

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 loved YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN (the musical adaptation of the film with the same name) that's now at Hendersonville Theatre through Oct. 29.

Pictured below: Just some of my Facebook friends who were so terrific in the show, including Rowan Bishop, Allison Starling, Tiffanie Boone, Karen Covington-Yow , Mike yow and Matt Wade. And lest I forget, other friends Kailey Brasius and Brenda Craig were equally outstanding along with the eight other cast members in the show.

Elizabeth DeVault's direction was spot on, as was Patricia Sands' music direction, Matilyn Hull's choreography and Amanda McLoughlin's costume design.

Only a few tickets remain, but click this link to see if you'll be lucky to obtain any: [Here](#).

Note: To see any picture at full size, click: [Here](#).



B. We saw the above show with our friends Tom and Marcy Gallagher. Afterward, we had a delicious dinner at Thai Spice.



C. Just in time to get you in the mood for Halloween, plan to see The Magnetic Theatre's world premiere of THE SPLATTER PLAY! ... Kudos to first-time playwright Abby Auman and director Jessica Johnson for bringing this oh-so campy horror comedy to Asheville.

Things start off somewhat normally when you learn that Morgan Miller is planning to sell her childhood home. Miller manages to hold things together despite having to deal with Erin McCarson, her mother's live-in helper, and Jered Shults, her stepdad virtual assistant.

And then the action goes completely bonkers when a series of others enter the action, including Dwight Chiles, Ashleigh Goff, Daniel Moore, Jason Phillips, Daphodil Phillips-Sprague and Melon Wedick. All involved were outstanding in their respective roles. And Zach Knox' original music helped set just the right mood for the play.

By the way, that's yours truly (pictured below on the left), dressed perfectly for the evening. You can do the same if you pay an extra \$5 for "splash zone" gear designed to protect you from the flying fake blood and gore. I strongly recommend that you do.

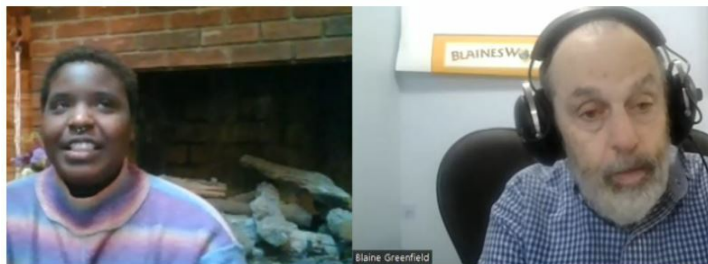
THE SPLATTER PLAY! runs through Oct. 28. For tickets, click: [Here](#).



D. I hosted four BLAINESWORLD podcasts this past week. You can listen or watch them on the indicated dates by clicking: [Here](#).

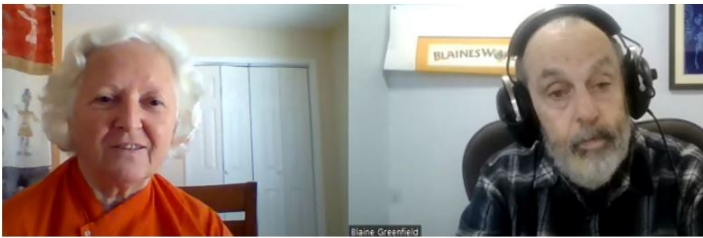
(1) Top: 10.16.2023 - Naimah Coleman, actor extraordinaire

(2) Bottom: 10.17.2023 - Jake LaRue--Equine Facilitated Learning/Personal Development Coach, Horse Listener at Man With A Horse



(3) Top: 10.18.2023 - Lisa Sanborn--President, Board of Directors of FUR of WNC (Feline Urgent Rescue)

(4) Bottom: 10.20.2023 - Didi Anandarama--Meditation Teacher & Global Coordinator at Neohumanist Education



E. Condolences to Caroline Green Christopoulos and family on the passing of Caroline's father.

F. Congratulations to:

(1) Brian Biro for his appearance on The George Madiou Show. To view it, click: [Here](#).

(2) Janery Alban on her new position as Behavioral Health Crisis Navigator at IXP Corporation.

G. Announcing this week's ...

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

It goes to Apollo Flame Bistro, 1025 Brevard Road in Asheville.

We recently went there to celebrate our friend Cappy Tosetti's birthday. As is always the case when we go to this eatery, all our meals were tasty. The portions were also very generous.

We received fine service from Jessica Vasquez (standing in the back). We were especially impressed by the fact that she had never been a server before, and she was only in her first week of employment.

In addition, we were impressed by the friendly greeting we received from Carlos Martinez, the manger, and the fact that he checked with us a few times to see how everything was.



