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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I celebrated National Chocolate Day with some M&M's. They were oh-so good!



B. First Halloween for Bodhi. He nailed the look.



C. Review: Asheville Senior Chorus Showcases the Musical Genius of Dave Bates
By Blaine Greenfield — Chief Encouragement Officer (CEO), BLAINESWORLD

MAGICAL MOMENTS — THE MUSIC OF DAVE BATES lived up to its title from the first downbeat, filling the Reuter Center on October 26 with harmony, humor, and heart. Under Chuck Taft's poised direction, the Asheville Senior Chorus sang with unity of purpose and a genuine joy that carried across the room. Pianists Eric Fricket and Bates himself partnered fluidly throughout, supporting singers with color and finesse and keeping the program moving at an inviting clip.

The chorus remains one of Asheville's great musical treasures—ample sound when needed, tender phrasing in quiet moments, and an infectious stage presence that makes you feel part of the music. Their enthusiasm never flagged across 26 numbers—each seemingly better than the last—and the audience responded in kind.

Bates—with seven stage shows and more than 200 songs to his credit—shines as a writer who knows how to craft a memorable melody and tell a story in three minutes. His catalog moves seamlessly from playful to prayerful, and this program showcased that range: rhythmic, dance-ready tunes alongside reflective pieces that invite stillness. The result was a portrait of a creator who writes for real voices and real listeners. Taft deserves special praise for pacing and polish. He shaped the concert's arc with a light touch—just enough theatricality to keep things buoyant, always in service to the music.

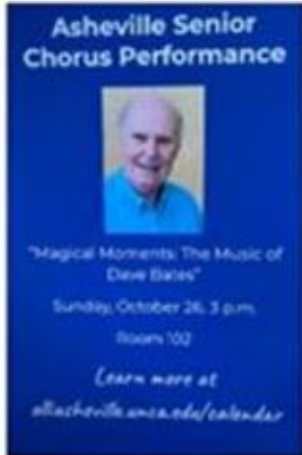
Guest soloists added sparkle throughout the program. Among their featured numbers, Madison Garis delivered "What Daddy Don't Know" with clarity and bite, then joined Gabriel Coli-Bettencourt for a humorous "The Family," their blend warm and perfectly matched. Coli-Bettencourt's "Me and My Piano" charmed with conversational ease. Patricia Conley's expressive ASL interpretation of "If I Could Do Magic" deepened the song's message of wonder and inclusion, while Maggie Moone O'Neill's graceful, meditative dance in "A Zen Blessing" fit the piece beautifully.

Among many other favorites were the ensemble's buoyant "Magical Moments," a natural banner for the afternoon, and the irresistible "Ouzo and Baklava," which featured lively dancing and bright solos from Mike Masters, Ed Escalante, and Steve Shanley—pure joy from start to finish. "A Simple Song," performed by Ellen Pappas, Melanie Koebel, and Lisa Gerber, was beautifully rendered—their blended voices shimmered like musical instruments, weaving tone and texture into pure harmony. Also appreciated was the stirring "A Prayer for This Great Nation," led by Jesse Dinale and delivered with dignity and heart.

...by

In short, MAGICAL MOMENTS celebrated local talent at its best—music made with care, shared generously, and received with gratitude.

Note: If you'd like to join me in supporting future efforts of the Asheville Senior Chorus, you can do so here: https://secure.anedot.com/asheville-senior-chorus/a4305154-5167-4d46-8a6e-2b97bb6424eb?utm_source=anedot&utm_medium=qr_code&utm_campaign=donate



A fabulous day celebrating Dave Bates and his music

D. More pictures from the above concert ...





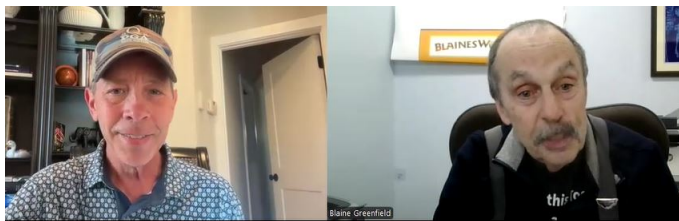
E. I hosted two BLAINESWORLD webcasts during the week. To listen or view both, click:

www.blaineworld.net

(1) 10.28.2025 - Dr. Mark Lund: physician, professional & executive mentor, author



(2) 10.31.2025 - Mitch Emoff, playwright



F. Condolences to Lynda Shuler and family on the passing of Lynda's husband John.

G. Congratulations to:

(1) Ruth Anne Wood on her new position as Director of Mentor Recruitment & Coordination at Global Interactions.

(2) Joe McDermott for being named a VIP Champion by Howard Hanna Real Estate Services.

