

BLAINES WORLD

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1. Reflections

Note to me: Put something in top box in parentheses

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A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Had a blast at THE ADAMS FAMILY, now at Hendersonville Community Theatre through Nov. 3. ... Pictured with us, l-r: Randy Robins, Jan Robbins and Bob Pompeo. They all rocked, along with Harrison Burnette and all the others in the energetic cast. Lisa Gerber's direction was spot on. ... For tickets, please click: [Here](#).



(2) We really have gotten into checking out all the restaurants near our home in Fairview. Thumbs up Angelo's Family Restaurant, located right across the street.





(3) We also enjoyed the great barbecue items at Black Bear BBQ.



(4) Loved the burgers and fries at Tunnel Road Tap Haus.



(5) Had delicious pizza Sky Mountain Pizza, an eatery just around the corner from us. We'll be back.





(6) We then went down the road for an incredible dessert at the Rise Above Bakehouse: caramel apple pound cake. I'm getting hungry just writing about it!



B. If you're in the mood to see something different, catch the Ellipsis Theatre Company's powerful production of THE GOD OF HELL by Sam Shepard. This provocative play was written, in part, as a response to the events of September 11, 2001, and it has been described by the author as "a take-off on Republican fascism." ... It runs Nov. 1-3, 8-10 and 15-17 at 35below and features stellar performances from Karen Covington-Yow, Daniel Henry, Badi Mirheli and Daniel Sandoval, along with taut direction from David Sebren. ... For tickets, please click: [Here](#). . #audiencereview



C. I celebrated Halloween early by going to a performance of THE HORROR SHOW: TALES FROM THE RED ROOM at the Magnetic Theatre. ... This spooky show, directed with aplomb by Rodney Smith, featured original material from Smith, Andrew Gall, Stewart Goldstein, David Hopes and Jamieson Ridenhour. ... And kudos to these talented cast members for succeeding in keeping me frightened: Sonia D'Andrea, Blair Dotson-Smith, Darren Marshall, Daniel Moore, Miles Rice, Tippin and Brooks Wallace.





D. Catch this week's BLAINESWORLD show on WPVM. The first hour featured the folks in the top photo: Bob Perlstein (in the beginning) and Lara Hollaway, Christy Montesdeoca and Matt Edwardsen (beginning at the 22:06 mark). ... Sorry about the fact that technical difficulties prevented us from posting the entire interview, but to view most of it, please click: [Here](#). ... If you want to listen to the whole show, please click: [Here](#).

Afterward, I had the pleasure of interviewing the guest in the bottom photo: Honor Moor. To view that show, please click: [Here](#).



Note: Special thanks to Grail Moviehouse for sponsoring the above. To find out what's currently playing, please click: [Here](#).

E. Condolences to Jim Piedmonte and family on the passing of Doris, Jim's wife.

F. Congratulations to:

(1) Davyne Dial and Dr. Herb Johnson, along with WPVM, on being featured in CAPITAL AT PLAY magazine. To see the article, please go to p. 72 when you click: [Here](#).

Note: Go to p. 106, and you'll also see my quote, as well as a picture of Jeff Messer, Amy Przynosch and me.

(2) Laura Liberti Klinitas on her new job with the Law School Admissions Council.

(3) Sharon Fahrer on having her work chosen for display at the Western Office of Archives and History.

G. YOU'RE INVITED to come the Open House for our Biltmore Lake property on Sunday, Nov. 3, from 2-4 p.m. To see pictures, as well as for more information, please click: [Here](#).

Note: If you can't make the above, please call Brent Russell, our realtor extraordinaire, at 828.528.1829.

H. There's still time to enter ...

*** CONTEST #23 ***

One lucky reader will win a copy of THE COACHING HABIT: SAY LESS, ASK MORE & CHANGE THE WAY YOU LEAD FOREVER by Michael Bungay Stanier.

To quote Nir Eyal, author of HOOKED: "THE COACHING HABIT is a succinct and practical handbook for getting the best from others and yourself."

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #23 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., Nov. 4.

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

Thanks, Majo John Madden, for this week's nomination of Tom Kilby. He wrote about Tom in a recent Facebook post and graciously gave me permission to use his post.

Tom Kilby--hero of customer service.

(Tom, like most of us, has a certain amount of ego. But--ego notwithstanding--he is one of the most genuinely humble people I know. I considered running this piece by him-- maybe having one or more in-depth discussions about it with him--before publishing it. I know those discussions would have been very satisfying--and maybe we still will have them. But, I feel pretty sure, it would have been a non-stop battle to get his permission to publish this thing. So I'm just going to go ahead and publish it - and ask Tom for his forgiveness instead of permission.)

