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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 and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Wore our pajamas to our friend Marcy Gallagher's surprise birthday party. We had a lot of fun, as did everybody else. For more pictures, please click: [Here](#)



(2) Celebrated the birthday of another friend, Judy Blumlo, with some tasty donuts from Duck Donuts. As can be seen, there was a battle over what remained over the last one.





(3) Joined our friends Tom and Marcy Gallagher at the newly-renovated Cornerstone restaurant where we were greeted by owner Dean Barlas (left photo). The place looked great, and both the food and service were as good as always. That's Vicky Armstead, our friendly server, in the right photo.



B. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wed., October 25, 2017. ... Guests (first half): Jeff Miller, Photographer at Mountain Lens, and April Johnson, Photographer at Asheville Pet Photography; for more information: www.mountainlens.com and www.ashevillepetphotography.com, respectively ... and Guest (second half): Kelly Shanafelt, Executive Director of the Friends of the WNC Nature Center; for more information: <https://wildwnc.org> ... To hear the show, please click: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/mcjxcfgqhof8t/blainesworld-20171025.mp3?raw=1> (If you see a window inviting to create a Dropbox account, click X.) ... Pictured, l-r: April Johnson, Jeff Miller, Blaine Greenfield, Leah Fieser (Annual Fund & Communications Director) at the WNC Nature Center) and Kelly Shanafelt.



C. Kudos to John Crawley (left), Mac Waters (top right), David Bruce (center right) and all the others who helped make The Asheville School's production of BIRDS OF PARADISE the success that it was.



D. Condolences to:

(1) Sage Linden and family on the passing of Sage's granny.

(2) Robert Dale Walker, Shari Azar and family on the passing of Lynda Kammerlohr Walker, Robert's mother.

E. Congratulations to:

(1) Mark Lieberman on his new show on WPVM, "The World According to Mark." You can catch it on Tuesday mornings on 103.7 FM or via the internet at wpvm.org.

(2) Warren Friel and the company he works for, MCR Solutions, on being named Small Business of the Year in South Jersey Biz magazine. For more information, please click: [Here](#)

(3) Paul Licitra, longtime New Hope restaurateur, on receiving a Visit Bucks County Award for his work in helping to improve Bucks County tourism.

(4) Chris Sofield, winner of Contest #21—a copy of LEADERSHIP AND SOFT SKILLS FOR STUDENTS; EMPOWERED TO SUCCEED IN HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND BEYOND by Cary J. Green. ... And that reminds me that it's now time for:

***** CONTEST #22 *****

One lucky reader will win a print from Judith Loniak, my talented photographer friend. That's her with me, looking at a print she currently has hanging as part of an exhibit. (See Section 12A for more details.) If you win, you can choose this print or one of the prints I'll be showing in next week's issue. ... To enter the contest, send an email to: bjinbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #22 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, Nov. 6.



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

This week, it goes to Davyne Dial—General Manager at WPVM 103.7 The Voice and, also, President, Friends of WPVM. Under her leadership, the station has made great strides toward fostering community through programming that cultivates dialogue, informs and entertains.

I'm especially grateful to Davyne for having invited me to host my BLAINESWORLD radio show on Wednesdays from 9-10 a.m. It can also be heard via the internet by clicking: [Here](#)

In addition, Davyne has been a great teacher to not only me, but to all the other on-air personalities.



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2. FYI

Financial planning: Your year-end to-do list, for balance and giving
by Bray Creech

I love making lists. I'll make a list for anything: what to do at work, what to do on the weekend, what to worry about, what not to worry about. Compulsive list-makers know that lists keep us focused and that it's incredibly satisfying to cross things off as we complete them. There are worse habits, right?

Lists for year-end financial planning are as plentiful as pumpkin spice-flavored everything this time of year. Year-end financial planning tips at the top of my mind -and a list of things to do now - are:

* Year-end planning tip No. 1: Rebalance, rebalance, rebalance. Let's say that your investments are designed to be in 60 percent stocks and 40 percent bonds, commonly called a "60/40 portfolio," based on your risk tolerance and financial goals. Given the rise in domestic and international stocks we've seen this year, you might now have a 70/30 portfolio, which is out of sync with your original investment plan.

For the rest of this informative column, 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) Mike Denny: Thanks Blaine! I saw that article ["For Your Brain's Sake, Keep Moving"]. (2) Marty Sutton: Interesting issue, BG. (3) Mark Beloyan: This is my girlfriend's webpage and Facebook page. (4) Feeling Older? Here's How to Embrace It. (5) Trissa King: Just saw the movie "Lucky" at the Grail Moviehouse!

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3. Joke 1

Happy Halloween. And whatever you do, please don't text and fly ... or drive! (Thanks, Mike Martinelli, for sharing.)



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4. Reviews

A. When looking for a film to watch, I often check TCM (Turner Classic Movies). That's where I came across FEAR STRIKES out—one of the first films I remember seeing as a young child. The true story is about Jimmy Piersall who became a baseball star despite both a domineering father and mental breakdown. Anthony Perkins was outstanding in the leading role, as was Karl Malden as his father. NR, but appropriate for anybody over the age of 10. I was younger when I saw it, but I had my parents around to discuss it with me.

