

# BLAINES WORLD

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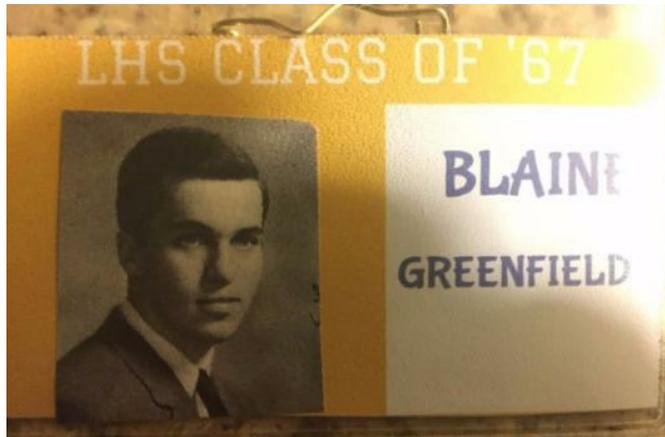
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## 1. Reflections

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: [bjinbc@aol.com](mailto:bjinbc@aol.com) and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I, were apart most of this past week because I took a trip up North to attend the 50th reunion of my Lawrence High School Class of '67.

(1) That's my name tag with my picture of how I looked back when I was a senior in high school



(2) Pictured, l-r: Mark Milberg, Scott Anton, Blaine Greenfield, Robert Fischman and Stephen Dreyfuss.



(3) Linda Iadanza Pelli with me.





(4) For other pictures from the event, along with a video clip, please click: [Here](#)

B. I also got to:

(1) See my daughter Risa and her husband JP for a tasty meal at Bareburger in Montclair, NJ.



(2) Meet Al Sternberg, my former Rider professor and longtime friend, for lunch at the Ewing Diner--one of my favorites in the area.



(3) Had pizza with Charles Leonard, a former student, as well as with his wife Leslie and daughter Emi.



(4) Saw my friend George Hartpence in Maurer Productions OnStage's SLEUTH at Kelsey Theatre at Mercer County Community College. He was simply amazing, as was Dan Keyser in the other leading role. Diane Gilman Maurer's direction was spot

on, and John M. Maurer's set design added to my enjoyment of the play.



C. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wed., October 11, 2017. ... Guest (first half): Michael Jay Raymond, Director of Business Development for Specialized Physical Therapy; for more information: [www.SpecializedNC.com](http://www.SpecializedNC.com). ... Guest (second half): Barbie Angell, poet, writer, comedian, artist, performer and actor; for more information: [www.barbieangell.com](http://www.barbieangell.com). ... To hear what you missed, please click: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/erpbeickfvzu0ns/blainesworld-20171011.mp3?raw=1>. (If you see a window inviting to create a Dropbox account, click X.) ... Pictured with host Blaine Greenfield: left, Michael Jay Raymond; and right, Barbie Angell.



D. I was disappointed to miss Sunny Ruble's Womansong concert at the Diana Wortham Theatre, but Cynthia said it was great. Pictured, l-r: Jan Duwelius, Carole Biro, Brian Biro, Marcy Gallagher, Tom Gallagher, Sunny Ruble, Cynthia Greenfield and Bonnie Sibner.



E. Condolences to:

(1) Edie Weinstein, Jan Weinstein-Sparta and family on the passing of Arnie Weinstein, their cousin.

(2) Will Bernardo and family on the passing of Will's mother.

F. Congratulations to:

(1) Keith Harvey on his new job as Platform Engineer for Dell Boomi.

(2) Patty Dno and Ray Croce on their wedding.

(3) Bradshaw Call on being named Life Enrichment Director for The Crossings at Reynolds Mountain.

(4) Kathy Byers, Steve Elderbrock, Tom Gallagher and Steve Rizzo, all winners of Contest #20, a copy of a book on CD (from a list of past books I've reviewed) ...And that reminds me that it is now time for:

One lucky reader will win a copy of LEADERSHIP AND SOFT SKILLS FOR STUDENTS; EMPOWERED TO SUCCEED IN HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND BEYOND by Cary J. Green. I reviewed this book in BLAINESWORLD #1011 and enjoyed it. Methinks it would be useful for anybody you know who would fit any the categories mentioned in the title; e.g., a child, grandchild, niece or nephew, etc. ...  
...To enter the contest, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #21 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. 23.

F. LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER ... I hope you can join me at 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: [Here](#)

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

My high school reunion (see Section 1A) was a huge success because of the hard work of many folks, especially Mark Milberg who headed the planning committee. He tirelessly not only took care of most of the details, but he also kept everybody in touch with each other through both email and Facebook. ... He was ably assisted by both Helaine Goldberg Fraser and Robert Fischman. Thanks, also, to Edward Edelson for the fantastic video he put together. And to Tobi Shakin Vandermark for posting the videos and clips on our website that can be viewed: [Here](#)

Lastly, kudos to Ellen Gordon Pickus for this poem she wrote about the event: High School Reunion

Fifty years give perspective.  
I can see back in time to the vanishing point  
of the Renaissance painting Miss Abbot showed us,  
a road leading out of town.

I can see it through logically,  
like making my way through a proof  
to a theorem we learned  
in Mr. Morabito's geometry class.

I can see it as rounded and deep  
in character, motivation, catharsis  
as the plays we read together with Mrs. Wittlinger.  
I know who I was.

I know who I am.  
I know what part you played  
in getting me here.

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## 2. FYI

I only had one negative experience at my reunion, but I learned from it--so that's a good thing. ... I had to use the hotel's valet parking. When I went to get my car, I noticed that some papers had been placed over the spot where I had some bills and change for my trip back. Removing these papers, I found that the bills had been removed. ... I asked the hotel's manager about it, and he replied, "It happens." ...Lesson learned has me writing a note to myself: Self, don't leave anything of value in the car when using valet parking.

FYI, part 2

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

(1) Bray Creech: Glad you liked The Glass Menagerie at HART. (2) Amy Joy Suben: 6 Ways to Invite Spirituality Into Your Life. (3) Walter Beals: So... I'm running a special! I will cast your face for \$60! (4) What's the Best Approach to Negotiating Your Salary?

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## 3. Joke 1

What I kept thinking at my recent 50th high school reunion ...



I can't believe how old  
people my age are.

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#### 4. Reviews

A. Saw STRONGER, the inspirational and heroic true-life story of Jeff Bauman--the man who lost his legs when observing the 2013 Boston Marathon. Jake Gyllenhaal is outstanding in the leading role, but I enjoyed the ensemble work of actors just below the top billing (and not known to me). There's also great dialogue. By the end of the film, you'll be rooting for not only Bauman, but the entire city of Boston. Rated R.

B. Heard ORIGINALS: HOW NON-CONFORMISTS MOVE THE WORLD (Penguin Audio), written by Adam Grant and narrated by Fred Sanders. ... Grant, author of another book I recently enjoyed--GIVE AND TAKE--has another winner this time. He examines how we can take our best ideas and move them forward, and he also shows how leaders can help make this happen. ... He uses examples and studies from business, politics, sports and entertainment, many of them I had never seen before. ... There's a useful final section, "Actions for Impact," in which Grant shares some practical actions that can be taken. For example, there was this individual action: Triple the number of ideas you generate. Just as great baseball players only average a hit every three at bats, every innovator swings and misses. The best way to boost your originality is to produce more ideas. ... I also liked this leader action: Run an innovation tournament. Innovation tournaments are highly efficient for collecting a large number of novel ideas and identifying the best ones. Instead of a suggestion box, send a focused call for ideas to solve a particular problem or meet an untapped need. ... And, lastly, this parent and teacher action caught my attention: Ask children what their role models would do. Children feel free to take initiative when they look at problems through the eyes of originals. Ask children what they would like to improve in their family or school. Then have them identify a real person or fictional character they admire for being unusually creative and inventive. What would that person do in this situation? .. If you're like me and are fascinated by the concept of creativity, then you'll love ORIGINALS!

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#### 5. TV alert

A. MINDHUNTER: Now available via Netflix  
A crime drama from David Fincher (HOUSE OF CARDS), which follows pioneering FBI agents in the late 1970s as they interview mass murders in prison in hopes of better understanding why they tick.

B. TEN DAYS IN THE VALLEY: Sundays at 10 p.m. on ABC  
This 10-part drama is about the kidnapping of an overworked producer's young daughter. It stars Kyra Sedgwick and Malcom-Jamal Warner (THE COSBY SHOW), and according to Mat Roush in TV GUIDE, "I have no idea where the rest of these 10 days are heading, but I'd sure like to binge it."

C. CMT ARTISTS OF THE YEAR: Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 8 p.m. on CMT  
The eighth annual awards ceremony honors country music stars Chris Stapleton, Florida Georgia Line, Jason Aldean, Keith Urban and Luke Bryant.

