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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I recently enjoyed being with her brother-in-law Marty Litchman for his birthday. Unfortunately, the gift we got him for the occasion arrived after the fact. It's a coffee mug with this wording on it that so perfectly expresses how Cynthia feels: I PROBABLY SHOULDN'T SAY THIS OUT LOUD BUT I LOVE THAT I'M YOUR FAVORITE SISTER-IN-LAW. CYNTHIA



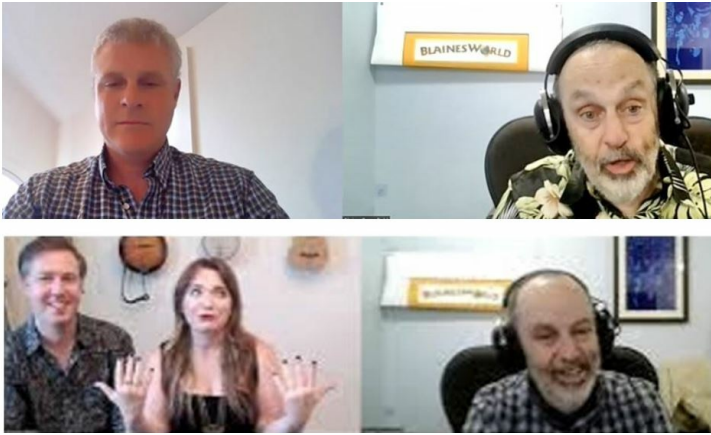
B. I got to perform with the fabulous Love Collective group at a recent fundraiser for the Community Food Pantry and the American Legion in Hendersonville. To actually see me perform (bottom right picture), click: [Here](#).



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

(1) Top photo: 8.7.2023 - Jamie Beasley--Executive Director, Working Wheels

(2) Bottom photo: 8.8.2023 - Adrienne & Matt Blanks discuss "Appalachian Manifesting Song," Adrienne's



(3) Top photo: 8.9.2023 - Mary and Joe Standaert, local historians and vintage postcard collectors

(4) Bottom photo: 8.10.2023 - Marcy Gallagher and Sarah Kohrs discuss At the Café, an amazing musical that will soon have its world premiere in Asheville, NC



D. HOT OFF THE PRESS! ... The humor column that I write for THE FAIRVIEW TOWN CRIER. ... Note: If you live in Fairview, please submit a joke, riddle or funny quote that can be used in a future issue. ... Mail to: bginbc@aol.com and put CRIER in the subject line.

Classic novel (n.): A book which people praise, but seldom read.

A guy spots a sign outside a house that reads "Talking Dog for Sale." Intrigued, he walks in.

"So what have you done with your life?" he asks the dog.

"I've led a very full life." says the dog. "I lived in the Alps rescuing avalanche victims. Then I served my country in Iraq. And now I spend my days reading to the residents of a retirement home."

The guy is flabbergasted. He asks the dog's owner, "Why on Earth would you want to get rid of an incredible dog like that?"

The owner says, "Because he's a liar. He never did any of that!"

I CAUGHT MY SON CHEWING ON ELECTRICAL WIRES. SO I GROUNDED HIM. HE'S DOING BETTER AND CONDUCTING HIMSELF PROPERLY.

There are three ages for women in Hollywood: babe, district attorney and Driving Miss Daisy.

—Goldie Hawn

When I was a kid my parents moved a lot, but I always found them.

—Rodney Dangerfield

If I worked in a used record store, I would tell every customer that "all sales are vinyl."

If everything is coming your way, then you're in the wrong lane.

Crier readers are invited to submit funnies. Thanks, Curt Smerker, for this riddle:

Why can't people hear a dog whistle?

Dogs don't whistle

And, Sarah Kohrs, for this one:

What did the horse say after it tripped?

Help! I've fallen and I can't giddyup!



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 bjnbc@aol.com.

E. Congratulations to Jeremy Jordan on his new position as Salesperson at Nest Realty Asheville.

F. Announcing this week's ...

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

It goes to the Longhorn Steak House located at 3 Restaurant Court in Asheville.

We have gone there many, many times, and I can honestly say that we've never had a bad meal.

The portions are generous, and the prices are reasonable. They also have great sides.

But what makes the place stand out for us is the always friendly service we get.

