

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 and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I enjoyed, as always, our pizza at Favilla's in Asheville, along with the fine service we received from Alex.



B. During the week, I:

(1) Got a kick out of seeing Scott Treadway and Charles Flynn-McIver shine in STONES IN HIS POCKET, performing all 15 characters (men and women) in a tragicomedy about extras in a Hollywood film being shot in a small town in Ireland. Spot-on direction from Neela Munoz added to my enjoyment of this play. I laughed at much of it, but was also moved by it. ... The show runs through May 19 at NC Stage Company. Tickets can be obtained at: [Here](#).





(2) Had a tasty lunch at Ziggy's where I was joined by my friends, l-r: Sara DelBeato, Jimmy Ferraro, Dee Etta Ferraro and next to me, Ellen Pappas and Trissa King on the far right.



(3) Had fun at a Marketing seminar that I conducted for Asheville SCORE. Among the participants, l-r next to me were: Sunny Cook, Susanna Euston, Meg Hanshaw, Dawn Westmoreland and Mike Wrenn.



C. Condolences to Christine Breininger on the passing of her father.

D. Congratulations to:

(1) Brent Russell for being named as one of Beverly-Hanks' top producers for the first quarter of 2019.

(2) Drez Ryan on landing a recurring role on THE OUTSIDER, a new series for HBO based on the novel by Stephen King, co-created by Jason Bateman.

(3) Trissa King on coming in First in the 60 and over division and 2nd in the Masters in the War Pony Run for the Rose's 5k.

(4) Chelsey Lee Mirheli on her appointment as an adjunct faculty member at Mars Hill University.

(5) Shane Clemmer for his superb rendition of the National Anthem at a recent Asheville Tourists' game. To view his performance, please click: [Here](#).

(6) Carol Anders on her new show on WFSM/103.3 FM: DREAMERS & DOERS, starting Monday, May 6, at 9 a.m

(7) Carolyn Beckner, winner of Contest #9: a copy BREAKING THE HABIT OF BEING YOURSELF; HOW TO LOSE YOUR MIND AND CREATE A NEW ONE by Dr. Joe Dispenza. All told, there were seven entries. And that reminds me it is now time to introduce:

***** CONTEST #10 *****

One lucky reader will win two badges to the VIP Tasting Experience at the Asheville Food Truck Showdown on Saturday, May 19, from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. What you'll get: Exclusive access to the Anderson Nissan VIP Tent during Tasting Experience. A sample from ALL 18 trucks, 2 beverages (including your choice of beer, cider, soda, or water) and a Tyvek bracelet permitting adult beverage purchases throughout the day. And the right to vote for the 2019 VIP Taster's Choice Award Winner.

Note: The actual event runs from 12-7 p.m. It will take place at the WNC Agricultural Center (the BOONE Building), 761 Boylston Highway, Asheville, NC. For more information, please click: [Here](#).

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST 10 in the subject line. In the body of the email, make sure you include your name and snail mail address, as well as your phone number for this particular contest. All entries must be received before 9 p.m. on Monday, May 13.

E. Correction: In a recent issue, I neglected to mention important information about Chris Oakes, my illusionist friend. See below for what I should have run, along with his contact information:

Congratulations to Chris Oakes on his first paid gig as an illusionist. He is on his way! ...Should you want to book him for an upcoming performance, he can be reached via email: stephenoaks1973@gmail.com or phone: 828.280.0642. ... Note: He only does children's shows.

F. Invites:

(1) Come see Cynthia and a bunch of her friends in the following production:

Story Choreography Projects
Presents
Lost And Found
A Storytelling Performance

We get lost in a book or lost in a relationship.
We find untapped gifts or a mentor to guide us forward.

It's these stories and more that come to life on the stage
through stories, movement, poetry and film

Sunday, May 19
Jubilee! Community
46 Wall Street

Performances
4:00 pm. & 6:00 pm.

STANDS & DELIVER
ASHEVILLE
Barrie Barton, Artistic Director

\$15
At The Door & Eventbrite
For More Info: barrie@standanddeliverasheville.com

Sponsored by the Arts Team of Jubilee!

(2) Then a few weeks later, come see yours truly perform in this show (below) that

runs at Asheville Community Theatre from June 7-30. It is a tuneful musical, and I have a cameo as a character named Dr. Stokes. For tickets, please click: [Here](#).



**** BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD ****

We always enjoy our meals at Fatz in Asheville and the other night was no exception, as can be seen by the picture below. In addition, we received excellent service from Corey Webb. He was as good a server as any we've had in the area--and we've had a lot of good ones. ... We also appreciated Susan Hardin, the service manager, for both her friendly greeting and how she checked on us when we were dining.



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2. FYI

If you're an Amazon Prime customer like me, here are four things you should know:

1. Get an Amazon Prime credit card. Every time you use IT , you get 5% off on all Amazon purchases. For more information, please click: [Here](#).

