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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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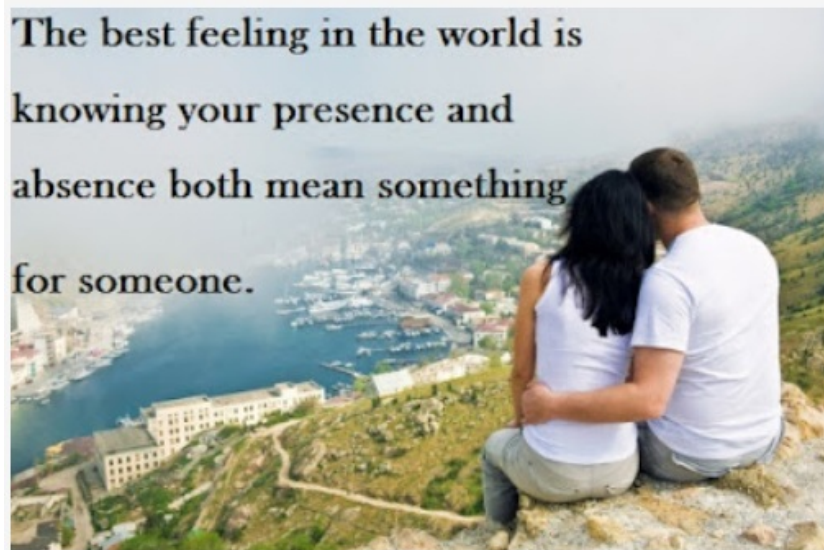
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## 1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I are spending some rare time apart because I am now in Pennsylvania, doing some things I'll be reporting about next week. I'm also thinking about how much I miss her and how the following is oh-so true.



B. Being away, I don't have access to my regular computer. Consequently, some weekly sections have been eliminated. They will return next week. ... But that means I have some additional space, so that is why you'll find some extra pictures and jokes in this issue.

C. Wow, I can't believe you are reading BLAINESWORLD #1300. That mean you are reading a missive that has been up and running since October 13, 1996, without even one missed week. Special thanks to all those who have been around since the beginning.

D. As you may have noticed, I have started to include occasional material that some may consider offensive because it is political or (perish the thought) scientific. I've had a very few readers unsubscribe as a result. So be it.

As I tell them: Thank you for sharing your opinion. My intent was not to offend you (or anybody else), and if I did, I'm sorry for having done so. ... My take: Although I try, I can't make everybody happy all the time. After all, I'm not a cookie!

Yet that said, BLAINESWORLD is NOT a news site.

Rather, it is a blog that meets this definition:

A blog (a shortened version of "weblog") is an online journal or informational website displaying information in reverse chronological order, with the latest posts appearing first, at the top. It is a platform where a writer or a group of writers share their views on an individual subject. (Source: [Here](#).)

I encourage all readers to be open to varying views, and I'll do the same--except if it involves conspiracy theories, lies or name-calling.

In addition, I offer these two suggestions:

(1) Listen to Fox News podcast. I do so every morning. It is outstanding and at least in my opinion, it is quite objective.

(2) Check out Apple News if you're not familiar with it: [Here](#).

The first month is free and then you pay \$10/month.

With a subscription, you get news from Fox News and THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, but also THE WASHINGTON POST and THE ATLANTIC, along with many other publications.

I like it because it has me consider various sides of issues.

E. We had a blast at our friend Michele Louzon's birthday party at New Belgium Brewing. She is in the top photo. Another friend, Jenn Hartzog, is in the bottom photo.



F. The high spot for our week was when we heard the news that Cynthia was going to become a great-aunt, and I was going to become a great-uncle. See below for pictures showing Cynthia's nephew Benjamin Litchman and his wife Chloe welcoming Frankie Rose into their family.



G. Ritch Shydner's History of Stand-up Comedy has me thinking that I wish this guy had been my teacher when I was in school. He taught a subject that I would have wanted to learn more about and presented it with humor that had me laughing continually. ... The show runs for the next two weekends at Attic Salt. Do yourself a favor and catch both parts. (You don't have to see them in order.) ... For more information and tickets, click: [Here](#).



H. I enjoyed SKETCHES! OR IT DIDN'T HAPPEN at The Magnetic Theatre ... This hilarious production had me laughing the entire evening. ... Writers Linda Azar, Carmela Caruso, Joe Carroll, Tom Chalmers, Julia Christgau, Carin Metzger, Marlene Thompson, Nora Tramm and Matt Wilson are all to be commended for the sketches they wrote, one seemingly funnier than the next. ... Azar, Carroll, Metzger and Thompson also did an outstanding job acting them out, as did George Awad, Ana Alicia Carroll, Chris Mako and Devan Stevens. ...And special kudos to Chalmers who directed the show with aplomb





I .Laughing on the outside, crying on the inside (definition) ... see picture below. ... That's what Cynthia, my beautiful bride, was doing when she was denied access to our local Ingles. Please share with her any suggestions as to where she should stop instead. ...PS. For a song with those lyrics, please click Bernadette Carroll's 1962 version that was also used in THE END OF THE F\*\*\*\*ING WORLD: [Here](#).



