
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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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I enjoyed a delicious dinner at La Rumba Restaurant Latino, located at 105 River Hills Road (where Bonefish Grille used to be). We've been there twice and plan on returning many times. The food has been great, as has the service we've received from another Cynthia. What's especially appreciated: The complimentary corn that's served with every meal.



B. BE PREPARED! ... If you want to "always look on the bright side of life," don't miss MONTY PYTHON'S

SPAMALOT--now at HART through Sept. 17. ... This tuneful musical features great songs, dancing, acting and costumes. ... Dominic Aquilino's direction is spot on, as is Jayson Aycok's choreography, Kelly Johnson's music direction, Nancy Gamon's costuming and Laura Fuller's stage management. ... The leads are all outstanding: Matt Edwardsen, Morgan Miller, Pasquale LaCorte, Strother Stingley, Graham Livengood, Doug Savitt and Chelcy Frost. And so are all the other members of the supporting cast, including (to name just a few) my Facebook friends Reagan Mulvey, Mark Lieberman, Shelley Lieberman, Savanna Shaw and Allison Stinson. ... For tickets to the show, click: [Here](#).



C. I was fortunate enough to catch the second to last performance of the Montford Park Player's production of TREASURE ISLAND. ... Playwright Honor Moor has done a terrific job of adapting the classic novel for the stage, and David Doersch's direction was spot on. I also liked Kristi Deville's choreography, Devyn Ray's set design, Jason William's lighting design, Samantha Jemmott's costumes and Caitlin Lane's stage management. ... All the actors shined: Brooks Wallace (pictured below), my other Facebook friends John Adams, David Mycoff, Jon Robinson and the rest of the talented cast.



D. I hosted two BLAINESWORLD podcasts this past week. You can view and/or listen to them going to the indicated date when you click: [Here](#).

(1) 8.21.2023: Adam Rose (top photo)--Freelance Musician

(2) 8.22.2023: Erin Hallagan Clare (bottom photo)--Founder & Artistic Director, Story Parlor



E. Condolences to the family and friends of Tony Brennan on his recent passing. For his obituary, click: [Here](#).

F. Congratulations to:

- (1) Karen Korp on being named one of Jul's Top Performers by the Asheville Realty Group.
- (2) Sarah Kohrs on being featured in THE FAIRVIEW TOWN CRIER. To read the article, go to p. 7 when you click: [Here](#).
- (3) Marcy Gallagher on her interview on The Overlook with Matt Peiken. To listen to it, click: [Here](#).

G. Correction:

Thanks, Mike Martinelli, for this email:
For the first time, I caught a typo in your blog. You said Fresh Burger [last week] instead of Farm Burger. You are not perfect. I am crushed. LMAO.

My response: I'm an enthusiastic typist, but not always an akkkurate one.

H. Announcing this week's ...

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

It goes to Tom Godleski (top picture), lead singer, bass player and band founder of Buncombe Turnpike (bottom picture).

I recently had the pleasure of seeing him and his amazing group perform at a CD release party for "Good Measure" that also served as a fundraiser for Asheville Community Theatre.

Kudos to Tom and the other Buncombe Turnpike members: Don Lewis, David Hyatt, George Buckner and Corey Warren, as well as to emcee John Roten. To see one song from the evening, click: [Here](#).

A talented band of younger singers, The Newfound Gap Band, performed as well. That band's members were Bayla Davis, Silvi Davis and Judah Davis.

Perhaps the highlight of the evening was when Richard Penland, Tom's friend, was called up. He told the story of how his father gave him a guitar (a 1970 model Martin D 35) and told him that he could never sell it. He could only give it to somebody else. So then Richard gave the guitar to Judah. The audience applauded with great enthusiasm.



2. Invites

A. The date has been EXTENDED for you to enter ...

***** 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 #13 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. 28.

The Magdalen Manuscript



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B. 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](#)

C. 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](#).

D. 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 course and/or any other that is being offered, scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

3. FYI

I admit it.

I don't have as many fruits and vegetables as I should have on a daily basis.

In addition, I don't drink as many liquids as I should and had even been (true confession!) constipated at times.

So that is why I've started drinking V8® Fruit & Vegetable Blends.

It starts my day on the right track with a blend of nutrient-rich veggies and sweet fruit that combine for a drink that's refreshingly delicious. And each bottle has no sugar added or artificial sweeteners, and it provides one full serving of fruit and one full serving of vegetables.

My favorite flavor thus far has been Peach Mango, but I haven't tried them all. I look forward to doing so.

For more information, click: [Here](#).



