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1. Reflections

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A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Enjoyed getting the chance to meet Madelyn Sergei (far right) and Katie Jones (second from right), the playwright and director, respectively, of SPECIAL NEEDS. Thanks, Margie and Greg Zack, for giving us this opportunity at the lovely reception you hosted.



The next day, we saw SPECIAL NEEDS at The Magnetic Theatre with our friends Grant Randall and Ginny Plaisted. We all laughed and were moved by this play about a brilliant, creative teenager with autism and his family. ... The good news: It runs through October 7, so you can still get tickets by clicking: [Here](#)



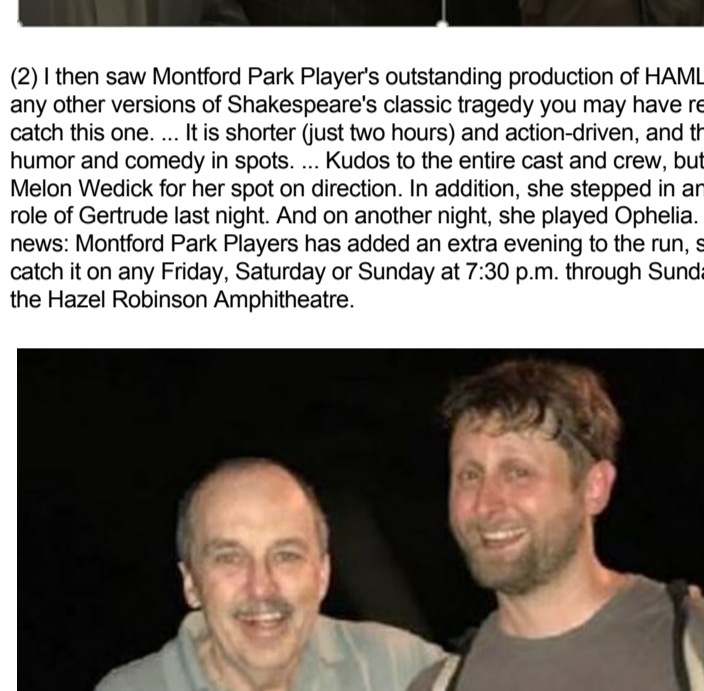
On the way out of our theatre, we had the pleasure of meeting this frog that was created by Zan Smith. To see more of his work, please click: [Here](#)



For dinner, Grant and Ginny joined us for some tasty pizza and fine service from Bridget at Fresh West.