We are often lucky to get Michelle as our server, but Cheyenne (top picture) is also excellent.

And just the other day, Asia was our server for the first time and especially impressed us with the fact that when we asked for a bunch of lemons, she did indeed give us a bunch of lessons.



2. Invites

A. Please help fund a new musical with a message

My good friend Marcy Gallagher has written an amazing musical that will soon have its world premiere in Asheville. She also wrote the lyrics for the show. Sarah Kohrs, a local singer-songwriter, composed the music.

The story is about four middle-aged women faced with advancing age and their own personal challenges. Titled *At the Café*, the story provides a more positive view of aging in a society that often sees older women as past their prime. This is an important message for everyone to hear, now more than ever.

Thirteen original songs guide the story, which is told with humor, compassion and relatable experiences.

The cast is comprised of talented local actors Karen Covington-Yow, Roberta Whiteside, Madison Brightwell, Jan Robbins, Kai Strange, and Madison Garris. The incredible production team includes Janice Vertucci-Schreiber, Director; Dave Bates, Musical Director; Cappy Tosetti, Stage Manager; and Elliot Rosse, Intern.

This endeavor, while a labor of love, is also a costly one. And that is where you come in with the following GoFundMe campaign.

Several family members and friends have already expressed an interest in helping defray some of the following expenses:

- * Compensating cast and crew
- * Renting theater and rehearsal space
- * Paying copywriting costs

- * Purchasing props and set pieces
- * Printing
- * Marketing the show

And a portion of the ticket sales will be donated to Hope Chest for Women, a Western North Carolina non-profit that provides financial assistance to women going through breast or gynecological cancer.

So I'm now asking you to join me in donating what you can. All monies raised will be deposited by Marcy into a bank account she has established to pay the aforementioned expenses.

To donate now, kindly click: [Here](#).

Please also share this request with others.

All of those involved with At the Café thank you.

With gratitude,

Blaine Greenfield
#1 At the Café fan

PS. This world premiere musical will be performed in the Tina McGuire Theater at the Wortham Center on August 18, 19 and 20, and on August 25, 26 and 27. For tickets, please navigate to: [Here](#).

B. It is now time to announce ...

******* CONTEST # 13 *******

One lucky winner will win a copy of The Magdalen Manuscript: The Alchemies of Horus & the Sex Magic of Isis by Tom Kenyon and Judi Sion.

To quote from the book jacket:

This is Mary Magdalen's personal story of her tantric relationship with Yeshua ben Joseph, known today as Jesus Christ. A love so deep it has survived over 2000 years of lies, to be finally told now, in this, "the beginning of the ending of time." A High Initiate of the Temple of Isis, Mary Magdalen was the Holy Grail, the cup that carried the blood of Christ.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #11 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include your name and mailing address. All entries must be received by the new deadline of 9 p.m. on Mon., Aug. 21.

FYI (results from Contest #12): All told, there were seven entries. Michael Feldman was the winner. His prize: E-TERNITY: A NOVEL by Jeff Carreira.

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 course she'll be teaching for 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

Here's how to make your life easier ... follow the example set by Cynthia on how to get in your car, as well as how to get out of it.

This might seem basic, but most folks don't use this technique--including yours truly (until just recently)

