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## 1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I are grateful to Clark Aycock (and THE FAIRVIEW TOWN CRIER), for this article about us. Don't try to read the article by looking at it below. All you need to do is click: [Here](#).

## Tuning into Good Vibrations in Fairview

There are things you can find out about a place before you move there, from travel shows or the Internet. And then there are things you only find out after you move.

Blaine Greenfield was born and lived in the NYC area for most of his life. He was the editor of his high school newspaper and college yearbook. He taught at high school in New Jersey and then as a professor of marketing at Bucks County Community College (in Pennsylvania) for 40 years.

But after growing tired of the harsh winters, he and his wife Cynthia, a retired school guidance counselor, were looking to move, and Asheville was on their radar. They loved the mountains and scenery in WNC. Cynthia—"my beautiful bride," as Blaine calls her—was interested in spiritual and holistic practices, "so she punched that in the computer and Asheville, of course, came up," he said.

They came to Asheville for one long weekend and loved it. Then they came back for a longer trip in 2009 and "ended up buying in Biltmore Lake on our second day before we had even listed our home in New Jersey," he said.

It wasn't until after they moved to WNC that they learned what so many of the rest of us know: It was so easy to meet nice people and make friends. "We'll be walking



Blaine and his wife, Cynthia—above, and at right with Spencer Hilgerman, the new owner of Hilltop Ice Cream. Below right, Blaine hosts his Facebook Live/radio show.

downtown and see somebody eating something that looked good," said Blaine. "We'd strike up a conversation, and the person would actually offer us a taste test of what they were eating."

Eventually, though, they wanted a larger home with more land and moved to Fairview, near Root Cause Farm, in September of last year. And they love it even more than Asheville.

### Friendly Folks

I asked Blaine to name things he loves about living in Fairview, and he sent a long

list. "A terrific home, beautiful scenery, and friendly folks," he said. "And our good friends live just off Charlotte Highway, just 10 minutes away."

He is an active volunteer in community organizations, including Asheville SCORE and AB-Tech's Small Business Center and Mountain Mediation Services, and he is on the national advisory board for the Dementia Society of America. He is also active in the dispute resolution community, having served

as a mediator and arbitrator for over 2,000 cases. In addition, he serves on the board of directors for radio station WPVM.

### BLAINESWORLD

But his main focus now is on BLAINESWORLD, his weekly radio/Facebook Live show and blog. He started the blog in 1996, which is a long time ago in blog-time. "It's a way to share information with friends," he said. "A chance to publicize the good that folks do, and an opportunity to share some smiles." He currently has 1,100 subscribers, and was named "Best Blogger" by Mountain XPress the last time it was featured as a category in its Best of WNC awards. A typical blog contains jokes, quotes, links to videos and websites, local news and events, and reviews of shows, movies and books. (You can subscribe by sending an email to [bjinbc@aol.com](mailto:bjinbc@aol.com) and putting "subscribe" in the subject line.)

Blaine began his radio/Facebook Live show in 2017. It started through his "desire to help promote both the theater and business non-profit communities of WNC. The show airs on Wednesdays from 9-10 am, and you can watch it live on Facebook at [facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/)



[wpvm.103.7/videos](https://www.facebook.com/wpvm.103.7/videos). You can also follow him on Facebook to stay up to date.

I told you he had a long list of things he loves about Fairview. He added: "We love the quietude of the area, our neighbors, and walking in the neighborhood." And he and Cynthia love local stores and restaurants, with favorites including Hilltop Ice Cream, Anglo's, Sky Mountain Pizza and Americare.

### Fairview Studio

And, importantly, because of the focus of his show, Fairview "is perfect for my radio/Facebook Live studio, where I now do my show. I used to do it at the WPVM studio, but because of COVID, I started doing it from home. And I plan to continue doing it from my Fairview home—or as I call it, my Fairview studio."

