughs in a special where comedy and magic collide. Cynthia and I both thought it was pretty cool. (Thanks, Hara Sitnick, for the recommendation.)

B. *The Mothers of Penguins*: Netflix

This drama is a heartfelt look at the struggles and triumphs of mothers raising children with disabilities. We both enjoyed the series and hope there is a Season 2.

C. *The Gilded Age*, Season 3: Max

Carrie Coon stars as upwardly mobile Bertha, trying to marry off her daughter--but the youngster has silly newfangled ideas about marrying for love. Joining the cast: Phylicia Rashad, 76, and Leslie Uggams, 82, as snooty Newport matriarchs and Andrea Martin, 78, as Madame Dashkova.

D. *Titan: The OceanGate Submersible Disaster*: Netflix

Another day, another must-see Netflix documentary, a deep-dive exploration into the disastrous 2023 journey of the undersea submersible *Titan*, which promised big-spending adventure tourists a close-up glimpse of the sunken wreckage of *Titanic*.

E. *Countdown*, Season 1: Amazon Prime

Jensen Ackles (*Supernatural*) stars as an LAPD detective recruited for a secret task force (led by *Grey's Anatomy* alum Eric Dane, 52) drawing in undercover agents from multiple agencies.

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## 8. Joke 2

And letting y'all know about that fact because of this advice from Ken Blanchard: "If you don't toot your own horn, someone else will use it as a spittoon." (Thanks, Jimmy Ferraro, for sharing.)

**Not to brag or**

**anything, but  
I got the high  
score on my  
scale today.**

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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 can see a fantastic cover from The Piano Guys 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

Not just one, but two of the funniest clips you'll ever see!

(1) Sid Caesar performs Auto Smashup with Imogene Coca: [Here](#)

(2) Sid Caesar Performs Health Food Restaurant with Howard Morris, Imogene Coca, and Carl Reiner: [Here](#)

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

(1) Lou Christie: "I'm Gonna Make You Mine," one of my favorites: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLFzep6BsXM>

Note: Christie recently passed away. See Sect. 12A for more details.

(2) Howard Smith Jr.: Hymns (6.22.2025): <https://www.facebook.com/hs.smith.73/videos/1783765352564161>

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Harry Nilsson: <https://www.facebook.com/neilratnerrockdoc/videos/1659514321429175>

(4) Thanks, Neil, for having me revisit Nilsson's "Everybody's Talkin'." If your many fans and friends want to do the same, they can do so by clicking" [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kznTMxOsxo&list=RD9kznTMxOsxo&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kznTMxOsxo&list=RD9kznTMxOsxo&start_radio=1).

(5) Bob is soooo cool: <https://www.instagram.com/p/DK8mf2appNo/>

(Thanks, JP Reavely, for sharing.)

(6) Audition tip from Sean Astin: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/24578967318376247>

(Thanks, Charlie Wilson, for sharing.)

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

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Falling Falling is a weird website with oddly relaxing visuals. The walls of colors collapse one after the other, changing shades as they approach the bottom of the computer screen. An unsettling sound also plays when you click on the page.

To see for yourself, click:

<https://www.fallingfalling.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

Tech that rescues your family lore  
by Kim Komando

That's my dad in the photo. I used a tool called Remini (more about it below) to sharpen and enhance the image. Pretty amazing, right? The original is on the left, and the clearer, AI-upgraded version is on the right.

I bet you probably have boxes (or albums or old hard drives) full of family photos, some faded, some scratched and some that never made it past black and white. But here's the thing, they're priceless. They're time machines. And right now, they're just degrading.

That's where tech comes in, and the tools out there now are incredible. You can bring your old photos back to life with just a few taps. I'm talking full color, restored detail, even animation.

For more information about this amazing technology, click:

[Here](#).



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## 11. Joke 3

The husband finished reading a new book called YOU CAN BE THE MAN OF THE HOUSE.

He found his wife and announced, "From now on, you need to know that I am the man of this house, and my word is law. You will prepare me a gourmet meal tonight, and when I'm finished, you will serve me a sumptuous dessert. After dinner, you are going to go upstairs, and we will have the kind of fun that I want. Afterward, you are going to draw me a bath and wash my back, towel me dry and bring me my robe. You'll then massage my feet and hands. And tomorrow, guess who's going to dress me and comb my hair?"

The wife replied, "The damn funeral director would be my first guess."





## 12. Two Quotes I Like

A. Top: Thanks, Lou Christie (1943-2025), for your career as an American pop and soft rock singer-songwriter widely known for hits in the 1960s, including his 1966 U.S. chart-topper "Lightnin' Strikes" and 1969 UK number two hit "I'm Gonna Make You Mine." For more information about his life, click: [https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/20/arts/music/lou-christie-dead.html?unlocked\\_article\\_code=1.Q08.lJwu.0q1CfD3u9JJu&smid=url-share](https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/20/arts/music/lou-christie-dead.html?unlocked_article_code=1.Q08.lJwu.0q1CfD3u9JJu&smid=url-share).

Note: To see Christie perform "I'm Gonna Make Your Mine," click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLFzep6BsxM>.

B. Bottom: Thanks, Gunilla Knutsson (1940-2025), for your career as a Swedish actress, model, author and beauty pageant titleholder who was crowned Miss Sweden 1961 and was a semi-finalist in the Miss Universe 1961 pageant. She is most famous for a series of Noxzema medicated shaving cream commercials from 1967 to 1973. For more information about her life, click: [https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/20/arts/television/gunilla-knutson-dead.html?unlocked\\_article\\_code=1.Q08.yKQu.XOn0H9aCjD2T&smid=url-share](https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/20/arts/television/gunilla-knutson-dead.html?unlocked_article_code=1.Q08.yKQu.XOn0H9aCjD2T&smid=url-share).

Note: To see Knutsson in one of the Noxzema commercials, click: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EkpGM\\_MvZ2Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EkpGM_MvZ2Y).

**"I've always been between the cracks of rock 'n' roll, I felt. The missing link."--Lou Christie**



**"Take it off. Take it all off."--Gunilla Knutsson**





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### 13. Thought For The Day

Can you make a difference in somebody's life?

See how the Asheville Police Department did so recently when it partnered with the Make-A-Wish Foundation to help bring one child's dream a reality.

To find out more, please view this clip:  
[Here.](#)

(Thanks, Cappy Tosetti, for sharing.)



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