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You're reading BLAINESWORLD, a weekly blog published by Blaine Greenfield. It contains some jokes, hopefully, not toooo risqué (typically in Sections 5, 8 and 11); 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 had a fun time at the annual Oktoberfest celebration at the home of our friends Andi, Sylvie and Brian Jefferis (top). Also there were our other friends Socorro Turner and Knox (bottom left). And we even got to play Hammerschlagen (bottom right)--a game where one swing can make you a legend ... or the day's entertainment.





B. Review: Grease is the Word at ACT
by Blaine Greenfield — Chief Encouragement Officer (CEO), BLAINESWORLD

Asheville Community Theatre's Grease delivers all the energy, humor, and heart audiences love about this classic musical.

Emma Boyer (Sandy) charms with her sincerity and warmth, and her tender performance of "Hopelessly Devoted to You" was a showstopper.

Tim Sampson (Danny Zuko) balances swagger and sweetness, capturing the spirit of the T-Birds' leader with ease.

Maddison McMahan (Rizzo) commands the stage with attitude and depth, highlighted by her powerful delivery of "There Are Worse Things I Could Do."

In key supporting roles, Gabriel Lopez (Kenickie) brings cool charisma, Julia Dozier (Marty) sparkles with playful confidence, Simon Leonard (Jan) provides steady comic charm, and Candace Macan-Egues (Frenchy) is delightful in her lovable dizziness.

The strength of the show also comes from the other 24 ensemble members, whose energy, vocals, and dancing made every scene burst with life. Remarkably, 20 of them were making their ACT debuts—yet the production felt seamless and polished.

The polish of the production also reflects the skill of its creative team. Co-Directors Eli Cunningham and River Spade gave the show both flair and heart, drawing strong performances from every actor. Stage Manager Anne Garren kept the production running smoothly from start to finish. Music Director Aleisa Baker led a fabulous five-piece band, whose live performance (an increasing rarity in local theatre) brought extra vibrancy to the score. Choreographer Elsea Brown filled the stage with dynamic movement, while Scenic Designer Jill Summers created colorful, nostalgic sets. And Costume Designer Fable Wilde Day completed the picture with period-perfect looks that brought the 1950s to life.

With talent onstage and off, ACT's Grease is a high-octane ride you won't want to miss.

The show runs through October 12 at Asheville Community Theatre. For tickets: For tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/ynsa6wyh>





Pictures: top left, the Pink Ladies lighting up the stage and top right, the T-Birds rocking the house (both courtesy of Eli Cunningham); bottom left, Blaine Greenfield with the fabulous Maddison McMahan; and bottom right, Greenfield alongside the effervescent Scott Cameron.

C. Kismet, our amazing cat, was oh-so busy supervising my virtual workout with Michelle Kuhnen (top left)-my personal trainer extraordinaire.



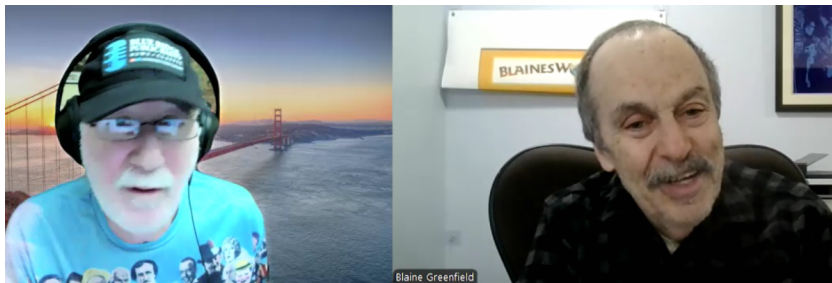


D. I hosted two BLAINESWORLD webcasts this past week. Both can be viewed by clicking: www.blaineworld.net

(1) 9.15.2025: Madi Holtzman--Executive Director, Equal Plates Project



(2) 9.16.2025 - BJ Leiderman, Composer & Songwriter



F. Announcing this week's

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

It goes to Ann Redfield. Please see the following Press Release to see why she has been chosen ...

Dementia Society of America® names Ann D Redfield as Executive Vice President Emeritus

Doylestown, PA — The Board of Directors of the Dementia Society of America® has voted to confer the honorary title of Executive Vice President Emeritus upon Ann D Redfield, MSN, RN, in recognition of her outstanding leadership and lasting contributions.

During Ann's tenure as the volunteer Executive Vice President, Board Member, and Board Secretary, she played a pivotal role in significantly expanding Operation KeepSafe® to serve individuals and families nationwide, as well as providing strategic insight into the development of new educational resources, the Society's governance, and advances in Dementia prevention and intervention through the Society's medical research seed grants.