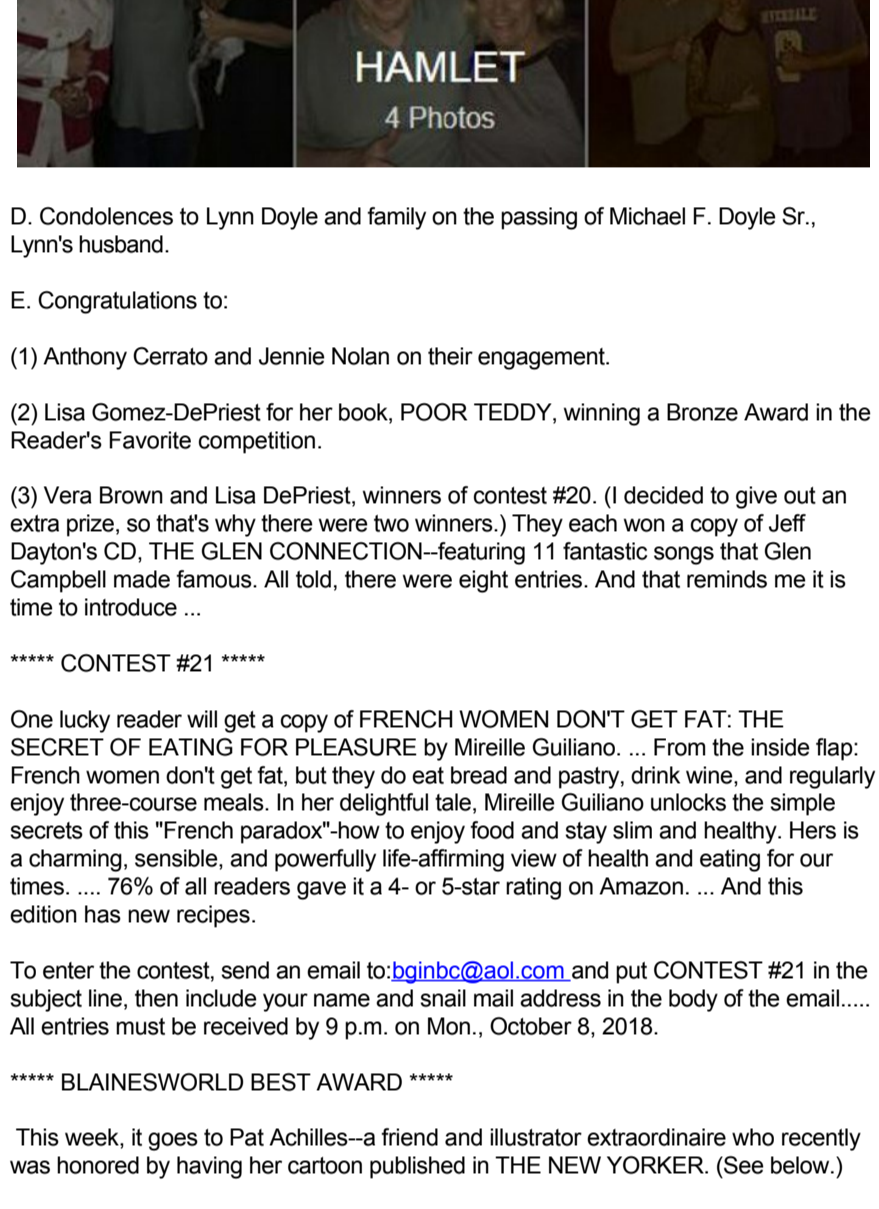


B. WPVWF invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018 ... Guests (first half): Stephanie Hickling Beckman and Daniel Henry, both discussing 12 ANGRY JURORS; for more information: <http://www.differentspaces.org> ... and (second half): Kirstin Leigh Daniel, discussing WAR OF THE WORLDS; for more information: kirstingleighdaniel@gmail.com ... Pictured, l-r: in front: Kirstin Leigh Daniel and Daniel Henry; and in rear: Blaine Greenfield and Stephanie Hickling Beckman ... To view the show on Facebook Live, click: https://youtu.be/ZG58gh_cPhk ... to listen to the show, click: <https://tinyurl.com/ybr2anao>.

