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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I found a new place for Bodhi to hang: Leash. He got his nails cut there recently and then a few days later, spent an enjoyable few hours hanging with other dogs when we saw a movie. (See Sec. 6.)

All the personnel there are oh-so friendly.

For more information, click:
<https://crm.pawfinity.com/leash-llc/>





B. Later that same day, Bodhi joined us for a delicious outside meal at The Local Joint.



C. Review: NC Stage Delivers a Must-See Thriller with *IS THIS A ROOM*
By Blaine Greenfield — Chief Encouragement Officer (CEO), BLAINESWORLD

Note: This critique is based on the first preview. Hard to believe it will get even better.

Based on a verbatim FBI interrogation, *IS THIS A ROOM* unfolds like a real-time psychological thriller—tight, tense, and utterly absorbing. Conceived and written by Tina Satter, the raw transcript becomes riveting documentary theatre.

Justine Gottschalk (Reality Leigh Winner) gives an outstanding performance in what is remarkably her professional stage debut. She carries the play with nuance, vulnerability, and quiet strength.

Also excellent are Willie Repoley (Special Agent Justin C. Garrick) and Jeff Benninghofen (Special Agent R. Wallace Taylor), each bringing distinct personalities and unsettling calm to their roles. And Cory Boughton (Unknown Male) is completely believable in the quieter, third-agent role.

Spot-on direction from Charlie Flynn-McIver keeps the pace taut and the stakes high.

Don't miss this powerful drama. Get your tickets while you can.

Where & When: NC Stage Company through November 23

Tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/y9s33vhu>



Post-show smiles after a gripping performance

D. I hosted three webcasts this past week. All can be heard and/or seen at:

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

(1) 11.3.2025 - Christi Hurd--PCI Certified Parent Coach & Positive Discipline Parent Educator



(2) Melvin AC Howell--Choreographer/Creative Director/Author



(3) 11.7.2025 - Catherine Yael Serota, Author



E. Announcing this week's

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

It goes to Hershey, the makers of two snack-aisle winners: Reese's Popcorn (peanut butter with chocolate flavor) and Hershey's Popcorn (cookies 'n creme flavor). Both are light, sweet, addictive, and disappeared far too quickly in our home. You can find them at many local supermarkets, including Ingles, Harris Teeter, and Walmart, as well as online at Amazon if you're craving a back-up supply.



2. Cynthia's Corner

Kismet the Gracious, Generous King

Key aspects of graciousness ...

Gracious: the quality of being kind and benevolent.

Generosity: acceptance of others, especially in relationships or team settings.

My cat Kismet has been so gracious and generous with my new dog, Bodhi. I am deeply grateful for his behavior. From a cat's point of view, Bodhi can be a nuisance. Bodhi loves other dogs and being playful, so that is how he behaves with Kismet. Kismet is perplexed by this behavior and not especially appreciative. What is beautiful is that he gives Bodhi space, almost as if he knows he is still a puppy and is graciously humoring him. At times, a tiny bit of fur flies, and Bodhi goes racing after Kismet like a bat out of hell, and Kismet runs away. Then, when Bodhi has calmed down, they lie next to each other, remembering they are brothers.

Okay, they are not the same. But who among us are the same. Friends and family members. we all have our differences. Isn't that a worthy goal. To live with each other. Giving each other space to be who we are. Forgiving each other for our differences. Then watching TV together on the bed and taking a nap.

So sweet. So sweet. Methinks it is about love.

If you have any interspecies or interhuman relationships that remind you of this, I would love to hear from you.

Warmly,
Cynthia (Greenfield)
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3. Invites

A. Thanks to Randy Robbins for sharing

My class at OLLI, Performing Original Stand-Up Comedy, will perform it's annual show:

Sunday, November 16

3:00 PM (doors open at 2:30)

Reuter Center (on the campus of UNCA)

Free admission (worth twice the price)

PARKING \$3. For permit, click:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18pnuQvBdZOQBSLz8lYdzp2rCc8TVBxxX7lVkdstHHTg/edit?tab=t.0>

I will be the emcee and performer.

I hope to see you there. It will be a hoot!

B. Don't forget to enter ..

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

One lucky reader 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.





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.blaineworld.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. This new tap-to-pay scam could put consumers in jeopardy [Here](#)





B. To optimize health, sync your habits with your body clock. Here's how

[Here](#)

C. Former Netflix chief talent officer: The No. 1 red flag that signals a 'disastrous' hire

[Here](#)

D. 8 Appliances You Should Always Unplug When You're Not Using Them

[Here](#)

E. He had everything he wanted by 30, but still felt 'miserable'—his life changed when he started focusing on 5 things

[Here](#)

5. Joke 1

Yours truly: January at the gym, February on the couch.

