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1. Reflections

Note: See Section 1A for an invite I'd very much appreciate that you consider.

Also, if you're reading this via Facebook and/or in the unlikely event you're not already a subscriber, you can make sure you don't miss an issue (and you get it earlier, too) by clicking:

<http://tinyurl.com/ozgmxgs>

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Would very much appreciate your consideration of the following:

Invite

Walk a Mile Asheville 2015 is approaching. This year it will take place on Saturday, May 2, at 11 a.m. at the same place as last year: the City/County Plaza (Pack Square Pavilion) in downtown Asheville. Afterward, if you can stay around for a bit, we will probably get together for a brief bite to eat to celebrate our success.

This event supports the great work done by Our Voice, the non-profit group that serves all individuals in Buncombe County affected by sexual assault and abuse, through counseling, advocacy and education.

You are invited to participate in one of two ways:

1. Join the BLAINESWORLD team in the fun walk. To register, please click:
<http://www.firstgiving.com/team/288560>

and then: Join Team.

Our goal: To be the team with the most number of registrants.

To note:

A. This year, spouses/guests are also encouraged to join us. Each walker should register separately.

B. You can wear high heels, if you want to, but you don't have to do so. Other options include shoes with low heels, wearing shoes around your neck, carrying them with you, juggling with them, etc.

C. If the registration fee poses a financial problem, please contact me about how I could possibly help with that.

and/or

2. Make a donation to support our team's efforts by clicking:

<http://www.firstgiving.com/team/288560>

and then: Donate.

Our goal: To raise more than the \$825 we raised last year.

If you have any questions, give a holler. You can reach me at bjinbc@aol.com or via Facebook. By phone, your best bet is 828.633.1049.

Many thanks for your consideration!

PS. See below for a picture of just some of last year's BLAINESWORLD team. Catch my hot, red shoes (first row, far right). Cynthia can be seen two spots to my left.



(2) Saw The Autumn Players' fine reading of ANY WEDNESDAY, starring Ellen Pappas (top) and Kermit Brown (bottom, left). Kudos, also, to Gary Gaines (bottom, right) for the technical assistance that he provided in making the production the production the success that it was.



(3) Celebrated the fact that the cold weather is hopefully long gone. That's us from a few weeks ago (on the LaZoom Tour). Though we recently had a mild snowstorm, the sun was soon out again--and we both believe that it's now past time to retire our winter coats for the season.



B. Please register to be my guest as the following seminar I'm giving:
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=>

C. Congratulations to:

(1) SAC Actor Emily Shaules for booking two roles in films so far this year. Be sure to keep an eye out for "Faces" and "Kaleidoscope. "

(2) Mike Yow for just being offered a supporting role in a film being shot in Asheville.

(3) Rita Serotkin on her upcoming retirement as Associate Vice President, and Dean for Continuing Education & Summer School at Guilford College. She will be missed.

(4) Bonnie N. in PA and Nancy D. in PA, both winners of Contest #5, a copy of Seth Godin's latest book, WHAT TO DO WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN (AND IT'S ALWAYS YOUR TURN).

All told, there were 8 entries. And that reminds me that it's now time to announce:

***** CONTEST #6 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of THE INNOVATORS: HOW A GROUP OF HACKERS, GENIUSES AND GEEKS CREATED THE DIGITAL REVOLUTION by Walter Isaacson.

To quote from the description at amazon.com:

Following his blockbuster biography of Steve Jobs, The Innovators is Walter Isaacson's revealing story of the people who created the computer and the Internet. It is destined to be the standard history of the digital revolution and an indispensable guide to how innovation really happens.

I reviewed the above in BLAINESWORLD #954 and enjoyed it.

To enter: Put "CONTEST #6" 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 16, 2015.

D. Condolences to:

(1) Wendy Briggin Attadgie and family on the passing of Wendy's father Phil.

(2) Susanne Steele and family on the passing of Anita's mother Anita.

