

BLAINES WORLD

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1. Reflections

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A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Had the pleasure of seeing THE GROUNDLING at Asheville Community Theatre. Do yourself a favor and catch it before its run ends on September 2. This well-acted comedy by Marc Palmieri will have you laughing all the way until an unexpected twist toward heartbreak at the end. ... There were terrific performances from all in the cast: Daniel Sandoval, Jenni Robinson, Scott Keel, Mandy Bean, Ralph Redpath, Kelsey Simons and Haven Kai Volpe. I also enjoyed Betsy Puckett's taut direction and Bjorn Boller's set direction of the garage that I wish mine would someday become. ... For tickets, please click:

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Afterward, we went to the Korean House for a delicious dinner where we received fine service from Jonathan.



(2) During the week, we joined our friends Tom and Marcy Gallagher at Pacific Pagoda. We enjoyed being in the fish tank with them, as well as the fine food. Amy was our excellent server.

Note: Don't be concerned. We did not eat the pictured fish.



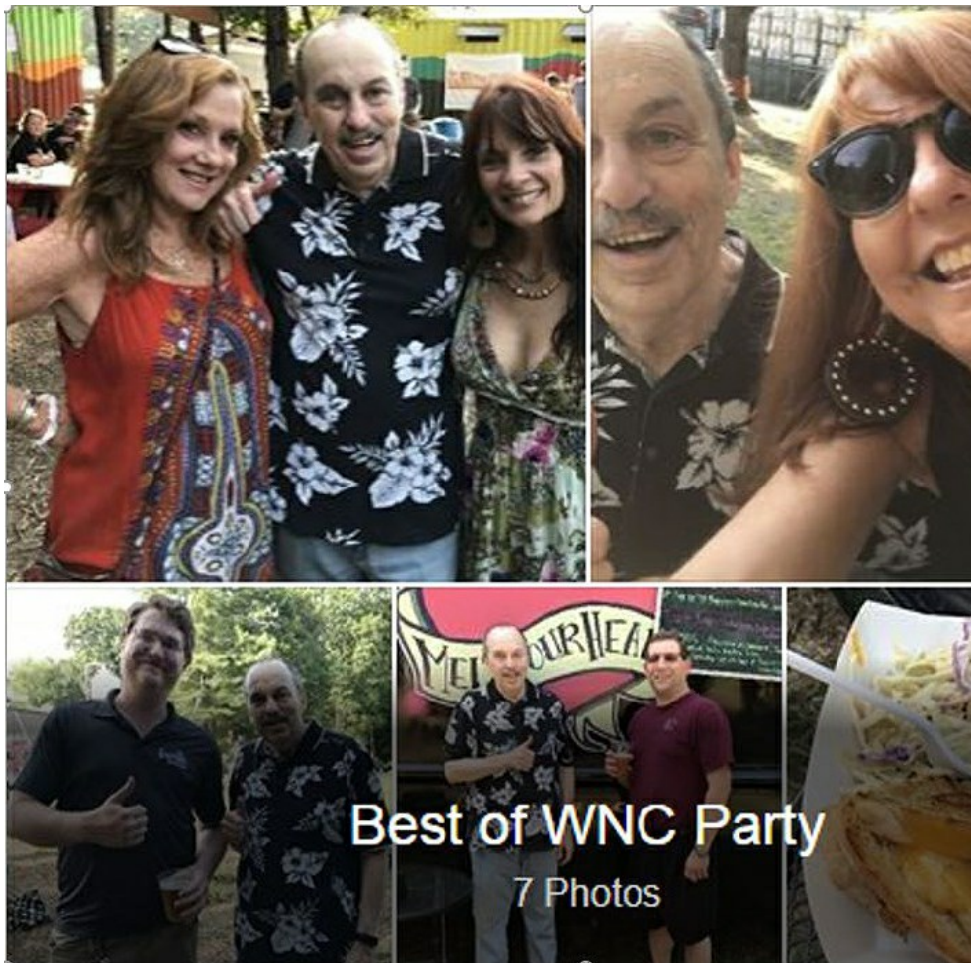
B. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018 ... Guest (first half): Judy Ray, Certified Healing Touch Instructor; for more information: judyray333@gmail.com ... and (second half): Cecil Bothwell, Provocateur; for more information: cecil@braveullysses.com Pictured, l-r: Judy Ray,

Blaine Greenfield and Cecil Bothwell ... To listen to the show, click: <https://tinyurl.com/y8hgu5jc> ... To view it via Facebook Live, click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7kK7J160JR8>.