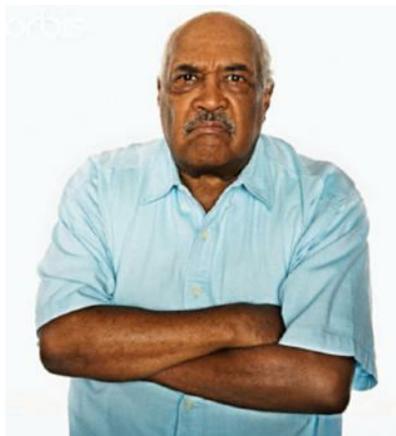
D. MAHOGANY: Friday, Oct. 20, at 8 p.m. on TCM  
Diana Ross portrays a secretary who attains fame and fortune--but not happiness--as the world's top fashion model. The critics didn't like it, but I did. It also featured this terrific song that was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Song:  
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#### 6. Joke 2

I hate it when you offer someone a sincere compliment on their mustache ... and suddenly she's not your friend anymore!



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#### 7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Lois Rosenthal: Michael Jackson Tribute: Child Prodigy Cover  
[Here](#)

(2) Glenn Sable: Snowball (TM) - Another One Bites The Dust  
[Here](#)

(3) Ed Hackett: Mounted Window Cat Pod  
[Here](#)

(4) Kathy Bademan: Lady Gaga stuns with rendition of 'La Vie En Rose'  
[Here](#)

B. Roberta Gurwood: Keep you brain working. Try each day to answer a general knowledge question. Join the Quiz Club and keep your wits fresh. It's fun! ... To check this out, please click:  
[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

Thanks, Mary Siegler, for sharing:  
Hackers Hid Backdoor In CCleaner Security App With 2 Billion Downloads -- 2.3 Million Infected  
by Tomas Fox-Brewster

Users of Avast-owned security application CCleaner for Windows have been advised to update their software immediately, after researchers discovered criminal hackers had installed a backdoor in the tool. The tainted application allows for download of further malware, be it ransomware or keyloggers, with fears millions are affected. According to Avast's own figures, 2.27 million ran the affected software, though the company said users should not panic.

The affected app, CCleaner, is a maintenance and file clean-up software run by a subsidiary of anti-virus giant Avast. It has 2 billion downloads and claims to be getting 5 million extra a week, making the threat particularly severe, researchers at Cisco Talos warned. Comparing it to the NotPetya ransomware outbreak, which spread after a Ukrainian accounting app was infected, the researchers discovered the threat on September 13 after CCleaner 5.33 caused Talos systems to flag malicious activity.

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## 9. Joke 3

Bubba goes to a revival and listens to the preacher. After a while, the preacher asks anyone with needs to come forward and be prayed over. To the preacher's surprise, Bubba gets in line. It takes awhile, but Bubba is very patient. When it's his turn the preacher says, "It's been a long time since you came in, Bubba." ... Bubba simply nods. The preacher says, "What you want me to pray about?" ... Bubba says, "Preacher, I need you to pray for my hearing." ... So the preacher puts one finger in Bubba's ear and the other hand on top of his head and prays a while. After a few minutes, he removes his hands and says, "OK, Bubba, how's your hearing now?" ... "I don't know preacher," Bubba says. "It's not until next Wednesday."



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## 10. A quote I like

Thanks, Teresa McDavid, for sharing:

"At age 20, we worry about what others think of us. At age 40, we don't care what they think of us. At age 60, we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all."--Ann Landers, a pen named created by Chicago Sun-Times advice columnist Ruth Crowley in 1943 and taken over by Esther Pauline "Eppie" Lederer in 1955 until her death in 2002

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### **11. Thought for the day**

What if I get dementia?  
by Dr. Jeff Sneider

As a physician who has worked at nursing homes for decades I have watched many patients go through the natural life cycle of Alzheimer's type dementia. I have seen healthy patients scared about the future. I have seen families struggle with decisions. I have seen caregivers, including doctors and nurses, conflicted about withholding treatment or applying treatment. I have wondered, what would I do if it were me?

As I have aged, I have become aware that my memory is not as good as it once was. I forget names at a rapid rate. I sometimes can't find words. My typing has become more prone to error. My hand shakes a bit. What if I get Alzheimer's? What if I can't take care of myself? What if I can't recognize my wife, my children or my friends and I can't remember who I am? How would I want to be treated?

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### **12. Advance planning department**

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A. NC events

(1) Nathan Singer: OTHELLO at Bebe Theatre. (2) Waylon Wood in ST. NICHOLAS at 35below. (3) ZOMBIE PROM at HART.

B. PA/NJ events

(1) Plumstead Historical Society monthly meeting. (2) At Actors' NET of Bucks County: IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE.

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

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