

BLAINESWORLD

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1. Reflections

If you're reading this via Facebook or LinkedIn, please be advised that you will get it quicker if you get it via email. Another advantage: You'll never miss it that way because you may not have logged in for a day or two. And in the unlikely event you're not already a subscriber, all you need to do is send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Got a kick out of delivering Passover meals for Jewish Family Services.





(2) Met our friend Judy Ray for a tasty dinner at 131 Main where we received excellent service from Julie.



(3) Found a new place for lunch: Savory Way Cafe. We both had great meals, and we enjoyed meeting Tony Smith and Jo Dee Rogers--the owners. We'll be back.



(4) Saw The Autumn Players' fine production of THE DRESSER at the OLLI Reuter Center, UNCA. Pictured, l-r: Kermit Brown, Mike Yow, Jim Meyer, Blaine Greenfield and Mike Vaniman. Kudos, also, to Marianne Lyon, the director, as well as the rest of the cast.





B. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wed., April 4, 2018 ... Guest (first half): Jeff Catanese, artistic director, Attic Slat Theatre Company; for more information: [Here](#) ... Guest (second half): Rose-Marie Viera, program associate, Western Women's Business Center; for more information: [Here](#) ... Pictured, top: Jeff Catanese and Blaine Greenfield; and bottom: Rose-Marie Viera and Blaine Greenfield.

To listen to the show, please click:

[Here](#)



C. During the week, I solved all the world's problems at lunch with my friend George Pappas (left) at Papa's Pizza. The pizza is always good there, as well as everything else on the menu that I've ever had. And while there, I bumped into my friend Brad Morris (right) who had come from Florida for his real estate business.



D. Condolences to:

(1) Jan Anderson Robbins and family on the passing of Jan's sister.

(2) Chelsey Lee Mirheli and family on the passing of Chelsey's cousin.

(3) Kurt Loveland and family on the passing of Kurt's mother.

E. Congratulations to:

(1) Carole Biro on having become an Interfaith Peace Minister as a result of her graduation from the Interfaith Peace Seminar.

(2) NC Stage for being profiled on NC Weekend. I got a special kick out of seeing several friends on the clip, including Angie Flynn McGiver, Charlie Flynn-McGiver, Scott Treadway, Callan White, Michael MacCauley, John Hall and Maria Buchanan. The clip is at the first part of the following link: please click

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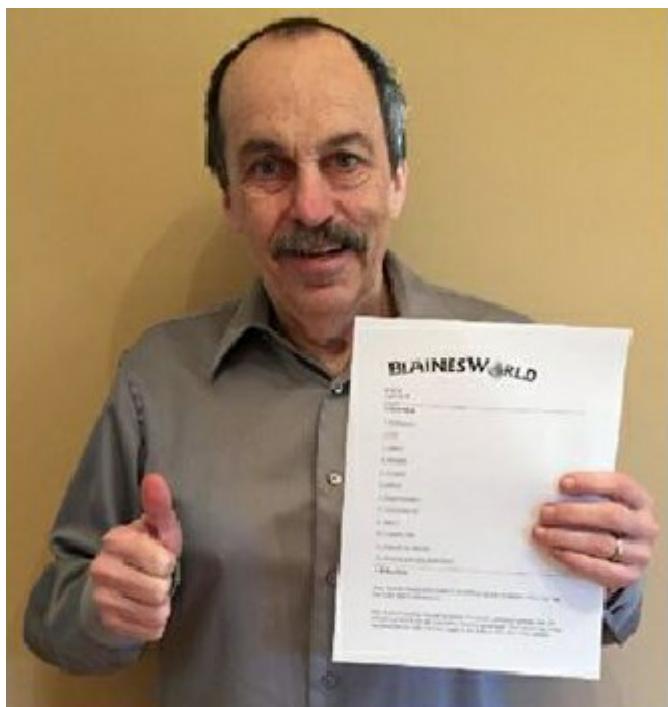
F. Reminders:

(1) Please vote for me in this year's Best of WNC competition. To do so, register by clicking:

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Next go to the upper right, click Section Index and then Media. ... I'm up for consideration in these categories: 1. Local Blog: BLAINESWORLD; and 2. Local Radio Personality: Blaine Greenfield. ... You must vote in at least 30 categories, so if you need other choices, please also consider: 3. Free Publication Other Than XPress: BLAINESWORLD; 4. Local Website Other Than mountainx.com: blainesworld.net; and 5. Local Radio Station (noncommercial): WPVM/103.7.

If you want others to consider your name or business, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put OTHER in the subject line. Then put your name or business in the body of the email and tell me what are your categories. ... And if you're not familiar with the Asheville area, send an email to the same address for ideas on how to complete the ballot. Thanks!



(2) As you may know, I was honored to have been chosen to become a Board

member of the Attic Salt Theatre Company. ... This organization puts on some fantastic shows, including MASS APPEAL (the first one of the season), a comedy. ... Cynthia and I will be sponsoring one of the performances: The one taking place on Sun., April 8, at 2:30 p.m. at 35below. ... We'd love to have you join us. To get tickets, all you need to do is click:

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Also, let us know if you can join us at the show and/or for dinner afterward--probably at Vinnie's.

Note: Even if you can't make the show that day, try to catch it on another date. It runs through April 22. You can also use the above link to purchase your tickets for any other performance.

(3) One lucky reader will win a copy of CREATIVITY ON DEMAND by Michael Gelb. The author (of such thought-provoking books as HOW TO THINK LIKE LEONARDO DA VINCI and BRAIN POWER) shows how to cultivate creative energy in a way that can be done in 20 minutes or less. I especially liked his inclusion of many exercises for doing the above, as well as the pictures that were included that show exactly how these are to be done. To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #8 in the subject line, then include your snail mail address in the body of the email. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Mon., April 9, 2018.

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

Thanks, Cynthia Greenfield, for this week's nomination of Rebecca with a company called Enchanted Strands. To see why she made the nomination, read this email she wrote Rebecca:

The experience of the Enchanted Strands just makes me think how so very beautiful we all are (young, old, as well as all shapes and sizes)and just by adding a tiny bit of light and delight into our hair, we are transformed into so much added beauty. .Maybe if we all add a bit more light and love into ourselves and others, it will transform us even more. We really all did look awesome after it was done.

And here was Rebecca's response:

It was a pleasure to spend time with all of you lovely ladies and spread the sparkles! Such fun dressing ourselves up with beautiful sparkles! I love brightening up the world with more glitter and shine! The strands are an extension of your inner shine--just reminding you of your truest self!

Should you want an appointment with Rebecca, she can be reached at 828.545.2092; email: galaxygirl143@gmail.com.

Special thanks to my friend Bonnie Sibner who hosted the above event. It was truly an enchanted evening.

Note: See below for how fantastic Cynthia now looks with her Enchanted Strands. The photograph doesn't quite do them justice. They look even better when you see them close up.





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2. FYI

I keep getting an unwanted call from San Antonio, TX. If you get such calls from there or anywhere else, do NOT answer them. If you do, you'll get even more such calls because you go on a "sucker's list," indicating to the caller that there's a live body on the other end.

Rather, do this if you are Verizon customer:

1. Make a record of the number that is calling you.
2. Dial *611 to speak to a Verizon representative.
3. Give them the number you want to block. (See #1.)
4. You'll be all set.

You can block up to five numbers this way.

There's also a way to do this using your cellphone. But you have to first add the number that is calling you to your contacts list. That makes no sense to me.

