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BLAINESWORLD

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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I enjoyed our recent dinner at Blue Sky Cafe in Fletcher. Our meals, as always, were delicious. In addition, we had some fantastic freshly-baked cookies for dessert.



B. Afterward, we went down the road to Sunny Sundaes to take home some oh-so tasty ice cream. The

D. Afterward, we went down the road to Sunny Sundae's to take home some of-so tasty ice cream. The place is under new management, and we were both impressed by the friendly staff.



C. I had a blast at a preview performance of Jeeves Saves the Day at NC Stage that featured outstanding performances from John Hall (top left), Callan White (top right), Charlie Flynn-McIver, Scott Treadway and Peter Thomasson (bottom) and Maria Buchanan (not pictured). Angie Flynn-McIver's direction was spot on.

Note:

(1) Seeing this laugh-out-loud comedy made me realize one of the advantages of growing older. I last saw it some five years ago, but I had forgotten much if not all of it.

(2) You're in luck, in that the runs through Feb. 16. Do catch it. For tickets, click:

[Here.](#)



D. I had the pleasure of hosting two BLAINESWORLD webcasts this past week. Both can be viewed by

clicking:
[Here.](#)

Top: 1.20.2025 - Dr. Gary Schwartz, retired psychologist & hackey sack devotee

Bottom: 1.21.2025 - Dr. Andy Scarpati, The Happy Hypnotist & owner, Comedy Cabaret



E. Condolences to Jeff Baumeister and family on the passing of Patricia Anne Baumeister, Jeff's mother.
For her obituary, click:
[Here.](#)

F. Congratulations to:

(1) Charlie Wilson, Mike Yow, Karen Covington-Yow, Pasquale LaCorte, Shelley Nielsen, Elly Leidner and others for their appearance in this Ingles commercial:

[Here.](#)

(2) Tiffanie Boone and Bob Dickey on the birth of Serafina Diana Boone-Dickey, their daughter.

(3) Amy Baker on starting her new position as Executive Assistant to the President at New Jersey Institute of Technology.

(4) Lauren Grabowski on her new position as Strategic Solutions Engineer, Team Lead at Swiftly, Inc.

(5) Hannah Williams on her new job as Audience Engagement Manager at Williamstown Theatre Festival.

(6) Audrey Wells on her new job: handling Public Relations and Digital Media for the Allegheny County Treasurer's Office in Pittsburgh.

(7) Rhoda Weaver and family on their newest addition: a grandson.

(8) Leisa Capps on her new position as Retail Market Team Leader at HomeTrust Bank.

(9) Lorre Diamond on the birth of Delaney Marie, her great granddaughter.

(10) Alex McDonald Villarreal on receiving an Artists Support Grant to produce his show, ETHNICALLY AMBIGUOUS, this year as a full-length, one- man show.

G. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Karen Williams (pictured below).

Thanks, Cynthia Greenfield, for this nomination of her:

In my search for a possible dog, I came upon a breeder who has become a good friend: Karen.

I was looking for an adult dog, and she did not have one for me. But what she offered was support, kindness, knowledge and most importantly, friendship. She regularly sends me pictures of her newborn puppies and her older puppies, as well as their mammas and pappas. They bring me so much joy.

She also supports me in this quest I have to get the first dog of my life since childhood.

Karen is a gem. She has her physical challenges, yet she remains positive at all times.

The bolognese breed she raises are so very special. And she adores them.

If anyone is ever interested in getting a new puppy that is bred to be pure love, contact Karen. You will not regret it. I have come to call her a good friend.

To reach Karen and/or for more information, click:

[Here.](#)



2. Invites

A. Reminder about ...

***** CONTEST #1 (of 2025) *****

One lucky reader will win an autographed copy of my friend Rodney Richards' Free-spirited Poems.

To quote from the book's description:

Color! You must see the pictures inside with the poems. Colorful poems, pics, icons, and graphics meshed into the total reading experience. They integrate with the surprises, shocks, laughs, meditations, stories and more, over 140, which will get and hold your interest every time. These poems are not the usual kind nor on only one theme or made from only one style or page length. Some pages have three or four short gotchas.