(3) Neil St. Clair and family on the passing of Marcia St. Clair Allen, Neil's sister.

(4) The family of Paul R. "Bin" Havaland, Jr., my longtime colleague at Bucks County Community College, on his passing.

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

This week, it goes to James Robertson--a 56-year-old man from Detroit who walks 21 miles to and from work each day.



"I set our attendance standard by this man," Todd Wilson, the plant manager at Schain Mold & Engineering, told the Detroit Free Press. "I say, if this man can get here, walking all those miles through snow and rain, well I'll tell you, I have people in Pontiac 10 minutes away and they say they can't get here--bull!"

To read more about this amazing man, as well as to view a clip about him, please click: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/02/03/james-robertson-walks-21-miles-to-work-donations-car_n_6604896.html

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2. FYI

Now you know ...



FYI, part 2

A. Clips

(1) Bruce Lang: Red Rubber Ball

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XkSXJZfY0M&feature=youtu.be>

(2) Old Man Winter Rockin Blues Jam at Mack Kell's, featuring Rhoda Weaver on vocals

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISiS8Aypw3E&t=14>

(3) Dean S. in OH: Happy Birthday, by Beethoven? Bach? Mozart? - Nicole Pesce on piano

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S75gYhODS0M&feature=youtu.be>

(4) Carole B. in NC: 100-year-old dancer Eileen Kramer choreographs and stars in new Independent Theatre production in Sydney

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jcexbfIXPlo>

(5) Paul G. in NC: FAIL: Head Smashes Board

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g0cosKhRdbA>

(6) Jenna B. in CA: Diversity & Inclusion - Love Has No Labels

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnDgZuGIhHs>

(7) Amazing Stephen Curry pass

<http://www.sbnation.com/2015/3/6/8165409/this-steph-curry-pass-is-so-amazing-we-cant-really-describe-it>

B. Other

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

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

(1) Why Our Children Don't Think There Are Moral Facts. (2) Lisa Z. in PA: This is why you should never drink a McDonalds Shamrock Shake. (3) How Warren Buffett Does It. (4) Natalie K. in PA: I was so moved and touched by this movie [THE GOOD LIE]. (5) Kevin J. in PA: PLEASE DONATE YOUR OLDER or NEWER IPODS and other unused handheld electronic music devices. (6) 9 Memory Tricks for Daily Life. (7) Mike M. in NC: The Trip To Bountiful. (8) Sam U. in NC: Clean out those closets and bring us your boxes and bags of slides, photos, and VHS tapes and we take care of the rest!

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3. Joke 1

A man goes to a psychiatrist and tells him, "Doc, I think I have an obsession with sex." The doctor agrees to examine him and begins by showing him various drawings. First, the doctor draws a square and asks the man to identify it. The man immediately replies, "Four people having sex." ... Next the doctor draws a circle, and the man says, "One man having sex." ... Lastly, the doctor draws a triangle, and the man says, "Two woman and one man having sex." ...The doctor puts the drawings away and tells the patient, "Yes, I do believe that you have an obsession with sex." ... To which the man replies, "Me? You're the one drawing all the dirty pictures!"



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4. Reviews

A. Saw MCFARLAND, the true story about a 1987 high school cross country team from an economically challenged community that succeeded against odds. I've seen stories with similar themes before, but nevertheless, this got to me by the end. (The beginning was a bit slow.) Kevin Costner, who reminds me of Gary Cooper the more I see him, is excellent as the coach. Rated PG.

B. Out on DVD is FOXCATCHER, the true story of a top amateur wrestler invited to train at the estate of an eccentric multi-millionaire. It's both creepy and watchable, and the performances of both Channing Tatum and Steve Carell (not playing his usual chipper self) are excellent. Rated R.

