

# 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 managed to get back to our old Candler neighborhood for a visit for a tasty dinner at Fatz where we received fine service from Corey Webb, one of our favorite local servers, and Megan Huffman, as well as an enthusiastic greeting from service manager Susan Hardin.



B. During the week, I:

(1) Saw the conclusion of Parkway Playhouse's 2019 season: a terrific production of DARK OF THE MOON, the haunting drama based on a dramatization of the song "The Ballad of Barbara Allen." ... Jenny Martin's direction was spot on and so were the performances from (top photo in front row) John Lee Jelliscourse and Roberta Whiteside, (top photo in back row) Ryan Robertson, Hannah Williams, Alesa Bryant and Daniel Moore and (bottom photo) Jered Shults; Michael Lilly and Annelise Taylor Henry, two other Facebook friends of mine; and all the other 16 members of the talented cast. ... Catch this show if you can before its run ends on Oct. 5. For tickets, please click: [Here](#).



(2) Attended the Lip Sync Battle Royale, a fundraiser for the Attic Salt Theatre. Kudos to Janice Vertucci Schreiber for her great job in chairing the event, as well as to Jeff Catanese for serving as emcee. And to all the talented performers: Barbie Angel, Carina Lopez, Gabby Bailey,, Chris Kingsley, Candice Dickinson, Scott Cameron, Mark Harris, Brooke Smith, Jamie Gilpin and Joy Cadelina..

Note: To see the pictures from the event, please click: [Here](#).





C. Catch Wednesday's BLAINESWORLD show on WPVM, featuring Jen Aly, Business Coach, Jen Aly Coaching in the first half; and Jan and Larry Blunt, The Larry Blunt Team with Beverly-Hanks Realtors in the second half. ... To listen to it, please click: [Here](#).



D. Condolences to:

(1) George Pappas and family on the passing of Cesar Mokbel, George's nephew.

(2) John Rosella and family on the passing of Angela, John's sister.

(3) The friends and family of Jessica Melore who passed away while awaiting a new heart and kidney transplant. Prior to her passing, she gave this message to share: "Thank you for all your healing prayers and well wishes. Thank you for your support. And thank you for giving me the opportunity to know you and love you. Love, Jess" "

Note: Please feel free to see this video that one of her friends made about this amazing woman by clicking: [Here](#).

E. Congratulations to:

(1) Michelle Kuhnen on the opening of Asheville Personal Training, her new gym. It is a fantastic facility, and Michelle is an equally fantastic trainer. For more information, please click: [Here](#).



(2) Walter Beals, Keith Campbell and Ingrid Johnson for their appearance on WLOS. To view it, please click: [Here](#).

(3) David Dowd on being named as one of the area's top "40 under 40" by The Biltmore Beacon.

(4) Courtney Yelle, winner of Contest #20: a copy of PURPLE GOLDFISH 2.0 10

WAYS TO ATTRACT RAVING CUSTOMERS by Stan Phelps & Evan Carroll.  
All told, there were four entries. And that reminds me that it is now time to introduce:

\*\*\* CONTEST #21 \*\*\*

One lucky winner will win a copy of a book on CD: THE LION, a novel by Nelson DeMille. To quote from the book's description: "John Corey, former NYPD Homicide detective and special agent for the Anti-Terrorist Task Force, is back. And, unfortunately for Corey, so is Asad Khalil, the notorious Libyan terrorist otherwise known as The Lion.

To enter contest , send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #21 in the subject line. Include your name and mailing address in the body of the email. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Mon., Oct. 7.

F. Our Biltmore Lake is now officially for sale. For more information about it, please click: [Here](#).

And make sure you also take the cool 3D virtual tour by clicking: [Here](#).

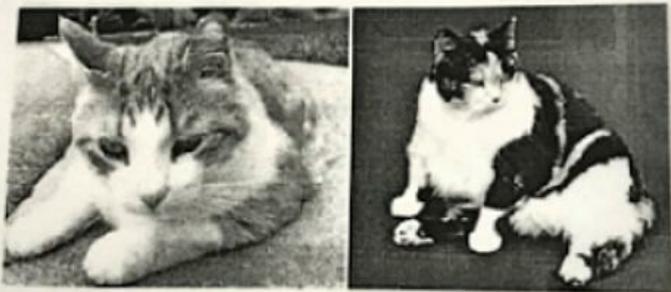


G. Our cats remain missing. Please keep an eye out for them.

**REWARD \$500**

Moving to Fairview, our 2 cats got lost on our very first day here.

