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1. Reflections

Note: See Section 1C for a fun contest to enter.

Also, 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) Visited our friend Denise Bitz at the future home of the Brother Wolf Animal Sanctuary. For more pictures from the evening, please click:
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(2) Saw a funny, touching production of SWEET MAGNOLIAS at Parkway Playhouse. That's us with Jennifer Russ, one of the stars. Equally fine was the rest of the cast: Myra McCoury, Jenny Martin, Roberta Whiteside, Raegan James and Alesa Bryant. Andrew Gall's direction was spot on.

You're in luck, in that you can still catch this play through May 21. For tickets, please click:
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(3) Joined our friends Terry and Muffie Boswell for an excellent dinner at 131 Main that featured fine service from Joshua. It was a somewhat bittersweet night, though, in that we were also saying farewell to the Boswells who are moving from our neighborhood. They will be missed.

B. During the week, I:

(1) Attended the Asheville Jewish Business Forum's monthly event. This one featured an informative presentation about Deltec Homes. I'm pictured below with Steven Linton, Deltec's president. For other pictures from both the presentation and the tour that we were given, please click:
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Note: Please come to your next event that will take place on Wed., June 1, at the Governor's Mansion in Western, NC. It will also feature an informative presentation on the following topic: "Global Climate Change, Do we need to save the world?" You don't have to be Jewish to attend, but you do need to register in advance. To do so, please click:
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(2) Had tasty pizza with my friend Bill McMannis at Four Brothers Pizzeria.

(3) Enjoyed the almond joy frozen custard at Whit's Frozen Custard at 365 Merimon Ave., Asheville. I also got to have a nice chat with Teri Ingle, one of the owners.

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(4) Got the Dementia Society of America's STEP2RAISE campaign off the ground in Asheville, along with (l-r): DeWitt Robeloth, Brian Biro and to my right, Mark Bennett.

Note: Please join us. It won't cost you a cent, and you'll get in better shape by doing so. To register, please click:
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C. Congratulations to:

(1) Tanya Richmond on her engagement to Eric.

(2) Shari Smith on her Cum Laude graduation from Shaw University.

(3) Wendy Mullens on her Summa Cum Laude graduation from Western Carolina University.

(4) Mike Martinelli on being named Customer of the Year by the Asheville location of Longhorn Steakhouse. Look for his picture, which will soon be up in the front of the store.

(5) Tobi Bruhn on earning his doctorate in educational leadership from Rowan University.

(6) Myra McCoury on on her Summa Cum Laude graduation from Appalachian State University.

(7) Maureen Simon on being chosen to speak at Western Women's Business Center conference at the Civic Center on June 30.

(8) Greg and Ashley Garrison for having The Hop named Best Vegan Ice Cream in North Carolina by Tripping.com.

(9) Zuzu Welsh and his band, The Zuzu Welsh Band, on the release of his new CD: "Fault Line."

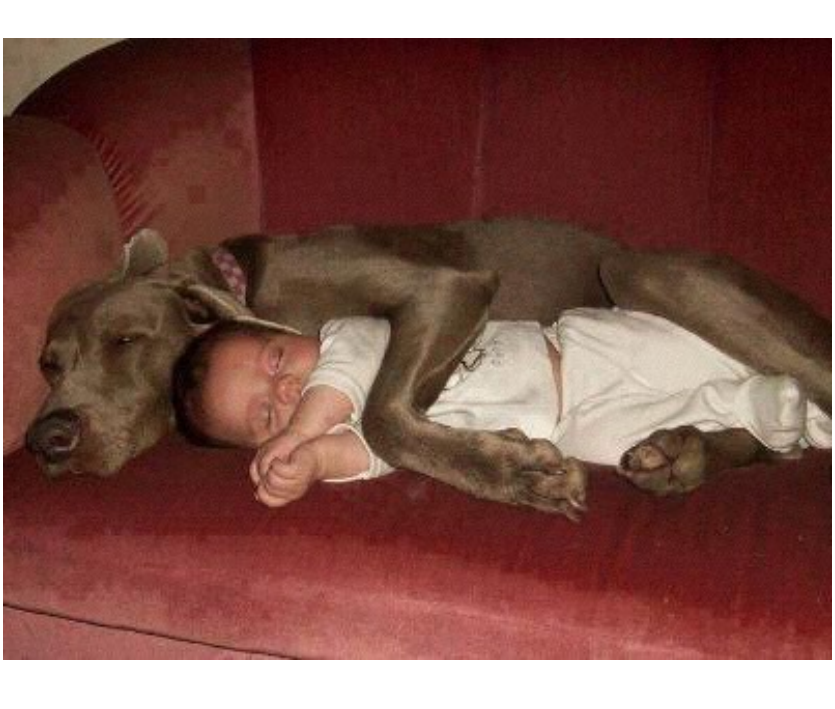
(10) Kai Elijah Hamilton for having his play, "Blackberry Winter" chosen for the Strawberry One-Act Festival, to be staged in July at the Theatre at St. Clement's in New York City.