To read each of the following two reviews, please go to Section 4 when you click:
<http://wp.me/p1g9Ev-1Qt>

C. I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW (Hay House) by Wayne Dyer

D. FOOD BABE WAY: BREAK FREE FROM THE HIDDEN TOXINS IN YOUR FOOD AND LOSE WIGHT, LOOK YEARS YUNGER AND GET HEALTHY IN 21 DAYS! (Hachette Audio), written and read by Vani Hari

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5. TV alert

A. IMPRACTICAL JOKERS: Thursdays at 10 p.m. on TRUTV

Four comedians and lifelong friends compete to embarrass each other out amongst the general public. This clip got me hooked: Murr thinks he's entering a bodybuilding competition, but he's actually set to interview Danica McKellar, his childhood crush:
<http://www.trutv.com/shows/impractical-jokers/videos/exposing-interview-with-danica-mckellar.html>

B. UNBREAKABLE KIMMY SCHMIDT: Available via NETFLIX, starting on Friday, March 6. THE OFFICE'S Ellie Kemper stars in this absurdist twist on THAT GIRL about a childlike escapee from an underground Indiana cult who decides she can make it in New York City.

C. BATTLE CREEK: Sundays at 10 p.m. on CBS

This police procedural looks promising, if only because it stars Josh Duhamel and includes Janet McTeer (who first caught my attention in a great film called SONGCATCHER).

D. WUTHERING HIGH SCHOOL: Saturday, March 14 on LIFETIME

I've always enjoyed WUTHERING HEIGHTS, the movie, so the idea of a new adaptation of Emily Bronte's classic has me intrigued.

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6. Joke 2

My local deer have supported more than one such business!



IT'S ANOTHER "THANK YOU" CARD FROM THE
AUTO BODY REPAIR SHOP

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7. Websites

A. Arlene D. in PA: What was the #1 song the day you were born? Or what about the day you graduated? Find out the #1 song for any day since early 1940 all the way until 2015--and then listen to it!

<http://playback.fm/birthday-song>

The #1 song on the day I was born was the following:

Vaughn Monroe & His Orchestra - Riders In The Sky (A Cowboy Legend)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ais2uSUwluY&t=15>

Going back even further, here was the song on the day that I was conceived:

Pee Wee Hunt And His Orchestra - Twelfth Street Rag

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ldN9IHTUaQ

B. Dan S. in PA: Typewriter artist

An extraordinary man with a severe disability creates incredible works of art using a typewriter.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=svzPm8IT36o#t=24>

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

<http://www.blaineworld.net/>

If you ever miss an issue, check "Newsletter" to the left and then "Past Issues." It's also a great way to find a specific quote; e.g., by using the Search Newsletters option at the top of the page.

Recently, I wanted to find quote about luck. Using the above, I was able to find it within seconds from BLAINESWORLD #812. It was as follows:

"I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have."--Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), an American Founding Father who was the principal author of the Declaration of Independence and the third President of the United States

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

FRIENDLY REMINDER (see below)! But don't worry ... my posts will resume on the 32nd.



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8. Technology tip

From Rhoda W. in NC: Did you know this? I didn't before now.

FACEBOOK TIP OF THE DAY

Did you know that if you want to comment on someone's post but do not want to see all of the notifications that come with it, look in the very top right hand corner of the post and click on the little "down" arrow. A drop down box will appear, and you can click "turn off notifications" and you shouldn't be bothered if many people comment on the post.

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9. Joke 3

Methinks that my wife will not be a happy camper to see my picture posted all over Internet like this! And sorry, y'all, but I only do such repair work for her.

I don't know what he's fixing, but mine just broke . . .



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10. A quote I like

Best moment from the 2015 Academy Awards was this advice given by J.K. Simmons in his Oscar acceptance speech: "And if I may, call your mom, everybody. I've told this [to], like, a billion people, or so. Call your mom, call your dad. If you're lucky enough to have a parent or two alive on this planet, call 'em. Don't text. Don't email. Call them on the phone. Tell 'em you love 'em, and thank them, and listen to them for as long as they want to talk to you."

Note: If you haven't yet seen Simmons' incredible performance in WHIPLASH, you're in luck. This excellent film is it is now available via DVD.