It sounds like Blaine is tuned into the right frequency and experiencing the good vibrations we all feel here in Fairview.



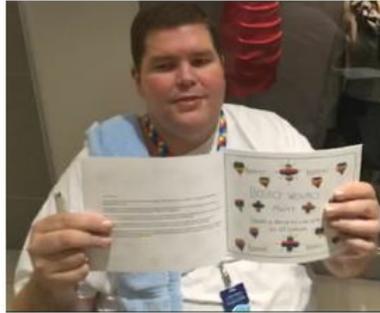
Clark Aycock is the editor of The Fairview Town Crier.

B. We had a fantastic time at the Arms Around ASD Open house at its new facility in the Asheville Mall. Pictured: (top) Us petting some llamas; (bottom left) Cynthia leading a Move Your Body workshop; and (bottom right) our friend DJ [Svoboda](#) reading from his just-published book: **BOUNCY WOUNCY MARTY SHARES A DAY OF LIFE WITH AUTISM**.

Arms Around Autism ASD provides services for people on the autism spectrum and their families, regardless of age, ability or income. For more information about this organization, please click: [Here](#).

To view Cynthia's workshop, please click [Here](#).

And to see a clip about the overall Open House, please click: [Here](#).



C. We recently saw our friend Ilene Logelin and the beautiful job of landscaping she has done.



D. Catch this past week's BLAINESWORLD radio/Facebook Live show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: Paula Hanke, Hank Bones and Peggy Ratusz--all with Love Bubble.



E. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Bryce Dershem, valedictorian at Eastern Regional High School in New Jersey. When he began speaking about his L.G.B.T.Q. identity at his graduation, the principal unplugged the microphone and took away his notes. He then recited the speech from memory--and received a standing ovation. ... Please view his speech and then read the accompanying article by clicking: [Here](#).



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## 2. Invites

Welcome to this new section of the BLAINESWORLD blog. In it, you'll find information about various contests, as well as about special events that interest me--and possibly you also.

If you have tickets, CDs, books, etc. that you'd like to make available to other readers, please let me know. The best way to do so is by sending an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and putting INVITES in the subject line.

A. **FIRST DATE**, directed by J. Ethan Henry, opens at SART on July 15 and runs through Aug. 1. The musical involves blind date newbie Aaron who is set up with serial dater Casey for a casual drink at a busy New York restaurant. It turns into a hilarious high-stakes dinner.

ENTER CONTEST #13 and become the lucky reader to win two free tickets. Send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #13 in the subject line. Include your name, email address, mailing address and phone number in the body of your email. All entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Mon., July 12.

B. **'S WONDERFUL**, directed by Glen Arnette, opens at HART on July 9 and runs through Aug. 1. It is a musical that will capture the life and music of George Gershwin--complete with extravagant glitz and glamour, dancing and a 9-foot Steinway grand piano.

ENTER CONTEST #14 and become the lucky reader to win two free tickets. Send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #14 in the subject line. Include your name, email address, mailing address and phone number in the body of your email. All entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Mon., July 12.

C. The Turtles will be in Quakertown, PA, as part of the Happy Together Tour on Wed., July 28, at 5:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$35. Unfortunately, I won't be up North then, but if you want to go to this show, find out more information by clicking: [Here](#).

D. In addition, the Turtles will be in Hiawasse , GA (less than two hours from Asheville) on June 4, 2022. I am planning to go that show. Tickets are \$49 apiece. For more information on that show, click: [Here](#). ... If you'd like to join me, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put TURTLES in the subject line. Do so quickly, in that I'll probably be getting tickets soon.

E. I will be coming up North this coming Aug. 19-22, and I am trying to put together an ice cream get together for Sat., Aug. 21, in Newtown, PA. More details to follow. I will be pretty busy, but if you'd like to possibly catch up some other time when I'm in, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put AUGUST in the subject line. Note: For other items of interest, see Sect.13 (at the bottom of this issue).



