

# BLAINES WORLD

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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](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

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A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I had the pleasure of attending the ordination of our friend Carole Biro as an Interfaith Peace Seminary minister. For more pictures, as well as some video clips from the day (including a terrific performance from Rhoda Weaver), please click: [Here](#). ... Afterward, we all got to join Carole for a celebration at Nine Mile in West Asheville. When you click to see the pictures, you'll also see us there, along with the toast that was given in Carole's honor.



B. Western Carolina University's production of SPRING AWAKENING was outstanding. ... In particular, I got a kick out of seeing the performances of Facebook friends Ashley Jennifer Huber, Annelise Taylor Henry, Ryan Albinus and Dylan

Renken ... I was also impressed by all the others in the large cast, as well as by the direction, band, choreography and costumes.



From there, we went to the Pizza Hut in Sylva for some tasty pan pizzas. Ashley was our attentive server.

Note: As you might be able to see, I ordered a Hawaiian pizza--my favorite. It contains pineapple and sometimes, depending on my mood, ham or Canadian bacon. Do you like the idea; i.e., of having pineapple on your pizza? For more information on the subject, please click: [Here](#).



C. On another night, we enjoyed our dinner at Iannucci's, and the excellent service we received from Jennifer.



D. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wed., April 18, 2018 ... Guest (first half): Katherine Morosani, financial advisor with Carol King &



Associates; for more information: [Here](#). ... Guest (second half): Scott Treadway, actor/director/photographer in WNC; for more information: [Here](#). ... Pictured, l-r: Katherine Morosani, Blaine Greenfield and Scott Treadway ... To listen to the show, please click: [Here](#).



E. THIS QUESTION LEFT ME DUMBFOUNDED ... True story: I'm slated for hernia surgery next week. So yesterday, I saw the surgeon and was given a survey (part of which can be seen below). ... I had no problem completing the first two sections dealing with pain and restriction of activities. ... But when asked in the final section about the shape of my abdomen, I was thrown by the rating criteria that ranged from "very beautiful" to "extremely ugly." ... There are a lot of things one could say about my abdomen, but frankly, whether or not it is aesthetically pleasing isn't something that has ever crossed my mind.

3. Cosmetic discomfort												
	0 = very beautiful						10 = extremely ugly					
Shape of your abdomen	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Site of the hernia	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

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F. Thanks to my friends, Tom and Marcy Gallagher, for inviting me to be their guest at the recent Pisgah Legal's Jazz for Justice event. It was great to see so many other friends, as well as to hear the Rich Wiley Jazz Band perform. To see the pictures at full size, please click: [Here](#).

Note: If you can, also take a look at last week's issue. (BLAINESWORLD #1124.). At the end of Section 1, you'll get to read Terry Van Duyn's brilliant presentation of a special award to Jim Barrett. That's Terry and Jim in the bottom right picture.





G. I had the pleasure of joining my friend Rhoda Weaver (to my right) to meet our mutual friends from Germany, Kerstin Brand and Michael Glaeser, for a real Southern breakfast at the downtown Tupelo Honey.



From there, I took Kerstin and Michael to my favorite place for chocolate: Kilwins. What we got did not disappoint!



H. Condolences to:

(1) Liz Miller and family on the passing of Opal, Liz' grandmother.

(2) The family of Harry Anderson, the actor/magician who lived in Asheville. For his obituary, please click: [Here](#).

Note: Thanks, TJ Shimeld, for an excellent tribute to Anderson that you posted on Facebook and have graciously allowed me to reprint. To read it, please go to Section 1 when you click: [Here](#).

I. Congratulations to:

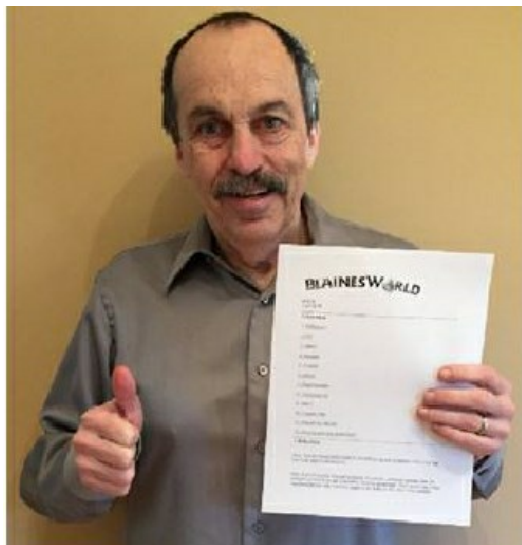
(1) David Hopes on the fact that his short play, "Waiting for the Witch, " has been selected for the Cary/Carrboro 10x10 Festival this summer.

