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## BLAINESWORLD

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### 1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I had a fun time at HOP to the Movies: A Fundraiser for Arms Around ASD. So did the others in attendance, including this woman and her two pups. And all enjoyed Young Frankenstein, the classic film that was shown.





B. It was the first time that we went out and left Bodhi alone without us, but he seemed to get along just fine in our absence, hanging with Kismet and some of his friends (below).



C. Review: NC Stage Hooks a Winner with *The Shark Is Broken*  
by Blaine Greenfield — Chief Encouragement Officer (CEO), BLAINESWORLD

*The Shark Is Broken*, co-written by Ian Shaw and Joseph Nixon, drops us onto the Orca during the 1974 filming of *Jaws*, where the notoriously temperamental mechanical shark keeps stalling the shoot. Trapped between takes, Richard Dreyfuss, Robert Shaw and Roy Scheider have nothing to do but talk—and that talk becomes a smart, funny, and surprisingly poignant character study about three men caught between ambition and anxiety, vanity and vulnerability. The comedy bubbles up fast—the barbs are sharp, the timing crisp—and then the play lets the quieter questions surface: What do legacy and craft mean when the ocean—and Hollywood—won't play along? I liked it very much.

What makes this NC Stage production shine is the talk—outstanding, actorly dialogue that sounds tossed off yet lands like truth. The quips have teeth, but the conversations keep circling back to pride, fear, and the grit it takes to keep going when the big fish doesn't show. You come for the *Jaws* lore; you stay because the words keep deepening the characters.

Ben Mackel's Richard Dreyfuss is a marvel. He nails the quick, slightly nasal cadence and the jittery, up-and-coming energy without slipping into caricature; it sounds and feels like Dreyfuss, and it's lived-in rather than imitated. Richard Neil makes a formidable Robert Shaw—gravelly, magnetic, a poet with a hangover—so when the mask slips, the vulnerability registers. Adam Poole's Roy Scheider is the ballast: observant, dryly funny, and quietly competitive—the even keel that keeps the Orca steady when the other two start rocking the boat.

Charlie Flynn-McIver directs the production with an assured hand. The pacing breathes; the silences are allowed to do their work; and the trio is given room to spar without ever turning the play into a shouting match. Choices feel actor-centered and story-first, which lets the humor sparkle and the emotion sneak up on you. Scenic designer Julie K. Ross supplies a compact, textured Orca that looks properly scuffed by salt, sun, and ego—practical playing spaces, smart sightlines, and just enough detail to make the deck feel lived-in.

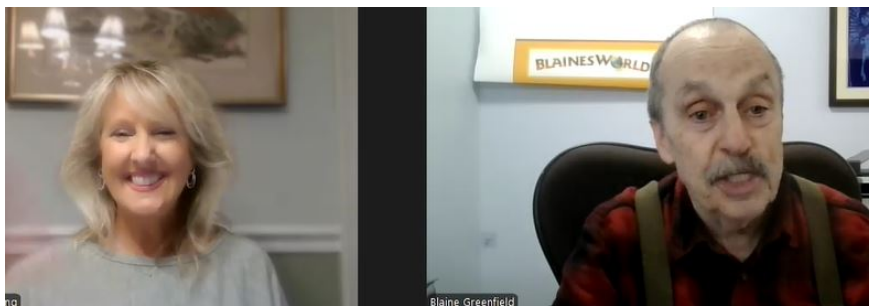
What lingers is how human the piece is. It isn't a museum tour of a beloved movie; it's a conversation about professionalism and pride, about how artists carry their demons to work and still find a way to deliver. The jokes are plentiful, the needling is delicious, and then—right when you're comfortable—the play tips into tenderness and lets you see why these men mattered to each other, and why the film they were making still matters to us.

The Shark Is Broken runs through October 12. For performance times and seats, visit NC Stage's website: <https://www.ncstage.org/>.