(11) Tom G., in PA, winner of Contest #9: a copy of RAPID TEAMWORK; 5 STEPS TO TRANSFORM ANY GROUP INTO A GREAT TEAM by Sean Glaze. All told, there were just 4 entries. And that reminds me that it's now time to introduce:

***** CONTEST #10*****

One or more readers will win a choice of a Book on CD from a list of gently used CDs that I've used for previous reviews.

To enter, come up for a caption for this picture:



When you have one, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #10 in the subject line. In the body of the email, please include your caption, as well as your name and snail mail address. All entries must be received on or before Monday, May 23, at 9 p.m.

D. Condolences to:

(1) Ken Dolan and family on the passing of Robert C. Dolan, Ken's father.

(2) Vickie Gaddy and family on the passing of Vickie's cousin.

E. Reminders:

(1) Please join me in seeing Cynthia in the following performance:My Intimate Companion ~ My Body: A Movement Theater Performance

Sunday, May 15
5:30-7 p.m.
at Jubilee! Community Church

Asheville-based Community Choreography Projects debuts "My Intimate Companion, My Body", a movement theater presentation directed by Barrie Barton. Described as "authentic theater," the performance interweaves personal story, movement and multimedia, creating a montage of human experiences that are both personal and universal.

Tickets are available at the door for $10. The performance begins at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Barrie Barton
at: barrie@communitychoreography.com

(2) I'm heading to the PA/NJ area from May 16-21. If you're around during that time and would like to try to get together, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put MAY VISIT in subject line. Or send me a message via Facebook.

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

This week, it goes to all the members of the BLAINESWORLD team who participated in the annual Walk a Mile event run by Our VOICE: Marjorie Skwara, Pam Harvey, Marty Steinberg, Laura Harrison, Connie Ruble, Walter Beals, Bruce Ertell, Denise Ertell, DeWitt Robbeloth, Jensen Gelfond, John Kennedy, Jane Kennedy, Lorre Diamond, Brian Biro, Carole Biro, Trissa King, Zuzu Welsh, Katie Welsh, Marvin Sadovsky, Eric Weinberg, Amanda Levesque, Eric Weinberger, Cynthia Greenfield and Blaine Greenfield

Thanks to the following sponsors: Anonymous (2), Susan Speicher, Ann Rubush.Chuck and Linda Hollinshead, Delores Chalmers, Amanda Panda. Norma Grivich, Mollie, Phil and Joanne Roudebush, Ellen Pappas, Tammy Schafer, B. Sheila Clendenning, Supporter of Woman, The Zaglin Family, John & Danielle Dilcher and BLAINESWORLD.

And special kudos to Emily Balcken, who headed the planning committee for the event, for her tireless efforts to make it the success that it was. Over $60,321 was raised--and that was the most ever.

The good news: You can still support the efforts of the BLAINESWORLD team by making a contribution if you haven't already done so. All you need to do is click:
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Pictured below are just some of those who participated. For more pictures, along with a video clip of the amazing Walter Beals (who juggled shoes while he was walking), please click:
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2. FYI

Scott Adams, the creator of Dilbert, is usually a very funny guy. But he turns serious with the following information:
Dilbert's One-Page Guide to Everything Financial

1. Make a will.
2. Pay off your credit cards.
3. Get term life insurance if you have a family to support.
4. Fund your 401k to the maximum.
5. Fund your IRA to the maximum.
6. Buy a house if you want to live in a house and can afford it.
7/ Put six months worth of expenses in a money-market account.
8. Take whatever money is left over and invest 70% in a stock index fund and 30% in a bond fund through any discount broker and never touch it until retirement.
9. If any of this confuses you, or you have something special going on (retirement, college planning, tax issues), hire a fee-based financial planner, not one who charges a percentage of your portfolio.