Please if you see them, call Cynthia 609-731-0808



Nona is fat and orange and white.  
Archaengel is black, white and brown calico, short and stocky.

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

This week, it goes to the community members who volunteered their time to put on the following production:

If you're reading this before Sunday, Sept. 29, at 2:30 p.m., you're in luck. You have one more chance to see the Autumn Players' excellent production of *EINSTEIN AND THE POLAR BEAR* at the Reuter Center on UNCA's campus. ... Masterfully directed by Ellen Pappas, this romantic comedy features a talented cast of several of the area's top performers: Mike Vaniman, Peter Thomasson, Terry Darakjy, Steven Samuels, Patti Smith, Jordan Wright and in his first role since he played an ice cream pop in the fourth grade, Jacob Blass. ... Tickets are just \$8 and are available at the door.

Note: This was perhaps the best production I've ever seen from the Autumn Players. When I asked Ellen about it, she replied: "The phenomenal cast and Maggie Crowell, the assistant director, made it all look easy. And Charlie St. Clair gave us the perfect ambiance with his lighting."



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## 2. FYI

Thanks, Sarah Fowler, for this excellent idea that has me thinking I'll do this next year: Facebook wants me to do a fundraiser for my birthday, but that's not where my heart is right now. My heart is wanting nothing more than to love others and to let people know that there is someone out there who cares about what they're going through even if they don't understand it. We need each other so much right now.

So instead of doing a Facebook fundraiser for my birthday this year, I'm asking that you "Pay It Forward" instead.

Buy the coffee for that person behind you in line. Text someone you haven't talked to in a while and tell them you miss them and are thinking about them. Hold the door for a stranger. Tell someone how much you like their outfit. Go up to someone and tell them you think they're beautiful. Double your tip at a restaurant.

Simply tell someone, "I love you."

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. People need people--even us introverts. Sometimes we just need to love and to feel loved.

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FYI, part 2

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

(1) Mags: Congrats on your 1200th issue. (2) Mark Jones: Cats Really Do Bond With Their Humans, Study Finds. (3) Carole Biro: 24 Incredible Offers Seniors Are Taking Advantage Of In September. (4) Jeff Messer: I've got a Kickstarter campaign running that relates to all our Robin Hood ventures. (5) Emily Shaules: Wow! (6) Pat Hannigan: Congrats on so many issues. (7) Eileen Barker: Mazel Tov 23 years old of BLAINESWORLD! (8) Kandi Deaver: Yes, I believe I was one of your first

subscribers. (9) Warren Friel: Congratulations on reaching the 1,200 issues milestone! (10) (10) Peter Rigas: Great Job on 1200.

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### 3. Joke 1

A science teacher tells his class, "Oxygen is a must for breathing and life. It was discovered in 1773." ... An enthusiastic student responds, "Thank God I was born after 1773! Otherwise, I would have died without it."



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### 4. Reviews

A. Saw PEANUT BUTTER FALCON, an engaging adventure film about a young man (Zack Gottsagen) who runs away from a residential nursing home to follow his dream of attending the professional wrestling school of his idol. Gottsagen is outstanding in his role, and I also liked the work of Shia LaBeouf, Dakota Johnson and Thomas Haden Church. The sweet ending will leave you teary-eyed. Rated PG-13.

B. Mike Martinelli: JUDY \*\*\*

Judy follows the story of Judy Garland's last concert tour in 1968 in London prior to her death with flashbacks to her filming The Wizard Of Oz. Wonderful performance by Renee Zellweger who did all her own singing for the film. What you learn in this movie will surprise you about how Louie B Mayer treated her. I think the biggest surprise for me was I did not expect to cry at the end when she sings Over The Rainbow. It was so moving that the tears just rolled.

Renee has soared to number one in the Oscar nominations predictions at Gold Derby and she will definitely get the nomination. What she has in her favor is the Academy loves to honor movies and actors that are about Hollywood and to actors who transform themselves. (Gary Oldman, Matthew McConaughey, etc.). What is not in her favor is there are many more films to open before the nominations come out that look like they have great leading performances.