H. Announcing this week's

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

It goes to Suzette Clemmer, the woman behind the scenes of Howard Smith's fabulous webcast.

To quote Howard:

For the last 4 years, Suzette has faithfully served as camera operator, back drop designer, wardrobe adjuster, and faithful friend to my Facebook Live Sunday morning piano hymns program. She has decided to fall in love, get married, and move to another town. I wish her and her new husband the best.

That's her (below) with Terry Dilling, her husband.

Note: Howard's program airs on Sundays at 7:45 a.m., EST. It can be found at:

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





2. Cynthia's Corner

Cynthia's Corner
Six Bite-Sized Wins from the Week

Sometimes wins just show up, reminding me that life can dip generous sprinkles on a simple everyday vanilla ice-cream cone. Here are some of my sprinkles (which I love by the way--any ice cream is naked without it! In my opinion!)

Win#1: My friend Francie stays in touch with me daily. Even when I am down and not a fun person, she is always there for me. For so many years, she has been there for me. I keep thinking the line, "What are the chances to have someone so committed to me as a friend since childhood?!"

Win #2: My husband Blaine is a deep-hearted person who makes a difference with his actions. His steady support—for me, for Bodhi, for Kismet—makes this new-dog adventure possible. I would not and could not do it without him. With every challenge, he is there. What are the chances I would find this man to share my life?

Win #3: Bodhi greeted me with his whole body—as if I were the most important person in his little life. What could be sweeter? Wouldn't it be wonderful if we all greeted our loved ones with that kind of enthusiasm?

Win #4: I feel the quiet outside at night when I walk Bodhi. Looking up at the sky and the stars—the universe feels so vast and spacious. Nature surrounds us, whispering calm peace into my being.

Win #5: I found Jen, the perfect pet sitter who also happens to be our perfect dog trainer. From some internet organization. She is so kind. She even gave me a healing session that helped in ways I didn't expect—straight from her heart. What are the chances we find those good people in our lives? And they simply just show up.

Win #6: I met Karen, a breeder of Bolognese dogs, a very long time ago. A friend. A person who shares with me. Who lightens my life. Who loves me. Again, what are the chances that we find these people.... these experiences. That shows us that life is so much more than ordinary. So beyond ordinary!!

These are small things, maybe—but they shine sprinkles and gratitude into an ordinary simple week. A

lifelong friend, a new friend, a wag at the door, a quiet sky, a kind helper, a steadfast partner. Not headlines, just heartlines. And when I gather them up, I feel happy. I feel lucky.

If you're reading this, I'd love to hear yours: what were your bite-sized wins? Let's collect them together and see how bright a week can be.

Warmly,
Cynthia (Greenfield)
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3. Invites

A. Special Event - An Evening with my friend Catherine Yael Serota, author of *An Appalachian Life: A Storyteller's Perspective*

Limited Seating - Monday Nov 10th at 7pm at the [International Storytelling Center](#):

116 W. Main Street, Jonesborough, TN 37659 Refreshments, Free Admission with Book Purchase \$15 - Book Signing

About the book:

Everyone loves a good story.

However, storytelling, whether written or spoken, is a talent not everyone possesses. In *Appalachian Life*, Catherine Yael Serota shares her gift through stories about her mountain life and tales from history and her imagination.

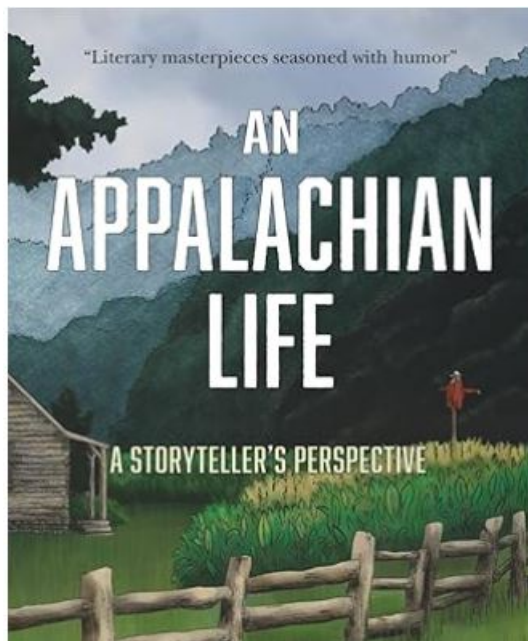
From the awfulest Christmas tree and Peking duck to stories of an unsung war hero and a couple of mischievous boys named Bobby and Jack, Catherine's tales are humorous and heartwarming.