For more information on the above, 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) Vegans whip up a secret weapon. (2) The busy person's lies.
(3) Start-Ups Embrace Arbitration to Settle Workplace Disputes.
(4) Mike M. in NC: Transgender dog unsure which tree to pee on.

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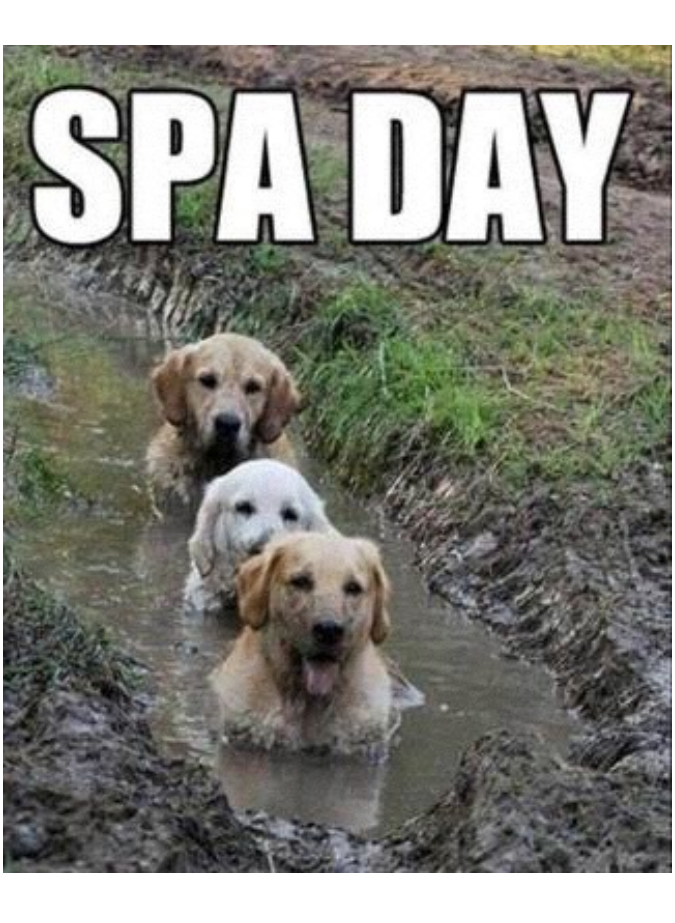
3. Joke 1

Methinks we could all use this!



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4. Reviews

A. Saw SING STREET, a sweet drama with music about a 14-year-old boy who forms a band to win the heart of a mysterious older girl in Dublin in the 1980s. There's great music and fine acting from newcomers Ferdia Walsh-Peelo and Lucy Boynton. If you're in the mood for a feel-good film, catch this one. Rated PG-13.

B. WHERE TO INVADE NEXT is now out in DVD format . . . my review from BLAINESWORLD #1013 follows:

Saw WHERE TO INVADE NEXT, Michael Moore's fascinating documentary about how the director spent time in countries such as Finland, Italy, France and Portugal to examine social and economic ills experienced in the United States. It was both funny and thought-provoking, and it was a film that left me wondering why we can't feed children better in schools, how come recidivism rates are so high in the country and if it would be possible to give workers more time off from their jobs. I can't believe it did not receive an Academy Award nomination for Best Documentary. Rated R, though certainly appropriate for any mature teenager.

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

C. Read MEETINGS THAT GET RESULTS, one of the books in THE BRIAN TRACY SUCCESS LIBRARY (AMACOM) by Brian Tracy.

The author, chairman and CEO of Brian Tracy International, a company specializing in the training and development of individuals and organizations, has discovered what works in meetings--and what doesn't. In this slim, but useful book, he shares ideas that can be used to make all types of meetings more effective.