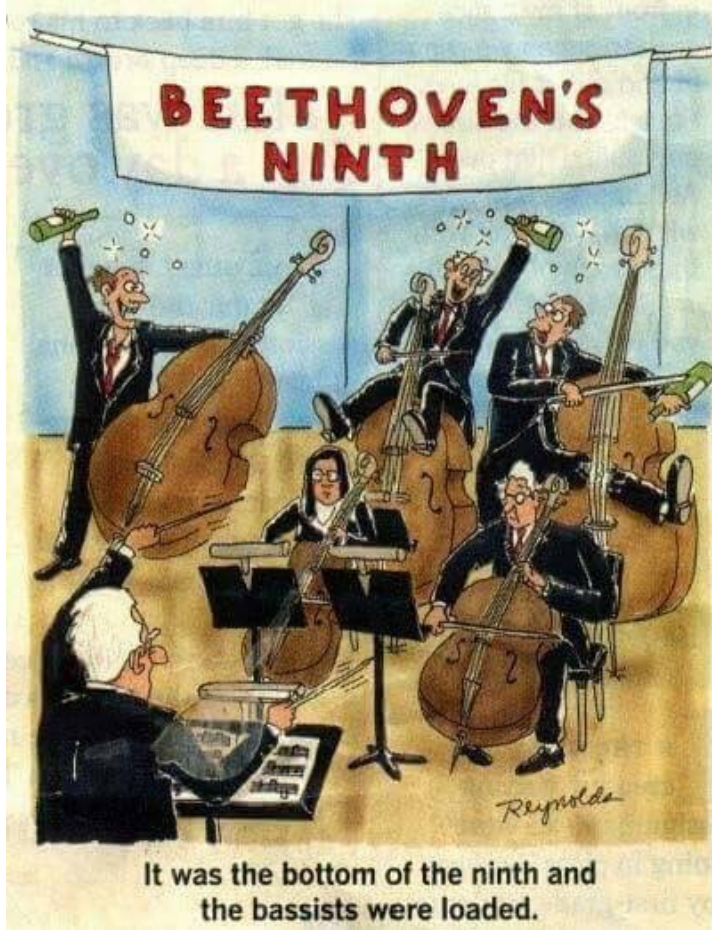
But as they say, a picture is worth 437 words. Or even better is the following video that she recently had me take for y'all: [Here](#).

Whatcha think?



4. Joke 1

They look strung out. (Thanks, Amber Riddle, for sharing.)



5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I both liked *JULES*, a dramedy about a guy facing dementia who lives a quiet life of routine in a small western Pennsylvania town until he finds his day upended when a UFO and its extra-terrestrial passenger crash land in his backyard. Ben Kingsley is outstanding in the leading role, and we also liked the performances of both Harriet Sansom Harris and Jane Curtin (and her rendition of "Free Bird"). ... Watching this film, you'll be reminded of a senior version of *E.T. THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL*, as well as by *COCOON*--and that's high praise. Rated PG-13.

B. We loved *TILL*, which can now be seen on Amazon Prime. It is the true story of Mamie Till Mobley's relentless pursuit of justice for her 14-year-old son, Emmett Till, who, in 1955, was brutally lynched while visiting his cousins in Mississippi. Danielle Deadwyler is superb as the mother. I think she gave as fine a performance as you'll ever see. Why she didn't even get an Oscar nomination is beyond me. Rated PG-13.

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

6. TV alert

A. Thanks, Mike Martinelli, for the following two recommendations:

(1) *HEARTSTOPPER* Season 2. Now on Netflix

Season 2 of *Heartstoppers* is so good. So was season 1. Not much gets 100 on Rotten Tomatoes.

This uplifting LGBTQ+ drama about teen friendship and young romance is based on the graphic novel by Alice Oseman. I'm watching and enjoying it.

(2) *RED, WHITE & ROYAL BLUE*: Now on Amazon Prime

Alex Claremont-Diaz, the first son of the United States, and young Prince Henry fall in love. However, considering their high-profile public lives, they must keep their relationship a secret at all costs.

B. *TELEMARKETERS*: Now on HBO

A three-part docuseries follows the years-long whistleblowing journey of two scrappy employees at Civic

Development Group, which misrepresented charities and was fined \$18.8 million in 2010 after a federal investigation.

C. CALL ME KATE: Now on Netflix

A feature documentary that captures Katharine Hepburn's spirit and determination, exploring her story using her own words. Worth watching, especially if you were a fan of her work.

D. PAINKILLER: Now on Netflix

This limited series about the birth of the opioid crisis, as told through the lens of Purdue Pharma, the makers of OxyContin. stars Matthew Broderick and Uzo Aduba.

7. Joke 2

Dayum, I now can't get this song out of my head: [Here](#). (Thanks, Zuzu Welsh, 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 Paul Buckby: [Here](#).

(3) And here's an update about Mark Volman, the singer and founding member of The Turtles, that fans of the group should read: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

College student during graduation has lightsaber duel with favorite teacher

Hunter Wark-Pantoja goes to college in Port Moody, British Columbia and gets ready for the day he's been waiting for all of college - graduation day! On his big day, he decides to have one last hurrah on stage with his favorite teacher and hides two lightsabers underneath his graduation gown. When Hunter, a Heritage Woods Secondary grad, approaches his favorite teacher, which local media named as principal Todd Clerkson, he reveals his weapons and hands the man a lightsaber. The two duel on stage in front of the audience and finish the battle with Hunter delivering the final blow.