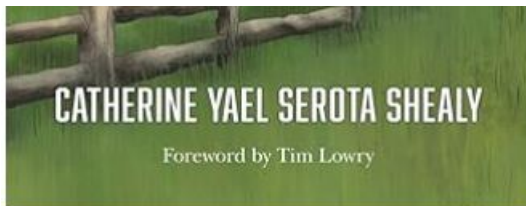
Whether you grew up in the mountains or have never even seen one, you will love reading these short stories—some fact, some fiction—about life in Appalachia.

Note: if you can't get to the above event and want to get a copy of the book, please do so on Sunday, Nov. 7, between 7 and 8 p.m. If you do so during that time ONLY, it will help the book make Amazon's Best Seller List.

Here is the link to get to the above:

https://www.amazon.com/Appalachian-Life-Storytellers-Perspective/dp/B0FRVYLKC1/ref=sr_1_1?crid=6FGL2TJPJB1&dib=eyJ2ljojMSJ9.uOXcW-YtXfiQy4RngzAN_mFlgwLK-dhN9yn645iqk.BhzxgVwiWYf-mo0vTOFX00ZfMUaMLeJzUK7UVVwreRq&dib_taq=se&keywords=an+appalachian+life+serota&qid=1761931130&sprefix=an+appalachi%2Caps%2C127&sr=8-1





B. Announcing

******* CONTEST #13 *******

One lucky readers will win a copy of ...
It's a Yoga Party! 2nd edition
by Nancy Gannon

Kids love doing yoga! Read this story and follow the adventures of four friends who do yoga together. Like them, you can move your bodies and keep them in tip-top shape. During yoga, you pretend to be animals, stand like towering trees, slither like snakes, and act like brave warriors. It's a fun way to keep healthy.

With the fun story come 28 colorful pictures, making it easy to follow along and have a blast. Yoga also helps you enjoy and connect with nature, becoming aware of its colors and beauty. So, grab a copy of It's A Yoga Party! and experience the exciting benefits of yoga.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #13 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, Nov. 17.

Note: Diane Hinz was the winner of Contest #12, a copy of a copy of Knock! Knock! Jokes. All told, there were four entries.

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. Include your email address and phone number. And for more information, click: <https://www.blainesworld.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. Answer to the riddle in the picture:
Samuel was born at 1:39 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016. But 31 minutes later — after Daylight Saving Time ended — his twin brother Ronan was born at 1:10 a.m. So technically, Ronan is the older brother on paper.

Source: [Here](#)



How can one baby be born first... but his twin brother be older? (See caption for the answer.)

B. Why Being Over 50 Makes It the Perfect Time to Start Your Business

[Here](#)

(Thanks to Duane Adams for sharing.)

C. Dictionary.com names '6-7' as 2025 Word of the Year. Here's what it really means.

[Here](#)

D. The Best Way to Open an English Muffin Will Blow Your Mind

[Here](#)

E. The No. 1 mistake to avoid after a layoff, from 'All the Cool Girls Get Fired' authors

[Here](#)

5. Joke 1

Belated Happy National Cat Day (Oct. 29) from our amazing cat Kismet. This collection moved him profoundly, so he is now under the bed.





6. Reviews

A. Roofman (Carolina Cinemark)

This is a lively true-crime caper with heart. Channing Tatum makes Jeffrey “Roofman” Manchester surprisingly tender and funny without excusing the crimes. Kirsten Dunst adds warmth and bite, and their oddball chemistry keeps the story grounded. The Charlotte-set Toys “R” Us hideout sequences are the movie’s sweet spot. Director Derek Cianfrance balances humor with melancholy, and while the film soft-pedals the “why” at times, it delivers an engaging, crowd-pleasing ride. We liked it. Rated R.

B. The Forgiven (Netflix)

This darkly satiric drama is set in Morocco, where a wealthy British couple, played by Ralph Fiennes and Jessica Chastain, accidentally kill a local young man on their way to a lavish desert party. The film balances sharp social commentary with tense character drama as Fiennes’ cynical hedonist is forced to confront the victim’s grieving father, while Chastain’s character remains among the self-absorbed elite whose wealth shields them from consequence. Matt Smith and Caleb Landry Jones add bite and humor to the privileged chaos, and director John Michael McDonagh keeps the tone stylish, unsettling, and surprisingly humane. The movie is uneven in pacing, but the performances are quite good and the finale lands with quiet power. Rating: R.

7. TV Alert

A. St. Denis Medical, Season 2 (NBC)

Cross The Office with Scrubs and what do you get? A mockumentary sitcom featuring the overworked doctors and nurses in an underfunded Oregon hospital. David Alan Grier stars as a curmudgeonly ER physician

B. Leanne Morgan: Unspeakable Things (Netflix)

The veteran comedian is a pro when it comes to serving up the perfect sidesplitting punch line, thanks to her chewy Tennessee twang, deadpan delivery and stinging sense of humor.