This designation honors Ann's commitment to advancing the mission of the Dementia Society of America and acknowledges the profound impact of her service. Although stepping back from day-to-day responsibilities, Ann will remain a valued part of the Dementia Society community in an advisory capacity.



2. Cynthia's Corner

Falling for Bodhi

For years now, actually my whole life, I have wanted a dog. And now, with the support of so many, Blaine and I have a new addition to our family.

Bodhi is his name. The language of his eyes hold me: deep, steady, and utterly present. The first time he looked at me that way, something inside me unclenched. I felt trusted — not because I'd earned it, I am not sure why.

I am, honestly, exhausted. Peeing, poeing, reassurance for the little creature who has had his world turned upside down. I worry I'm getting it wrong. My fingers show my anxiety when I put his vest on. And yet through this messy learning, I feel his paw on my chest and know he is willing to put up with my uncertainty. I do not do this alone. Blaine — a man who neither needed nor particularly wanted a dog — walked into this new life with the open willingness of a saint, truly. He has supported me in ways that makes my heart swell with gratitude and my eyes tear up. Blaine has shown what love looks like in active form. He didn't have to; he did. That is who Blaine is. He simply gives. That generosity has held me up. Blaine, for all the ways you've stepped in, thank you. For your willingness to give me what my heart desired, I cannot possibly repay you — I am so grateful.

And Karen — my friend whose support has become almost literal lifesaving — has been there with practical advice, constant encouragement, and check-ins sometimes minute by minute.

To our friend Marcy, who has called me almost every day checking in on this new love in our lives. And telling me how happy I would be with this adventure.

In addition, thanks to my other friends Cappy and Lisa for all their encouragement.

This is my first dog in seventy-two years.

And here we are.

I am filled with so much love for Blaine, Bodhi, Karen, Marcy, Cappy, Lisa, and all of our friends who have supported us ... too many others to mention. Thank you from my heart.

Warmly,
Cynthia

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PS. If you would like to respond to this with your own personal experience or just a reaction, I'd love to hear from you.



3. Invites

A. Reminder about ...

**** CONTEST #11 ****

One lucky reader will win an autographed copy of *A Rewilder's Guide to Outdoor Adventure* by Patrick Joseph Clark.

To quote from the Introduction:

Modern life pulls us away from the natural rhythms that once kept us balanced and healthy in body, mind, and spirit.

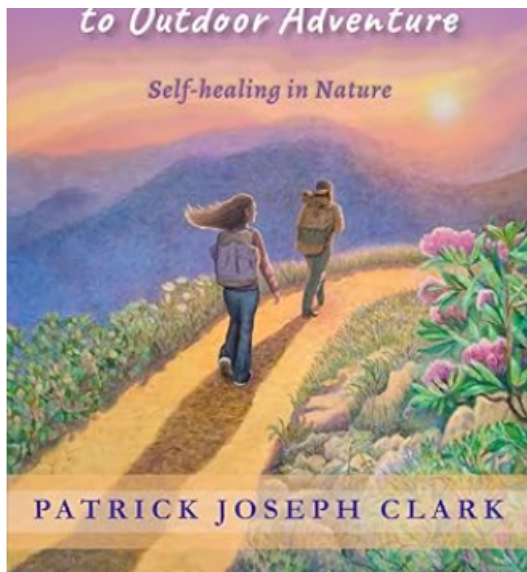
But nature still heals—if we know how to truly enter it.

This book presents a revolutionary approach to going into nature—one that prioritizes well-being, harnesses nature's profound healing benefits, and restores the body's natural rhythms. Learn how to align your clothing, movement, and mindset with the natural world to unlock deeper therapeutic effects from every outdoor experience.

Discover the benefits of natural fibers, maximum skin exposure to air and sunlight, barefoot-friendly footwear, and non-toxic solutions for bugs, sun, and first aid. Learn in detail how to build a lightweight, chemical-free gear system that enhances comfort, energy, sleep, and the experiences of self discovery that come with being interconnected with nature. Condition your body at home for rugged terrain, fuel it with powerful ancestral foods, and reconnect with your wild, capable self.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #11 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 extended deadline of 9 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 29.





B. Thanks, Lorre Diamond, for sharing this one ...



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.

I typically feature guests involved with theater, non-profit organizations, authors, performers or who are just downright interesting.

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, 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.

You can also find me by clicking:

<https://www.facebook.com/blaine.greenfield.2025/>

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>

4. FYI

A. On our recent trip back from Illinois, we were following directions from Google Maps—and doing fairly well. But all of a sudden, it told us to get off a major highway (first U.S. 64, then another road) and detour onto a side road. We followed the directions for several winding miles, only to be sent right back to 64. This happened more than once. Big mistake!

I'm apparently not the only person who has had this problem. For more information, click: [Here](#)

Lessons learned:

(1) When driving through unfamiliar areas, always check and print out directions from a second source (e.g., MapQuest). That way, you'll at least have a backup plan if your GPS steers you wrong.