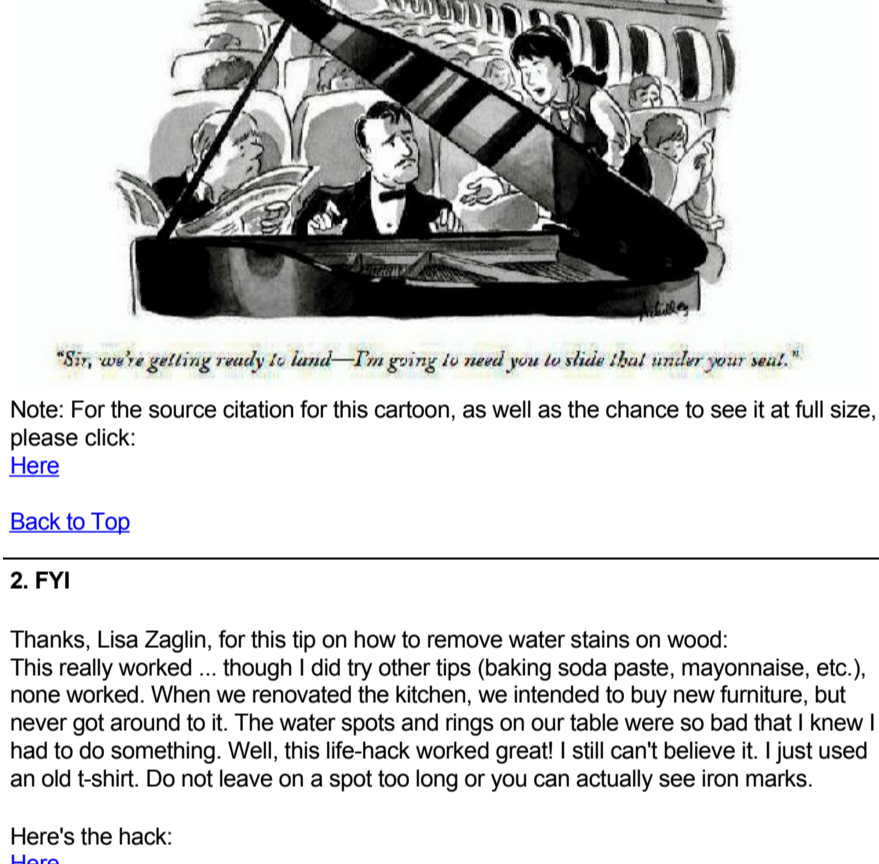


C. During the week, I got to see two terrific plays:

(1) The first was CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF at Hendersonville Community Theatre. This riveting drama runs through October 7. The acting is superb! ...For tickets, please click: [Here](#)



(2) I then saw Montford Park Player's outstanding production of HAMLET. ... Forget any other versions of Shakespeare's classic tragedy you may have read or seen and catch this one. ... It is shorter (just two hours) and action-driven, and there is both humor and comedy in spots. ... Kudos to the entire cast and crew, but especially to Melon Wedick for her spot on direction. In addition, she stepped in and excelled in the role of Gertrude last night. And on another night, she played Ophelia. ... PS. Good news: Montford Park Players has added an extra evening to the run, so you now can catch it on any Friday, Saturday or Sunday at 7:30 p.m. through Sunday, Sept. 30, at the Hazel Robinson Amphitheatre.



D. Condolences to Lynn Doyle and family on the passing of Michael F. Doyle Sr., Lynn's husband.

E. Congratulations to:

- (1) Anthony Cerrato and Jennie Nolan on their engagement.
- (2) Lisa Gomez-DePriest for her book, POOR TEDDY, winning a Bronze Award in the Reader's Favorite competition.
- (3) Vera Brown and Lisa DePriest, winners of contest #20. (I decided to give out an extra prize, so that's why there were two winners.) They each won a copy of Jeff Dayton's CD, THE GLEN CONNECTION-featuring 11 fantastic songs that Glen Campbell made famous. All told, there were eight entries. And that reminds me it is time to introduce ...

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

One lucky reader will get a copy of FRENCH WOMEN DONT GET FAT: THE SECRET OF EATING FOR PLEASURE by Mireille Guiliano. ... From the inside flap: French women don't get fat, but they do eat bread and pastry, drink wine, and regularly enjoy three-course meals. In her delightful tale, Mireille Guiliano unlocks the simple secrets of this "French paradox"-how to enjoy food and stay slim and healthy. Hers is a charming, sensible, and powerfully life-affirming view of health and eating for our times. ... 76% of all readers gave it a 4- or 5-star rating on Amazon. ... And this edition has new recipes.

To enter the contest, send an email to bjnbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #21 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., October 8, 2018.

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

This week, it goes to Pat Achilles—a friend and illustrator extraordinaire who recently was honored by having her cartoon published in THE NEW YORKER. (See below.)

Pat is an amazing talent. She is co-founder of the Bucks County Illustrators Society and gives presentations on "What Authors Should Know about Book Illustration," geared especially for children's book writers, and "Marketing for Illustrators." She is an adjunct professor in the illustration department at Moore College of Art in Philadelphia. And she has done the illustration for several children's books.

I also get a kick out of seeing her artwork every year when both the holidays and my birthday come around. It is then that Ed Kohlhepp, my financial guru, sends me a greeting card that Pat has done for his firm.

For more information about Pat Achilles, please click: [Here](#)

When you do, make sure you then sign-up for her bog: Pencil'd In.



Note: For the source citation for this cartoon, as well as the chance to see it at full size, please click: [Here](#)

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2. FYI

Thanks, Lisa Zaglin, for this tip on how to remove water stains on wood: This really worked ... though I did try other tips (baking soda paste, mayonnaise, etc.), none worked. When we renovated the kitchen, we intended to buy new furniture, but never got around to it. The water spots and rings on our table were so bad that I knew I had to do something. Well, this life-hack worked great! I still can't believe it. I just used an old t-shirt. Do not leave on a spot too long or you can actually see iron marks.

