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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: bjginc@aol.com and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Appreciated the Open House hosted by Davyne Dial and Herb Johnson that celebrated the hosts and volunteer at WPVM.



(2) Had a delicious meal at Pacific Pagoda with our friends Tom and Marcy Gallagher, at which time we also serenaded Jennifer—our very friendly server.



B. During the week, I:

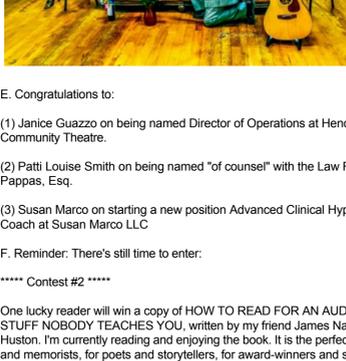
(1) Had some tasty pizza with friends at Fresh Wood Fired Pizza West.



(2) We all then had a blast at CRIMES AND MISDEMEANINGS at The Magnetic Theatre. For more information about that show and pictures, please click: [Here](#)



C. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019 ... The guest was Kathryn O'Shea, singer/songwriter extraordinaire; for more information: [Here](#) ... to listen to the broadcast, click: [Here](#) ... to view it via Facebook Live, click: [Here](#)



D. Celebrate Valentine's Day this coming Feb. 8 and 9 at Attic Salt Theatre in this BLAINESWORLD-produced show... ... You'll get to see fabulous performances from Carol Duermitt, Ryan Garcia, Jessica Clark Johnson, Ellen Pappas, Jay Ponton and Richard Shulman with special guests Paul Edelman and Walter Goodrich. Blaine Greenfield will emcee. Ellen Pappas will direct and Richard Shulman will be the music director. ... Stay tuned for more details, but be forewarned, the two shows in July both sold out. So to make sure you don't miss out, you can now order tickets by clicking: [Here](#) ... And for more pictures, please click: [Here](#)



E. Congratulations to:

- (1) Janice Guazzo on being named Director of Operations at Hendersoville Community Theatre.
- (2) Patti Louise Smith on being named "of counsel" with the Law Firm of George D. Pappas, Esq.
- (3) Susan Marco on starting a new position Advanced Clinical Hypnotist, Spiritual Coach at Susan Marco LLC

F. Reminder: There's still time to enter:

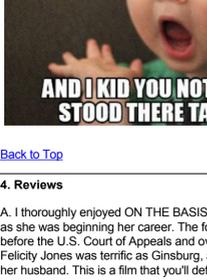
***** Contest #2 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of HOW TO READ FOR AN AUDIENCE: THE STUFF NOBODY TEACHES YOU, written by my friend James Nave and Allegra Huston. I'm currently reading and enjoying the book. It is the perfect book for novelists and memoirists, for poets and storytellers, for award-winners and speech makers, for bookstore, open mic, cafe and stage events.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bjginc@aol.com and put CONTEST #2 in the subject line, then include your name and snail mail address in the body of the email. ... All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 21.

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

This week, it goes to Nichole Lussier—general manager of a Little Caesars restaurant in Fargo, North Dakota. When she noticed people eating leftovers from the store's dumpster, she came up with a solution to offer free slices of pizza inside the store. For more information and an accompany video, please click: [Here](#). (Thanks, Edie Weinstein, for sharing.)



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2. FYI

10 reasons why you should support your local music scene
by Michael Waters

Is there a name for the feeling you get when you hear a favorite song for the first time? Seriously, I'd love to know. It's one of my favorite feelings-getting lost in the notes, not knowing what comes next, but feeling the song pull on you, and work its way through you and back out, leaving a bit of itself there, forever. It may sound flowery, but I don't care. I love the way that feels.

I absolutely love live music. I love seeing national acts as well as local ones. I love learning about music, and seeing the way notes can be arranged in ways no one has ever thought of, before (you'd think we'd run out of ways to arrange notes). We're so lucky to be a part of a community that has so many options for music lovers, and I think we could help our community to grow even stronger if we supported them, all-out.

For the rest of this informative article, please click: [Here](#). (Thanks, Mike Ginsburg, for sharing.)

FYI, part 2

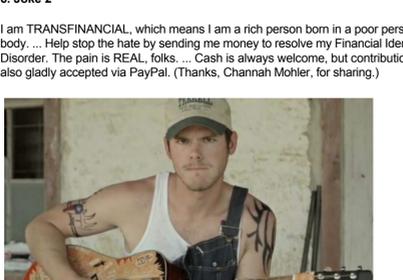
To read each of the following contributions in full, please click: [Here](#)

(1) Grant Randall: There is a movie on Netflix we highly recommend. (2) Dave Feldman: I know it's your favorite song, so I thought I'd send this to you. (3) Len Ennis: Saw America, America and thought it was great. (4) Eric Weinberger: Thank you for your newsletter. (5) Warren Friel: Thanks for the heads up on the pending postage rate increase. (6) Janet Zofchak: I found this web site where I could take on line surveys and earn Amazon coupons. (7) Sunny Cook: Your readers might be interested in this. (8) Emily Shaules: BIG NEWS! Shift Bars is looking for new partners. (9) The insulin wars. (10) Tony Ray Fogelman: If you haven't seen (netflix) "the last laugh" with Chevy Chase, Richard Dreyfuss, Andie MacDowell ... ck it out -- FUCKING HILARIOUS!

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3. Joke 1

My dad wouldn't stop until I gave a thumbs-up!