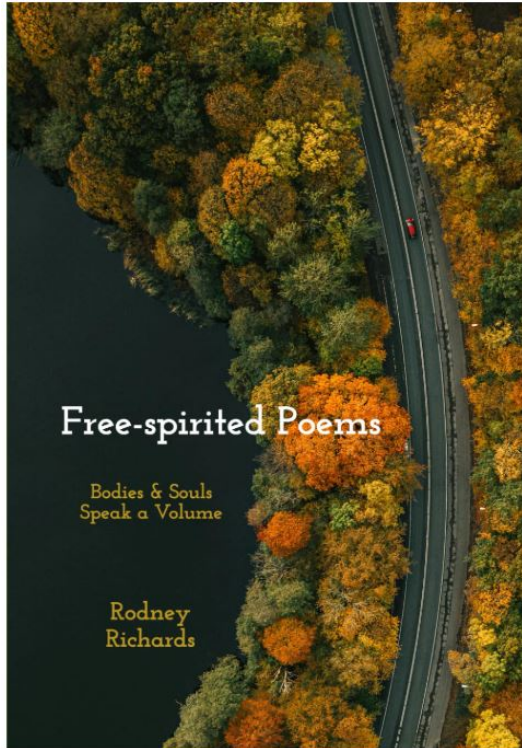
These nine intriguing categories cover Women and men, Playful, Americanisms, Surreal and real, Daily living, What futures hold, Children, Relationships, and Apolitical. Guaranteed, you will find them different

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than most.

I have read these poems, and I think you'll agree with me that they are all worth your time spent reading them.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #1 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 deadline of 9 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 3, 2025.



B. 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.

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. And for more information about the webcast, click:

[Here.](#)

C. 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:

[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.](#)

Note: I'm soooo proud of Cynthia for continuing to teach the above despite having to deal with a painful condition called pseudogout. if you're not familiar with it, you can read more by clicking: [Here.](#)

And if you are aware of any good ways to treat the above and/or natural remedies for doing so, please send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put TREATMENT in the subject line. Many thanks!





3. FYI

A. I'm back on Facebook (after having been hacked). To find out how to reach me there, as well as information on how to follow me on other social media, please click: [Here](#).



B. How to Stop Ruminating

Stuck in a mental loop of worries and problems that seem to have no end? Here's what you can do: [Here](#).

C. Learn how to prevent water pipes from freezing, and how to thaw them if they do freeze: [Here](#).

D. Do you actually need to walk 10,000 steps a day? [Here](#).

E. My present outlook on life
Everyday In Every Way I'm Getting Better And Better: [Here](#).

4. Joke 1

The things you learn online ...

SHAMPOO WARNING!!

I don't know why I didn't figure this out sooner! I use shampoo in the shower.

When I wash my hair the shampoo goes down my body...and there is a label that

clearly states, "FOR EXTRA BODY AND VOLUME." No wonder I am gaining weight! I threw out that dangerous shampoo and have decided I am going to use the Palmolive dish soap because that label reads, "THIS WILL DISSOLVE FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE!"



5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I saw *Brave the Dark* at The Carolina Asheville. Based on a true story, the film portrays the transformation of a 1980s small-town teacher as he is drawn into the mysterious past of a student suddenly arrested outside his classroom. We liked the drama's premise, but it left us surprisingly unmoved. The acting was only fair, at best, and cinematography didn't do much for us. Rated PG-13.

B. I thought *Unstoppable*, which I saw on Prime Video, was far superior. It is the inspiring true story of Anthony Robles (Jharrel Jerome) who was born with one leg. but whose indomitable spirit and unbreakable resolve empowered him to defy the odds and pursue his dreams. With the unwavering love and support of his devoted mother Judy (Jennifer Lopez) and the encouragement of his coaches, he fights and eventually works his way through adversity to earn a spot on the Arizona State Wrestling team. But it will demand everything he has, physically and mentally, to achieve his ultimate quest to become an NCAA Champion. Bobby Cannavale, Michael Peña and Don Cheadle head the rest of the outstanding cast. Rated PG-13.

C. I liked *The Bouncer*, which I also saw on Prime Video. Jean-Claude Van Damme stars as a guy who independently raises his little daughter and works as a security guard in a nightclub. There are a lot of well-staged fight scenes, and it was great to see Van Damme back on screen. Rated R.

6. TV alert

A. *Watson*: sneak preview Jan. 26 after NFL's AFC Championship Game (around 10 p.m. ET) on CBS; returns in its regular time slot on Feb. 16, 9 p.m. ET
Morris Chestnut plays Sherlock Holmes' doctor sidekick after they both plunge off Reichenbach Falls and Holmes is presumed dead, in a modern detective show that's also a medical-mystery drama about rare diseases, with a bit of romance in the mix.

B. *The Night Agent*, Season 2: Netflix
The new year brings a new season of this beloved thriller series, with Gabriel Basso returning as former FBI agent Peter Sutherland. It picks up right where the last chapter left off with Peter joining a secretive organization called Night Action.

C. *Cobra Kai*, Season 6: Netflix
I just finished episodes 6-10. The last one, featuring an epic fight scene, was outstanding. I'm just a bit peeved that I have to wait until Feb. 13 for the third and final part of the series to air.

D. I wanted to give you a heads up about a new show that Diane and I started watching a few weeks ago. It is called *Doc*, and it is on Tuesday night at 9:00 on Fox. We just finished episode #3 this past Tuesday (so you wouldn't have much to catch up on).