(2) Don't use ChatGPT for directions. It is good for lots of things, but not when it comes to getting around. In fact, I asked how the trip would take and got this response: 35 minutes. It was actually 12+ hours. When I told ChaptGPT, I even got an apology with the corrected information.

Things got so bad that we switched to Waze for the rest of the trip.

Mr. Curious here:

Has this ever happened to you where Google Maps messed up?
And do you prefer Waze to Google Maps? Or something else for directions?

B. How to Deal With Rude Airplane Passengers

[Here](#)

C. 6 Fruits You Should Always Buy Frozen (Not Fresh), According to Dietitians

[Here](#)

D. 8 Things You Should Never Do When You Visit the Doctor, According to Nurses

[Here](#)

E. Jeopardy!'s Most Infamous Moment Haunted the Show's Fans, Its Stars, and Even Alex Trebek. It's Clear Why Now.

[Here](#)

5. Joke 1

Not sure the wine glasses will make the news any better—but after a few sips, you won't care or even remember you're watching it. (Thanks, Lori Lynn Mullett, for sharing.)





6. Reviews

A. *To the Bone* (2017 now on Netflix) is a raw yet hopeful drama about a young woman's struggle with anorexia, brought to life with striking honesty by Lily Collins, and anchored by Keanu Reeves as the compassionate, unconventional doctor who treats her. Carrie Preston also shines in a memorable supporting role. Cynthia and I both liked it, especially for the balance of dark humor and empathy that made the tough subject matter so watchable. Rated TV-MA—roughly R-equivalent for mature content..

B. *K-PAX* (2001 now on Netflix) is a thought-provoking sci-fi drama starring Kevin Spacey as a mysterious psychiatric patient who claims to be from another planet, and Jeff Bridges as the skeptical doctor determined to uncover the truth. The film blends mystery, humor, and heart, leaving viewers to ponder questions of belief, reality, and healing. Cynthia and I both enjoyed its mix of intrigue and emotional depth, driven by the strong chemistry between the leads. Rated PG-13 for thematic elements and mild language.

C. From my friend Grant Randall:

Watched a great movie on Netflix: *The Grand Seduction*. Another good film is *Ford vs. Ferrari* with Matt Damon. And *The Friend* about a woman writer adopted her late friend's Great Dane.

7. TV Alert

A. *Slow Horses* (Apple TV+)

London is in danger, and so is the ragtag MI5 spy crew run by brilliant misanthropist Jackson Lamb (Gary Oldman).

B. *Black Rabbit* (Netflix)

In a star-studded thriller series set in New York's bustling nightlife, Jude Law, 52, and Jason Bateman, 56, play estranged brothers pushed to the edge.

C. *The Summer I Turned Pretty* (Prime Video)

Isabel "Belly" Conklin (Lola Tung) is still sorting out her feelings about the heartthrob Fisher brothers (Christopher Briney and Gavin Casalegno), who have each staked a claim on her affections since high school. The third and final season jumped four years into the future, with Briney's Conrad now in med school and Casalegno's Jeremiah planning his wedding to Belly after an impulsive proposal.

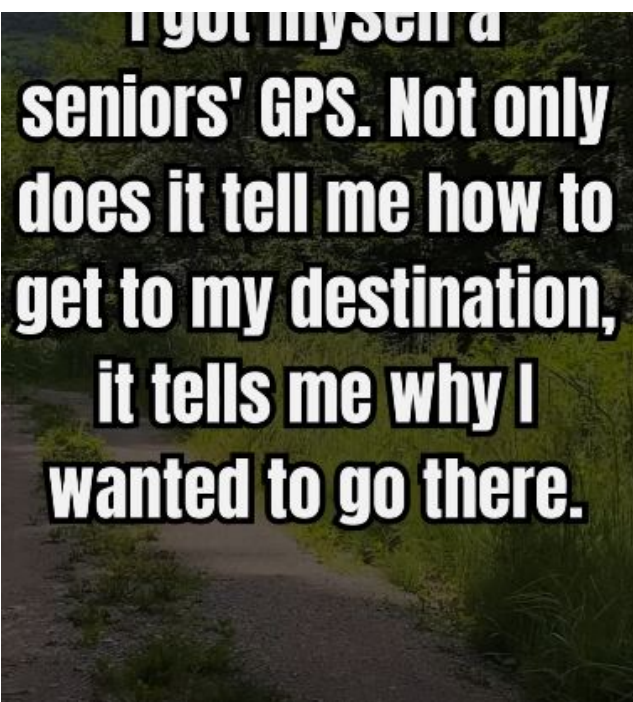
D. *Pink Panther* (9 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 22, on TCM)

A classic comedy with Peter Sellers as the bumbling Inspector Clouseau chasing jewel thieves. Light, funny, and elegant.