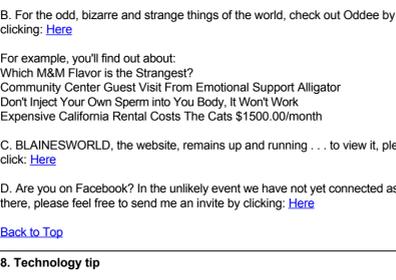
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4. Reviews

A. I thoroughly enjoyed ON THE BASIS OF SEX, a biopic about Ruth Bader Ginsburg as she was beginning her career. The focus is on a groundbreaking case that went before the U.S. Court of Appeals and overturned a century of gender discrimination. Felicity Jones was terrific as Ginsburg, and I also liked the work of Armie Hammer as her husband. This is a film that you'll definitely enjoy. Rated PG-13.

Note: I'm adding the above to my list of favorite films. The documentary about Ginsburg's life, is already on the list. If you'd like to see the other films on it, please send an email to: bjginc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

B. I recently had a blast on Travis Kelley's SHINEBOX show, along with Jason Williams and Patrick Ian Hackney. We discussed the worst films of 2018. To see the show, please click: [Here](#)



C. Heard COACH WOODEN AND ME: OUR 50-YEAR FRIENDSHIP ON AND OFF THE COURT (Hachette Audio), written and read by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. This true story is about how Abdul-Jabbar, then Lew Alcindor, met a conservative Midwestern coach and how they became lifelong friends. I found it very interesting and think even those who aren't basketball fans will also. The book made me respect both men even more than I had previously.

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5. TV alert

A. DATING #NO FILTER: Series premiere on Sunday, Jan. 21, at 10:30 p.m. on E! Cameras follow folks on blind dates while a panel of comics watch live and crack comments about each awkward moment.

B. THE OTHER TWO: Series premiere on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 10:30 p.m. on Comedy Central Two sibs struggle to make it in NYC as their teen brother shoots to stardom thanks to a viral hit in a new comedy.

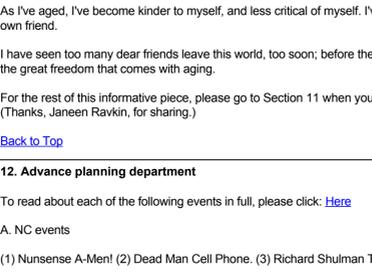
C. LOVE YOU TO DEATH: Movie premier on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 8 p.m. on Lifetime A wheelchair-bound woman murders her seemingly sweet mother (Marcia Gay Harden) in this true crime drama.

D. RENT: Sunday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. on Fox The 1996 rock opera about artists struggling in the midst of the AIDS crisis is the latest musical to get the live TV treatment.

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6. Joke 2

I am TRANSFINANCIAL, which means I am a rich person born in a poor person's body. ... Help stop the hate by sending me money to resolve my Financial Identity Disorder. The pain is REAL, folks. ... Cash is always welcome, but contributions are also gladly accepted via PayPal. (Thanks, Channah Mohler, for sharing.)



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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

- (1) For one of the finest displays by a gymnast you'll ever see, please see Katelyn Ohashi's epic floor routine at the Collegiate Challenge in Anaheim, California, by clicking: [Here](#)
- To find out more about the above, please click: [Here](#)
- (2) For comedian Ali Wong's "tribute" to the above, please click: [Here](#)

Note: The low-key star of this video is her husband who lounges on the couch and appears not to even notice what she's doing.

B. For the odd, bizarre and strange things of the world, check out Oddee by clicking: [Here](#)

For example, you'll find out about:
Which M&M Flavor is the Strongest?
Community Center Guest Visit From Emotional Support Alligator
Don't Inject Your Own Sperm into You Body. It Won't Work
Expensive California Rental Costs The Cats \$1500.00/month

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

Avoid paying extra for 4G on your laptop or tablet by enabling the hotspot on your smartphone.

Clearly, phone companies will charge you for as many things as they can get away with. Avoid the \$10 or \$20 per month fee to include your laptop or tablet on your data plan by using your smartphone as a hotspot and connecting your other devices via Wi-Fi. If you're not on a data plan that includes a hotspot feature, use free software like Fox.FI (available in Google Play for Android) to connect your devices.

Source: [Here](#)

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9. Joke 3

Ed and Sam were playing golf, but were getting frustrated because two women in front of them were quite slow and holding up their game. "Don't they know they're supposed to let us play through?" Ed asked. ... "I guess not," Sam replied. ... "Enough is enough," Ed said. "I'm going to go ask them if we can pass them." He started walking toward the women, but suddenly turned around and came back. He turned to his friend. "This is awful. You're going to have to ask them!" ... "Why?" Sam asked. ... "One of is my wife, and the other is my mistress!" Ed answered. ... "No sweat," Sam said. But just as he was getting close, he also turned around and came back. When Ed asked him what happened, Sam replied, "It's a small world."

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10. A quote I like

Thanks, Carol Channing (1921-2019), for the many times you had me laugh. To read more about this legendary American actor, dancer and comedian, as well as to see some of her performances, please click: [Here](#)

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11. Thought for the day

As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend.

I have seen too many dear friends leave this world, too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

For the rest of this informative piece, please go to Section 11 when you click: [Here](#). (Thanks, Janeen Ravkin, for sharing.)

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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) Nonsense A-Men! (2) Dead Man Cell Phone. (3) Richard Shulman Trio.
- B. PA/NJ events
- (1) Colleen Dunn: SAVE THE DATE! (2) Keith Spencer: 3 upcoming performances.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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