The Shark Is Broken at NC Stage — (l-r) reviewer Blaine Greenfield with stars Ben Mackel, Robert Neil, and Adam Poole

D. I had the pleasure of hosting Amanda Soler, Founder of Soulful Living & Host, Soulful Connections Podcast on my BLAINESWORLD webcast this past week. To catch it, click: [www.blaineworld.net](http://www.blaineworld.net).



E. Congratulations to:

- (1) Jensen Gelfond and Beth Mayberry on the birth of their son, Fern.
- (2) Leslie Lang on obtaining a new certification: Google Analytics Individual Qualification from Google Digital Academy.
- (3) Shelley Nielsen on becoming a certified Les Mills Pilates instructor.

F. Announcing this week's ....

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

This week, it goes to Jean Dolan--Assistant Director of College Communication at Bucks County Community College.

Recently, she chosen as the recipient of this year's NAACP Bucks County Community Service Award for her outstanding commitment, dedication and contributions to the betterment of the community. Her efforts in service, advocacy, and leadership exemplify the values and mission of the NAACP.

Previously, she received the Centurion Award from the BCCC Alumni Association.

Jean is an amazing, enthusiastic individual who somehow also manages to find the time to teach part-time for both Bucks and La Salle University's Nonprofit Center. And she has a wide and diverse history of volunteering at Ls Salle, the Newtown Library Council, Council Rock North Band Parents Association, the Youth Orchestra of Bucks County, and Boy Scout Troop 29. and she has served as a poll worker for the Bucks County Board of Elections.

It's an honor to call her my friend.



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## **2. Cynthia's Corner**

### **On Aging**

Aging is it like ripe fruit, sweet and full of flavor? Or is it like grapes left too long on the vine, beginning to wither and spoil?

Maybe it's both—depending on the day, depending on the season of life.

Aging ... we're told it's supposed to bring wisdom. The chance to learn from our mistakes. To finally understand ourselves well enough that we can share those lessons with others—lessons we couldn't have offered when we were younger, because we were still stumbling through them ourselves.

But aging isn't just the gift of perspective. Sometimes it's the body whispering—or shouting—reminders that not everything has an answer. An ache that lingers, a pain that doctors can't quite explain. It can feel unfair, random, or simply part of the package.

And then there are the relationships. The ones we thought would get easier with time. Instead, they can

And then there are the relationships. The ones we thought would get easier with time. Instead, they can remain tangled, still demanding patience and grace even when we've lived long enough to know better. Aging doesn't erase those struggles—it just reframes them.

So maybe aging is a mixed harvest.

Sweetness and sourness together. The wisdom and the aches. The laughter at things that once made us cry, and the tears for things that never quite heal. But even so—there's something about this season of life that is uniquely ours. And maybe that, in itself, is worth savoring.

Warmly,  
Cynthia (Greenfield)  
[Cgreenfield1001@aol.com](mailto:Cgreenfield1001@aol.com)

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.



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### 3. Invites

A. Still time to enter ...

\*\*\*\*\* CONTEST #12 \*\*\*\*\*

One lucky reader will win a copy of Knock! Knock! Jokes.

This is a book that young kids and grandkids, as well as nephews and nieces, would especially enjoy.

And if the following is your type of humor, you might also enjoy it:

Knock-knock.  
Who's there?  
Aretha.  
Aretha who?

.....

Aretha round you door would be a festive touch!

To enter the contest, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #12 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 9 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 27



B. Thanks, Brian Biro, for sharing.



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C. Thanks, Hank Eder, for sharing.

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D. Thanks, Beth Russo, for sharing.