My real good buddy Tom Kilby, who has worked in the Grocery Department for at least seven years at Earth Fare and three years at Greenlife, likes to say that Cashier "is the hardest job in the store."

To read the rest of what Majo had to say about Tom, as well as to see some terrific photos, please go the top of this link: [Here](#).

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2. FYI

I've long been blessed with the fact that in my lifetime, I have had many folks serve on my personal board of directors. These are people who I have turned to for advice on a variety of topics. Sometimes, their term of office is just for a short period of time; in other instances, they have a lifetime appointment.

The directors are typically not paid. In appreciation for their efforts, I might pick up an occasional meal tab. I also make myself available to answer any questions they might have of me, share information I come across, etc.

In no particular order, here's just a partial list of people who have served on this board: Tom Gallagher, Marvin Sadovsky, Brian Biro, Andy Scarpati, Jensen Gelfond, Ellen Pappas, Hanan Isaacs, Brent Russell, Mike Lazanski, George Hunter, Herb Spiegel, Kevin Jameson, Lisa Angelo, Pat Hannigan, Lauren Grabowski, Sue Hinkle, Joann Corn, Al Sternberg, Murray Raphael, Ken Greenfield, Linda Kanner, Barry Axe, Davyne Dial, Steven Marinoff, Mark Lieberman, Amy Przynosch, Bridget Hughes, Monica Hester, Jayne Venanzi, Hillary Zlatin, Theresa Phillips, Walt Currie, Alyson Miller-Greenfield, Dr. Mike Weizman, Dr. Chris Kennerly, Barry Sysler, Bill Yorke, Bill Heaslip, Duane Adams, Sarah Thornburg, John Strauss, Michael Hennessey, Lorraine Allen, Rob Kyeff, Marci Bernstein, Ed Kohlhepp, Glenn Gleghorn, Bill McMannis, Steve Byas, Todd Siben, Dr. Tod Wilkerson, Dr. Dough Hauschild, Thomsen Guth, Lori Lynn Mullett, Lisa Zaglin and, of course, the aforementioned Cynthia Greenfield (see Sect. 1).

Many thanks to them all and anybody else I might have inadvertently missed.

And in case you'd like to develop a similar board of directors, all you have to do is ask

for advice for those whose opinion you value; e.g., a friend, relative, colleague, professor, etc. Then be available to give advice back—but only if you're asked to do so. I'll leave it up to you whether you want to formalize the agreement or just leave it as something you do on an as needed basis.

Note: I got thinking about this concept when I read a recent article in THE WALL STREET JOURNAL about how a power lawyer gets career and leadership guidance from a journalist, a professor and colleagues. To read it, please click: [Here](#).

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FYI, part 2

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

(1) Jeannie Linders: Found Kominsky Method episodes too short and kinda depressing. (2) Herb Feinstein: The doghouse was soooooo funny. (3) For Many Widows, the Hardest Part Is Mealttime. (4) De Niro and Pacino Have Always Connected. Just Rarely Onscreen. (5) Ready. Set. Write a Book.

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3. Joke 1

So with your extra hour of sleep today, you no longer have an excuse for being late for church-or anywhere else. (Thanks, Michelle Kuhnen, for sharing.)



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4. Reviews

A. Enjoyed BLACK AND BLUE, a fast-paced thriller about a rookie cop who inadvertently captures the murder of a young drug dealer on her body cam. She then must escape both the criminals out for revenge and the police who are desperate to destroy the incriminating footage that shows them committing the murder. Naomi Harris is terrific in the leading role. Only the ending left something to be desired. It went on too long and was quite violent. Rate R.

B. NETFLIX RECOMMENDATION, especially for theatre fans ... Find OPENING NIGHT, a 2017 comedy with music about a failed Broadway singer who now works as a stage manager for a jukebox-type tribute to artists known for only one Top 40 hit song. ... Topher Grace is engaging in the leading role, but the others in the cast make it so much fun. To quote from a review in the LOS ANGELES TIMES: "These players include pretty understudy - and Nick's ex-girlfriend - Chloe (Alona Tal), who must jump into the show after the jaded leading lady (Anne Heche) suffers a concussion; the musical's womanizing star ('N Sync's JC Chasez, as himself); a cocky gay dancer (Taye Diggs) who hilariously competes with a shameless diva (Lesli Margherita) for a hot new cast mate (Diego de Tovar); and the show's hyper-obnoxious producer (an over-the-top Rob Riggle)." ... Not rated, but because of language and sexual situations, I wouldn't recommend it for anybody under 13.