For example:
Organize the topics in order of importance by priority. Ask yourself, "If we were interrupted after we had only discussed one thing on this list, what one item would be the most important?"

I also liked this one:
Begin right on time. Do not penalize the people who were there on time by waiting for others who are late. Assume that the newcomer is not coming at all and begin the meeting immediately. ... If someone comes in late and discovers that they have missed important information, refuse to start over or to review it for them.

MEETINGS THAT GET RESULTS would be especially valuable for anybody entering the world of work who will be involved in attending and/or running meetings.

D. Heard CROSS JUSTICE (Hachette Audio), written by James Patterson and read by Ruben Santiago Hudson and Jefferson Mays.

Just when I say to myself, "Self, I've had it with the books in this series," a good one comes along--and keeps me as a fan. That was the case with this thriller.

Alex Cross returns to his childhood home in North Carolina to help out a cousin who is accused or murder. While doing so, he gets involved in another case involving a string of socialite murders.

As might be expected, the two storylines come together. I also was drawn into a subplot involving his daughter and her efforts to become a track star. And the quite good ending left me waiting for the next book in the series.

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5. TV alert

A. MEGYN KELLY PRESENTS: Tues., May 17, at 8 p.m. on FOX
Donald Trump is one of the guests. It will be interesting to see if Kelly handles him differently than she did when she moderated the first GOP debate.

B/. COUPLED: Season premiere on Tues., May 17, at 9 p.m. on FOX
Mark Burnett's new dating show puts 12 "smart professional women" and 12 "eligible single men" on a Caribbean island and forces them to instantly couple up.

C. THE SECRET HISTORY OF ISIS: Tues., May 17, at 10 p.m. (Note: PBS times and dates often vary, so check local listings.) According to THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, the show "excels is in taking scattered information and drawing a timeline that tightens our focus on the evolution of what is now the world's most feared terrorist organization."

D. ALL THE WAY: Sat., May 21, at 8 p.m. on HBO
Lyndon Johnson (Brian Cranston) becomes President of the United States in the aftermath of JFK's assassination and spends his fist year in office trying to pass the Civil Rights Act.

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6. Joke 2

Elvis Preslly's mom, Gladys Presley, was once asked for her reaction to her son's nickname (Elvis the Pelvis). "I'm not crazy about it," she replied. "But I'm just grateful that I didn't name him Enis!"

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Steve B. in AZ: Dear Elders, I'm Sorry
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(2) Bill K. in PA: Joe Bonamassa - Drive - Official Music Video
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(3) Tom S. in PA: What Might Happen If A Football Coach Coached Soccer
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(4) Marilynne H. in NC: We Rage for Women's Lives! North Carolina's Raging Grannies
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(5) Corinne G. in PA: Michael Davis, comedy juggler, performs at the historic Ford's Theater for the former President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan
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B. Thanks, Cynthia G. in NC, for showing me this website:
To help you interpret your dreams, check out:
Dream Moodsat
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To quote from the website:
You are entering the mysterious and fascinating world of dreams, where the rules of reality do not apply. We hope that Dream Moods will help you make sense of your dreams and achieve a better understanding of them. We are dedicated to help you find the key to unlocking and interpreting the meanings to your dreams. In understanding your dreams, you will gain a clearer view on your personal relationships, an uncensored view of your real feelings and a better perspective on life issues.

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

It appears I may have been hacked, so beware any email that you get from me that comes from some strange email address; e.g., bginbc@bilimbilgisayar.com, bginbc@primus.ca, etc. That's always a first key that it isn't from me, in that I usually use my bginbc@aol.com address for sending email.

A second tip: The subject line. In this case, the emails had the followng subject line: "Hello" or "Hi" with the recipient's name. As you know, I often use a much more descriptive line and include my name.

Lastly, the body of the email contained either just a link to an unrecognizable link and/or words to this effect: Sup and the recipient's name repeated a second time.

If you ever get such email from me or anybody else, don't open it. Instead, please forward it to the person who you think may have sent it and ask if it is legitimate.

If you are the person who is being asked about such email, it is probably a good idea to change your password. I just did.

Thanks, both Jerry S. in NC and Susan F. in PA, for bringing this to my attention.

