

# BLAINES WORLD

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## 1. Reflections

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A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, I and celebrated our friend Bonnie Sibner's birthday at a Labor Day barbecue at her home. It was both a great party and day!





B. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018 ... Guest (first half): Jamie Wade, owner of Sand Hill Kitchen: for more information: [Here](#) ... and (second half): Michele Louzon, founder and executive director of Arms Around ASD; for information: [Here](#) ....Pictured, l-r: Jamie Wade, Blaine Greenfield and Michele Louzon ... To view the show on Facebook Live, click: [Here](#) ... to listen to the show, click: [Here](#)



C. I had the pleasure of seeing DIAL M FOR MURDER at Parkway Playhouse. ... This classic crime mystery was directed with aplomb by Michael Lilly and featured outstanding performances by all in the cast: Alesa Bryant, Luke Haynes, Andie Morgenlander, Strother Stingley and Mike Yow. ... Kudos, also, to Luke's sideburns and Mike's mustache.



D. I also got to White Horse/Black Mountain to see MY GRANDFATHER'S PRAYERS, Lisa Sturz' amazing tribute to her grandfather: Cantor Izso Glickstein--a fourth generation cantor and operatic tenor. Pictured in front: Cantor Glickstein; in the rear, l-r: Kathryn O'Shea, Lisa Sturz, Lois (Lytingale O'Shea) and yours truly.





E. PLEASE HELP: As you may have heard, there will be a family-friendly HAPPY TOGETHER REVUE at Biltmore Lake on Friday, Sept. 28, from 6-7:30 p.m. ... It will feature music from the 50s, 60s and 70s. ... If you're a Biltmore Lake resident, do plan to attend and bring your children and/or grandchildren. ... For one number, we need to borrow a tricycle. ... If you have one that we could borrow, please send me an email: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put TRICYCLE in the subject line ... I could pick it up on the 28th and return it by the next day. ... Thanks much! .... PS. To get you psyched, here's one number that you'll be hearing that night:

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Note: It would be best if I could borrow this tricycle from somebody living in the Asheville area. But if you want to come down and visit (and bring it with you), you'd be welcome to do so. Western NC is very nice to visit this time of the year. And even if you don't have a tricycle to lend me but would like to attend this show as my guest, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put SEPTEMBER 28 in the subject line.

**Needed to borrow: 1 tricycle  
for BL show on September 28**

F. Congratulations to:

(1) Tom Girdali on having his shop receive the Trentonian Peoples Choice Award for 2018 for "Best Upholstery Shop."

(2) Asheville for being North Carolina's top place to retire to by FORBES magazine. To read more, please click:

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(3) Kristin Pedemonti on receiving The Madam C.U. Walker Award from Seth Godin,

founder of altMBA.

(4) Sharon Lewis and Sandy Howard on having their band, Deep River named #1 country band locally and regionally on ReverbNation.

(5) Ryan Phillips on having a film he produced (and did the cinematography for) named as a semifinalist for the 2018 Southeastern International Film Festival. To read more about this outstanding achievement, please click:

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G. Correction: That was our friend Susan Markovitz in last week's issue, pictured with us at Fresh West Pizza. I failed to mention her name.

H. Reminders:

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

\*\*\*\*\* CONTEST #19 \*\*\*\*

One lucky reader will get a copy of a children's book, POOR TEDDY: THE TRUE STORY OF A POODLE NAMED AFTER A NOODLE, by Lisa DePriest. ... I very much enjoyed it, and you will, too--especially if you're a pet owner. Though written for children, adults will also enjoy it. ... To enter the contest, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #19 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., September 10, 2018.