# INVITES

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### 3. FYI

Cynthia saw an ad for a product called Bottle Bright. It sounded almost too good to be true. To quote from the website:

Our journey began when we became fed up. Fed up with gunk, funk and grime. Fed up with a lack of effective methods and products that were capable of cleaning said gunk. So we got to work, and set out to create that cleaner ourselves--the safest, simplest and most effective product for all those hard-to-clean containers, hydration packs and reusable bottles. And what do you know? After loads of research, testing and re-testing (and some serious grime fighting!), Bottle Bright® was born.

Cynthia wondered if it could really do the above. So she purchased a box of the tablets. And has been delighted with the results. You'll feel the same way.

To see for yourself, you can order Bottle Bright by clicking: [Here](#).



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## FYI, part 2

To read the following articles, please click: [Here](#).

Note: When you click any of the links, you may see an ad. Click the ad (in the upper right hand), and you should be able to read the article. If you can't, send an email to: [bjinbc@aol.com](mailto:bjinbc@aol.com) and put the name of the article in the subject line, and I'll be glad to send it to you.

A. Poetry and the Art of Memory. B. A 70-Year-Old Bat Girl Lives Out Here 60-Year-Old Dream. C. How Exercise May Help the Memory Grow Stronger. D. Roger Federer's Gift to Tennis: A Shot That Players Love to Hit. E. Bruce Springsteen Reopens Broadway, Ushering in Theater's Return.

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## 4. Joke 1

Our washing machine broke down this morning, but we didn't get too agitated. (Thanks, Jim Chewing, for sharing.)



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## 5. Reviews

A. I'm in the minority, but I did not love *IN THE HEIGHTS*. ... It is the story of life just outside of the 181st Street subway shop in New York City. There's a lot of singing and dancing and while I found it energetic, I also thought it was somewhat repetitious. I very much liked the ending. ... The film was a very long 2 hours and 23 minutes. ... Rated PG-13.

Note: What I did like about it was the fact that I got in for free. Last year, I entered a contest and won 50 free movie passes at the Carolina Cinemark. ... Then COVID struck, and I didn't even get to use one pass. I had been concerned that if the theatre never opened, I would have been out of luck!

B. I enjoyed *FATALE*, A 2020 thriller that I saw on HBO. It is about a successful sports agent who watches his perfect life disappear when he has a wild one-night stand with a woman who he later discovers is a police detective. Michael Early and Hilary Swank are both quite good in the leading roles. Rated R.

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## 6. TV alert

A. *BOSCH*: Available now via Prime Video

This episode marks the seventh and final season of the police drama about Harry Bosch, the iconic LAPD detective.

B. *MACY'S 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR*: Sun., July 4, at 8 p.m. on NBC

The always impressive light show also features Coldplay, Rebecca McEntire and One Republic.

C. JUDAS AND THE BLACK MESSIAH: Sat., July 10, at 8 p.m. on HBO

FBI informant William O'Neal infiltrates the Illinois Black Panther Party and is tasked with keeping tabs on their charismatic leader, Chairman Fred Hampton. LaKeith Stanfield won a supporting actor Oscar for his performance.

D. CRASHING THROUGH THE SNOW: Movie premiere on Sat., July 10, at 9 p.m. on Hallmark Channel

A single mom and her two girls spend the holidays with her ex-husband and his girlfriend's family.

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## 7. Joke 2

My kind of clothing!



## 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](mailto: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 cover from Dan Halverson and Mike Bestul: [Here](#).

## B. Video of the week

Thanks, Sharon Lewis, this video. I agree with what she told me; i.e., "Watching this 40-minute compilation is our patriotic duty."

Inside the Capitol Riot: An Exclusive Video Investigation

To view it, click: [Here](#).

Note: After you view the video, read the accompanying article for some major revelations.

