

# BLAINES WORLD

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## 1. Reflections

Note: Please excuse the lateness of this issue. It is being written while I'm on the road to attend my high school reunion. (See Section 2.) Also, some regular sections are missing because I don't have access to my PC. They will return next week.

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A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Were visited by our Florida friends Francie and Jeff Sabel who surprised Cynthia for her birthday. We went to many of our favorite Asheville destinations, as can be seen by the pictures (below). To see them all, please click: [Here](#)



(2) Had a blast on one day when we went with Francie and Jeff on the Lazoom Bus Tour. For more pictures, please click: [Here](#)





(3) Joined our friends Tracy and Ed Hackett for another birthday celebration (and excellent dinner) at 131 Main.



B. During the week, I:

(1) Hosted two interesting guests on my BLAINESWORLD radio show on WPVM/FM. ... Guest (first half): Jessica May, Director of Development/Major Donor Officer for Western Carolina Rescue Ministries. For more information:

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Guest (second half): Adora Winquist, founder and chief formulator at Adoratherapy. For more information:

[Here](#)

To hear what you missed, please click:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/m95wixmq4t67gj4/blainesworld-20171004.mp3?dl=0>

Note: If you see a window inviting you to create a Droppbox account, just click X and go directly to the show.)

Pictured, l-r: Jessica May, Blaine Greenfield and Adora Winquist.



(2) Attended the awards dinner of The Bob Silvia Memorial Golf Tournament. Pictured with me: Mort Stein and Laura Jeffords. For more pictures, please click:

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(3) Solved all the world's problem over a tasty lunch at Twisted Laurel with my friends Tom Gallagher (center) and Ray Reiser.



(4) Attended a terrific opening night performance of Agatha Christie's THE MOUSETRAP--now at Parkway Playhouse. ... This classic whodunit, written by the greatest crime writer of all time, left me guessing until the very last scene. ... The play is celebrating the 64th year of its run in London during which over 26,000 performances will have been given. You're in luck, in that you won't have to travel overseas to see it. Just take an easy ride up to Burnsville anytime from now through Oct. 14. ... For tickets, please click: [Here](#)

In case you're wondering, pictured in the bottom right is Callie--the friendly cat we always see helping out in the Parkway box office.



C. Congratulations to:

(1) Holly Jones on her new position with the NC Department of Justice. Her primary responsibility will be to promote community engagement and partnerships, as localities work to prevent crime and protect citizens. Domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, scams against seniors and the opioid crisis are just some of the critical issues that she will be working on in this role.

(2) Arlene Lorimer Ditzler on becoming a Great Grandmom for the first time with the birth of Jax Joseph.

(3) Britt Lippard on her marriage to Chris Fusting.

(4) Mark Jones on being named Associate of the Month by the Hotel Indigo.

(5) Kevin Patrick Murphy and the family on the birth of Tullia Lennan Murphy, Kevin's daughter.

(6) Jo Ciavaglia for placing first in the 2017 PBA Media Awards in the Besat Coverage for Multiday Newspapers.

(7) Christopher Allen Brunton and Meg Hale Brunton on the birth of Charles Aldon Brunton, their son.

(8) Neil St. Clair and Kay Krews St. Clair on the birth of William Thomas Igleia, their

grandson.

(9) Trissa King on winning first place in the 60-64 year old category in the Thomas Wolfe 8K.

D. Reminder: There's still time to enter ...

\*\*\*\*\* CONTEST #20 \*\*\*\*\*

Several lucky readers will win a copy of book on CD (from a list of past books I've reviewed). This is a great way to read while driving, exercising, etc. You can also transfer the book to your iPod, iPad or computer. ...To enter the contest, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #20 in the subject line, then include your snail mail address in the body of the email. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 9.

E. And I hope you can join me at the the Marketing seminar I'm conducting for Asheville SCORE on Saturday, October 28, from 9 a.m.-Noon at ABTech's Candler campus. It's free, but you must pre-register by clicking:

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

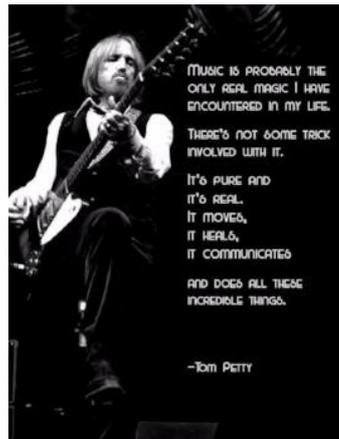
Tom Petty (1950-2017), R.I.P. ...He was the American rocker best known as the frontman of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. ... To read his obituary, as well as to see to see some pictures and a clip of him performing, please click:

[Here](#)

Note: if you have trouble reading the words from the picture below, here they are:  
Music is probably the only real magic I have encountered in life.

There's not some trick involved in it.

It's pure and  
it's real,  
it moves,  
it heals,  
it communicates  
and does all these  
incredible things.



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## 2. Joke 1

Reminds me of my recent 50th Lawrence HS reunion! Pictures to follow. ... Most of my classmates had trouble recognizing me because of the fact I no longer have a forehead. It's now a fivehead. (For what that looks like, see the guy on the left.)



*"Yeahh...I remember you...You're that...one guy."*

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## 3. Joke 2

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.



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#### 4. Joke 3

If hand dryers were honest ...

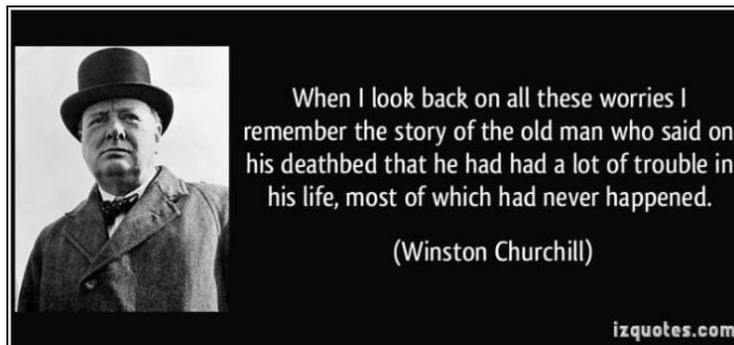


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#### 5. A quote I like

Amen--and awomen, too!



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#### 6. Thought for the day

Thanks, Gil Calderwood, for sharing:

How about we treat every young man who wants to buy a gun like every woman who wants to get an abortion: mandatory 48-hr waiting period, parental permission, a note from his doctor proving he understands what he's about to do, a video he has to watch about the effects of gun violence, an ultrasound wand up the ass (just because). Let's close down all but one gun shop in every state and make him travel hundreds of miles, take time off work, and stay overnight in a strange town to get a gun. Make him walk through a gauntlet of people holding photos of loved ones who were shot to death, people who call him a murderer and beg him not to buy a gun.

It makes more sense to do this with young men and guns than with women and health care, right? I mean, no woman getting an abortion has killed a room full of people in seconds, right?

Source: Author unknown. If you know who wrote this and/or where it came from, please let me know.

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