2. Invites

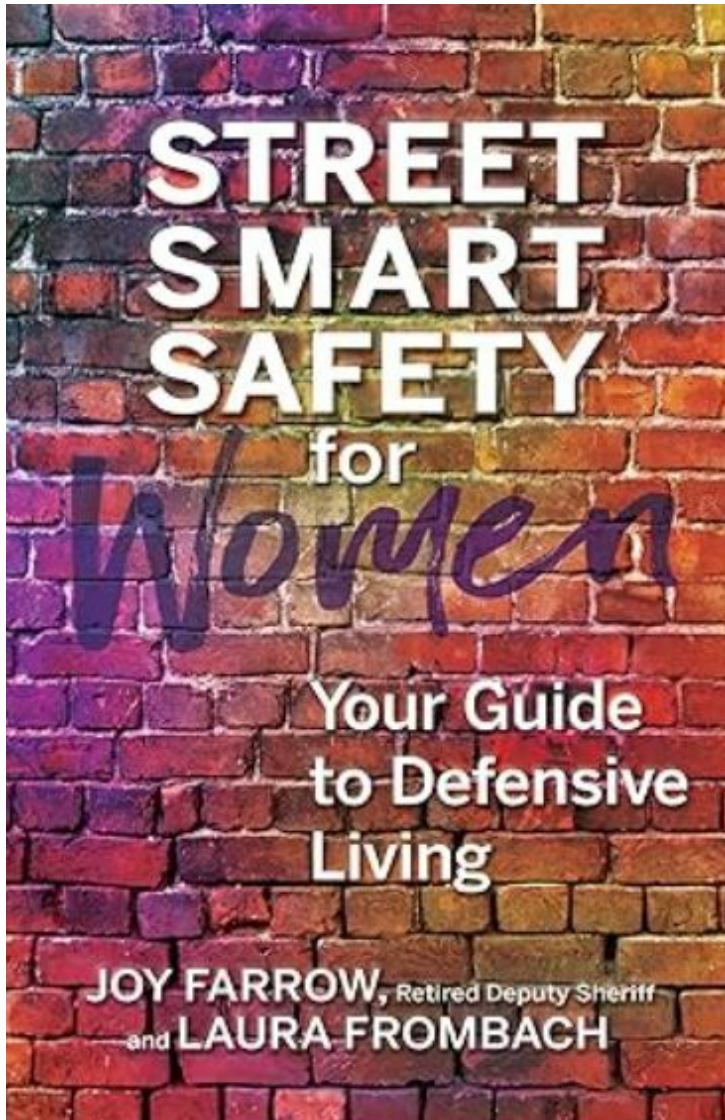
A. Reminder about ...

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

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.



B. Please join me at this upcoming Marketing seminar that 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: 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](#).

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

SELF-CHECKOUT IS A FAILED EXPERIMENT

Please, not another “unexpected item in the bagging area.”

by Amanda Mull

When self-checkout kiosks began to pop up in American grocery stores, the sales pitch to shoppers was impressive: Scan your stuff, plunk it in a bag, and you're done. Long checkout lines would disappear. Waits would dwindle. Small talk with cashiers would be a thing of the past. Need help? Store associates, freed from the drudgery of scanning barcodes, would be close at hand to answer your questions.

You know how this process actually goes by now: You still have to wait in line. The checkout kiosks bleat and flash when you fail to set a purchase down in the right spot. Scanning those items is sometimes a crapshoot—wave a barcode too vigorously in front of an uncooperative machine, and suddenly you've scanned it two or three times. Then you need to locate the usually lone employee charged with supervising all of the finicky kiosks, who will radiate exasperation at you while scanning her ID badge and tapping the kiosk's touch screen from pure muscle memory. If you want to buy something that even might carry some kind of arbitrary purchase restriction—not just obvious things such as alcohol, but also products as seemingly innocuous as a generic antihistamine—well, maybe don't do that.

For the rest of this informative article, click: <https://conta.cc/48YSqxp>.

4. Joke 1



5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I saw *THE ROYAL HOTEL* at Grail Moviehouse. It is a scary thriller about two women who when they run out of money, take a temporary live-in job behind the bar in a remote Outback mining town. We didn't love it and even thought about leaving halfway through, but we stayed until the end. I'm not sure that's a good or bad thing, but I do know that we've been talking about the film ever since we saw it, so that means we would recommend that consider seeing it. Be forewarned: There is violence in the film, but nobody gets raped or killed (despite your thinking that's going to be the case). Rated R.

B. A far better choice would be to watch *THE BURIAL* on Prime Video. Inspired by true events, the plot involves a lawyer who helps a funeral owner save his family business from a large corporation looking to take it over. Jamie Foxx and Tommy Lee Jones are both superb in the leading roles, but also excellent are Jurnee Smollett, Mamoudou Athie, Alan Ruck and Bil Camp. Don't miss this one. Rated R.

Note: I've added *THE BURIAL* to my list of favorite films. If you'd like to get a copy of that list, send an email to: bjinbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

6. TV alert

A. *THE PIGEON TUNNEL*: Now on Apple TV+

In his last interview before his death in 2020 at 89, John le Carré tells Oscar-winning *The Fog of War* documentarian Errol Morris, 75, about the traumatizing life story behind his betrayal-haunted thriller novels.

