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

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Enjoyed dinner with our friend Judy Ray at Fresh West where we received friendly service from Hannah. From there, we went to the telethon described at the bottom of this section.





(2) Had a terrific lunch at East Village Grille. We haven't been to this eatery often, but whenever we go there, we like the food.



(3) Each gave a thumbs up for the hamburgers we had at Fudrucker's



B. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wed., January 24, 2018. Guest (first half): Charlie Flynn-McIver, Artistic Director, North Carolina Stage Company; for more information: <http://www.ncstage.org> ... Guest (second half): Michelle Monet, Musician/Author; for more information: <http://www.michellemonet.com> ... Pictured, l-r: Charlie Flynn-McIver, Blaine Greenfield and Michelle Monet. To listen to the show, please click:

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C. During the week, I:

(1) Attended an amusing, informative lecture at OLLI at UNCA on the upcoming play that Charlie will be in: JEEVES TAKES A BOW. Pictured (left photo), l-r: : Charlie Flynn-Mclver, Blaine Greenfield, Scott Treadway and Angie Flynn-Mclver; and (right photo) Maria Buchanan and Blaine Greenfield.

JEEVES runs through Feb. 18 at NC Stage. For tickets, please click:

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(2) Met with Coy Austin Theobalt at Edna's of Asheville to solve all the world's problems. We also got to discuss Coy's exciting new business, A Bit of It All .If you need any home improvements, check his business out by clicking:

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D. Congratulations to:

- (1) Eileen Rosenfeld Barker on her new job as a Real Estate Broker Salesperson with Coldwell Banker Argus Real Estate in Ventnor City, NJ.
- (2) Meredith Elliott Powell on being on the cover of Influential People Magazine.
- (3) Cortland Mercer on his appearance on WLOS, discussing Well Played. To view it, please click:
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- (4) Linda Giaquinto on her new position as Customer Service Representative at UNIVAR.

E. Reminders:

- (1) There's still time to enter ...

***** CONTEST #3 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of AN INSIDE JOB: A PSYCHOLOGIST SHARES HEALING WISDOM FROM YOUR CANCER JOURNEY by Susan Barbara Apollon.

Note: I favorably reviewed this book in last week's issue. It covers wisdom for people suffering from any illness, and it's appropriate for not only those who are sick, but for their caregivers as well.

To enter, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #3 in the subject line, then include your snail mail address in the body of the email. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 29, 2018.

- (2) And I hope you can make this ...
PechaKucha Night Asheville
Friday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m.
Grove House, 11 Grove St., Asheville

The event will include a presentation from me on "The Platinum Rule (A Better Alternative to the Golden Rule)."

My friend, Tina FireWolf, will also be presenting.

If you can join me, and I hope you can, you'll be attending an evening of fascinating presentations from Asheville's most creative and interesting people, all following the beautifully simple PechaKucha 20x20 format: 20 images, shown for 20 seconds each.

PechaKucha means "chit-chat" in Japanese, and four nights a year, it's where folks get together to share their ideas, works, thoughts, holiday snaps and passions. Don't tell them I said it, but it's like a TED Talk ... just more fun!

For tickets, please click:

<https://www.universe.com/events/pechakuha-night-tickets-MPZF0D>

Doors open at 7 p.m., and the program begins at 7:30. If there's a sell out, which is often the case, there will be seating room ... so arrive early to claim your seats. Free parking is available in the lot across from The Grove House while supplies last.

Pictured, l-r: Marvin Sadovsky and Tom Gallagher with left- and right-handed pencils. You'll learn the difference between them at the above presentation and even get one of each to keep.



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

This week, it goes to SuperHappy Productions and all the many folks involved who helped make the recent telethon comedy/variety fundraiser for Arms Around ASD the success that it was. Special kudos to Carrie Kimbrell Kimzey, the person who had the idea for the event; Rodney Smith and Barbie Angell who hosted the two evenings; and Michelle Louzon, the director and founder of Arms Around ASD.

For more information about this organization, please click:

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Pictured at the event, l-r: Cynthia Greenfield, Michele Louzon, Judy Ray and Blaine Greenfield, For more pictures, please click:

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2. FYI

Newspapers kept piling up in my office. I'd get to read some of them, but often, I would just not have the time to do so. So they'd just accumulate until I put them out for recycling. ... Finally, I took the advice of my friend Steve Byas; i.e., to read them on my iPad. ... I now save trees and money, too. ... What a difference!

Note: I never thought I'd go this route. I would often say to myself, "Self, you are a newspaper junkie who loves to read." ... But after just one day of trying the above, I was hooked. You will be, too.



FYI, part 2

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

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(1) You're Sorry for Someone's Loss. But How Do You Say It? (2) You'll Never Be Famous--And That's O.K. (3) You Love 'The Simpsons'? Then Let's Talk About Apu

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3. Joke 1

My friend has two tickets for the 2018 SUPER BOWL--both box seats. He paid \$2,500 for them, but he didn't realize when he bought them that it was going to be the same day as his wedding. ... If you are interested, he is looking for someone to take his place. It's at St. Andrew's Cathedral, 707 N 5th St, Philadelphia, PA, at 3 p.m. ... Her name is Elizabeth, she is 5'4" and about 115 pounds. She's a good cook, too. She will be the one in the white dress. (Thanks, Joe McDermott, for sharing.)