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

(1) The theme song from the movie LIMELIGHT, one of my all-time favorites ... Last week, in the Reviews section, I cited the instrumental version. Here it is again in case you missed it: [Here](#).

But here's an equally beautiful version with words from Jerry Vale entitled "Eternally": [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Piano music for July 4th: [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: In the summer of 1967, the Beatles had the number one album in the US with Sgt. Pepper one of the most influential albums of all time. To view what Neil had to say, click: [Here](#).

(4) Stand Up: This is my favorite version from a guy who didn't win AMERICAN IDOL--but should have in my opinion: [Here](#).

Here's another performance of the song from the Oscars: [Here](#).

And lastly, there was this clip from a recent AMERICA'S GOT TALENT: [Here](#).

(5) Jonathan Berg: Here's how I get dressed. Kris takes a bit longer: [Here](#).

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

Want to find out movie times? At least in the Asheville area, your best bet is to go to Movie Showtimes in Asheville, NC, by clicking: [Here](#).

What's cool is that my favorite theater, Grail Moviehouse, is the very first listing.

Also as this website, at the top: Links to get information on accommodations, eat & drink, attractions,, shopping and entertainment.

Note: For information about movie locations throughout the country, check Fandango by clicking: [Here](#)

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](#).

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## 9. Technology tip

To quickly search for text on a current wage page, first open the page you'd like to search in your favorite web browser. Then press Ctrl+F (on a Windows PC) or Command+F (on a Mac) on the keyboard. The "F" stands for "Find," and it works in every browser.

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## 10. Joke 3

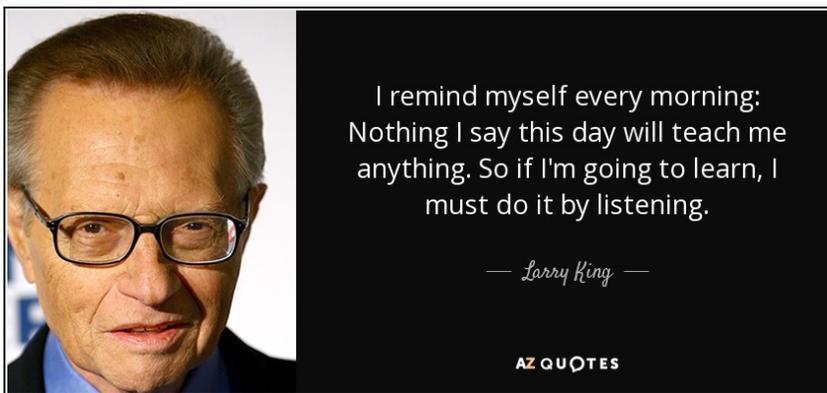
Shortly after he left office, President Carter gave a speech to a Japanese audience. His opening anecdote was greeted with uproarious laughter. ... When he asked his interpreter why the joke had gone over so well, he received this reply: "I told the audience, "President Carter told a funny story; everyone must laugh." (President Carter actually told this story. You can see him doing so by clicking: [Here.](#))



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## 11. A quote I like

Larry King (1933-2021) was an American television and radio host who won two Peabodys, an Emmy and ten Cable ACE Awards. Over his career, he hosted over 50,000 interviews..



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## 12. Thought for the day

Thanks, Rose-Marie Grace Vieira, for sharing this anonymous tidbit:  
In Case You Were Wondering

On the first day, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years."

The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years, and I'll give you back the other ten?" And God saw it was good.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."

The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?" And God, again saw it was good.

On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty, and I'll give back the other forty?" And God agreed it was good.

On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years."

But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back and the ten the dog gave back. That makes eighty, OK?" And God, seeing this was also good, granted the wish.

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you!



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### 13. Advance planning department

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

A. Jeff Catanese: THE SUMMER OF FUNNY. B. Rodney Smith: The Return of The SuperHappy Trivia Challenge. C. Katie Jones: KORE. D. HART Theatre: S'WONDERFUL.

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

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