C. Jennifer Memlo: Just watched the Mule. SWEET!

D. Robin Schoen: I highly recommend: Raise Hell: The Life & Times of Molly Ivins. Also, I highly recommend: Toni Morrison: The Pieces I am.

E. Read COMMANDER IN CHEAT: HOW GOLF EXPLAINS DONALD TRUMP (Hachette Books) by Rick Reilly. The author relied on testimony from playing partners, caddies and former Trump employees to poke fun at the his claims golfing claim. The book is both amusing and alarming, regardless of your political beliefs.

Among the passages that caught my attention were these two:

\* "Donald Trump never cheats," he said, slowly and sternly. He stared at me. "Ohhh!" I said. "His caddie cheats FOR him?"

The entire room howled. What followed was a dozen or so stories about just HOW he cheats.

"He's always got four balls in his pocket, if that tells you anything."

"He fozzles his ball on every hole. All 18. I promise you. Every hole."

"He wants you to throw it out of the woods, kick it out of the rough, fluff up his lie. We all know the deal."

\* The best Trump story I heard, though, wasn't from a caddie but from a member who came up to me as I was looking at the tournament plaques on the locker-room wall. There was one called the "Bedminster Member- Member," and Trump's name was on that three times. A "member-member" is a two-man-team deal, lowest best-ball score wins.

This barrel-chested guy came up to me. "You know how Donald got one of those?" he said.

No, but I'd sure like to.

"Okay, you'll love this. One year we were playing the Member-Member on the Old Course. But Trump wasn't in it. He and his buddy were just playing by themselves at the New Course. When they were done, he came into the pro shop and asked what score won the Member-Member. They told him some number, net 61 or something. Whatever. And Trump goes, 'Oh, me and so-and-so played better than that today. So we actually won.' And the pro is like, 'I'm sorry?' And Trump tells them that he and his buddy should be the winners and the guy should put their names on the plaque instead. And that's how he won one of those Member-Members. Can you believe that?"

Yes. Yes, I can.

I really enjoyed this book. But be forewarned ... If you believe everything Trump says, you will probably not like it.

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## 5. TV alert

A. THE POLITICIAN: Available now on Netflix

To quote TV GUIDE: "Imagine Glee mixed with The Manchurian Candidate, and even that won't prepare you for Ryan Murphy's garish hot mess of a satire about an obsessively ambitious Santa Barbara high-schooler (Broadway's Ben Platt) who believes his ruthless bid for student-body president will be a stepping-stone to the White House."

B. CAROL'S SECOND ACT: Thursdays at 9:30 p.m. on CBS

Patricia Heaton, having wrapped up THE MIDDLE, now plays a 50-year-old med student who approaches her new hospital duties with a giggly enthusiasm.

C. Risa Reavely: Check out this show on the Food Network: THE FLAY LIST.

Thursdays at 10:30 p.m.

It's chef Bobby Flay and his daughter, and they go around NYC to their favorite places. It reminded me of us when we would go for pancakes. For more information, information, please click: [Here](#).

D. THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES: Monday, Sept. 30, at 8 p.m. on TCM

Three returning servicemen fight to adjust to life after World War II.

Note: Fredrick March is outstanding in this film, which is on my list of all-time favorite films. If you'd like to get my list, please send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

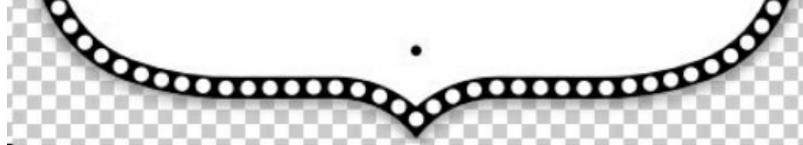
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## 6. Joke 2

A Jewish grandmother is giving directions to her grown grandson who is coming to visit with his wife. "You come to the front door of the apartments. I am in apartment 301. There is a big panel at the front door. With your elbow, push button 301. I will buzz you in. Come inside and the elevator is on the right. Get in, and with your elbow, push the 3rd Floor. When you get out, I'm on the left. With your elbow, hit my doorbell. OK?" . . . "Grandma, that sounds easy, but, why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow?" . . . "What--you're coming empty handed?"





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## 7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Dana DellaCamera: This is the song I wrote and performed with the leadership of #2timegrammy nominee Elsten Torres with the amazing talented Camilo Velandia through #Songfest: [Here](#).