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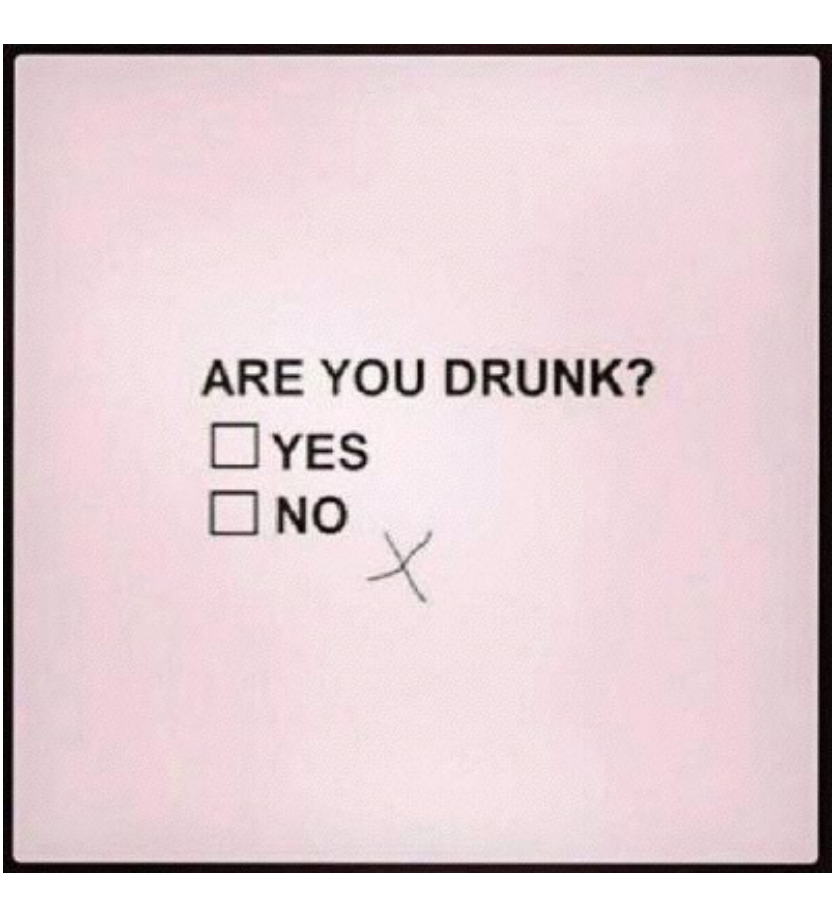
9. Joke 3

Mr. Helpful here: Print out a bunch to see if you--or your friends--should drive after a few drinks



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10. A quote I like

"A creative man is motivated by the desire to achieve, not by the desire to beat others."--Ayn Rand (1905-1982), Russian-born American, novelist, philosopher, playwright and screenwriter, best known for her two best-selling novels, THE FOUNTAINHEARD and ATLAS SHRUGGED

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11. Thought for the day

To quote the title of the great Bob Dylan song, "The Times They Are A-Changin'" ... but not necessarily for the best as this insightful passage from a blog entry from Cody Cain out:

We'll need another "religious liberty" law that permits businesses to interrogate customers, and another one that requires customers to answer all the questions truthfully.

Good afternoon Mr. & Mrs. Customer. Are you gay? Oh thank goodness. Do you believe in God? Which God? Did you attend church this past Sunday? Have either of you ever committed adultery? When you have sexual intercourse with each other, do you use birth control? Madam, have you ever had an abortion? Do you as a couple engage in any sexual activity that would be regarded as deviant?

Oh, I'm sorry, we don't serve your kind.

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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 M. in NC on MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET at Flat Rock Playhouse. (2) Kill the Bill! (3) Hear Maureen Simon speak at the WWBC Conference. (4) Vic A. in NC: (4) Vic A. in NC: Saw 2 excellent shows this week. Brave New World The Musical at NC Stage and Million Dollar Quartet at Flat Rock. (5) Upcoming dates for The Zuzu Welsh Band.

B. PA/NJ events

(1) Bucks Sparkles! 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 15: A Talent Showcase to Benefit The Dementia Society of America.(2) Plumstead Historical Society.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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