(2) Do plan me to join me on my annual Trek Up North this coming September 13-18. I'll be attending and/or participating in lots of cool things, primarily around the Bucks County, PA, area--but I'll also be in NJ for part of the time. For more information, please click:

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

Thanks, Cynthia Greenfield, for making the following nomination:

Judy Ray recently taught our small group of women her vast knowledge and experience in Healing Touch. Judy has taken me under her wing, and we partner in Caring for Caregivers at Arms Around ASD. ... She is someone that I look up to and who has become a good friend. My involvement with her class and working with her has been a huge contribution in my life. ... Judy is a woman who is committed to making a positive difference in the world. She attempts to do this every day of her life--and she succeeds.

Note: In the picture below, Judy is second from the left and Cynthia is third from the right. Should you want to get in touch with Judy to find out more about Healing Touch, she can be reached via email: [judyray333@gmail.com](mailto:judyray333@gmail.com).



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## 2. FYI

Is the sound on your PC too low? It was the case with me, especially given the fact that the sound was coming out of my thin monitor. ... So to help out things, I purchased Logitech Multimedia Speakers Z200 with Stereo Sound for just \$20 from Amazon. They take up just a little space, and the results have made it possible for me to again enjoy YouTube and other video clips.

Thanks, Jensen Gelfond (my computer guru), for the recommendation to purchase the above.

Note: As you've heard me say before, Jensen is the ABSOLUTE BEST with respect to providing tech help for computers, TV and just about anything else. For more information about him and/or to schedule an appointment, 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) Where to find 5 of the world's best bagel varieties. (2) 12 best cruises for first timers. (3) Airport security trays carry more cold germs than toilets, study finds. (4) The best sport for a longer life? Try tennis.

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## 3. Joke 1

Jewish tradition requires an apple to be dipped into honey on Rosh Hashanah, which begins tonight. ... Be like me and celebrate all holidays, starting with this one. You will have more food, fun and friends that way. ... And my wish for you is: L'Shanah Tovah--or translated, "to a good year." (Thanks, Carol Seurfert, for sharing.)



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## 4. Reviews

A. Saw CHRISTOPHER ROBIN, Disney's live action adventure about the young boy who loved embarking on trips with a band of spirited and lovable stuffed animals. He

has since grown up, gotten married and settled down, but in doing so, lost his way. ... Ewan McGregor is fine in the leading role, and there are some very sweet scenes. But overall, I was a bit bored by the film. Methinks that children would like it more than I did. .. Rated PG.

Note: The OTHER problem I had was that I had recently seen and loved GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN, A 2017 British biographical drama about the lives of WINNIE-THE-POOH creator A.A. Milne and his family. It is far, far better than the Disney movie.

B. Enjoyed THE KILDEER CONNECTION (Kindle Press) by Tom Swyers, an attorney and former New York State judge. His novel involves a burned-out lawyer who attempts to find his friend's killer. There are many twists and turns that kept me intrigued until the last page. ... What helped was the fact that I genuinely liked the main character, as well as his family. I also liked one part involving a deposition. It felt very realistic. So did another part involving time spent in jail. ... The ending left me looking forward to what's slated to be a second and third book in the Lawyer David Thomas Series.

Note: Swyers' debut novel, SAVING BABE RUTH, was actually a prequel to the above book. I really liked that one, too, and encourage you to read it. .

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## 5. TV alert

A. THE GREATEST SHOWMAN: Sunday, Sept. 9, at 7:10 p.m. on HBO  
Musical biography of P.T. Barnum that was my favorite musical of last year.

Note: It is also on my list of favorite films. If you'd like to get a copy of that list, please send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

B. THE BAD SEED: Sunday, Sept. 9, at 8 p.m. on Lifetime  
Rob Lowe directs and stars in this remake of the 1956 psychological horror flick.

C. THE DEUCE: The second season begins on Sunday, Sept. 9, at 9 p.m. on HBO  
Visit gritty Manhattan in 1977 for more disco and mainstream pornography. Both Maggie Gyllenhaal and James Franco shine in this engrossing drama.

D. NORM MCDONALD HAS A SHOW: Season premiere on Friday, Sept. 14, via Netflix  
David Letterman, Drew Barrymore, Jane Fonda and Chevy Chase are just some of the guests slated to drop by.