**Me: "I am surprised at how winded
I am by this exercise."**

**Personal Trainer: "This
was the tour of the gym."**



6. Reviews

A. Movies

(1) SARAH'S OIL: The Carolina Asheville

This fact-based drama tells the remarkable story of young Sarah Rector—an 11-year-old girl in Oklahoma whose “worthless” land allotment turned into an oil-rich fortune, forcing her to navigate faith, racism and immense wealth far earlier than any child should. We liked it for its crisp period detail, heartfelt performances and the way it balances an uplifting message with real stakes. At the film’s center is an impressive turn by Naya Desir-Johnson as Sarah, who embodies hope, resilience and the tumult of change in early 20th-century America. Rated PG.

(2) BAD SHABOS: Netflix

The film depicts an interfaith family dinner that spins wildly out of control when one couple’s parents meet for the first time and an accident turns the evening upside-down. There are some funny moments, largely due to the ensemble cast led by Kyra Sedgwick, Jon Bass, and Method Man. The pace is lively, the humor is bold-edged (and not for the faint of heart), and the cultural cross-bits give the story an extra layer of spice. In short: not perfect, but worth a watch. Rated Age 13+ by Common Sense Media.

B. Book

THE REASON I JUMP (Random House) offers a rare and intimate look into the mind of Naoki Higashida, a thirteen-year-old boy living with autism, who uses an alphabet board to communicate his thoughts. The book unfolds in short, honest answers to common questions about why autistic children behave the way they do, and the result is eye-opening, moving, and frequently poetic. What makes it powerful is Higashida’s clarity. He explains sensory overload, communication struggles, joy, frustration, and empathy in a way that helps readers understand autism from the inside rather than from observation. It is a brief read, but it lingers, especially for families, educators, and anyone who wants a deeper sense of what autistic children feel rather than just how they act.

7. TV Alert

A. Lazarus. Season 1: Prime Video

Best-selling author Harlan Coben has conceived a six-part series about a forensic psychologist (Sam Claflin) returning home after the sudden suicide of his father (the always great Bill Nighy).

B. Happy’s Place, Season 2: Fridays at 8 p.m. on NBC

It’s Cheers with a Tennessee twang as Reba McEntire, 70, returns for her **second** season in NBC’s comfort-food sitcom about a pair of half sisters running their late father’s tavern. Guest stars include Christopher Lloyd, Carol Kane, 73, and Cheri Oteri.

C. Stumble: Fridays at 8:30 p.m.

Mockumentary about competitive cheerleading. AARP says it “looks hilarious.”

D. Pluribus: Apple TV+

Rhea Seehorn, so good in Better Call Saul, plays historical romance author Carol Sturka, who seems to be the only person immune to a virus that has transformed the world’s population into content and optimistic citizens.

E. The Paper: Mondays at 8:30 pm. on NBC

Spun off from The Office, The Paper is about an idealist editor (Domhnall Gleeson taking over The Toledo Truth Teller, a struggling (at best) newspaper. The faux documentary crew is there to capture it all.

8. Joke 2

A police officer pulled over a minivan that was crawling along the road at just 25 miles per hour, causing quite the backup in midday traffic. Inside was an elderly gentleman behind the wheel, with a group of older ladies sitting silently, looking like statues—wide-eyed and clutching their purses for dear life.

The officer leaned in and asked, “Sir, is there a reason you’re driving so slowly?”

The man replied, “Well, officer, I’m just following the speed limit. The sign back there said 25!”

Trying not to chuckle, the officer shook his head. “Sir, that’s not the speed limit—that’s the highway number. You’re on Route 25. The speed limit here is 65.”

“Oh,” said the old man, his eyes wide. “Well, that explains a lot.”

The officer glanced around the van and noticed the elderly passengers looking extremely tense—stiff as boards and pale as ghosts. He leaned in again. “Is everyone okay? The ladies look ... a little shaken.”

The driver scratched his head awkwardly and said, “Well, officer, we just got off Interstate 95.”



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 listen to The Simple Plan Fan Man singing it by clicking:

[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 Sec. 8C (below).

B. Video of the week

Christina Perri - A Thousand Years

[Here](#)

Note: Make sure you skim the comments after you view the above.

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

(1) Phi Ochs: When I'm Gone, one of my favorites

[Here](#)

(2) Howard Smith Jr.: Hymns (11.9.2025)

<https://www.facebook.com/hs.smith.73/videos/1165330591694405>

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Bonnie Raitt

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1896932840859443>

(4) Thanks, Neil, for getting me to revisit "Nick of Time." If your many fans and friends want to do the same, they can do so by clicking:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ztkpEJOJGDI&list=RDztkpEJOJGDI&start_radio=1

(5) Inflation explained by Danny DeVito

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DPMFvBCDGbP/>

(Thanks to JP Reavely for sharing.)

(6) Nervous Singing WINS Golden Buzzer!