C. It was great to attend the Best of WNC party--and to see a bunch of friends. For more pictures, please click: [Here](#)

In addition, I especially enjoyed the grilled cheese sandwich that I got from the Melt Your Heart truck. It was probably the best such sandwich I have ever had!



D. I'm blessed to belong to a breakfast club with my friends, l-r: Tom Gallagher, Marvin Sadovsky and Brian Biro. We meet on a semi-regular basis to solve all the world's problems. That's us at a new place in town, Famous Toastery. We enjoyed the food and will be back.





E. The thumbs up movement is spreading ... first, I got Cynthia, my beautiful bride, to join in ... then a bunch of Asheville actors ... and now, it has even spread to the fruit community! (Thanks, Carole Biro, for sharing.)



F. Congratulations:

(1) Garrett Artz on his appearance on WLOS. To view it, please click:

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(2) Rose-Marie Grace Vieira on receiving the Best Team Spirit Award from her CSBDF co-workers.

(3) Christopher W. Martin on his new job as a full-time theatre teacher for 8th thru 12th grades at Franklin School of Innovation.

(4) Lily Bartleson on her new job as Ticketing Sales Representative with the Lyric Opera of Chicago and, also, on being hired for a House Management position at the American Blues Theatre.

(5) Felicia Huffman on the publication of her first full-length novel, LOVED BY DEATH. It is available by clicking this link:

[Here](#)

(6) Linda McCann on her new position as Faculty Development Coordinator at Bucks County Community College.

(7) Ty Harrison on his new position as Key Hourly Manager at Fatz in Asheville.

G. Corrections:

(1) Last week's issue incorrectly spelled the place where we had some good take-out pizza from. Here's the correct spelling: Piazza. For more information, please click:

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(2) Duane Fernandes (with Hemingway's Cuba Restaurant had his name spelled wrong. Sorry 'bout that!

H. Reminders:

(1) I'm making my annual trek Up North this coming September 13-18, and I hope to catch up with you--particularly if you live anywhere near Bucks County, PA. For more information, please click:

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(2) There's still time to enter ...

***** CONTEST #18 *****

One lucky reader will get an autographed copy of my friend Steven Shulman's just-published memoir: MY UNCLE GLORIA. ... To quote from the book's description on Amazon: Change is always good until it's not. My Uncle Butch, the classic "macho" auto junkyard owner, and womanizer, decides at the age of 66 to have a sex change. And somehow, his transformation brings my neurotic and unhinged family back together-for better or worse. But what is it that changed? Was it Butch? Was it me? Or, was it something else? "My Uncle Gloria" digs deep into the core of a dysfunctional family, as they find a way to not only cope with each other but also how to "accept" each other. ... I look forward to reading it! ... To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #18 in the subject line, then include your name and snail mail address in the body of the email..... All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Mon., August 27, 2018.

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

Thanks, Steven Shulman, for submitting this week's nomination:

If you are desiring a ghostwriter or editor to help write your memoir, a book of fiction, short story, etc., I highly recommend Jody Mabry. He helped me get my memoir (www.myunclegloria.com) edited, formatted and published. He's the best and a genuine nice guy.

To find out more about Jody, please click:

www.cafelegacy.com

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2. FYI

Thanks, Jensen Gelfond, for the following recommendation:

When I recently bruised my ribs, he told me about a product he uses called Arnicare Gel. I tried it and within a day, I was feeling better.

Here's more information about it from the company's website:

Boiron's Arnicare gel cools and refreshes immediately upon contact, and is absorbed quickest into the skin. The non-greasy, non-sticky, water-based formula leaves no residue. Arnicare Gel is free from parabens, fragrances or dyes.

To get a \$2 off coupon, as well as to order, please click:

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FYI, part 2

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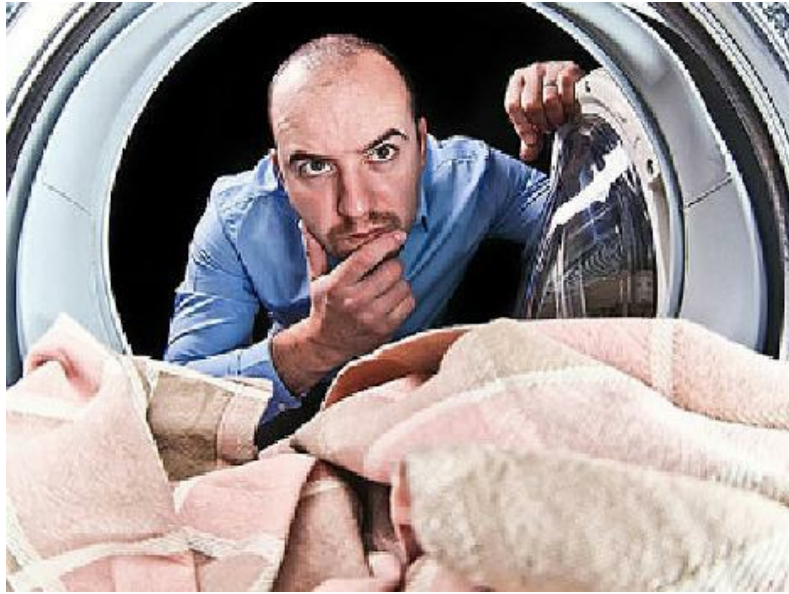
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(1) Barbie Angell: PLEASE HELP, especially if you are in the Canton, NC, area ... or if you know somebody who lives there. (2) What Twins Can Teach Us About Nature vs. Nurture. (3) Barbara Firestone: Loved the 'easy' block on my Samsung Android from spam and scam calls. (4) Bruce Rubin: Totally loved the Thought for the Day Section. (5) Stephanie Keys: Love BLAINESWORLD!!! (6) Annemarie Brown: Yay! Congratulations, Blaine. (7) Arlene Ditzler: Congratulations on being #1 and #2 in the "Best of WNC" Competition! (8) Tera Broughton: Congratulations on being voted

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3. Joke 1

One day my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his Wweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me, "What setting do I use on the washing machine?" ... "It depends," I replied. "What does it say on your shirt?" ... He yelled back, "OHIO STATE!" (Thanks, Janeen Ravkin, for sharing.)



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4. Reviews

A. Saw PUZZLE, a drama about a woman in her 40s whose life begins to change when she receives a jigsaw puzzle for a birthday gift. She soon discovers that she is very good at putting puzzles together. Kelly Macdonald is quite good in the leading role, but overall, the film dragged. Too bad, in that the coming attractions had me looking forward to it. Rated R.

B. A much better choice would be for you to see LIKE FATHER, a sweet comedy now available via Netflix. The story involves a workaholic young executive who is left at the altar. She somehow winds up on a Caribbean honeymoon cruise with her equally workaholic father. Kristen Bell and Kelsey Grammer have great chemistry in the leading roles. Methinks you'll enjoy this one. Rated NR, but appropriate for teenagers.

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5. TV alert

A. EVEREST: Monday, Aug. 27, at 3:30 p.m. on FXX
Jake Gyllenhaal, Josh Brolin, Jason Clarke, and John Hawkes in this adventure docudrama set in 1996, when a number of simultaneous expeditions up Mount Everest resulted in the deaths of eight climbers.

B. INK MATER: GRUDGE MATCH: Season premier on Tuesday, Aug. 28, at 10 p.m. on Paramount Network
Professional tattoo artists compete for \$100,000 in the competition hosted by former Red Hot Chili Peppers rocker Dave Navarro.

C. THE SHOP: Season premiere on Tuesday, Aug. 28, at 11 p.m. on HBO
NBA star LeBron James pops by barbershops around the country and brings famous friends along to join him for no-holds-barred chats.

D. SUMMER UNDER THE STARS: LAUREN BACALL: Wednesday, Aug. 29, beginning at 6 a.m. on TCM

DARK PASSAGE is the first Bacall film that airs and CONFIDENTIAL AGENT is the last at 4 a.m. on Aug. 30. For a the rest of the films, please click:

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6. Joke 2

Mr. Curious here: Where do I get one?



(If the caption is too small to read, here it is: "It's the new ieye. It lets me know where I'm going when using my phone.")

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Renee Herskowitz: Walking 39 dogs

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(2) Lucille Eckert: Armrest extender

[Here](#)

(3) Judith Hoy: "Murphy Brown" and Aretha Franklin "The Queen of Soul"

[Here](#)

(4) Cynthia Greenfield: Aretha Franklin - Think (The Blues Brothers)

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B. For TIME's best photography, check out a website called Lightbox by clicking:

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Here are some examples of what you'll find:

The Story Behind TIME's Trump and Putin 'Summit Crisis' Cover

How This World Cup Photographer Captured the 'Pure Excitement' After Croatia's Victory

TIME Picks the Best Viral Photos of 2017

Take a Peek Inside Ivana Trump's Family Photo Album

If you enjoy photography, you'll want to check out the above.