(2) Georgia Reichard: Perfect from Edges: [Here](#).

(3) Bill Moore: Cool new product: [Here](#).

B. Imagine if you replied to every classified ad on Craigslist. I'm not sure if the person who runs Don't Even Reply does that, but he does seem to have a lot of time on his hands--and his exchanges are hilarious. See for yourself by clicking: [Here](#).

My favorite post, so far, is entitled Disguised Weapons. See it for yourself by clicking: [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: [Here](#)

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## 8. Technology tip

Warren Friel: Re: Ctrl+C technology tip [in last week's issue about copying something]... the other half of that tip is to then use Ctrl+V to easily paste what you just copied.

The letter C was selected for use in this copying shortcut because copy starts with the letter C, but V, rather P, was selected for the Paste shortcut since V is next to C on the keyboard, and it makes the shortcut that much more efficient to just have to move over one letter on the keyboard.

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## 9. Joke 3

RETIREMENT AS SEEN THROUGH THE EYES OF A GRANDCHILD (longish, but worth the read)

After spring break, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent the holiday. One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house, but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Florida. Now they live in a place with a lot of other retarded people. They live in a tin box and have rocks painted green to look like grass.

They ride around on big tricycles and wear nametags cause they don't know who they are anymore. They go to a building called a wrecked center, but they must have got it fixed, because it's all right now. They play games and do exercises there, but they don't do them very well. There is a swimming pool too, but they all jump up and down in it with their hats on. I guess they don't know how to swim.

At their gate, there is a dollhouse with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out, then they go cruising in their golf carts.

My Grandma used to bake cookies and stuff, but I guess she forgot how. Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And they eat the same thing every night--EARLY BIRDS. Some of the people can't get past the man in the dollhouse to go out. So the ones who do get out bring food back to the wrecked center and call it Potluck.

My Grandma says Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday, too. When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the dollhouse. Then I will let people out so they can visit their grandchildren.



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#### 10. A quote I like

"No offense to stupidity."--Blaine Greenfield, publisher of BLAINESWORLD

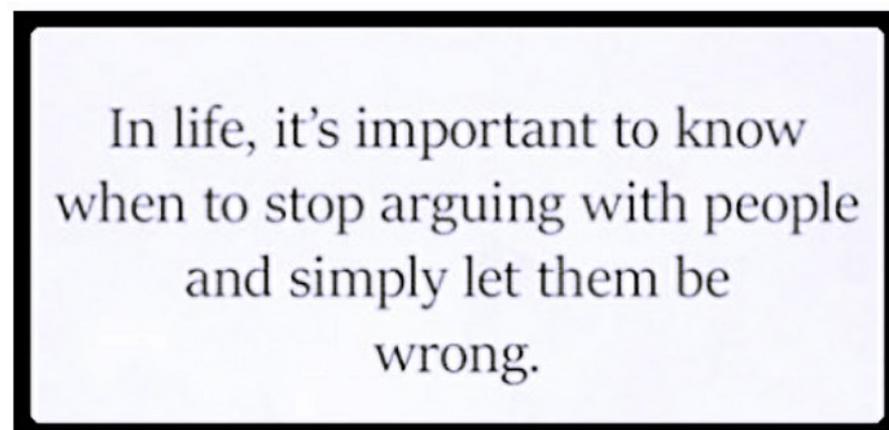
Note: This is an expression I use, at times, when somebody (usually a person I care about) says something that is off the wall--and needs some sort of response. For example, I was recently told by a certain somebody who shall remain nameless that all the pictures in our house had to be hung before she could enjoy her upcoming birthday. That's when I used this expression. If the pictures never got hung, that would be OK with me. Of greater importance: That this person get to enjoy her birthday and every other day.

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#### 11. Thought for the day

Why I developed the YOMBER Principle to end all arguments. ... If you're not familiar with it, click this link to read an article I wrote on the subject: [Here](#). (Thanks, Lori Lynn Mullet, for sharing.)



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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) BJ Leiderman: At White Horse Black Mountain. (2) DARK OF THE MOON at Parkway Playhouse. (3) THE LEGACY OF AMELIA ALDEAN at Magnetic Theatre. (4) THE WIZARD OF OZ at Asheville Community Theatre.

B. PA/NJ event

LEADING LADIES at Kelsey Theatre at Mercer County Community College.

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

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