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1. Reflections

Note: See Section for 1B for a video clip of yours truly.

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<http://tinyurl.com/ozgmogs>

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Enjoyed a fantastic production of CHORUS LINE at Asheville Community Theatre. Pictured with us below: (left) Marvin Sadovsky, Annemarie Brown and Bradshaw Call; and (right) Candice Owen and Charlie Burchill. For other pictures, please click:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10153065096029757.1073741858.519364756&type=1&l=c8a830b0bd>

Aside from the performances of Bradshaw, Candice and Charlie, we also enjoyed seeing the fine work done by such other local favorites as Taylor Aldrich, Corey Link, Rebecca O'Quinn. Badi Mirheli and Jacob Walas, among others. Kudos, also, to Chanda Calentine, director; Gary Mitchell, musical direction; Tina Pisano-Foor, musical direction; and Deborah Austin, costume design.

Note: The play runs through Sunday, March 1, so if you're lucky,, contact the theatre to see if you can still get any of the few remaining tickets.



(2) Went around the corner for a great dinner at the Korean House. Pictured with us: (left) Judy and Dave Blumlo in the front row and Evon Tomoda, our gracious server, in the back row; and (right) "family" members too many to fit into a caption, celebrating Dave's 85th birthday. For other pictures, please click:

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(3) Saw an amazing production of FIDLER ON THE ROOF at the Asheville School. Pictured: (left) Madison Fiedler; and (right) John Crawley, the music director, with our neighbor/opera teacher extraordinaire Harry Garland and Barb Fiedler, another neighbor, in the background.

We're still shaking our head at how good this show was. Madison was excellent in her role, but so was Robert Fuller as Tevye, Simi Bal as his wife Golde, Mary Chamberlain Harlan and the rest of the talented cast. John's direction was spot on, and he was ably assisted by Kathy Leiner, choreographer/director, and Kevin Patrick Murphy, drama director.



(4) Had a fine dinner at Pomodoros with our friends (left) Nelson and Mary Lou Sartoris. Cora (right), our server, added a special flair to the evening when she brought out the flaming Saganaki appetizer.



B. I had the pleasure of:

(1) Being videotaped by Marty Gillen (right) for inclusion on the website of the Asheville Jewish Business Center--a group that recently chose me as its Vice President. Thanks, Marty, for making me look as good as you did. To view the clip, please click:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XDp74VpG-84>

Thanks, also, to Olivia Grant for getting the above up as quickly as she did on the organization's website. If you would like to check our group out, please click:

<http://www.ashevillejewishbusiness.com/>



(2) Celebrating Kristalyn Bunyan's birthday at the Orchard Cider Co. and Bar. (Also pictured: Rock Eblen).



C. Congratulations to:

- (1) Bill Munoz on his new position as Stage Manager at Flat Rock Playhouse.
- (2) Mike Andrus on having obtained a registered trademark for WeFeedUs Sustainable Food for Change.
- (3) Trevor Perry for continuing to amaze in Atlanta's Sing for your Life competition. He is now in the Top Five. Please vote for him by clicking:
<http://singforyourlifeatl.com/>

And to see his performance from Week #3, please click:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDNZXzSyz3Q>

(4) Julie Laybourn on her new position as Sr. Clinical Analyst at the Stanford University Medical Center.

(5) Asheville for making still another listing ... No. 1, no less
The 20 coolest towns in the US
<http://matadornetwork.com/trips/20-coolest-towns-us/>

(6) Asheville, again, for currently being ranked 14 out of 60 cities to be one of the featured cities in the new Monopoly Here & Now game coming out this fall.
To read more, please click:
<http://www.citizen-times.com/story/news/local/2015/02/27/asheville-big-chance-monopoly-gameboard/24143805/>

And to vote, please click:
<http://www.buzzfeed.com/votemonopolyus>

D. Condolences to:

(1) Jenna Biro on the passing of Phil Carpenter, her boyfriend.

Note: His life will be celebrated at the Phil Carpenter Musical Memorial.

Friday, March 6, at 6 p.m.
Nui's Space
396 Oconee St., Athens, GA

Additional addition is below:

On March 6, we will celebrate the life of musician, student, and dear friend Phil Carpenter. Please join us for music, food, drinks, and to share your favorite memories of Phil.