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

Want to increase picture size without losing quality? Try this:

1. Copy the picture.
2. Past it into Word.
3. Increase the size there by pulling up at each of the corners.
4. Use the Snipping Tool (the comes with Windows) to save the new-sized document.

Note: When I use other methods to increase the size of a picture, I typically lose quality when doing so.

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9. Joke 3

MR. CURIOUS HERE: Whatcha think of my new look? I took Viagra and Rogaine at the same timeand now my hair stands up straight!

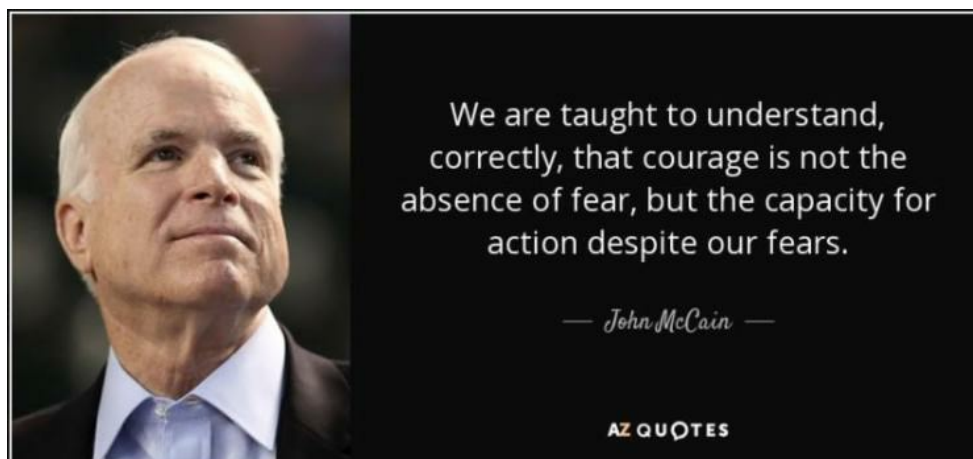


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10. A quote I like

John McCain (1936-2018), R.I.P. ... He was an American statesman who served as the senior United States Senator from Arizona, a seat to which he was first elected in 1986. For the obituary of this great American hero, please click:

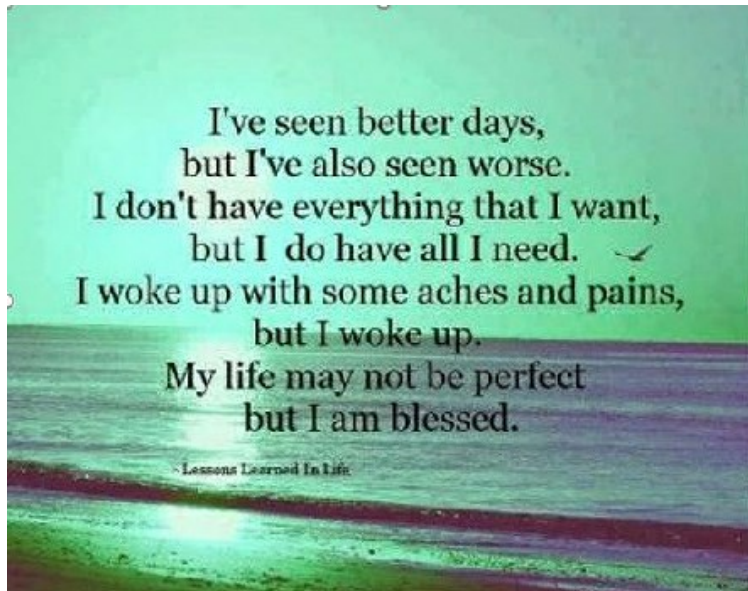
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11. Thought for the day

Reminds me of one of my favorite quotes. Maurice Chevalier, the French entertainer, was asked how he felt on his 70th birthday. He replied, "Great, considering the alternative."



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12. Advance planning department

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A. NC events

(1) Kiesa Kay: Love Makes a Home: The Life of Rebecca Boone. (2) Linda Williams: Invitation to September 21 workshop. (3) Montford Park Players Presents Iconic Tragedy, Hamlet.

B. PA/NJ event

NEWSIES at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre.

Note: I'll be attending this show on Saturday, Sept. 15. If you're available then, let me know by sending an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put NEWSIES in the subject line.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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