Note: It's also available via disc and streaming, but you might have to dig some to find it.

B. Heard THE FIGHT IS OVER: THE BATTLE TO SAVE AMERICA'S MIDDLE CLASS (Macmillan Audio), written and read by Elizabeth Warren. ... The author had been a college teacher at one time in her life, and it shows in this informative book. She lays out many of the problems that this country is facing and also points out what needs to be done to correct them. I also liked reading about her background. ... And I was glad that she did the narration. When the actual author does this, I find it much preferable than having somebody else do it.

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5. TV alert

A. THE MEYEROWITZ STORIES (NEW AND SELECTED): Available via Netflix
Dustin Hoffman, Adam Sandler, Ben Stiller and Emma Thompson star in a film about a family that PEOPLE calls "funny" and "fractious."

B. Thanks, Mark Jones, for bringing this program to my attention:
FALSETTOS: Monday, Oct. 30, at 3 a.m. on PBS (check local listings at <http://www.pbs.org/>)

Nominated for five 2017 Tony Awards, this poignant look at a modern family set at the cusp of the emerging AIDS crisis stars Christian Borle with Stephanie J. Block as his ex-wife and Andrew Rannells as his lover.

Note: I recently saw the above and loved it.

C. EDGAR ALLAN POE: BURIED ALIVE: Monday, Oct. 30, on PBS (check local listings at <http://www.pbs.org/>)
This special edition of AMERICAN MASTERS pays homage to the legendary author of

spooking Gothic fiction.

D. YOUNG SHELDON: Thursday, Nov. 2, at 8:30 p.m. on CBS
The second episode from the BIG BANG THEORY spin-off introduces Annie Potts as Sheldon's beloved Meemaw.

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6. Joke 2

What the hell?



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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Carol Duermitt: New video release! A positive spin on having your heart broken!
Please watch and share. Let's beat the 145K views on the last one! Thank you!
Connor Duermit - How To Love

[Here](#)

(2) April Conner: Choreographer Chris Wilson is using dance to enrich the lives of
people with dementia.

[Here](#)

(3) Mark Beloyan: Jack Webb Dragnet - The Big Departure Speech

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(4) Never celebrate too early in a soccer shoot out

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B. Science news anyone will find interesting (seriously). To view, please click:

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For example, here's just a small sampling of what you'll find:

The Best Gifts for Science Geeks

Love Buzz: Marijuana Use Linked to Sexual Activity

Where Are All the Intelligent Aliens?

Einstein's Hidden "Formula" for Happiness Sells for \$1.5 Million

C. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running . . . to view it, please click:

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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

Jensen Gelfond: To show you a virtual map of what's using space on your hard drive,
please click:

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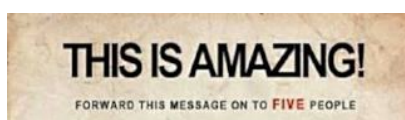
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9. Joke 3

Ignore at your own peril! (Thanks, Gary James, for sharing.)





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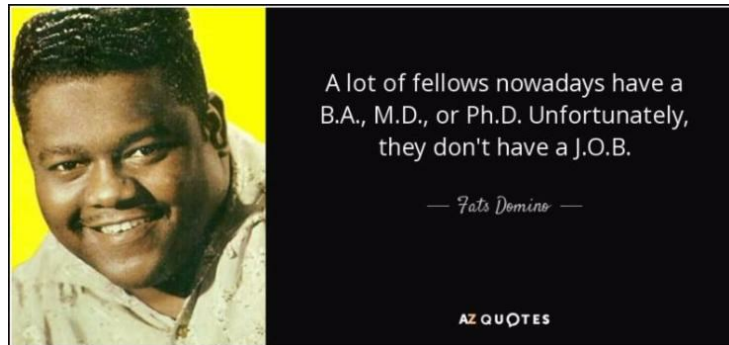
10. A quote I like

Fats Domino (1928-2017), R.I.P. ... He was an American pianist and singer-songwriter who had 35 records in the U.S. Billboard Top 40. ... For his obituary, pictures and a clip of one of his songs, please click:

[Here](#).

And for 12 of his essential tracks, please click:

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11. Thought for the day

Eddie Weinstein: I always get to decide whether it is a good morning, regardless of where I am and what I am doing. A dear friend reminds people on her voice mail to have any kind of day they want. I choose glorious today!

My response to Eddie:

I like your friend's voicemail. My spin: I tell folks to make it a great day—as opposed to just having one. ... So that said, I want you to make it a glorious day. (And knowing you, I bet that is exactly what you will do.)

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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) Mike Yow: URANIUM 235. (2) Chelsea St. John Wade: Arsenic & Old Lace. (3) Paula Hanke: 2 Upcoming Concerts for YOU! (4) Judith Loniak: Please join me for the Opening Reception for our Peaceful Appalachians 11th Annual Juried Group Exhibit.

B. PANJ event

STANDING ROCK REVISITED.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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