B. *OLD DADS*: Now on Netflix

Comedian Bill Burr directs and stars in a comedy about a cranky middle-aged dad and his two buddies (Bobby Cannavale and Bokeem Woodbine) who sell their successful company to a millennial--and find themselves at sea in a world with shifting attitudes.

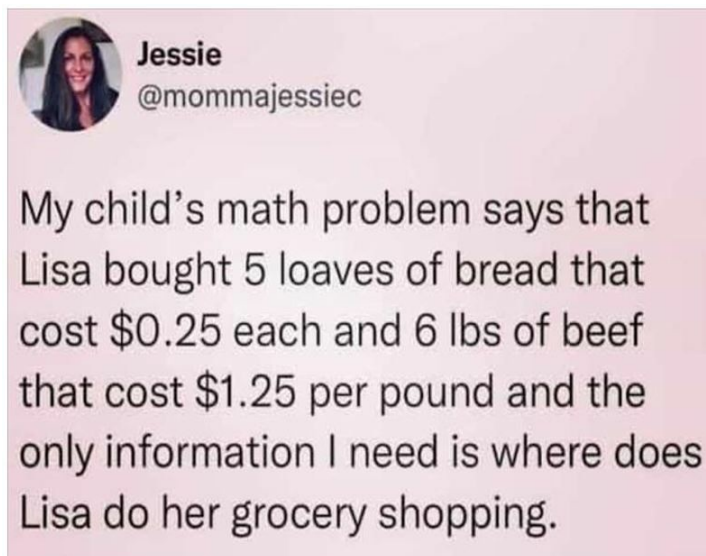
C. *LIE ON OUR PLANET*, Season 1: Now on Netflix

Executive producer Steven Spielberg and the creators of *Our Planet* team for a new docuseries that uses the latest CGI technology to imagine the very origins of life — from dinosaurs to woolly mammoths to the first amphibians crawling out of the sea.

Morgan Freeman narrates.

7. Joke 2

Tweet of the day. (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, 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: bjinbc@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 guitar version version @gabisklar: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Down By the Riverside: Grandpa Elliott 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) Neil Diamond, America (Live-1980), one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

Note: For the other great songs from the movie (THE JAZZ SINGER), click: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns (10.22.2023): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Daryl Hall: [Here](#).

(4) And thanks, Neil, for encouraging me to revisit "Rich Girl," his classic song with John Oates: [Here](#).

(5) This group of high schoolers will take your breath away: [Here](#).

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

Remember the game Capture the Flag? You can now play it virtually with friends or friends you haven't met with TagPro. To begin playing, click: [Here](#).

The site also has a useful YouTube clip that will show you how to play in four minutes.

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

Note: Even if you don't use a Mac computer, check out the following because you can also use this information if you have an iPhone or iPad.

Three overlooked Apple apps you should start using now--Macworld

You'll find out how Notes, Reminders and Podcasts have all improved since you probably started using them.

To read this informative article, click: [Here](#).

And if paywall prevents you from reading it, you can find it: [Here](#).

10. Joke 3

Yesterday, I had my annual Medicare wellness check. The doctor said that at my age, I should have a bar in the shower. So I took her advice. (Thanks, Julie Snyder, for sharing.)



11. Three quotes I like

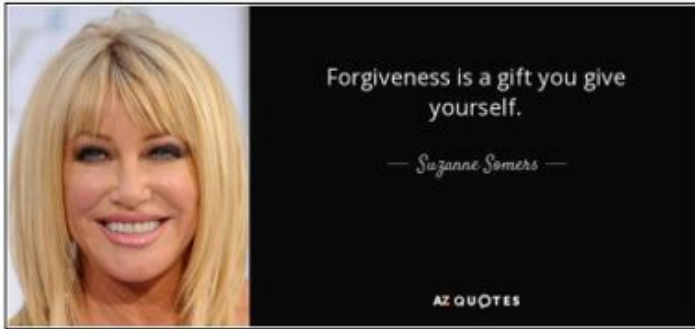
A. Top: Thanks, Suzanne Somers (1946-2023), for your career as an American actress, author, singer, businesswoman and health spokesperson. She is best known for playing the part of Chrissy Snow on the first five seasons of Three's Company. For more information about her life, click: [Here](#).

B. Middle: Thanks, Burt Young (1940-2023), for your career as an American actor, author and painter. He played Rocky Balboa's brother-in-law and best friend Paulie Pennino in the Rocky film series, his performance in the first installment of which earned him a nomination for the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).

C. Bottom: Thanks, Rudolph Isley (1939-2023), for your career as an American singer-songwriter and one of the founding members of The Isley Brothers (best known for the song "Shout," ranked by Rolling Stone magazine as number 119 on its list of "The 500 Greatest Songs of All Time.") He left the group and the music

industry for good in 1989 to follow a lifelong goal of being a Christian minister. Rudy was inducted as member of the Isleys to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1992. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).

And to see the Isley Brothers perform "Shout," click: [Here](#).



"I may have stopped singing pop music, but I will always be an Isley Brother."—Rudolph Isley



12. Thought for the day

Cuteness exemplified ...



PS. Make it a great week!

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