Here's the hack: [Here](#)

FYI, part 2

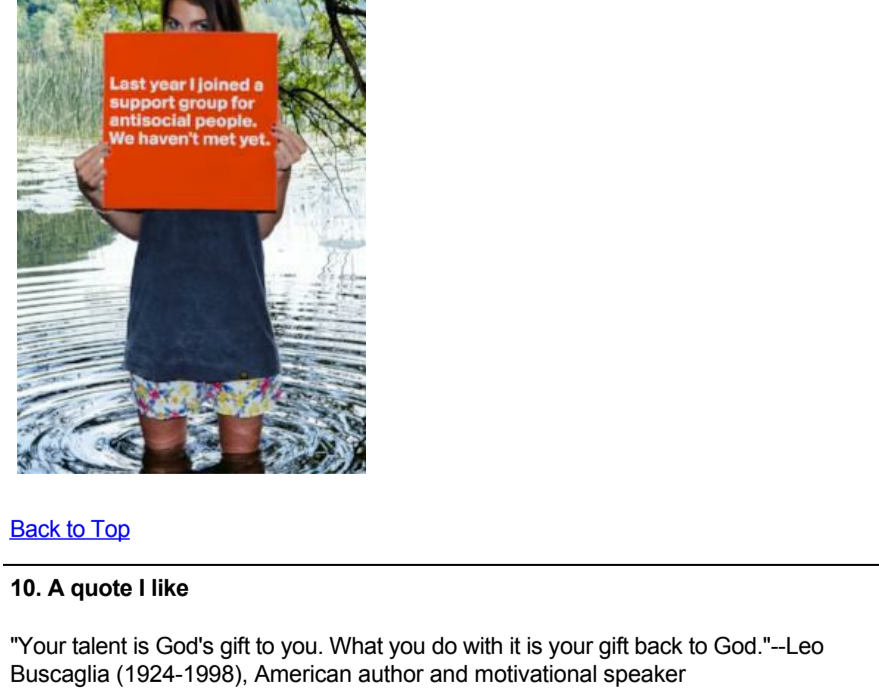
To read each of the following contributions in full, please click: [Here](#)

- (1) Darcy Grabenstein (with a REQUEST FOR HELP from Asheville folk). (2) Patti Smith: Gooey to hear from you, Blaine, but you tire me out with all you did on your trek up north. (3) Linda McCann: Fun to see the Bucks photos included. (4) Tom Gallagher: Were you wearing a String Tie? (5) Steve Darter: How much weight did you gain on your trip from all those meals? (6) Retiree? These Grayning 'Encore Entrepreneurs Are Just Starting Up. (7) Five Underrated Things to Pack for Every Trip.

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3. Joke 1

While on a trip, an elderly couple stopped for lunch. After finishing their meal, they left the restaurant and resumed their trip. The woman unknowingly left her glasses on the table, and she didn't miss them until they had been driving about 30 minutes. ... So they turned around and all the way back, the husband fussed and complained and scolded his wife relentlessly during the entire drive. The more he chided her, the more agitated he became. He just wouldn't let up one minute. ... To her relief, they finally arrived at the restaurant. As the woman got out of the car and turned inside to retrieve her glasses, her husband yelled to her, "While you're in there, you might as well get my hat and the credit card." (Thanks, Janeen Ravkin, for sharing.)



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4. Reviews

A. See if you can find on Netflix or TCM a 1967 film called THE 25TH HOUR. It is a drama about a Roman peasant who experiences the horrors of World War II when he is falsely labeled a Jew and sent to a work camp. Anthony Quinn is outstanding in the leading role. I especially liked the ending. Rated NR. Appropriate for teenagers.

Note: Don't confuse this with the 2002 Spike Lee film on the same name. There is no resemblance.

B. Another old film I recently revisited was LOVE ME OR LEAVE ME. This musical tells the true story of 1930s torch-singer Ruth Etting. While working in a dime-a-dance joint, she is discovered by Chicago racketeer Martin "The Gimp" Snyder. Doris Day and James Cagney both excel as, respectively, Etting and Snyder. Rated NR. Appropriate for teenagers.

