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Note: Space and time limitations have made it necessary for me to cut down on this week's issue. Sorry 'bout that. So if some of your favorite sections are missing, be rest assured that they will return next week.

1. Reflections

A. Cynthia my beautiful bride and I celebrated our anniversary this past week.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY ...

I married this radiant woman in pink--and somehow, she's still putting up with me!

This photo was taken in NYC on our wedding day: July 10, 2005.

More than ever, I remains grateful fir Cynthia, my beautiful bride, who has filled our life since with love, joy, and ease.





B. As can be seen below, we went all out on our celebration.

RECAP: Last Night's Anniversary Celebration

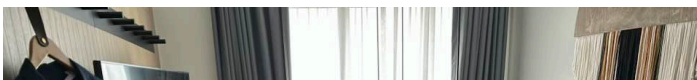
I went all out and took Cynthia, my beautiful bride, to our favorite bar-b-que spot. As always, there was both terrific food and great service--and they even gave us a free dessert to mark the occasion. Classy, right?

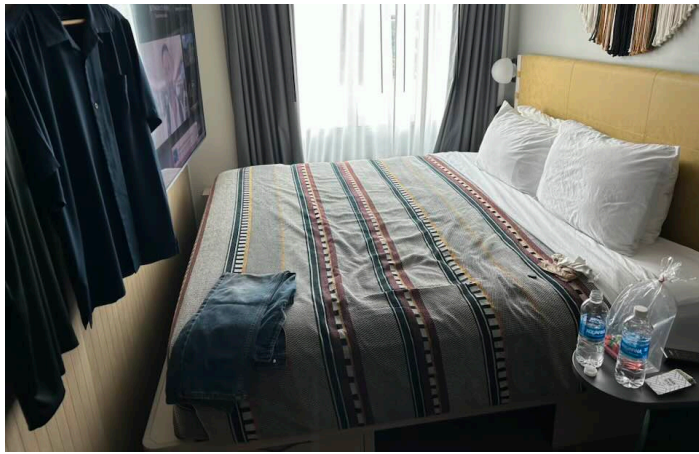
Then I read your Facebook comments. Everyone was falling over themselves to say how beautiful Cynthia looked. Me? Just one compliment. One! What am I, chopped liver?

But hey ... if standing next to her makes me look like an appetizer, I'll take it because she's been the main course of my life for 20 amazing years!



C. I was happy that Kevin Jameson, my former student and longtime friend, came in from Pennsylvania to visit us. We both thought you'd get a kick out of the size of his room at the Moxy Asheville. (This is not a joke!)





D. We all went out for a delicious dinner at Wasabi, one of our favorite eateries in Asheville. The food there is always great, as is the service we receive from Reza.



E. Afterward, we went for dessert at Hilltop Ice Cream Shop's new location in Woodfin. The ice cream was just as good as we get when we got down the street from us in Fairview, and we received oh-so friendly service from Shyloh and Griffin.





F. We are blessed to have lovely neighbors. Two of them, Diane Valentini and Janice Sudak, surprised us with this handmade Zen garden, beautifully crafted with sunflowers.



G. REVIEW: Senior Showdown Turns Hilarious in HART's Ripcord
by Blaine Greenfield--Chief Encouragement Officer (CEO), BLAINESWORLD

Ripcord, a comedy with heart by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright David Lindsay-Abaire, is now delighting audiences at HART Theatre through July 13th—and I'm happy to report: I liked it a lot.

The story centers on two polar-opposite roommates in a senior living facility, and the show's success hinges on the chemistry and depth of its leads. Fortunately, Allison Stinson as Abby and Tammie Pollard as Marilyn are both excellent. Stinson brings sharp wit and a steely presence to the prickly Abby, while Pollard radiates warmth and unstoppable cheer as the endlessly optimistic Marilyn. Their tug-of-war over the coveted window-side bed evolves into a hilarious, high-stakes game of psychological one-upmanship—and both actors strike the perfect balance between comedy and pathos.

Vanessa Yee also gives a strong performance as Scotty, the well-meaning orderly caught in the crossfire of the roommates' escalating antics. Yee brings heart and humor to a role that serves as the emotional glue between the two leads

The supporting cast—Darren Frazier, Tabitha Judy, Dan Dutterer, and Grizel Gonxales-Jeuck—each add their own energy and charm to this tightly paced production. Under the spot-on direction of Jason Williams, the show maintains a brisk, engaging rhythm while allowing the deeper emotional beats to land with impact.

In short: Ripcord is funny, touching, and thoroughly entertaining. Catch it before its run ends next weekend!





H. After the show, we went to Bocelli's in Waynesville for dinner. The portions are always very generous, and we've never had a bad meal there.



