

You're reading BLAINESWORLD, a weekly blog published by Blaine Greenfield. It contains some jokes, hopefully, not toooo 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 at tasty dinner at the Farm Burger on Hendersonville Road. The food is always good there, as is the service.



B. We had a lovely visit from our friend Amber Riddle who met our amazing cat Kismet for the first time.



C. If Frank Sinatra had Ol' Blue Eyes as one of his nicknames, does that now mean that Kismet should be called New Blue Eyes?



D. Our friend Sunny Ruble gave us two more pets for us to take care of: Ben (brown) and Jerry (yellow). The amazing reptiles start out on average 12" x 2.5" out of the package, as can be seen on the left. Placed in water, they grew to approximately 19" x 6" x 2.75," as can be seen on the right.



E. I had the pleasure of hosting Crystal MacKinnon--Executive Director, The Cellphone Project--on my BLAINESWORLD podcast this past week. She can be seen or heard by clicking: www.blainesworld.net and then going to 10.11.2023.



F. Congratulations to:

(1) Mandy Reilly on her new counseling practice: Mandy Reilly, LPC.

(2) Rodney Whittenberg on the PBS premier of Code Name Avalan, a film he was associate producer on, co-editor, composer/sound designer and who also arranged and produced the film's closing credits song with singer Phyllis Chappell.

G. Announcing this week's ...

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

It goes to Arms Around ASD, a terrific group whose mission is to support the autism community through self-care and development of executive functioning skills promoting the growth of the community as a whole.

You can get more information by clicking: [Here](#).

Cynthia volunteers there on a regular basis.

Pictured (below on the far left at the recent Hop to the Movies event), l-r: Kim; Cynthia; yours truly; Michele Louzon, the organization's dynamic Founder and Director in the donkey costume; and Shrek; (in the far right at the same event) Cynthia and Jennifer Hartzog, Queen of All Things Administrative; and (bottom) Ryan Boblett doing a great job hosting karaoke, something he does every other Friday.

Note: Check out the upcoming Hop Into the Holidays online auction by clicking: [Here](#).



2. Invites

A. Please join me at either or these two upcoming Marketing seminars I'll be conducting for Asheville SCORE.

You can't beat the price; i.e., FREE!

And just for attending, you'll have the choice to win \$500. In addition, you'll learn the difference between a left- and right-handed pencil.

Description of seminar: Marketing for the 21st Century small business is more dynamic and challenging than ever. Discover how to effectively and efficiently use marketing tools. Gain insights to understand and reach your customer, analyze your industry and business environment and differentiate between branding, advertising, and grassroots marketing techniques.

Instructor: Blaine Greenfield

Blaine Greenfield has 35 years of teaching experience as a Marketing Professor at the community college, university and graduate levels. At the same time, he operated his own consulting firm-providing marketing assistance to small and medium-sized businesses, as well as to non-profit organizations. Blaine has spoken groups throughout the country, and he has served as a mediator and/or arbitrator in over 2,500 cases.

Date, time & location: Thursday, Oct. 19 from 2-5 p.m. at A-Tech Madison Campus, Room: Ramsey 103, 4646 IS 25-70, Madison, NC

To register, click: [Here](#).

and/or

Date, time & location: Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m.-12 noon at A-B Teach Enka Campus, Room 2046, 1465 Sand Hill Road, Candler, NC

To register, click: [Here](#).

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! TO REGISTER

B. Announcing ...

***** CONTEST #16 *****

But first, here are the results from Contest #15. Ariella St. Clair was the winner, a copy of SHELL SHOCKED; MY LIFE WITH THE TURTLES, FLO & EDDIE, AND FRANK ZAPPA, ETC. by Howard Kaylan with Jeff Tamarkin. All told, there were six entries.

For this latest contest, one lucky reader will win a copy of STREET SMART SAFETY FOR WOMEN: YOUR GUIDE TO DEFENSIVE LIVING by my friends Joy Farrow and Laura Frombach.

To quote Kirkus Reviews: "Farrow and Frombach's unique experiences make them effective and credible advocates for their message, and the book as a whole is a highly readable and useful addition to the genre of women's self-defense writing."

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST 16 in the subject line. Include your name and mailing address in the body of the email. All entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 30.

C. 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](#).

D. 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](#).

E. 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

Note: The headline for the following article is a bit misleading. This mistake applies to ALL emails (and not just those that are work-related).

The No. 1 mistake people make when writing work emails: 'Most people don't correct it until their 30s or 40s' by Moran Smith

Digital communication can be challenging, particularly in the workplace.