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5. TV alert

A. MURPHY BROWN: Thursdays at 9:30 p.m. on CBS
The classic comedy, starring Candice Bergen is back. I saw the first episode and thought it was OK, so I'll probably give the show a second shot. I did miss Robert Pastorelli, 2004's my favorite character in the original. He died of a narcotics overdose in 2004.

Note: You can see the first episode by clicking: [Here](#)

B. GREAT PERFORMANCES: Friday, Oct. 5, at 9 p.m. on PBS
Grammy Salute to Music Legends, including Neil Diamond, Tina Turner, Queen and others.

C. MAKE WAY FOR TOMORROW: Saturday, Oct. 6, at 6 a.m. on TCM
An elderly couple are at the mercy of their children, who consider them a burden. This is a very poignant love story that contains one of my favorite quotes of all time: "Bark, that's probably the prettiest speech you ever made. And in case I don't see you again--well, for a little while, I just want to tell you, it's been lovely, every bit of it, the whole fifty years. I'd sooner have been your wife, Bark, 'titan anyone else on Earth."

Note: As you can imagine, the above is on my list of all-time favorite films. If you would like to get this list, just send an email to: bjnbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

D. THE BAD SEED: Saturday, Oct. 6, at 6 p.m. on Lifetime
A single father seems to have everything under control, but a terrible tragedy takes place at daughter Emma's school that forces him to question everything he thought he knew about Emma. I saw this and enjoyed it.

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6. Joke 2

Albert Einstein and his chauffeur looked alike and spent a lot of time together. The driver had become so familiar with Einstein's work that he knew it by heart. ... Going to a talk one night, Einstein commented that he missed driving his car. So the two decided to switch roles with Einstein becoming the driver and the driver giving Einstein's lecture. ... The chauffeur was brilliant, even remembering all the jokes. He received a standing ovation. ... At the end, somebody asked a question. The driver had no idea of the answer. But he quickly recovered from the situation by replying, "That's such a dumb question that I will allow my chauffeur, standing in the back, to answer it for you."

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

- (1) Roberta Gurwood: Playing the piano with pilots [Here](#)
- (2) Evelyn Blau: Meet the Philly Taco [Here](#)
- (3) World's fastest talking man sings Michael Jackson's BAD in 20 seconds [Here](#)
- (4) Mansour Bahrami the Court Jester (part of whole episode) [Here](#)

Note: The whole episode appeared on HBO's program, REAL SPORTS. It was Episode 8 from Series 24. If you have HBO ON DEMAND, you can probably find it there. You will be glad you did.

- (5) Mark Jones: Cher: One of US [Here](#)

B. The home of everything good and the things that matter can be found at: [Here](#)

The website's Guy is on a mission to change what the world pays attention to. We believe that there is good news all around us and over 1 million readers a month agree with us. We hunt down and report on the best Good News stories from South Africa, and the World.

For example, I liked this the following:

Must Watch: Andrea Bocelli and his son performing is all you need to see today! [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

Facebook Was Hacked. 3 Things You Should Do After the Breach by Brian X. Chen

Facebook said its engineers discovered a security weakness this week that could let attackers hijack nearly 5 million accounts. The vulnerability, which the company said had been fixed, affected nearly 50 million accounts.

Facebook said in a web post that the security issue was related to the "View As" feature, which allows people to see a preview of what their profile looks like to other people, like specific friends. Hackers exploited a weakness in the tool to gain access to digital keys that let people access Facebook from a personal device without having to re-enter a password. The keys could then be used to take over people's accounts, the company said.

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9. Joke 3

Where do I sign up? (Thanks, Kathy Webb, for sharing.)

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10. A quote I like

"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."—Leo Buscaglia (1924-1998), American author and motivational speaker

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11. Thought for the day

When my wife and I get old, I don't want people thinking: "What a sweet old couple." ... I want 'em saying: "Oh, crap. What are they up to now?" (Thanks, Amy Suben, for sharing.)

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12. Advance planning department

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A. NC events

- (1) Overcome Your Speaking Fears. (2) Hop Til You Drop 2018.

B. PA/NJ events

- (1) Is He Dead? (2) American Idiot.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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