4. Joke 1

MEDICAL ADVICE TIP ... never ever let your spouse speak to the doctor without you being present.

Your husband is suffering from a very severe stress disorder. If you don't do the following he will surely die. Each morning fix him a healthy breakfast. Be pleasant at all times. For lunch make him a nutritious meal. For dinner prepare an especially nice meal. No chores. No nagging. Oh yes, and make love several times a week. Do this for the next year and he'll regain his health completely!



What did the doctor say?



5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I really liked *THE HILL*, a true story about a small-town Texas boy who shows an extraordinary ability for hitting a baseball, despite being burdened by leg braces from a degenerative spinal disease. He also must face the opposition of his father who wants to follow his footsteps and become a preacher. Jesse Berry and Collin Ford are both outstanding as the younger and older Rickey Hill, respectively, and Dennis Quaid continues to never disappoint in the leading role as the pastor-father of the boys. I also liked the work Scott Glenn and Bonnie Bedelia in supporting roles. Rated G.

Note: I've just added this to my list of favorite films. It is faith-based, but not overly so ... and I don't think that would take away from anybody's enjoyment of this film. If you'd like a list of the other films I've liked, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

B. We also both liked *WHERE HOPE GROWS*, which we saw on Amazon. The film is about a troubled ex-ballplayer (Kristoffer Polaha) finds his life reinvigorated through his friendship with a mentally challenged grocery-store employee (David DeSanctis). The *KARATE KID'S* William Zabka also stars. Only the ending falls apart a bit, in that too much happens in too short a time, but still would recommend it. Rated PG-13

Note: DeSanctis is one of the first actors with Down syndrome to play a leading role in an English-speaking film. To read more about him, click: [Here](#).

6. TV alert

A. *YOU'RE NOT INVITED TO MY BAT MITZVAH*: Now on Netflix

Adam Sandler adapts Fiona Rosenbloom's 2005 young adult novel about a tween preparing for her bat mitzvah, and he stars alongside his wife, Jackie, and two daughters, Sadie and Sunny. Rounding out the cast are SNL's Sarah Sherman as Rabbi Rebecca and Broadway legend Idina Menzel who plays Sandler's wife in the film.

B. *LIVE TO 100: SECRETS OF THE BLUE ZONES*: On Netflix, starting Aug. 30

Author Dan Buettner spent 20 years crisscrossing the globe to find the places where people experience extraordinary life spans. He wrote a National Geographic bestseller, and now stars in this four-part documentary.

C. RED: Now on Prime Video

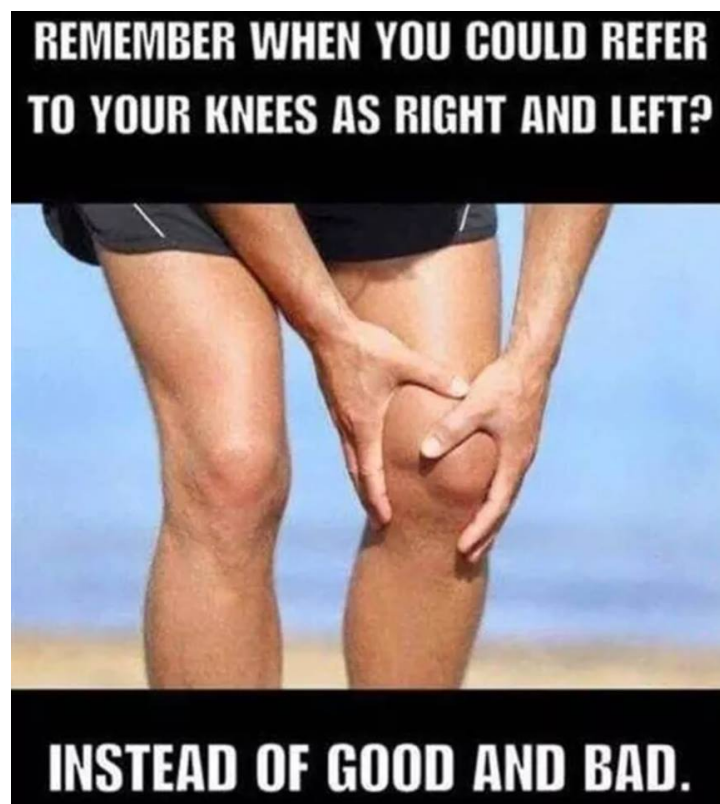
The title is an acronym for “retired, extremely dangerous.” Bruce Willis recruits a bunch of over-the-hill former spies — John Malkovich Morgan Freeman and Helen Mirren — to get back into the game. This entertaining action film spawned an unnecessary 2013 sequel, but the 2010 original is full of high-caliber action as well as charm.