C. Hedda (Prime Video)

Tessa Thompson slays in the title role of this sophisticated update of Henrik Ibsen’s 1890 play Hedda Gabler — with the Norwegian setting changed to 1950s England. Rated R.

D. The Diplomat (Netflix, Season 3)

Politicos Keri Russell and Rufus Sewell, 57, scramble to avoid a constitutional crisis as the president dies and his VP (Allison Janney) arrives in the Oval Office with some serious — and potentially traitorous — baggage.

E. Tracker: (CBS, Season 3 on Sundays at 8 p.m.)

Everyone’s favorite lone-wolf survivalist and tracker Colter Shaw (Justin Hartley) is back for a new season of TV’s No. 1 show. Buckle up for more action as Colter wrestles with some hard truths about his family’s history in the wake of his dad’s death.

8. Joke 2

Snowbirds in training ... candy first, nap second. (Thanks to Jonathan Berg for sharing.)





Halloween in Florida

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 find The Mothers of Invention covering it, featuring Flo & Eddie--founding members of The Turtles

[Here](#)

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

Para Hoy - sung by my friend Elsten Torres (Feat. Los Reggae Monks)

[Here](#)

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

(1) The Police - Every Breath You Take (Official Music Video), one of my favorites
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMOGaugKpzs&list=RDdcnd55tLCv8&index=4>

(2) Howard Smith Jr.: Hymns (11.2.2025)
<https://www.facebook.com/hs.smith.73/videos/842794521598702>

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Anthony Kiedis
<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1391125979399311>

(4) Thanks, Neil, for this clip that got me to revisit "Under the Bridge"
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0a99Pe1qZ_0&list=RD0a99Pe1qZ_0&start_radio=1

(5) Balloon fun
https://www.instagram.com/p/DQK3RHvk9_k/
(Thanks to Donnie Roland for sharing.)

(6) George Carlin: It's the Old Double Standard
https://www.instagram.com/p/DQJ_A9cj8-m/
(Thanks to JP Reavely for sharing.)

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

Webcam Toy

Let's you take selfies with over 80 fun effects. To check it out, click:

[Here](#)

Here's me in an Old Movie ...





E. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running . . . to view it, click:
<https://www.blainesworld.net/>

10. Technology Tip

How to tell if your email has been hacked

Check your email address as this site:
Have I Been Pwned
[Here](#)

Note: The word "pwned" has origins in video game culture and is a leetspeak derivation of the word "owned", due to the proximity of the "o" and "p" keys. It's typically used to imply that someone has been controlled or compromised, for example "I was pwned in the Adobe data breach."

I just used the above website and found out that my password was found in 14 data breaches.

As to what I'll be doing next, I will consider following advice I've received at this website:
[Here](#)

11. Joke 3

PSA: It was National Chocolate Day on October 28. Calories were on mute!



12. Two Quotes I Like

A. Thanks, June Lockhart (1925-2025), for your career as an American actress, beginning a film career in the 1930s and 1940s in films such as *A Christmas Carol* and *Meet Me in St. Louis*. Lockhart became most widely known for her work on two television series, *Lassie* and *Lost in Space*, in which she played mother roles. She was a two-time Emmy Award nominee and a Tony Award winner. For more information about her life, click:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/june-lockhart-lassie-lost-in-space-obit/>



B. Thanks, Prunella Scales (1932-2025), for your career as an English actor. Scales is best known for her portrayal of Sybil Fawcett in the BBC television sitcom *FAWLTY TOWERS* and her performance as Queen Elizabeth II in Alan Bennett's *A QUESTION OF ATTRIBUTION*, which earned her a BAFTA nomination. For more information about her life, click:

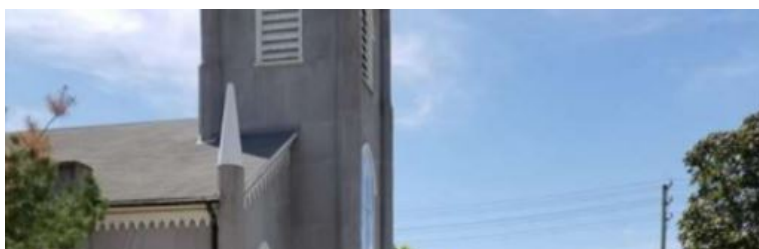
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cjd0yn5gyndo>

"The agony of doing Shakespeare is that you can't ask him what he meant."--Prunella Scales



13. Thought For The Day

Amen to this. And awomen, too.





PS. Make it a great week!

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