For more information on this subject, as well as to find out how to block callers if you have another carrier, please click:

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FYI, part 2

To read each of the following contributions in full, please click:

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(1) Rochelle McColl: Wow. I am so honored (100% sincerity). (2) Art Mayhew: For as long as newspapers are alive, support them. (3) Ruth Planey: Got ya covered. (4) Vermont Town Seeks a Heart, and Soul (Also Milk and Eggs). (5) For Many Strokes, There's an Effective Treatment.

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3. Joke 1

My daughter went to a Mexican fast food restaurant and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for minimal lettuce. ... He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg lettuce. (Thanks, Sharon Butler, for sharing.)



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4. Reviews

A. Saw I CAN ONLY IMAGINE, the story behind MercyMe's beloved song. Though described as a faith-based film, don't be put off by that description. This is a film that will appeal to all audiences. J. Michael Finley, making his film debut, is perfect in the leading role and Dennis Quaid is equally good as his father. I liked it--a lot. Rated PG.

B. Out via streaming is SELENA, a biography about Selena Quintanilla, the slain Tejano singer. The music (actually sung by Selena) is quite good, and Jennifer Lopez is excellent in the title role. ... Good, too, is the always watchable Edward James Olmos . . . This film will leave you wondering how far Selena would have gone had she lived a full life.

C. Heard THE WORLD'S STRONGEST LIBRARIAN: A MEMOIR OF TOURETTE'S, FAITH, STRENGTH, AND THE POWER OF FAMILY (Blackstone Audio), written by Josh Hanagarne and read by Stephan R. Thorne. . . . I liked this autobiography about a guy who stands 6'7" who managed to thrive in life despite being diagnosed in high school with Tourette's syndrome. Becoming a weight lifter helped, as did a lifelong fascination with books and the love of his family. I also liked reading about his Mormon beliefs. ... My favorite part of the book was the author's description of how he attempted to adopt a child--an attempt that failed. But then shortly thereafter, he became the proud father of his own son Max. ... Hanagarne's use of humor also added to my enjoyment of this book.

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5. TV alert

A. RANDOM HARVEST: Tues., April 10, at 5:45 p.m. on TCM
An amnesiac (Ronald Coleman) marries a chorus girl (Greer Garson), then gets amnesia and forgets her. This has been one of favorite films ever since I first saw it.

Note: To get my list of other films that I enjoy, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

B. ELTON JOHN: I'M STILL STANDING--A GRAMMY SALUTE: Tues., April 10, at 9 p.m. on CBS
Lady Gaga, Miley Cyrus, Ed Sheeran, John Legend, Miranda Lambert, Sam Smith, SZA and Shawn Mendes are among the performers slated to appear.

C. ANDRE THE GIANT: Tues., April 10, at 10 p.m. on HBO

D. ELVIS PRESLEY: THE SEARCHER: Sat., April 14, at 8 p.m. on HBO
The documentary is woven together with interviews (including Priscilla, Bruce Springsteen and the late Tom Petty), previously buried footage and music from Elvis' own archives.

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6. Joke 2

Methinks that every state should enact similar legislation! (Thanks, Jean Dolan, for originally sharing this idea with respect to Pennsylvania.)



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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Jean Dolan: Bad Joke Detector
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(2) Ed Nasta: Round Rock Donuts
[Here](#)

(3) Shelton O'Neal: Crazy car seller.
[Here](#)

B. Discover amazing newsletters (seriously, ones that don't suck). To do so, check out Letterlist by clicking:

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Naturally, if you don't yet get BLAINESWORLD--the missive you're reading now--let me know by sending an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put SUBSCRIBE in the subject line.

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

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D. 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:

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8. Technology tip

5 Ways You're Killing Your Smartphone Battery (Without Even Realizing it)
by Sarah Van Cleve

And here's the thing: It means your phone is going from fully charged to having no battery power left at all incredibly quickly.

That "battery low" notification on your phone is so frustrating, especially when it feels like your phone was just fully charged. Apple and Samsung both tout extended battery life with their new phones, but that isn't always the case. Settings you're not even aware of could be draining your phone, even when you're not using it. Here's some of the secret ways your phone is losing energy, and how to solve them.