# BRICK BY BRICK

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> 2025  
 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
 AB-TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
 10 Genevieve Circle, Asheville, NC 28801

In the wake of Hurricane Helene, nonprofits carried Western North Carolina through recovery, but many are now facing damaged facilities, exhausted teams, and ongoing uncertainty. *Brick by Brick* is a free event designed to provide *strategies, resources, and inspiration* for nonprofit organizations

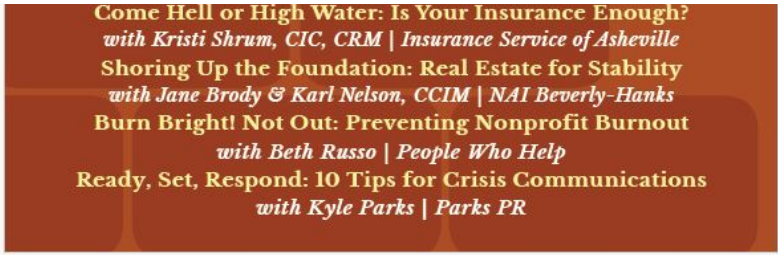
**PANEL DISCUSSION**

**Andy Barnett**  
*Asheville Habitat for Humanity*

**Claire Neal**  
*Manna Food Bank*

**Stephanie Lee (Moderator)**  
*North Carolina Arboretum*

**WORKSHOPS**



E. 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](mailto:bginbc@aol.com), if interested, and put WEBCAST in the subject line. And for more information, click:  
<https://www.blaineworld.net/>

F. 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/>

G. 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>

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**4. FYI**

- A. These 4 Words Can Defuse Any Awkward Situations  
[Here](#)
- B. Cardiologist: 9 American foods you 'couldn't pay me to eat'—after 20 years of treating heart attacks  
[Here](#)
- C. Eating More of This Vitamin May Lower Dementia Risk by 49%, New Study Says  
[Here](#)
- D. Psychology expert: If you live by these 5 rules, you won't need a lot of money to be happy  
[Here](#)
- E. The Biggest Mistakes People Make In Their Wills, According To Estate Lawyers  
[Here](#)

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**5. Joke 1**

Forget Weight Watchers — I'm joining Waist Watchers.





**My wife caught me sucking my stomach in while standing on the scale. ... "That's not going to help you," she said laughing. ... I replied, "Actually, it does. It's the only way I can see the numbers on the scale."**

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## 6. Reviews

### A. Military Wives (Netflix)

This film is a warm, quietly stirring crowd-pleaser about a group of British spouses who form a choir while their partners are deployed, and we liked it a lot. Anchored by a deft odd-couple pairing—Kristin Scott Thomas as the buttoned-up organizer and Sharon Horgan as the wry, free-spirited foil—the film balances grief and gallows humor with sing-along uplift, building to performances that feel earned rather than schmaltzy. It's familiar territory, but the chemistry, the true-story roots, and the music make it hard to resist. Make sure you stay around for the ending credits. Rated PG-13.

### B. The Lost Bus (Apple TV+)

It is a gripping, crowd-pleasing survival thriller that kept me on edge from the opening minutes. Paul Greengrass stages the wildfire chaos with his signature urgency, but the movie clicks because of the human center: Matthew McConaughey as the determined bus driver and America Ferrera as the steady, big-hearted teacher trying to keep terrified kids calm—both give grounded, affecting performances. It's tense, fast, and ultimately uplifting, and I enjoyed it. Rated R. (Thanks, Mike Marintelli, for the recommendation.)

Note: The above is based on a true story. To find out more AFTER you have seen the film, click: <https://time.com/7314530/the-lost-bus-true-story-paul-greengrass/>

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## 7. TV Alert

### A. Matlock, Season 2 (CBS, Paramount+)

She's back! Everyone's favorite grownup legal eagle "Matty" Matlock (Kathy Bates, 77), returns for a second season of courtroom drama

### B. John Candy: I Like Me (Prime Video)

The late, great Canadian comedian John Candy is the subject of an affectionate documentary from director Colin Hanks and producer Ryan Reynolds.

### C. The Woman in Cabin 10 (Netflix)

Keira Knightley stars in this mystery-thriller based on Ruth Ware's bestselling 2016 novel about a journalist on a yacht who's convinced she saw a woman thrown overboard one night, despite the fact that no passengers are reported missing the next morning.