C Read FULL DISCLOSURE (St. Martin's Press) by Stormy Davis, the story behind

the woman willing to take on a president. I found the her account about how she became a leading actor and then director in the adult film business interesting, but was disappointed with what she had to say about Trump because she had already told just about all that story on national TV. ... The book also included a Foreword by Michel Avenatti, her lawyer. Yet because it was published in October of 2018, there was nothing about why that relationship fizzled. That's a shame, too, because I think that's a story worth telling.

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5. TV alert

A. ATYPICAL: Now in its third series on Netflix

This heartfelt comedy follows Sam, a teenager on the autism spectrum. It is one of my favorite shows on TV. Watch it, and I think you'll also get hooked.

B. JEOPARDY! Beginning on Monday, Nov. 4 (check local listings)

"Jeopardy James" Holzhauer, the sports gambler who set several single-day earning records during his remarkable 32-day winning streak this year, returns for the classic quiz show's two-week "Tournament of Champions." (He makes his first appearance Wednesday, Nov. 6.)

C. THE LITTLE MERMAID LIVE!: Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 8 p.m. on ABC

ABC's tribute is an unusual hybrid that includes live performances from an all-star cast-including Auli'i Cravalho (Moana) as Ariel and Queen Latifah as Ursula-interspersed with scenes from the 1989 movie.

D. THE KING AND I: Friday, Nov. 9, on PBS at 9 p.m. (check local listings [Here](#))

If it is anything like last week's 42ND STREET, you will be in for a treat!

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6. Joke 2

Such good advice! (Thanks, David Joe Miller, for sharing.)



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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Marie Verilla: The Hearse Song (the worms crawl in, the worms crawl out)

Performed by Harley Poe: [Here](#)

(2) Brian Biro: GIULIANI! (Here He Goes Again) - Randy Rainbow Song Parody:

[Here](#)

(3) Mark Jones: I Put A Spell On You (Screamin' Jay Hawkins Cover) By Kelly

Clarkson: [Here](#)

Note: I enjoyed the above, but the original has to be seen to be believed. To view it, please click: [Here](#)

(4) Thomsen Guth: Patsy Cline: Crazy: [Here](#)

B. Considered as the pioneer of satirical news coverage, The Onion is probably still among the best among its class. If you want to see news delivered in a funny way, please click: [Here](#)

When you do, you'll then be able to find out more about the following:

'Sesame Street' Introduces Paranoid-Schizophrenic Muppet To Educate Kids About Pat Sajak Stealing Your Empty Tuna Cans

Adam Eaton Spends Nationals Parade In Secure Bunker As Team's Designated Survivor

Apple Introduces Eggplant Emoji Covered In Sores

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

Want to hear a YouTube song over and over? Just loop it.

To do so, right-click on the video itself to reveal the familiar options menu. You'll see a new option located there called, unsurprisingly, Loop. Left-click it once and a check mark will appear to the right of the option. Return to your video and, once it's complete, the video will automatically start over at the beginning.

Try this out yourself by viewing yours truly singing a cover version of arguably the greatest rock song of all time: [Here](#).

Now you can watch it over and over ... and then do so indefinitely.

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9. Joke 3

On a rainy night at 3 a.m., a drunken stranger knocked on the door, and the woman answered. The man wanted a push. The woman said she would call her husband who was asleep. ... She woke him, but he wasn't very pleased. "Oh, please, go and help him. Remember last year when our car broke down, and if not for those kind people stopping to help, we would have been in serious trouble" ... "OK, I'll go," agreed the husband. ... Outside in the wind and rain, he looked all over the place but couldn't see anything. "Hello, are you there? Do you still need a push?." ... "Yes, please," came the reply."... "Where are you?" asked the husband. ... "I'm over here on the swing," said the drunk. (Thanks, Roberta Gurwood, for sharing.)



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10. A quote I like

Thanks, Joyce Litchman, for sharing:

"A lie doesn't become truth, wrong doesn't become right, and evil doesn't become good, just because it's accepted by a majority."--Booker T.

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11. Thought for the day

Thanks, Douglas Snipes, for sharing:

I Can't Believe We Made It ... this video will bring back memories ... to view it, please click: [Here](#).

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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) Dominic Aquilino: At Canton Presbyterian Church. (2) Chelsey Gaddy: Needed for an upcoming SART show: 5 yr old and 10 yrs old girls, 7 yr old and 9 year old boys. (3) Story Choreography w/Barrie Barton. (4) Artist's Way 6-week Workshop in Asheville, hosted James Navé.

B. PA/NJ event

At Kelsey Theatre at Mercer County Community College: CATCH ME IF YOU CAN.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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