Clerkson tweeted the video with caption: "Context: 'Mr. Clerkson, can I bring a light saber to Commencement?' Me: 'Sure, why not...'. Then he pulled out 2! The rest was unscripted!"

To view this oh-so-cool clip, click: [Here](#). (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

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

(1) Chuck Jackson, "I Won't Wanna Cry," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith, Hymns (8.13.2023): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner, Rock Doc: This week in July 1982 the band Survivor had the number one song in the US with Eye of The Tiger. This was the theme song to Rocky III, which was the biggest movie of 1982. Tony Scotti was the president of Survivor's record label, and he played Sylvester Stallone some tracks from the previous Survivor album, Premonition. Stallone thought the sound, writing style, and street appeal could fit in his new movie, so he called Jim Peterik and Frankie Sullivan, who were Survivor's primary songwriters and left messages on their answering machines. When we spoke with Peterik, he said, "Answering machines were still a novelty back then and to see that blinking light was a thrill. When I pressed the playback button I heard, 'Hey, yo, Jim, that's a nice message you got there. This is Sylvester Stallone.' It was too thick to be really him, but it was him. That's really the way he talks."

The video that Neil mentions is terrific. To see it, click: [Here](#).

(4) Best of favorite dance moves: [Here](#). (Thanks, Michael Beveridge, for sharing.)

(5) I love elephants: [Here](#). (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

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

Read all the books in your library? This website will take your preferences and give you all the book recommendations you could ever want: What Should I Read next?

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I gave it a try by entering one of my favorite books: How to Win Friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie. Every few years, I revisit this particular title and am amazed by how many ideas I get with each reading.

I now have some 50 more books to check out as a result of trying the aforementioned website. To see the results I obtained, click: [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](#).

9. Technology tip

iPhone users will soon have to adjust to this small but significant change by Samantha Murphy Kelly

Get your thumb ready for next month. Apple (AAPL) is making a subtle change to the iPhone's software that will likely mess with your muscle memory: The big red "end call" button is moving.

The iPhone's phone app will get a series of updates coming to iOS 17, including an updated design that repositions the hang up button to the bottom right of the screen, next to other functions. The button currently

sits separately at the bottom middle of the phone app, underneath the buttons to mute, access the keypad or add a call.

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

10. Joke 3

A man and a woman are sleeping together when suddenly there is a noise in the house, and the woman rolls over and says, "It's my husband, you have to leave!"

The man jumps out of bed, jumps through the window, crawls through the bushes and out on the street when he realizes something.

He goes back to the house and says to the woman, "Wait, I'm your husband!"

She replies, giving him a dirty look, "So why did you run?"



11. Two quotes I like

(Top) Thanks, William Friedkin (1935-2023), for your career as an American film and television director, producer and screenwriter closely identified with the "New Hollywood" movement of the 1970s. He directed the crime thriller film *The French Connection* (1971), which won five Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Adapted Screenplay, and Best Director for himself, and the supernatural horror film *The Exorcist* (1973), which earned him a nomination for the Academy Award for Best Director. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).

(Bottom) Thanks, John Gosling (1948-2023) for your career as a British keyboardist, pianist and vocalist, best known for being a member of the rock band *The Kinks* from 1970 to 1978. He was later a member of *The Kast Off Kinks*, a spin-off band composed of former members. For more information about this life (and one of the songs from the Kinks), click: [Here](#).

"By the time a film of mine makes it into the theaters, I have a love-hate relationship with it. There is always something I could have done to make it better."--William Friedkin



[Being in the Kinks was] "certainly an education."--John Gosling



12. Thought for the day

Thanks, Ethan Henry, for allowing me to share your Facebook post from August 6, 2023: Before you open your mouth about someone's weight, even if in private ... don't. This is what I looked like when I was told I was too fat to be a male lead, and I was not marketable. This has led to nearly a decade of body image issues, weight gain due to society and medicines, and deep issues. We have a toxic industry and a toxic society. I use to cry regularly because I was fat and hated myself. We all need to do better.



PS. Make it a great week!

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