There will be a slideshow presentation: if you have any photos or videos of Phil you would like to share, please send them to jnbiro@gmail.com. Doors open at 5 p.m. and admission is free.

Schedule of bands: Open Mic hosted by Nick Bradfield, Strays, The Hernies and Second Sons.

(2) Maceo Keeling on the passing of his father.

(3) Kelly Christianson on the passing of her Aunt Janet.

(4) The family of Anthony Mason, the former Knick player who always showed what hustle was all about.

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

(1) ***** CONTEST #5 *****

Two lucky readers will win copies of Seth Godin's latest book, WHAT TO DO WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN (AND IT'S ALWAYS YOUR TURN).

To quote the Amazon description:

Seth Godin has pushed the boundaries again by creating a new book format that reads more like a magazine. The book is in full color and is a collection of short stories and essays that help the reader know "what to do when it's your turn" in life.

I reviewed the above in BLAINESWORLD #951 and very much enjoyed it.

To enter: Put "CONTEST #5" in the subject line of an email and send it

to: bginbc@aol.com . . . make sure you include your name AND snail mail address in the body of the email . . . all entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2015.

(2) And to register to be my guest at the following seminar I'm presenting ...

Positioning & Marketing

Saturday March 14, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

AB-Tech Enka Campus, 1459 Sand Hill Rd. Small Business Center (Room 2046), Candler, NC

This FREE seminar covers positioning and marketing your business. You've opened your doors. How do you position yourself in the market place and secure that piece of business that you need to survive?

Doors open at 8:30 AM. The seminar begins at 9:00 AM SHARP. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to handle paperwork.

The presenter for this seminar is Blaine Greenfield

Blaine Greenfield is a former college professor of business who headed his own marketing firm that assisted small- and mid-sized businesses. Presently, he is a volunteer with SCORE and is active with several other community organizations. He also publishes an online newsletter, BLAINESWORLD, that can be obtained for free by emailing him at bginbc@aol.com.

Seating is limited, and we will not be accepting registrations at the door, so click the link below to register:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eablkmwq35350925&oseq=&c=&ch=>

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

Thanks, Mary Lou Sartoris, for submitting the following nomination for this week's winner:

We, in Asheville and surrounding communities, are fortunate to have Dr. Raymond Thertulien as a practicing Hematologist/Oncologist. "Dr. T" as he is affectionately called by his many patients, treats cancers and blood disorders, most notably in my case, Multiple Myeloma--a cancer of the plasma cells in the bone marrow.

Dr. T works tirelessly at making his patients feel comfortable at Asheville Hematology & Oncology. He listens carefully to his patients, explains difficult procedures and treatment options, and willingly takes time to answer each and every question. In addition to his outstanding educational credentials and his 20+years of experience, he is best known by his patients for his keen sense of humor, which has lifted our spirits during times of anxiety and stress.

Since March has been designated as Multiple Myeloma Month, we salute you, Dr. Thertulien, for your contributions in helping to extend the lives of those of us who have been diagnosed with this rare form of cancer.

Note: Dr. Thertulien (pictured below with Mary Lou) can be reached at Cancer Centers of North Carolina, Asheville, 20 Medical Park Drive--Asheville; 828.254.8232.



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2. FYI

A few weeks ago, I mentioned that it's a good idea to put your phone number on the back of your cellphone (in case you ever lose it). I forgot to add: Don't put your cellphone number down, in that this will do you no good. Rather, put down your landline if you still have one or the number of your spouse/significant other, a close friend, etc.