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## 6. Joke 2

Six months have passed ... actually, six months and five days, but who counts? ... since the Eagles beat the Patriots, and the marks are still there! ... My hope is is that Philadelphia has another Super Bowl-winning season. (Thanks, Jean Dolan, for sharing.)





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## 7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Cynthia Greenfield: Feels so good

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(2) Ed Hackett: Bear loves my hammock

[Here](#)

(3) Paul Marks: Katelyn Ohashi 2018 Floor at PAC-12 Championships

[Here](#)

(4) Swingle Singers - Pachelbel - Canon

[Here](#)

(5) Roberta Gurwood: A New Year: Communities around the world celebrate the new year...in song

[Here](#)

(6) Avi Dobuler: Dip Your Apple-the Fountainheads

[Here](#)

B. How much hotter if hotter is my hometown than when you were born? To find out, please visit this website:

[Here](#)

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:

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## 8. Technology tip

You Took Lousy iPhone Photos. Here's How to Make Them Beautiful.

by J. D. Biersdorfer

We spend a lot of time trying to tame our technology or wean ourselves from its ills. But tech at its best can help us create new things and express ourselves.

That's why Tech Tip is evolving from a daily Q. and A. with readers into a monthly illustrated guide for people who want to use tech to hatch and produce stuff that makes them happy. First up: how to improve those mediocre iPhone photos--you know, the ones that are crooked or too dark --into images that we are proud to share.

To read the rest of this helpful article, please click:

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## 9. Picture of the year

It was taken during John McCain's funeral. During the service, cameras caught George B. Bush covertly passing Michelle Obama some candy from his wife, Laura Bush. ... Such a moment shows that kindness is universal and, also, that people with different viewpoints can still be friends. Methinks that this is just the type thing that the late Senator would have wanted to happen. ... To see the video clip of the candy exchange, please click:

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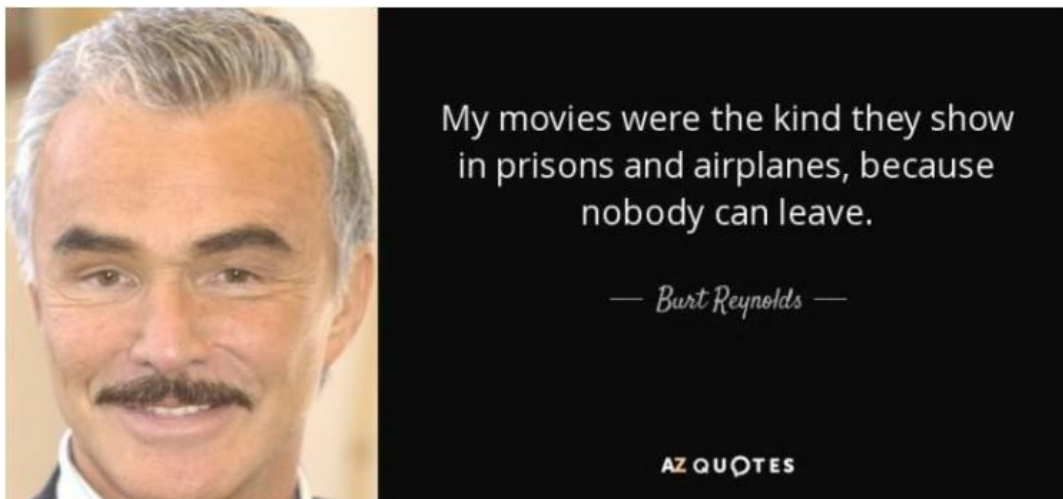
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## 10. A quote I like

Thank you, Burt Reynolds (1936-2018), for the many hours of enjoyment you gave me in such movies as THE LONGEST YARD and BOOGIE NIGHTS, as well as in such TV shows as GUNSMOKE and EVENING SHADE. To read more about this American actor, director and producer, please click:

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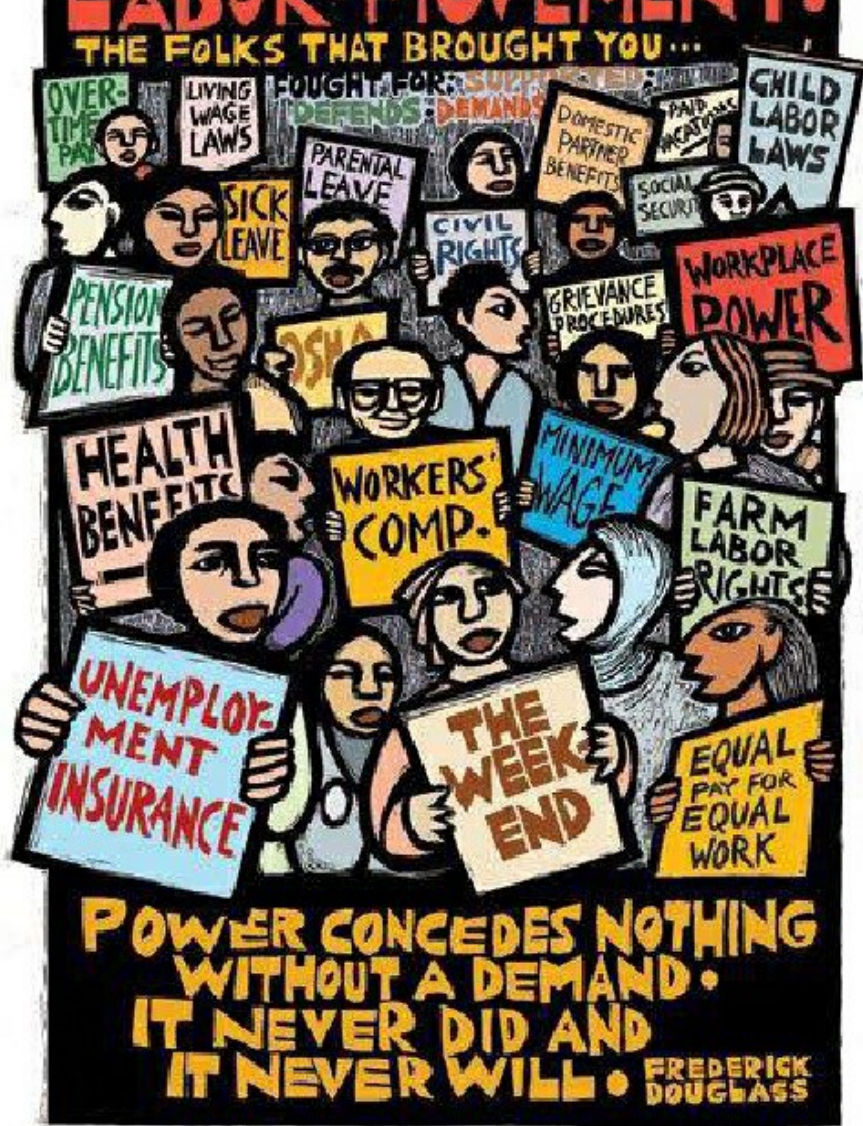
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## 11. Thought for the day

HAPPY LABOR DAY! ... My hope is that if you're like me, you'll join me in celebrating this holiday because there's more food, fun and friends that way. ... But when you do, please also be grateful for those who helped us get all these benefits. (Thanks, Alyson Miller-Greenfield, for sharing.)







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## 12. Advance planning department

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

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### A. NC events

(1) Barrie Barton: The speaker's Master Class.(2) Walter Beals: 8th Annual Asheville Juggling Festival.

### B. PA/NJ events

(1) Natalie Kaye: Keith Spencer in BROTHERS ON BROADWAY. (2) Kevin Jameson: RAISE HOPE NOW!

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

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