I. Hot off the press ... here's the humor column I write for The Fairview Town Crier.

LAUGH TIME BLAINE GREENFIELD

Cashtration (n): The act of buying a house,

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it annoys me when people misuse

your description. Where were you between 5 and 6?" I looked at him and replied. "Kindergarten." He didn't

Which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.

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Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

★

What is at the end of a rainbow?
Answer: The letter W!

the words concrete, asphalt and gravel. Proper cementics is important, people!

★

You know you're getting old when you can't walk past a bathroom without thinking, "I might as well go while I'm here."

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A cop pulled me over and said, "Sir, we are looking for a suspect that fits

find it too funny.

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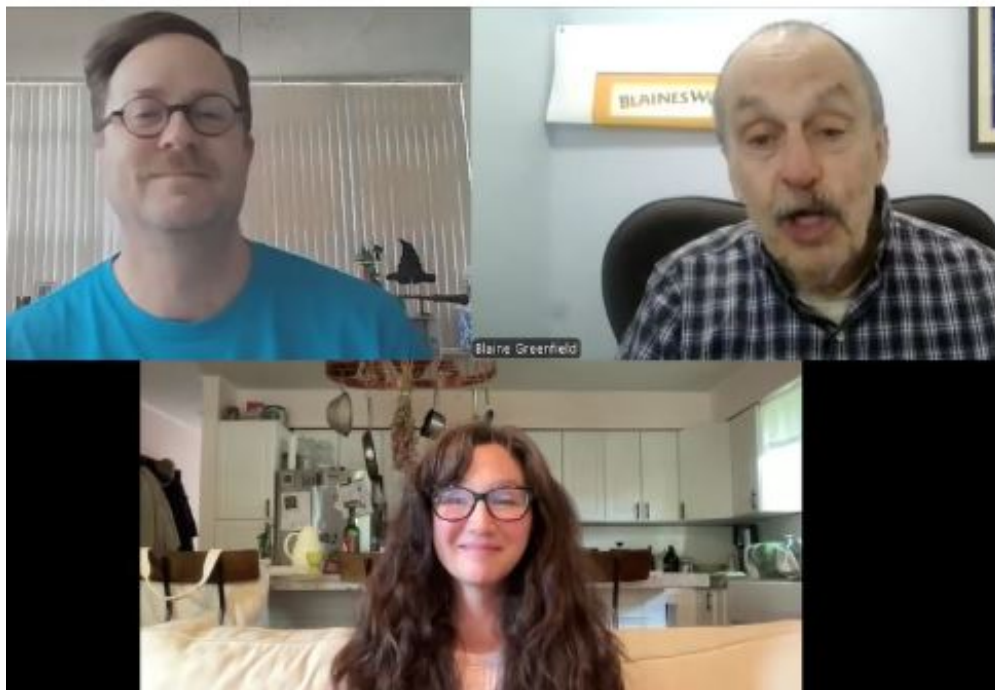
Did you know that laughing at your own mistakes can lengthen your life ... but laughing at your wife's mistakes can shorten it instantly?



Blaine Greenfield hosts BLAINESWORLD, a webcast, and he also publishes a blog with the same name. You can reach him at bginbc@aol.com.

J. I hosted two BLAINESWORLD webcasts this past week.

Please view today's BLAINESWORLD webcast, featuring Mark Jones and Alexa Edelman who discuss Pete 'n' Keely. This musical runs at the BeBe Theatre from July 25-Aug. 3. For tickets, click: DoggedUtopia.SimpleTix.com. ... To view or listen to it, click: www.blaineworld.net/ and look for the one dated 7.12.2025. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



And ...

Please view today's BLAINESWORLD webcast, featuring 7.7.2025 - Trina Hudson--Co-Founder & President, Animal Haaven AVL. ... To view or listen to it, click: www.blaineworld.net/ and look for the one dated 7.7.2025. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



2. Cynthia's Corner

On Synchronicity and Penguins



This past Thursday was our 20th wedding anniversary. My husband gave me a card with penguins on it. I gave him a statue of penguins. Neither of us knew what the other had chosen. Penguins, as you may know, are creatures that mate for life. Without planning or prompting, we had each chosen a symbol of enduring love to give to the other. What are the chances?

Moments like this stop me. They shimmer with a kind of quiet magic. Carl Jung called this synchronicity—a meaningful coincidence that feels too precise, too timely, to be chalked up to mere chance. A message, perhaps, from life itself.

There's a deeper layer to this story. Two decades ago, my husband and I were both on Match.com. We found each other there—two people ready for kindness, for connection, for the real thing. What were the chances we would both be online at that moment in our lives, open to something true?

Synchronicities like these don't just surprise me—they feel like confirmations. As though the universe is whispering, "Yes. This is the way."