D. BS HIGH: Now on HBO, MAX

Movie premiere, Wednesday, August 23: After a 2021 ESPN-televised high school football game that resulted in a 58–0 blowout with multiple injuries, many began to wonder if Bishop Sycamore High was even a real school. It wasn't—it was a part-time training facility at best.

7. Joke 2

This reminds me of my friend who recently went with his wife to discuss his upcoming right knee replacement. She tried to convince the surgeon to keep the good knee--and replace the rest of him! (Thanks, Mike Martinelli, 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 cover from Erin Bode: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Cotton Fields (Leadbelly) | Playing For Change | Song Around The World: [Here](#). (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

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

(1) Del Shannon "Runaway," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

Note: So sad what happened to him: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns: (8.27.2023): <https://www.facebook.com/hs.smith.73/videos/1356845498378017>

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: This Week in Rock (John Hiatt): [Here](#).

(4) Worst baseball call you'll see in quite some time: [Here](#).

(5) Grandparent racing: [Here](#). (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

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

If you need a quick and easy book to read, check out OnRead's library of free ebooks by clicking: [Here](#).

There are some 1,500,000 books and 500,000 authors available.

For example, I checked for James Hilton--one of my favorite authors.

His three most famous novels were available in one book:

Lost Horizon/Goodbye, Mr. Chips/Random Harvest that could be read online or downloaded.

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

Last week, I ran a useful tip from my friend Rick Rouse about the fact that you should never unsubscribe from spam emails.

Here are two other points for you to consider:

1. If a mailer is unscrupulous (and unfortunately, many are), they see that you have responded to their email. That automatically puts you on a "sucker's list." Often, your name will then be sold to other companies who value the fact that you open email.

2. I use Unroll.Me to unsubscribe from unwanted emails, keep the ones you want and rollup the rest into a single daily digest. It is the best, and I especially like the fact that it is free. To find out more, click: [Here](#).

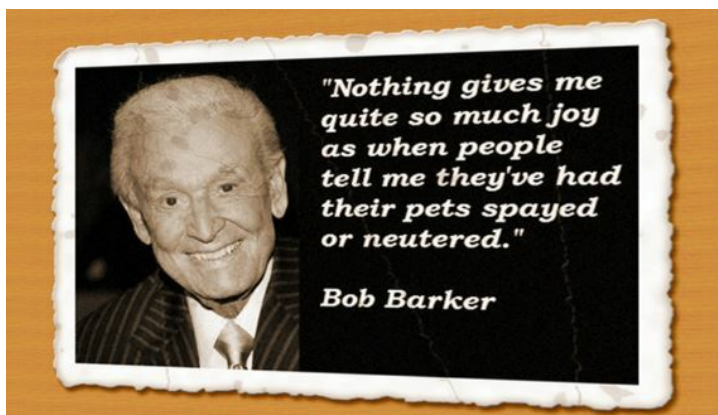
10. Joke 3

TODAY'S HISTORY LESSON ... Before Facebook, this is how we used to unfriend people. We would just cut out the face--or scratch it out. ... For other examples of what was done, please click: [Here](#). (Thanks, Amber Riddle, for sharing.)



11. A quote I like

Thanks, Bob Barker (1923-2023), for your career as an American television game show host. He hosted CBS's *The Price Is Right*, the longest-running daytime game show in North American television history, from 1972 to 2007. He also hosted *Truth or Consequences* from 1956 to 1975. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).



12. Thought for the day

Shows should be enjoyed.

At times, you might want to laugh when viewing them; at other times, you might want to cry.

My friend Barbie Angell (bottom left photo by Myriah Wood) is never one to stifle her emotions when viewing something.

She recently wrote about that fact on Facebook in a post that I'm sharing with her permission:

i've joked about it before, but i truly believe that theaters need to address loud laughter in their curtain speeches.

the entitlement in live theater crowds has gotten out of hand.

the glaring was bad enough, but someone feeling they have the right to tell another person they "need to stop laughing?"

no.

that's unacceptable.

My TWO CENTS: I agree--big time. I'm also grateful that my friend John Russell (bottom right photo) feels the same way. In fact, he has added a statement to that effect in the curtain speech he now makes at Montford Park. To hear what he has to say, click: [Here](#)

I understand that other theatres will be saying something similar in the future. That would be soooo cool!



PS. Make it a great week!

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