J. Please catch this week's BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... .Guests: (first half) George Awad, co-producer, Magnetic in the Park, and president of The Magnetic Theatre Board of Directors; and Elizabeth McCorvey, board member, The Magnetic Theatre; and (second half): Delores Chalmers,



K. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Howard Smith--my amazing pianist friend who I have the pleasure of watching every Sunday morning at 7:45 a.m. when he does a free mini concert of hymns. They can be viewed via his Facebook page: [Here](#).

Howard is employed by Hickory Chair Furniture. In addition, he manages to not only do the above show, but

serves as the pianist/organist for the Marion First United Methodist Church. He is also the accompanist for the Old Fort Community Chorus.

That's him pictured with me recently when we solved all the world's problems over a delicious lunch at the Trailhead Restaurant in Black Mountain.



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## 2. Invites

A. Reminder ...

**\*\*\*\*\* CONTEST #19 \*\*\*\*\***

One lucky reader will win two tickets to JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT, opening at HART on August 27. The musical is a re-imagining of the Biblical story of Joseph, his father Jacob, eleven brothers and the coat of many colors.

To enter, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #19 in the subject line. Include your name, email address and phone number in the body of the email. All entries must be received before Monday, Aug. 23, at 9 p.m.

B. Another reminder ...

**\*\*\*\*\* CONTEST #18 \*\*\*\*\***

One lucky reader will win a copy of TECHNIQUES IN PRAYER THERAPY by Dr. Joseph Murphy.

As noted on the back cover:

You'll learn from real-life examples how prayer has been instrumental in rebuilding broken marriages, overcoming adversity, coping with grief and sorrow, and solving both minor and major problems.

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# *Techniques in* PRAYER THERAPY



**DR. JOSEPH MURPHY**

The best-selling author of *The Power of Your Subconscious Mind*

C. Are you interested in shows, concerts, movies, TV, etc.? ... If so, I encourage you to join a new group I've formed on Facebook that's called Entertainment. To do so, all you need to do is click: [Here](#).

D. Come join Cynthia for the two courses she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week via Zoom: Meditation on Monday and Move Your Body on Wednesday. To attend these and/or any of the other courses, scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

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### **3. FYI**

Y'all are going to thank me for this! (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

**I found a brand-new way to sneak your snacks into the movies.**



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#### 4. Joke 1

Can't wait to see the response! (Thanks, Michael Trayford, for sharing.)

**When you're at the checkout and the cashier asks if you found everything, ask "Why? Are you hiding stuff?"**

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#### 5. Joke 2

Trip down memory lane to August 15, 1969, when the Woodstock Festival took place ... I didn't make the it then, but I'm looking forward to being there now--at least in spirit. ... Join me as you view performances from Crosby, Still, Nash & Young; Canned Heat, etc. by clicking: [Here](#).



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### 6. Joke 3

Such sad news ... it leave me speechless!



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### 7. Joke 4

"If he writes her a few sonnets, he loves her. If he writes her 300 sonnets, he loves sonnets."--my English professor (Source: [Here.](#))

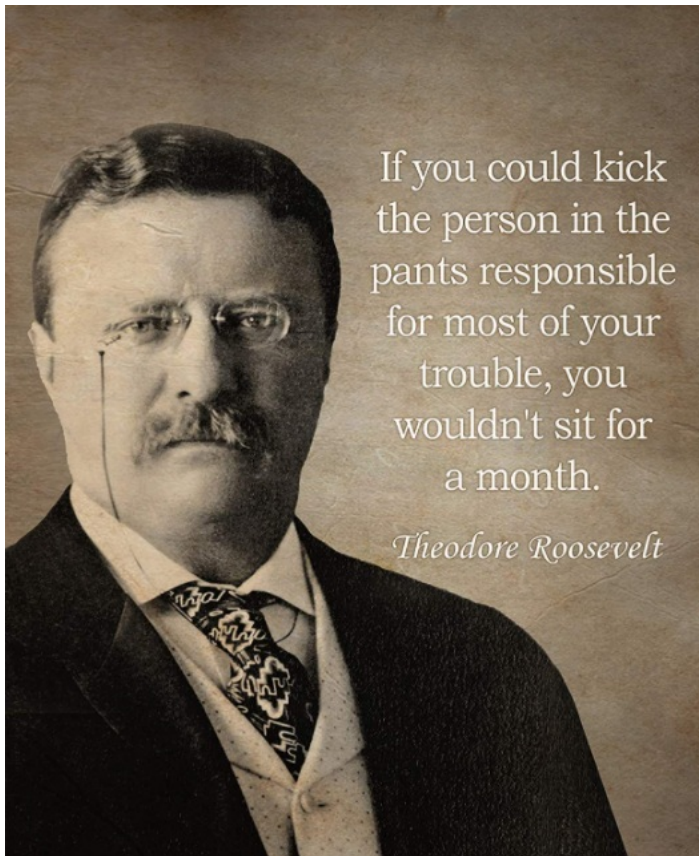




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### 8. A quote I like

Theodore Roosevelt (1850-1919), often referred to as Teddy, was an American statesman, conservationist, naturalist, historian and writer who served as the 26th president of the United States from 1901 to 1909.



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### 9. Thought for the day

MY KIND OF DOCTOR--AND PHARMACY, TOO ... My friend's daughter is afraid of monsters in her closet. So the doctor had the pharmacy fill this prescription for her. (Thanks, Carol Seufert, for sharing.)





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

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