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4. Reviews

A. Wanted to see CALL ME BY YOUR NAME, but it was sold out. So instead, caught a film entitled FOREVER MY GIRL ... It's about a country singer who left his bride at the altar. It has the feel of a Nicholas Sparks film, and if you like that, you'll enjoy this one. Critics weren't crazy about it, but audiences liked it. I found it watchable, but would recommend that you wait to see it until it comes out via streaming. ... Rated PG.

B. Read HOW TO DELIVER A TED TALK: SECRETS OF THE WOLD'S MOST INSPIRING PRESENTATIONS (McGraw-Hill Education) by Jeremey Donovan, a TEDx organizer and speaker ... It presents more than 100 useful tips, ranging from opening with an explicit statement of audience benefits to framing your idea as an action-oriented response to a question worth asking. I enjoyed these, along with various outlines of successful talks that have been given. In addition, I appreciated the internet addresses for many successful talks that have been given (though it would have been even better had they been presented in a way that I could have just clicked on my iPad to review).

There's much to enjoy about this book, but the following passage is the one that I will probably most remember. It has advice that the author was given by Simon Sinek: Most importantly, I always show up to give. I very often say it out loud to myself before I take the stage. "You're here to share your ideas today." Whenever I speak, I don't show up wanting anything from anyone--e.g., more business, approval, sell books, more Twitter followers or Facebook likes. I always show up to share what I know If they like it, then they will applaud, which is the best way for me to gauge if I what I gave was important to them.

Don't be put off by the book's title. It can be used by just about anybody else having to make a presentation of most any type.

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5. TV alert

A. ONE DAY AT A TIME: Season 2 now available via Netflix
According to TV GUIDE, "The acclaimed reinvention of legendary producer Norman Lear's classic 1970s sitcom returns for a second season that effortlessly mixes old-school belly laughs with lump-in-the-throat moments as it follows a Cuban-American family's travails in Los Angeles."

Note: You can also catch Season 1 via Netflix.

B. A.P. BIO: Thursday, Feb., 1, at 9:30 p.m. on NBC

It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia's Glenn Howerton stars as a disgraced scholar none too pleased to be teaching honor students in Toledo, Ohio. After this sneak preview, the show will return with a special episode after the Olympics Closing Ceremonies before settling into this time period March 1.

C. THE SIMONE BILES STORY: COURAGE TO SOAR: Premieres Saturday, Feb. 3, at 8 p.m. on Lifetime

Jeante Godlock stars as the 4'8" gymnast who captured 19 Olympic and World Championship medals.

D. SUPER BOWL LII: Sunday, Feb. 4, at 6 p.m. on NBC

Justin Timberlake headlines the halftime show, but I'll be watching the game this year because Philadelphia is in it. Go Eagles!

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6. Joke 2

"Cats can work out mathematically the exact place to sit that will cause the most inconvenience."--Pam Brown, Australian poet. (Thanks, Kristalyn Bunyan, for sharing this fantastic picture of her cat Kimmie.)



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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Mark Jones: The Greatest Showman | This Is Me Lyric Video

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(2) Merrill Gelber: Jackie Mason - Jew at the Restaurant

[Here](#)

(3) William Kormos: Leonard Cohen: Democracy

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B. For gear, articles and stuff guys want, check out Cool Material. To view it, please click:

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Some posts that caught my eye included the following:

'Andre the Giant' Official Trailer

Stop Hair Loss in Its Tracks With Keeps

How to Improve Your Mobile Photography in 2018

What to Watch This Weekend: A Futile and Stupid Gesture

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

How Computers Turned Gerrymandering Into a Science
by Jordan Ellenberg

MADISON, Wis. - About as many Democrats live in Wisconsin as Republicans do. But you wouldn't know it from the Wisconsin State Assembly, where Republicans hold 65 percent of the seats, a bigger majority than Republican legislators enjoy in conservative states like Texas and Kentucky.

The United States Supreme Court is trying to understand how that happened. On Tuesday, the justices heard oral arguments in *Gill v. Whitford*, reviewing a three-judge panel's determination that Wisconsin's Republican-drawn district map is so flagrantly gerrymandered that it denies Wisconsinites their full right to vote. A long list of elected officials, representing both parties, have filed briefs asking the justices to uphold the panel's ruling.

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9. Joke 3

"Fair is fair," to quote from THE LEGEND OF BILLY JEAN. And to help remind you, please click:

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10. A quote I like

"Light travels faster than sound. That is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak."--Alan Dundes (1934-2005), folklorist at the University of California, Berkeley

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11. Thought for the day

Thanks, Penny Gray, for sharing this touching video. When you watch it, you will learn how photographer Josh Rossi has taken six kids and turned their unique disabilities into strengths. To view, please click:

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A. NC events

(1) The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) at HART. (2) Help Build Community Cat Shelters. (3) Love is a Rose: An Acoustic Celebration of the Music of Linda Ronstadt.

B. PA/NJ events

(1) Twentieth Century at Kelsey Theatre. (2) Witness for the Prosecution at Actors' Net of Bucks County.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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