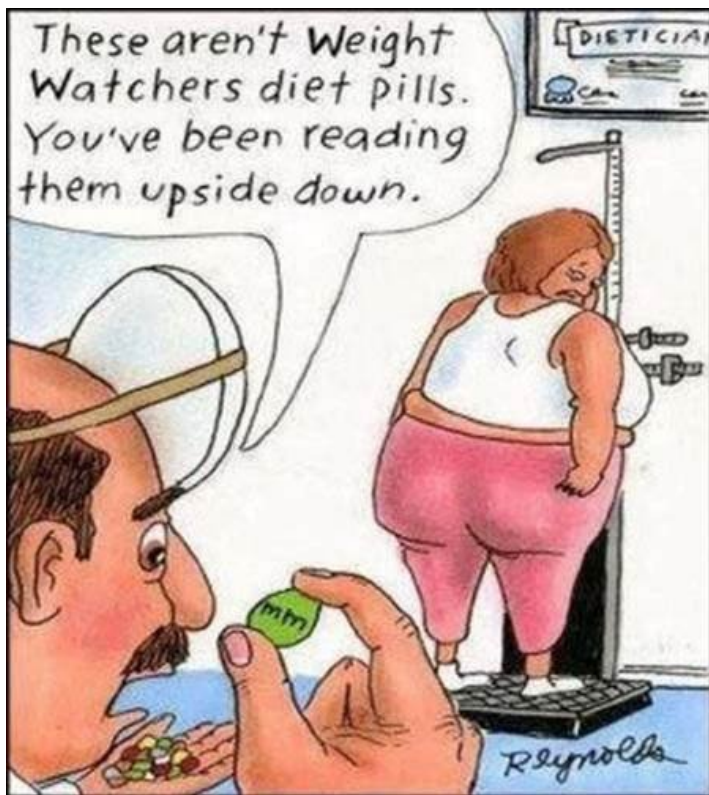
A single incorrect word choice or a misplaced exclamation point could alter how your message is received and undermine your professionalism.

But the “biggest mistake” in workplace communication — and the hardest one to recover from — is sending emotional emails, says Brandon Smith, a therapist and career coach known as The Workplace Therapist.

For the rest of this informative article, click: [Here](#).

4. Joke 1

Guess that means they don't count as ZeroPoint foods. (Thanks, Janeen Ravkin, for sharing.)



5. Reviews

A. JOAN BAEZ: I AM NOISE: Now at Grail Moviehouse

Cynthia and I saw this film about the folk music icon and activist. Critics loved it, but we didn't and found it to be a downer. (Though that's not surprising given Baez' lifetime of heartbreak, estrangement and physical abuse.) We also wanted to see more about her music and less about her how she confronted her personal demons. Rated R.

B. A much better film in our opinion was FLORA AND SON, which we saw on Apple TV+. It tells the story of a single mom (Eve Hewson) who is at a loss about what to do with her rebellious teenage son (Orén Kinlan). With the help of a washed-up LA musician (Joseph Gordon-Levitt), the mother and son discover the transformative power of music. There's great chemistry among all the character, and we also liked the music ... but that's not surprising given the fact that the film was directed by John Carney (of ONCE fame). Rated R.

C. Question: You see TAYLOR SWIFT: THE ERAS TOUR? If so, is it worth seeing?

6. TV alert

A. LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY: Now on Apple TV+

At age 64 in 2022, after 98 rejections from literary agents, Bonnie Garmus sold her first novel, about a sexism-battling chemist who improbably becomes a 1960s TV-cooking-show sensation. Brie Larson (*Avengers: Endgame*) produced and stars in the TV series adaptation — making Garmus kind of an improbable TV star herself.

B. MURDAUGH MURDERS: THE MOVIE: On Lifetime, available to stream now and Part 2 premieres Sunday, October 15 at 8/7c.

You've seen the hit documentaries on the case; now watch the brilliant Bill Pullman as Alex Murdaugh, the lawyer who stole from clients to fund his opioid addiction and was convicted of killing his wife and son — and that's just the tip of the iceberg of scandal that hit the family.

C. WORLD ON FIRE, Season 2: Sunday, Oct. 15, at 9 pm. ET on PBS

Oscar nominee Lesley Manville, Oscar winner Helen Hunt and *Game of Thrones'* Sean Bean star in PBS Masterpiece's World War II drama set in 1940, bouncing between war-torn Britain, Nazi Germany, occupied France and North Africa.