(2) Justin Slack on his new position as Human Resources Manager for North American Roofing.

J. Reminders:

(1) PLEASE VOTE FOR ME (on or before April 28) ... I'd be honored if you would do

so. Register by clicking: [Here](#). ... 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're not familiar with the Asheville area, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put SUGGESTIONS in the subject line. ... Thanks!



(2) There's still time to enter Contest #9 ...

One lucky reader will win a copy of The Richard Shulman's latest CD, "Turned into Lemonade." For more information about it, please click: [Here](#).

To enter the contest, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #9 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 23, 2018.

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

This week, it goes to Karen Foley--life style director at Biltmore Lake for the past eight years. She has done a tremendous job in that position, and I have had the pleasure to work with her often. Her talent, as well as her enthusiasm, has always impressed me, and it is has been a pleasure to walk into the clubhouse to get a friendly welcome from her. ... Unfortunately for the residents, Karen has just accepted a new job as activities director for the Greystone Inn. She will be missed, but personally, I'm happy for her!



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## 2. FYI

This is the type service I wish all stores offered ... recently, I was shopping at Bed Bath & Beyond in Asheville. All of a sudden, it started raining. ... The store immediately had an employee stand in front of the store with an umbrella. And if any customer wanted to be walked out to his or her car with the umbrella, the employee did just that. ... It was much appreciated by all those who wanted it.



FYI, part 2

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

[Here](#)

(1) Why Teenagers Become 'Allergic' to Their Parents. (2) George Pappas: I already downloaded my data. Removed ALL apps from my facebook. (3) Reading Aloud to Young Children Has Benefits for Behavior and Attention. (4) Standing Up at Your Desk Could Make You Smarter.

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### 3. Joke 1

BREAKING NEWS ... Canada announces that its wall is done! ... Nothing was spent on building materials, and the Canadian government didn't have to ask Mexico to pay for it. (Thanks, Carole Biro, for sharing.)



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### 4. Joke 2

I just watched my dog chase his tail for 5 minuets and thought, "Dogs are so easily amused." ... Then I realized that I just watched my dog chase his tail for 5 minutes! (Thanks, Doug Hauschild, for sharing.)



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### 5. Joke 3

Turns out you can take it with you, after all. This changes everything! (Thanks, Joann Calabria Johnson, for sharing.)



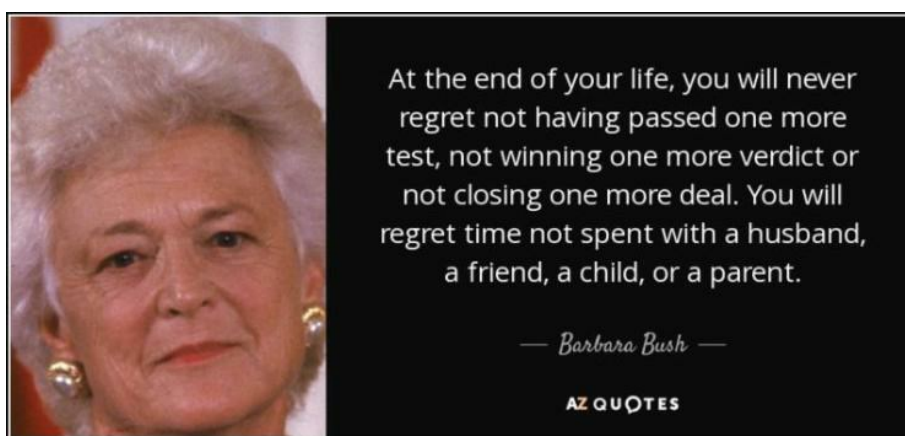


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### 6. A quote I like

Barbara Bush (1925-2018), R.I.P. She was the wife of George H. W. Bush, who was the 41st President of the United States, and served as First Lady of the United States from 1989 to 1993. She had previously served as Second Lady of the United States from 1981 to 1989. Among her six children are George W. Bush, the 43rd President, and Jeb Bush, the 43rd Governor of Florida. For her obituary, along with a clip about her life, please click: [Here](#).



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### 7. Thought for the day

It's "All About Love" to quote the song title from Earth, Wind & Fire. To listen to it, please click: [Here](#). (Thanks, Lois Jacobs Rosenthal Fossum, for sharing.)





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## **8. NC events**

To read about each of the following events in full, please click: [Here](#).

(1) WOMANSONG Spring Concert. (2) THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST. (3) Local Magic Shop Celebrates 23 Years in Asheville with Two Days of Magic! (4) Daniel Barber: Cosmic Mass workshops, etc.

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**PS.** Make it a wonderful week!

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