Note: This also gets you access to a 10% discount on sale items and select weekly best-sellers at Whole Foods, ability to stream hundreds of movies and TV shows (including one that by itself is almost worth the price of the card: THE MARVELOUS MRS. MAISEL), etc. For a complete list of other Prime benefits, please click: [Here](#).

And what's really cool: When you make future purchases, you are asked if you want to use those 5% savings you've accumulated. It is like getting free stuff!

2. When you order an item on Amazon using subscribe & save, you're signing up for repeat deliveries of a product in exchange for a 5-15% off discount on Amazon's current price. I do this on things I get on a regular basis and aside from the fact that I like the savings, it makes shopping so much easier. For more information, please click: [Here](#).

3. You can now return Amazon packages at Kohl's stores. There's no surcharge to return merchandise--and items can be returned both packaged and unpackaged. Kohl's will ensure the products are sent back to Amazon, a convenience for customers who might have had trouble getting to a UPS drop off location in time previously. For more information, please click: [Here](#).

4. One word of caution: Beware making too many returns. Some customers, including a good friend of mine, have had their accounts closed without warning. It happens when "you're creating a lot of headaches for Amazon." For more information, please

click: [Here](#).

Note: When you click the above, you might get an invite to subscribe to THE WALL STREET JOURNAL. You should be able to bypass it by clicking an "X" in the upper right corner. If you still can't read the article, send me an email: bjinbc@aol.com and put BANNED in the subject line.

FYI, part 2

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

(1) Annemarie Eggink: It's been a long time. I was thinking of you last week and wanted to pass along something funny. (2) Mark Beloyan Future generations will look back at us. (3) How to Turn a Rejection Into an Advantage. (4) Falls Can Kill You. Here's How to Minimize the Risk.

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3. Joke 1

ADVANCE PLANNING DEPARTMENT ... in case you missed the event a few weeks ago, this association already has its sign up for next year ... and since that's also Easter Sunday, come out for some family fun and then go to church. (Thanks, Sharon Lewis, for sharing.)



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4. Reviews

A. Find DAVE, a 1993 romantic comedy, about a guy who runs an employment agency who bears a striking resemblance to the president of the United State. I loved it and so will you, Kevin Kline is terrific in the leading role, and Frank Langella is as dastardly a villain as you'll ever see. Rated PG-13.

Note: This film has been added to my list of all-time favorites. If you'd like to get a copy of this list, send an email to: bjinbc@aol.com and put SUGGESTIONS in the subject line.

B. Heard DUPED: DOUBLE LIVES, FALSE IDENTITIES, AND THE CON MAN I ALMOST MARRIED (Hachette Audio), written by Abby Ellin and narrated by Therese Plummer. It is the fascinating, true story about a woman who almost marries a man who has fabricated major aspects of his life. ... The author then looks at other examples of dishonesty, including deception in the animal kingdom, the lying of children, polygraphs and methods of divining truthfulness, case histories of psychopaths, con artists, double agents, undercover cops, drug dealers adulterers and wanted criminals living underground. ... I was constantly amazed at reading each of these, but the one that most caught my attention was the account of "gender fraud," in which a woman was shocked to discover that her boyfriend was actually a woman. In this instance, Ellin noted that the the victim "had always worn a blindfold when they were together." ... Once you begin DUPED, you won't be able to put it down. ... Note: A review copy of this book was provided by the publisher.

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5. TV alert

A. DEAD TO ME: Now available via Netflix

This dark female-buddy comedy stars Christina Applegate and Linda Cardellini as women who meet and bond at a survivors' support group. According to TV GUIDE, they are "terrific" and "this slick, macabre series [has] game-changing twists in each brisk episode."

B. ON TOUR WITH ASPERGER'S ARE US: On HBO at various times

Six-part, half-hour documentary series that follows Asperger's Are Us, a four-man comedy troupe of friends with Asperger syndrome, as they set out on their most ambitious tour yet. I've seen two of the episodes and enjoyed them.

Note: To see the above troupe in action, please click: [Here](#).

C. CHERNOBYL: Monday, May 6, at 9 p.m. on HBO

This five-part series about the 1986 nuclear accident in Ukraine may seem like science fiction, but it's not. It actually happened.

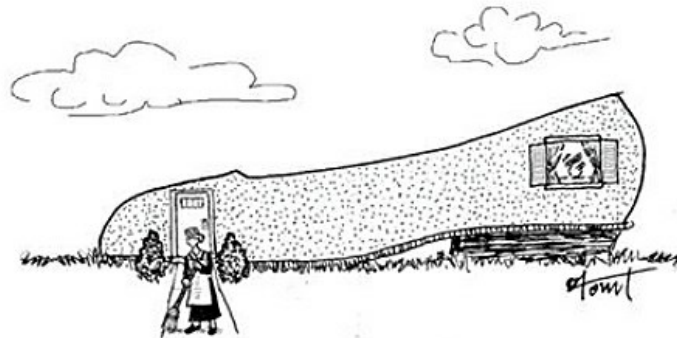
D. KLEPPER: Series premiere on Thursday, May 5, at 10:30 p.m. on Comedy Central

Joran Klepper, former DAILY SHOW WITH TREVOR NOAH correspondent, seeks to find Americans brave enough to push for change. Tonight, he joins a group of military veterans in Texas who combat PTSD through pro wrestling.