D. THE AMERICAN BUFFALO: Oct. 16 & Oct. 17 on PBS at 8 p.m.

Thanks to people like Wild West showman Buffalo Bill Cody, who named his rifle Lucrezia Borgia after Italy's notorious alleged serial killer, America's buffalo population went from perhaps 60 million to as few as 325 in the 1800s. Ken Burns called it "the biggest slaughter of animals in the history of the world." So he spent more than 30 years developing this four-hour documentary covering 10,000 years of buffalo history, from near-extinction to surprising recovery.

7. Joke 2

My neighbor has a new job in the bicycle wheel factory. She is the company's new spokesperson. (Thanks, Brad Morris, 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 Alec James: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

You'll love both the song and the dancing in this clip featuring "Keep on Dancing" from The Gentrys: [Here](#).

I especially liked this comment from one of the members of the original group:

@LarryRaspberry-hb6wo

Many Many Thanks I was/am the founder, leader, guitarist and one of three vocalists in The Gentrys. I sang this song "Keep On Dancin' "when I was 17. It was a number 4 hit record in September 1965. I am still performing and singing it today. I and all The Gentrys are honored and appreciate so much, your making our hit the soundtrack for this monumental, fun video. MOST OF ALL EVERYONE FROM HOLLYWOOD TO HOME LAND KEEP ON DANCIN' !!!

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

(1) Neil Sedaka, "Oh Carol," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns (10.15.2023): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Sean Lennon: [Here](#).

(4) And for Lennon's version of "Instant Karma," click: [Here](#).

(5) Kevin Jordan: Cause I Said So! ... The world's funnies police officer: [Here](#). (Thanks, Keith Spender, for sharing.)

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

Looking for something for your children or grandchildren? Or something that you could play with them? Then check out the website that follows.

Poptropica is an online role-playing game, developed in 2007 by Pearson Education's Family Education Network, and targeted towards children aged 6 to 15.

In 2011, Poptropica was listed on Time magazine's list of "50 Websites that Make the Web Great," where it was described as "an inventive megasite for kids with a wholesome and slightly educational bent". By 2012, the game had grown to have over 75 million registered users, with 35 million in the 15-25 age group.

This fun website also doubles as an app for your phone and tablet.

To play it, click: [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

I don't know about you, but I hate the fact that the that iPhones no longer have a Home Button. But now you can easily add one by following the useful advice in this short video: [Here](#).

10. Joke 3

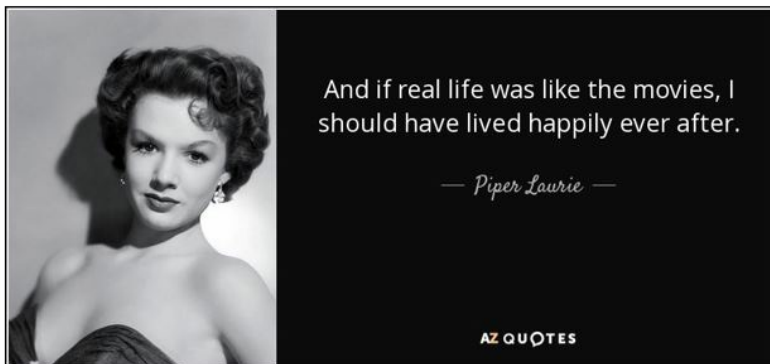
My kind of job. (Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing.)



11. Two quotes I like

A. (Top) Thanks, Piper Laurie (1932-2023) for your career as an American actress. She is known for her roles in the films *The Hustler*, *Carrie* and *Children of a Lesser God*. She received various accolades, including a Primetime Emmy Award and a Golden Globe Award. For more information about her life, click: [Here](#).

B. (Bottom) Thanks, Louise Glück (1943-2023), for your career as an American poet and essayist. She won the 2020 Nobel Prize in Literature, whose judges praised "her unmistakable poetic voice that with austere beauty makes individual existence universal," and she also won the Pulitzer Prize in 1993. From 2003 to 2004, she was Poet Laureate of the United States. For more information about her life, click: [Here](#).



12. Thought for the day

Please join me in this trip down Memory Lane. (Thanks, Jimmy Ferraro, for sharing.)

It would be nice ❤️

when i was a kid, this was my idea of a gang to hang with. Girls, guys, black, white, skinny, fat, cool, dorky - no matter who you were - you fit in. Wouldn't it be cool if we could all play together again?



PS. Make it a great week!

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