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11. Thought for the day

Live Long and Prosper

by Edie Weinstein*



Those four words are part of the common vernacular, even if you are not a Trekkie, even if you didn't, like me, spend light years of time exploring "Space. The final frontier," even if you didn't find certain life experiences "fascinating" and others "highly illogical."

Unless you are living in a cave, you are likely aware of the passing of a multi-faceted icon. Leonard Nimoy died at age 83 of COPD. Although he wasn't in my daily thoughts, treasured childhood memories were evoked when I received the news. My first awareness of it, like most things these days, was via social media. Then shortly after that, my son called to let me know. It wasn't a surprise, since his age and health condition pointed to that outcome. He reported that he quit smoking several decades ago but knew that his body reacted to the toxins he had ingested before that.

He had tweeted "Nicotine is the hook. Smoke is the dagger." When will people learn? On my soapbox about it almost daily, when I see people smoking, tossing spent cigs out their car windows, on sidewalks and grass, believing, I suppose that the clean up faeries will take care of it.

I sometimes burn up when I see folks smoking around their children. To me, that is tantamount to child abuse, as the kids are ingesting the toxic fumes from the adult's clothes and hair, even if they stand a distance away while they are puffing away. And would they want their children to emulate them in that regard?

I have watched medical personnel, ambulance crews, hair dressers and food service folks smoking on breaks and then returning to duty which means that those who they serve, are exposed to third hand smoke. Yes, I know it is an insidious addiction and I am aware that this sounds harsh and judgmental, but watching someone die of cardiovascular disease, as I did with both my in-laws who chained smoked, as well as my mother, who never did, but whose father and brother smoked around her, is far harsher. Even my cardiac condition was impacted by exposure for more than a dozen years working in the mental health field. Grateful to be away from it now. I have friends who I love who still are hooked who "know better," and I would do anything that I could to

keep the "dagger" from digging in any deeper.

* Printed with the gracious permission of Edie, a blogger extraordinaire. For more information about her, please click:

<http://www.opti-mystical.com/>

***** SPECIAL OFFER *****

If you smoke or know of somebody who smokes, I'm giving away copies of Allen Carr's EASY WAY TO STOP SMOKING ... this is the absolute best book I've ever read on the subject ... I've given away dozens of copies of the book over the years, and virtually everyone who has read it says it has helped them stop . . . I kid you NOT!

But just don't believe me; skim just some of the nearly 800 reviews at amazon.com to see for yourself:

http://www.amazon.com/Allen-Carrs-Easyway-Stop-Smoking/dp/0615482155/ref=sr_1_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1320456559&sr=1-%202

I'll be giving away books until I run out of them, which is unlikely ... to obtain: just print your name on the outside of an envelope that's larger than 7 x 10 inches ...put \$3 postage on the outside of the envelope and then mail the postpaid envelope (inside another envelope) to me at this address: Blaine Greenfield, 19 N. Kaufmann Stone Way, Biltmore Lake, NC 28715.

My request: Only ask for the book for yourself or somebody else who is serious about quitting ... and that there's a commitment to read the book within a month of receiving it. (Naturally, please let me know about the success that follows as a result.)

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12. Advance planning department

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

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

(1) BODY ROLLING MASTER CLASS. (2) Overview of Intellectual Property. (3) Dominic Aquilino in concert. (4) THE SEAGULL. (5) Magic Get-Together. (6) Tribute to Eric Clapton.

PS. LEST YOUR FORGET: Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, March 8, at 2 a.m., so set your clocks ahead an hour before you go to sleep. And though it will certainly feel like you are losing an hour of sleep, click the following link to find out some ways the concept can save you money:

<http://tinyurl.com/q5y5uns>



Also, if you're like me and you celebrate all holidays (more fun, food and friends that way), HAPPY PURIM. To get you in the mood, please click:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2lyOmj5vlmA>

And make it wonderful rest of the week, too!

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