8. Joke 2

Next upgrade: It'll remind me where I put my glasses.





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 my friend Bruce Lang singing it:

[Here](#)

Note: When you click the above, make sure you pay particular attention to Bruce's phenomenal backup band!

B. Video of the week

SNL explains bitcoin easily in this sketch

[Here](#)

(Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

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

(1) Harry Nilsson, "Without You," one of my favorites:

[Here](#)

(2) Howard Smith Jr.: Hymns (9.21.2025)

[Here](#)

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: B.B. King

[Here](#)

(4) Neil, if your many fans and friends want to see him perform "The Thrill Is Gone," they can do so by clicking:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgXSomPE_FY&list=RDSgXSomPE_FY&start_radio=1

Note: He was 85 when this was recorded and still sounded as good as ever!

(5) Is your cat this patient?

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DOhvRwGiWOA/>

(Thanks, JP Reavely, for sharing.)

(6) Watching is oh-so important

https://drive.google.com/file/d/14aUWYJeaUUinP_oH8HvjRpyIGwlrJouV/view

(Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

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

This is the most classic of memory games. Flip the cards and find the pairs. Accuracy is rewarded, so try not to guess too much. The game is over when all the pairs are found. Here we have a 4x4 grid, so 8 pairs to find. Good luck!

To play, click:

[Here](#)

E. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running . . . to view it, please click:

<https://www.blaineworld.net/>.

10. Technology Tip

Thanks, Rodney Richards,* for the following suggestions that are useful if you use Word and/or you are a writer.

[Check out] WordTips, a daily tips newsletter created by Allen Watts on how to utilize Microsoft Word to its fullest. It's free to subscribe to:

<http://wordribbon.tips.net>

Another good resource for MS-Word Tips, on YouTube, is MS guru and easy to understand presenter Kevin Stratvert. He's a Microsoft employee so has the nitty gritty.

I cannot emphasize enough, especially as a book editor and publisher for 12 years, how valuable it is knowing how to fully maximize MS-Word in your writing. It makes composing/writing and formatting easier and better in hundreds of ways. And much more readable and enjoyable when done well.

Another tip for your MS-Word prose document is to listen to it read aloud before publishing it. This is easy to do. Go to your MS-Word Ribbon, Review, Read Aloud, Speech. Start and end where you want.

Your goal should be to master MS-Word if you hope to be a good writer.

* Rodney, a longtime friend has authored nine books and is both an editor and publisher. He sends out writing tips on prose and poetry twice a month. To receive them, email your request to him at:

rodwriter80@gmail.com

11. Joke 3

An 85-year-old man was asked by his doctor to bring in a sample as part of his physical exam.

The doctor gave him a jar and said, "Take this home and bring it back tomorrow."

The next day, the man returned with the jar — still completely empty. The doctor asked, "What happened?"

The old man sighed: "Well, doc, first I tried with my right hand. Nothing. Then I tried with my left hand. Still nothing. Then I asked my wife, Betty, for help. She tried with her right hand, then her left. Nothing. She even tried with her mouth - teeth in, teeth out - still nothing.

We even called Margaret my neighbor. She tried too - both hands, under her arm, even squeezed it between her knees - still nothing!"

The doctor gasped, "You asked your neighbor to help?!"

The old man shrugged: "Yep. No matter what we did... none of us could get the lid off that darn jar."

(Thanks, Dana Greenberg Kagan, for sharing.)





12. Two Quotes I Like

A. Thanks, Robert Redford (1936-2025) for your career as an American actor and filmmaker. He received numerous accolades including an Academy Award; a BAFTA Award; and five Golden Globe Awards, as well as the Cecil B. DeMille Award in 1994; the Screen Actors Guild Life Achievement Award in 1996; the Academy Honorary Award in 2002; the Kennedy Center Honors in 2005; the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2016; and the Honorary César in 2019. He was named by Time as one of the 100 most influential people in the world in 2014. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#)

“I think the environment should be put in the category of our national security. Defense of our resources is just as important as defense abroad. Otherwise what is there to defend?”—Robert Redford



B. Thanks, Ken Dryden (1947-2025), for your career as a Canadian professional ice hockey goaltender, politician, lawyer, businessman, and author. He played for the Montreal Canadiens of the National Hockey League from 1971 to 1979, winning the Stanley Cup six times and the Vezina Trophy as the goaltender on the team allowing the fewest goals five times. He was elected as member of the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1983. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#)

"Because the demands on the goalie are mostly mental, it means that for a goalie the biggest enemy is himself."—Ken Dryden





13. Thought For The Day

Back then: "Walk it off." Now: "Call my lawyer." (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)



PS. Make it a great week!