<https://www.facebook.com/SingersGotTalent/videos/627870993218117>

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

Strobe Illustration

You will hallucinate when you watch this mind-melting optical illusion. To see for yourself, click:

<https://strobe.cool/>

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

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

10. Technology Tip

Scam alert: How to avoid falling victim to Cybercrime

By Rick Rouse

This post explains several ways to avoid falling for phishing and hacking attempts, but if you'd like to learn even more about how to stay safe online, I recommend that you check out this comprehensive resource.

By now you probably know how terrifying it can be to have your online accounts hacked.

Did you know that many of the victims of cyber attacks are unable to get justice or even get their lives back on track after being victimized?

Unfortunately, online criminals don't care who their victims are. They only care about getting your personal information, your account login details and other important information about you that they can exploit for various bad deeds.

For the rest of this informative article, click:

[Here](#)

11. Joke 3

Hot off the press: the humor column I write for THE FAIRVIEW TOWN CRIER ... To be best view it (if reading on your phone), click to see it full size.

LAUGH TIME BLAINE GREENFIELD

Snaccident (n): Eating an entire bag of chips by mistake.

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"Camping is nature's way of promoting the motel business."— Dave Barry

★

Did you know that laughing at your own mistakes can lengthen your life ... but laughing at your wife's mistakes can shorten it instantly?

★

Today my son asked me, "Can I have a bookmark?" I burst into tears — he's 12 years old and still doesn't know my name!

★

Q: I add 5 to 9 and get 2.
The answer is correct, so what am I?
A: A clock. When it is 9 a.m., adding 5 hours would make it 2 p.m.

★

A police officer came to my house and asked where I was between 5 & 6. He seemed irritated when I answered: "Kindergarten."

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.



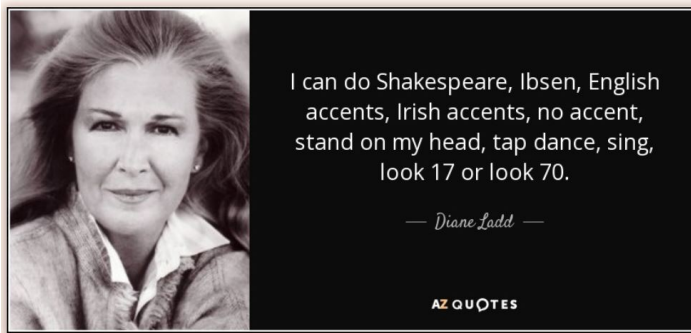
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12. Two Quotes I Like

A. Thanks, Diane Ladd (1935-2025), for your career as an American actor. With a career spanning over 70 years, Ladd appeared in over 200 films and television shows, receiving three Academy Award nominations. She was also nominated for three Primetime Emmy Awards and four Golden Globe Awards, winning one for her role in the sitcom *Alice*. For more information about her life, click:

for her role in the sitcom *Archie*. For more information about her life, click:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/mississippivalleypublishing/name/diane-ladd-obituary?id=59948566>



B. Thanks, Bob Trumpy (1945-2025), for your career as an American professional football player and sports broadcaster. Trumpy was a tight end for the Cincinnati Bengals of the American Football League and National Football League from 1968 through 1977, and he was a two-time NFL Pro Bowler and two-time AFL All-Star. Trumpy was given the Pete Rozelle Radio-Television Award by the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2014. For more information about his life, click:

<https://www.sj-r.com/story/sports/nfl/2025/11/02/bob-trumpy-springfield-grad-pro-football-tight-end-dead-at-80/87054164007/>

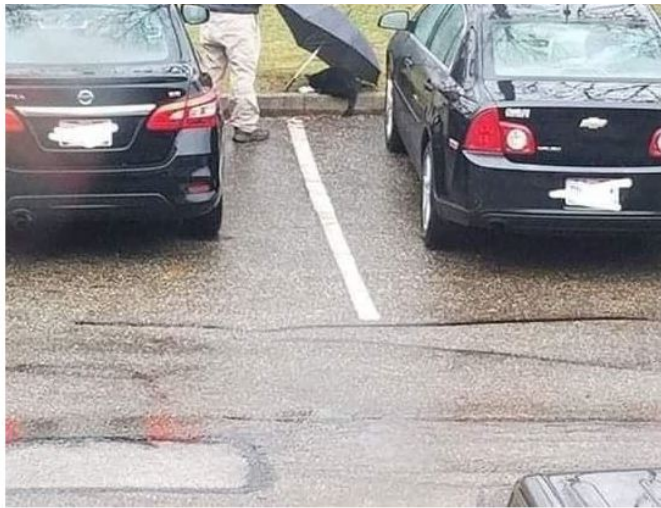
“When you have to do a show five nights a week three hours at a time, you really have to work ... and I still stand by what I said.”—Bob Trumpy



13. Thought For The Day

"To be kind is good. To be kind without expecting anything in return is better."--Tariq Ramadan (Thanks to Jonathan Berg for sharing.)





PS. Make it a great week!

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