FYI, part 2

A. Clips

(1) Lisa Z. in PA: Whitetail deer attacks hunter
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNGGbozilko>

(2) Ron F. in PA: Bat eating banana
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZSUVXAsQe4I>

(3) Karen F. in NC: Watch Mister Rogers' heart-warming message to his grownup fans
http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/watch-fred-rogers-heart-warming-final-message-grownup-fans/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=pbsofficial&utm_campaign=newshour

(4) Michael E. in PA: Dear Mr. President, and members of Congress [on Alzheimer's Disease]
<http://youtu.be/HZVp81KKdUk>

(5) Carole B. in NC: Woman loses purse
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=621Sce89Rxc>

(6) Dana K. in PA: Lady Gaga Performs 'Sound Of Music' Tribute At The Oscars
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/02/22/lady-gaga-sound-of-music-oscars_n_6712612.html

(7) Kathy W. in PA: Lance Stewart Funniest Vines Part 1
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0tQCI-KYZE>

B. Other

To read each of the following contributions in full, please click:
<http://wp.me/p1g9Ev-1Q3>

(1) Henry W. in NY: THE REWRITE. (2) Mike M. in NC: STILL ALICE and 50 SHADES OF GREY. (3) Michelle B. in NC: Bringing a daughter back from the brink with poems. (4) Please vote for a the daughter of a friend of mine (Amy G. in NJ).

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3. Joke 1

LOVING MESSAGE FROM WIFE: My darling husband, before you return from your business trip, I want to let you know about the small accident I had with the pick-up truck. Fortunately, I didn't get hurt, so please don't worry too much about me. ... I was coming home from Walmart, and I accidentally pushed down on the accelerator instead of the brake. The garage door is slightly bent and the pick-up came to a halt when it bumped into your car. ... I am enclosing a picture of what happened. I'm really sorry, but, I know, with your kind-hearted personality, you'll forgive me. I can't wait to hold you in my arms again. XXX ... PS. Your girlfriend called.



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4. Reviews

A. Saw WHIPLASH , an intense film about a young jazz drummer driven to become one of the greats. J.K. Simmons won a well-deserved Oscar for his work as the demanding instructor, and I also thought Miles Teller was excellent as his student. Even if you're not a jazz buff, methinks you'll find this movie interesting. Rated R, though I think it would be fine for any mature teenager to see.

B. Out on DVD is ALIVE INSIDE: A STORY OF MUSIC AND MEMORY, a moving documentary about social worker Dan Cohen and his use of music to unlock memory in nursing-home patients afflicted with Alzheimer's disease. I've already added it to my list of "Best Films." Unrated, but certainly appropriate for children 10 or older.

Note: If you'd like my list of favorite films. If you'd like to get a copy of this list, please send an email to: bjinbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

C. Read GRIT IN YOUR GRAW: THE 8 STRENGTHS YOU NEED TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS AND IN LIFE (Southern Flair Communications) by Robert Luckadoo.

The author, a motivational speaker, has been involved in such diverse endeavors as NASCAR racing, coaching collegiate fast-pitch softball and starting such six businesses.

He brings these experiences to this engaging account of how they have impacted his life.

I especially liked how he described the time when he was asked to be manager of the NC State basketball team. It felt like I was right there with him, and I could almost feel his dismay when he realized he would have to give up the position because his grades were being affected.

He then quoted Coach Valvano's final speech (shortly before he died) during the 1993 ESPY Awards:

"I urge all of you, all of you, to enjoy your life, the precious moments you have. To spend each day with some laughter, and some thoughts to get your emotions going. To be enthusiastic every day."

Luckadoo went on to note that:

You can pull off virtually any feat with an optimistic, enthusiastic, energetic attitude [similar to the one displayed by Valvano].

People want to buy from someone who's excited about what he's selling. People want to be led by someone who's excited about his mission and excited about leading.

GRIT IN YOUR GRAW is only 115 pages long, but it presents a lot to think about. I recommend it highly for anybody wanting to be inspired, regardless of your impression--present or future.

D. Heard SMASH CUT (Simon & Schuster Audio), written by Sandra Brown and read by Victor Slezak.

This is a fast-paced thriller about a corporate executive who is shot dead during an armed robbery. The story kept me engrossed until the very end, and I found the romance to be believable. There were also a few sex scenes that were actually quite hot.

I've read several other novels by the author, but nothing lately. This book now has me wanting to check out what I may have missed.

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5. TV alert

A. THE LAST MAN ON EARTH: Sunday, March 1, at 9 p.m. on FOX (premieres with back-to-back episodes)

This television series stars Will Forte as the survivor (as far as he knows) of a global virus. Don't be fooled by the description ... it is actually a comic "What if?" fantasy.