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6. Joke 2

I wonder: Did the children move out on their own or did she give them the boot?
(Thanks, Joe Hodgson, for sharing.)



After the last child moved out, the old woman
sold the shoe and moved into a flat.

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Sue Hinkle: UNSQUARE DANCE - Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis perform Dave Brubeck: [Here](#).

(2) Tavi Hall: XL - Pressure (official music video): [Here](#).

(3) Roberta Gurwood: Tom Papa: If You Are Married You Win: [Here](#).

(4) Linda Williams: When your friend starts getting a bit too into it!: [Here](#).

(5) Chris Oaks: Going shopping without arms: [Here](#).

B. Looking for a site to help you relax and focus when you are working? If so, check out: A Soft Murmur by clicking: [Here](#).

The site hosts various natural sounds like that of rain, wind, waves etc. My only problem: When I listen to anything involving water, I just want to get up and take a pee.

C. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running . . . to view it, please click: [Here](#).

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: [Here](#).

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8. Technology tip

Snipping is soooo cool. it enables you to take a snapshot to copy words or images from all or part of your PC screen. This works great, for example, if you want to save something from a particular website, and "Save as" doesn't work. For more information, please click: [Here](#).

Mac users have alternatives that they can use to do the same thing. For more information, please click: [Here](#).

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9. Joke 3

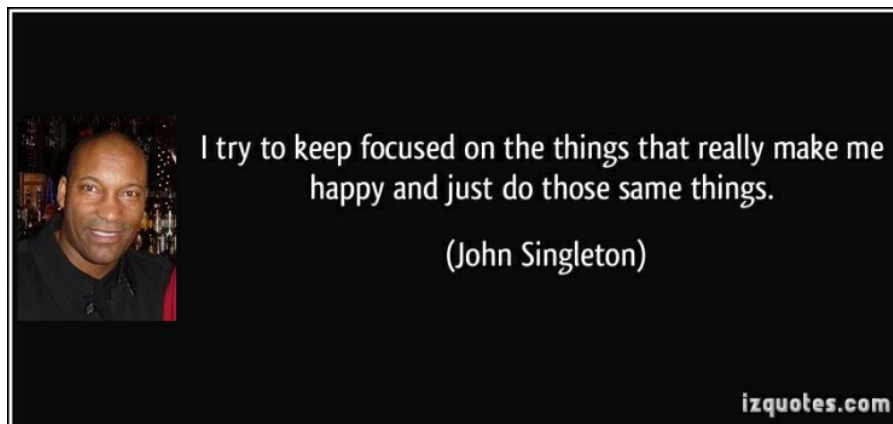
Sounds like a plan and a good one at that! (Thanks, Herb Spiegel, for sharing.)



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10. A quote I like

Thanks, John Singleton (1968-2019) for being such an influential film director, screenwriter and producer. And for helping bring to the screen such movies as BOYS N THE HOOD, POETIC JUSTICE , HIGHER LEARNING, ROSEWOOD, SHAFT and 2 FAST 2 FURIOUS, among others. For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#).



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11. Thought for the day

Thanks, Scott Treadway, for sharing:

At a rally, Mayor Pete [Buttigieg] was heckled by a group of evangelicals who screamed at him because he is a homosexual.Mayor Pete's response? ... "I packed my bags for Afghanistan to defend that man's speech."

My take: I also liked Mayor Pete's quote on Scripture, which says "Bless and do not curse."

And kudos to fellow presidential candidate, former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke, who quickly came to his opponent's defense on Twitter. "Texans don't stand for this kind of homophobia and hatred," O'Rourke wrote. "Mayor Pete, we are grateful you came to Texas and hope to see you and Chasten back again soon."

For more information on the above, please click: [Here](#).

Note: Regardless of your religious or political beliefs, my hope is that you can be accepting of all candidates running for President (or any office, for that matter). Carefully listen to what they have to say, then make up your mind if that is the type man or woman you want representing you.

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12. Advance planning department

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

A. NC events

(1) Stu Helm: Asheville Pie Fight. (2) Kathleen Meyers Leiner: Asheville School Fine Arts Presents: Led Into the Inferno. (3) Hank Eder: See Rock Legends in an authentic Wild West setting in West Jefferson, NC. (4) Abby Felder: It's our first annual Spring Fling! (5) Attic Salt Theatre Company presents Speech & Debate at 35below.

B. PA/NJ event

At Princeton Center for Yoga & Health: Upcoming workshops.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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