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9. Joke 3

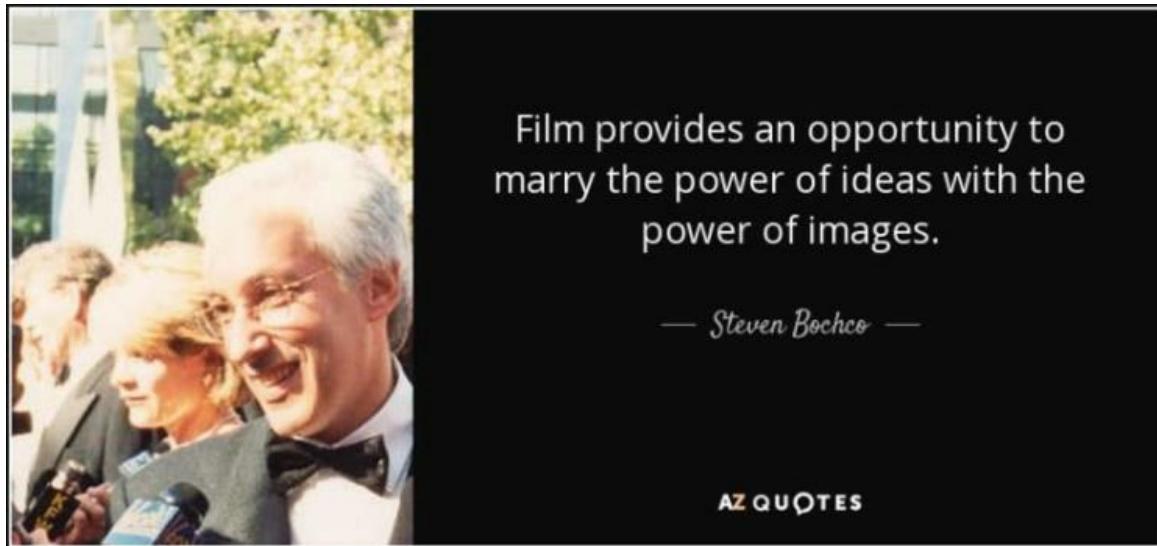
A guy is being interviewed for a post office job. He is asked: "Have you ever been in the service?" He replies, "Iraq for one tour." ... The interviewer says, "That will give you extra points toward employment. Are you disabled in any way?" The guy answers, "A bomb blew my testicles off." ... The interviewer tells him, "You've got enough points for me to hire you. Our normal hours are from 8 to 4. Come in tomorrow at 10 a.m." ... The guy is confused and asks, "If everybody begins at 8, why do you want me here two hours later? ... "This is a government job," the interviewer says. "For the first two hours, we just stand around scratching our balls. No point in you coming in for that." (Thanks, Helene Peyton, for sharing.)



10. A quote I like

Steven Bochco (2000-2018), R.I.P. He was an American producer and writer who developed a number of television series that were among my favorites, including Hill Street Blues, L.A. Law, Doogie Howser, M.D. and NYPD Blue. For his obituary, please click:

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11. Thought for the day

Thanks, Ed Nasta, for this clip on the impact of a teacher:
How a High School Coach Changed Dwayne Johnson's Life

As a high school student, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson started getting into trouble. He was arrested for everything from fighting and stealing to forging checks, but Dwayne says he began to change his ways when he was 16 years old. To find out more, please click:

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12. Advance planning department

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A. NC events

(1) Holiday Arts & Crafts Show. (2) Judith Loniak: Exhibition at Mountain BizWorks.
(3) Magic, Mirth & Meaning Show.

B. PA/NJ events

(1) A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC BOWS AT HERITAGE CENTER. (2) Theater to Go to Present Interactive Movie Party of Disney's 'Little Mermaid.'

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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