B. AZIZ ANSARI: LIVE AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN: Available on Netflix, starting on Friday, March 6

The PARKS AND RECREATION star takes a look at family, love and factory farming that

looks like it will be different than his usual stand-up act.

C. IN AN INSTANT: Friday, March 6, at 9 p.m. on ABC

See interviews with real survivors of terrible experiences (such as wrestling a grizzly bear) with dramatizations by actors.

D. NIGHT OF THE MANY STARS: Sunday, March 8, at 8 p.m. on COMIC CENTRAL

Jon Stewart hosts this telethon to raise money for autism programs. Louis C.K., Paul Rudd, Jon Hamm, John Oliver and Amy Schumer appear in taped performances.

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6. Joke 2

This has me writing a note to myself, "Self, check this now." (I'm just hoping it's not too late!)



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7. Websites

A. Have fun by creating your own video mashups. All you need to do is click:
<https://www.crumbles.co/>

To see this in action, I have created a message just for you. See the standard version by clicking:

<http://goo.gl/bbKSCC>

See the Homer Simpson version by clicking:
<http://goo.gl/DfwyEk>

For more information about the Crumbles website, please click:
<https://www.yahoo.com/tech/turn-text-into-an-instant-video-mashup-with-the-help-of-101942152944.html>

B. In the unlikely event you missed this beautiful song from last week's issue, I am running it again:

"Kinder" by Copper Wimmin

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P9PX31loh_c

Note: It ran in Section 2, part 2. Do check there this week--every week, in fact--for some great clips that you may well not have heard or seen elsewhere on the Internet.

C. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running ... to view it, please click:
<http://www.blaineworld.net/>

If you've never been to here before and want to get a quick understanding what you'll find here, read the information in box at the top of this homepage.

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:
www.facebook.com/blainegreenfield



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8. Technology tip

If you have an iPhone, here's a better way to take a picture of yourself (thank taking a selfie): 1. Make sure you have the newest operating system installed. 2. Click icon at top to reverse it, so you can see yourself. 3. Get picture you want to see. (For example, put camera on a table to see how you look. You might have to put your glasses on for that.) 3. When you are happy, set timer at top. 4. You have up to 10 seconds to get back to the chair or couch.

Note: Some apps give you up to 60 seconds to do the above.

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9. Joke 3

I crack up whenever this happens, especially since mine is real--and I doubt she's even a plumber!



DON'T YOU HATE IT WHEN
Someone's wearing the same outfit as you!

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10. A quote I like (actually, make that 3 I like)

Leonard Nimoy (1931-2015), R.I.P. ... American actor, film director, poet, singer and photographer. Nimoy was best known for his role as Spock in the original STAR TREK series and in multiple film, television and video game sequels. ... As Spock, he most famous quotes included "Long live and prosper" and "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few." I also liked this line from one of Nimoy's poems: "The miracle is this: the more we share the more we have." ... To hear his music as Spock via "Spock's Thoughts," click: tinyurl.com/oa7kmt6; to listen to him as Nimoy singing "I Walk the Line," click: tinyurl.com/ogh2ah6.



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11. Thought for the day

Sounds like a good idea--and I'm not even Catholic!



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12. Advance planning department

To read about each of the following events in full, please click:

<http://wp.me/p1g9Ev-1Q3>

A. NC events

(1) Barbara Brady in NC: You're Invited to my talk and slide show: THE CAMINO: A METAPHOR FOR LIVING LIFE FULLY. (2) ANY WEDNESDAY. (3) Halacha & Business Ethics. (4) TAPE. (5) Leadership Ashville application. (6) LOCAL MOVEMENT THEATER COMPANY ANNOUNCES SPRING WORKSHOP.

B. PA/NJ events

(1) Aark Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center presents "An Enchanted Evening with Wildlife." (2) "Mamma Mia Movie Sing-Along." (3) Tyler Formal Gardens & Landscaping Lecture. (4) Safe Day Studio presents Cane Master Mark Shuey Sr. and Sho-Dai Soke Mike Andrus FULL DAY SEMINAR. (5) Chris Bursk to speak at 50th Anniversary Faculty Lecture Series. (6) Fabulous Females of Broadway.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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