It's about a brilliant female doctor who is involved in an auto accident and she doesn't remember the previous eight years of her life.

(Thanks, Bill Lewis, for sharing.)

7. Joke 2

Hope you're as impressed as I was.

**Not to brag or
anything, but
I got the high
score on my
scale today.**

8. Clips/Sites

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 Golden Grahams commercial:

[Here.](#)

B. Video of the week

"The Song Traveler" is a short film journal, featuring my friend Elsten Torres when he was on tour in Japan:

[Here.](#)

Play the whole clip, in that if you do, you'll see Elsten perform a beautiful song at the 2:43 mark.



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

(1) Foreigner, "I Want To Know What Love Is," one of my favorites:

[Here.](#)

(2) Howard Smith Jr.: Hymns (1.26.2025):

[Here.](#)

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Richie Havens:

[Here.](#)

(4) I was fortunate to be able to see Havens in concert. If you never had that opportunity, click this link of him playing "San Francisco Bay Blues":

[Here.](#)

(5) Cool moves:

[Here.](#)

(Thanks, Risa Reavely, for sharing.)

(6) Friends - Flight of the Conchords:

[Here.](#)

(Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

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

Whether you're looking to relax, sleep, or boost your productivity, the sound of rain can be surprisingly therapeutic and calming. See for yourself by clicking Rainy Mood:

[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

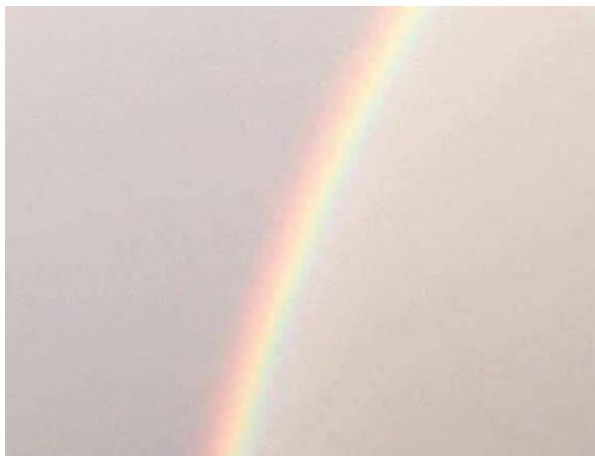
How to turn rotation off or on and lock screen orientation on iPads:

[Here.](#)

This is very helpful, and I liked the fact that it got straight to the point.

10. Joke 3

Finally, I've found it ... the pot at the end of the rainbow! (Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing.)





11. Three quotes I like

A. Top: Thanks, Jules Feiffer (1929-2025), for your career as an American cartoonist and author, who at one time was considered the most widely read satirist in the country. He won the Pulitzer Prize in 1986 for editorial cartooning, and in 2004 he was inducted into the Comic Book Hall of Fame. For more information about his life, click:

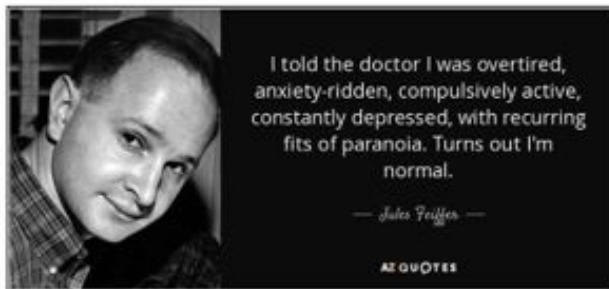
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B. Middle: Thanks, Jeff Torborg (1941-2025), for your career as an American professional baseball catcher and manager. He played in Major League Baseball for the Los Angeles Dodgers and California Angels from 1964 to 1973. Torborg managed the Cleveland Indians, Chicago White Sox, New York Mets, Montreal Expos and Florida Marlins. And he also worked as a sportscaster when not managing. For more information about his life, click:

[Here.](#)

c. Bottom: Thanks, Derek Humphry (1930-2025), for your career as a British and American journalist and author notable as a proponent of legal assisted suicide and the right to die. In 1980, Humphry co-founded the Hemlock Society and, in 2004, after that organization dissolved, he co-founded Final Exit Network. From 1988 to 1990, he was president of the World Federation of Right to Die Societies and was most recently the president of the Euthanasia Research & Guidance Organization. For more information about his life, click:

[Here.](#)



"I've always gotten a thrill from doing something that doesn't show up in the box score, like preventing a wild pitch."—Jeff Torborg





"If you are unfortunately obliged to end your life in a hospital or motel, it is gracious to leave a note apologizing for the shock and inconvenience to the staff. I have also heard of an individual leaving a generous tip to a motel staff."--Derek Humphry



12. Thought for the day

On MLK Day, I remembered Dr. King for what he both said and did.

"If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as a Michaelangelo painted or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, 'Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.' "--Martin Luther King Jr.



PS. Make it a great week!

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