### D. Nouvelle Vague (Netflix)

Director Richard Linklater (Hit Man), 65, pays tribute to the pivotal French New Wave film movement of the late 1950s and '60s in this black-and-white love letter to cinema about the making of Jean-Luc Godard's game-changing import Breathless.

### E. The Ballad of Wallis Island (Prime Video)

British comedian Tim Key plays an eccentric loner named Charles who hatches a quirky plan to spend the winnings from two major lottery wins: reunite his favorite folk duo (played by Carey Mulligan and Tom

winnings from two major lottery wins. Reunite his favorite rock duo (played by Carey Mulligan and Tom Basden), who have not played together in 15 years due to an acrimonious romantic breakup.

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## 8. Joke 2

We don't ground grandkids—we multiverse them.

**My Grandson: I feel like you're always making up rules and stuff.**  
**Me: Like what?**  
**My Grandson: Like if I don't clean my room, a portal will open and take me to another dimension.**  
**Me: Well, that's what happened to your older brother.**  
**My Grandson: What older brother?**  
**Me: Exactly.**

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## 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. Or just information about them; e.g., this clip from Bill's Box of Sound:

[Here](#)

(Thanks, Pat Hannigan, for sharing.)

Note: Feel free to submit your choices for greatest recording artists, music, etc. I'll try to run what you send me in in section 8C (below).

B. Video of the week

Hurricane Helene Documentary - the Deadliest Mountain Hurricane of all time

[Here](#)

(Thanks, David Carr, for sharing.)

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

(1) Exile - Kiss You All Over, one of my favorites

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OpaCXtahXxk&list=RDEvJ9Yxef5zl&index=2>

(2) Howard Smith Jr.: Hymns (10.12.2025)

<https://www.facebook.com/hs.smith.73/videos/809295101639396>

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Elton John

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1074611874751017>

(4) Appreciate you, Neil, and how you get me to revisit great songs like "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road." Your many fans and friends can do the same by clicking:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZ3Bb4UsXhU>

(5) Best crowd at a concert you'll ever see:

AC/DC - Highway to Hell (Live At River Plate, December 2009)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gEPmA3USJdl>

(Thanks, Jonathan Ross, for sharing.)

(Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

(6) The most INSANE Bohemian Rhapsody Flashmob you will ever see!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rfUEstWJUKA>

(Thanks, Rodney Smith, for sharing.)

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

For a cool collection of optical illusions, check out Optical Toys by clicking:

[Here](#)

I especially like how the site also explains each illusion.

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

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

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## 10. Technology Tip

To find stuff I file on my computer if I want to use it again, I use the first three words of the document and/or joke. If there is already something there with the same three words, I'll add a fourth. This works well for me.

For example, in this week's issue, I've saved Section 5 as "my wife caught."

If I used a picture, I'll save it with the person's name or an abbreviation of the name. So Section 1A has been saved as CAB (short for Cynthia and Blaine) at Arms event.

Give this filing system a try. Methinks you'll like it.

And Mr. Curious here: Let me know how you file stuff.

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## 11. Joke 3

Good Vibrations → Good Libations. (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)



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## 12. Two Quotes I Like

A. Thanks, Diane Keaton (1946-2025), for your career as an American actress. She received various accolades throughout her career spanning over five decades, including an Academy Award, a BAFTA Award, and two Golden Globe Awards, in addition to nominations for two Emmy Awards and a Tony Award. For more information about her life, click:

[Here](#)



B. Thanks, John Lodge (1943-2025), for your career as an English musician, singer, and songwriter, best known as the bass guitarist, co-lead vocalist, and principal songwriter for the longstanding progressive rock band the Moody Blues. In 2018m he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as a member of that group. For more information about his life and one of his songs, click:

[Here](#)

**“I’ll run over the reviewer in my Rolls-Royce.”--John Lodge,  
responding to a negative review**



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## 13. Thought For The Day

My hero! ... For more information about this guy, click:

[Here](#)





**90-YEAR-OLD FLORIDA MAN  
ARRESTED FOR SECOND TIME IN A  
WEEK FOR FEEDING THE HOMELESS**

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