The poet Rainer Maria Rilke once wrote, "Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart... Live the questions now." I think synchronicities are like glimpses of the answers—fleeting, but luminous. David Whyte speaks to this too in his poem *The Truelove*, where he describes a love so right it reshapes the world: "the visible and the invisible working together in common cause."

Synchronicity doesn't just appear in grand events. It shows up in small things—a phone call from a friend just when you need it. A book falling off a shelf with the exact line your heart was waiting to hear. A shared laugh. A penguin.

So today, I hold this little moment—the card, the statue, the penguins—as more than coincidence. It's a mirror of the path we've walked, and a nudge from something greater that says, "Keep going. You're exactly where you're meant to be."

Please enjoy the following video of a song called Unwritten by Natasha Bedingfield. The lyrics speak directly to this theme:

"No one else can feel it for you. Only you can let it in.
No one else, no one else can speak the words on your lips.
Drench yourself in words unspoken.
Live your life with arms wide open.
Today is where your book begins."

To view it, click:

[Here.](#)

With love,
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PS. I'd love to hear from you. Please share any synchronicities from your own life.

3. Joke 1

Frankly, I don't give a shitake. (Thanks, Jean Dolan, for sharing.)



4. Joke 2

You don't have to either because you'll get better information just by reading this blog each week. Thanks, Donnie Roland, for sharing.)



Studies show that people with high IQs tend to be lazy. Or something like that. I didn't read the whole article.

5. Joke 3

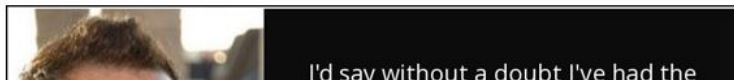
This has me writing a note to myself: "Self, never forget our anniversary again."

**My wife took up gardening.
I wonder what she's going to plant.**



6. Two Quotes I Like

A. Thanks, Julian McMahon (1968-2025), for your career as an Australian-American actor. He was best known for his roles as Ben Lucini in Home and Away, Detective John Grant in Profiler, Cole Turner in Charmed, Dr. Christian Troy in Nip/Tuck, Doctor Doom in the Fantastic Four duology, Jonah in Runaways and Jess LaCroix in FBI: Most Wanted. For more information about his life, click <https://deadline.com/2025/07/julian-mcmahon-dead-1236449999/>.





most sex scenes in any television show, ever. Last season I did eight sex scenes in one day - I haven't topped that yet.

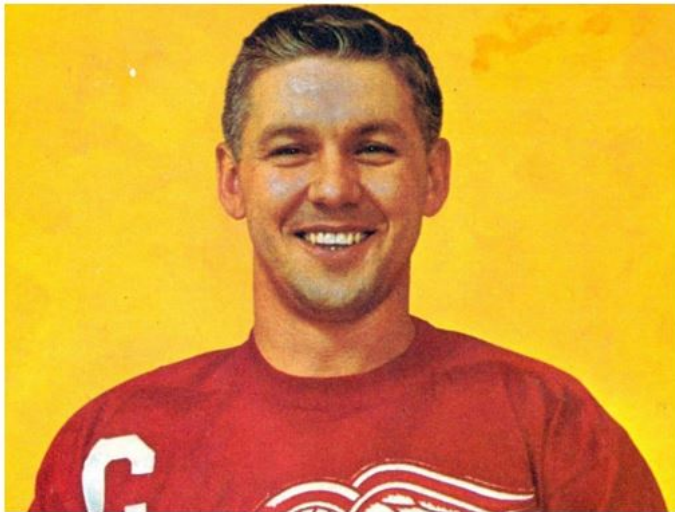
— Julian McMahon —

AZ QUOTES

B. Thanks, Alex Delvecchio (1931-2025), for your career as a Canadian professional ice hockey player, coach, and general manager who spent his entire National Hockey League career with the Detroit Red Wings. He played in 1,549 games and recorded 1,281 points. He won the Lady Byng Memorial Trophy for sportsmanship and gentlemanly conduct three times and helped the Red Wings win the Stanley Cup three times. Delvecchio was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1977, and in 2017 was named one of the "100 Greatest NHL Players" in history. For more information about his life, click:

<https://tinyurl.com/bdxxmt94>.

"You don't get hurt in this game if you keep your head up and watch what's going on around you.--Alex Delvecchio



7. Thought For The Day

The joys of aging! (Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing.)

1979	2025
Long hair	Longing for hair
KEG	EKG
Acid Rock	Acid Reflux
Seeds and stems	Fiber
Hoping for a BMW	Hoping for a BM
Going to a new,	Getting a new hip

hip joint	joint
Rolling Stones	Kidney Stones
Disco	Costco
Whatever	Depends

PS. Make it a great week!

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