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

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Saw an impressive performance of ROMEO & JULIET at The Feichter Studio, starring (left photo) Josephine Thomas and Henry Williamson III and (right photo) Allen Law and Samantha Lebrock. Not pictured: David Anthony Yeats and Julie Kinter. All the performers were great and special kudos to Dwight Chiles for his direction, set design and singing.



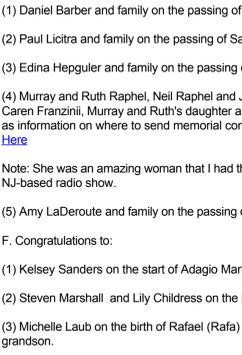
(2) From there, we went to Angelo's Family Pizza in Waynesville for the first time. It won't be the last. Our dinners were both great, and we also enjoyed the peanut butter and jelly cheesecake that we took home for dessert. The service we received from Jesika was excellent.



(3) On another day, we joined our friends Dave and Judy Blumlo to see the movie THE FOUNDER. (See Section 4 for my review.) Afterward, due to the theme of the movie, we found ourselves going to BT's Burger Place for tasty hamburgers as can be seen in the left photo. Afterward, we both tried and approved the ice cream at Smallcakes Cupcakery & Creamery as can be seen in the right photo.



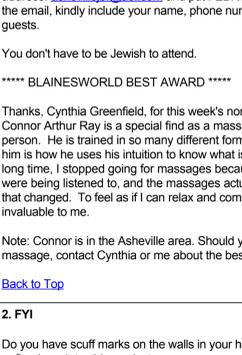
(4) And we also managed to check out the delicious calzones at Barley's Taproom & Pizzeria. Trever did a fine job as our server.



B. We also wanted to show you how the beautiful painting done by our friend Muffie Boswell now looks in its frame. Check it out the next time you visit our home.



C. I got to spend some time with my friend Steven Shulman who was visiting from Florida. We first had a good meal at Dragon China, then had fun at THE GREAT AMERICAN STRIP-OFF at The Magnetic Theatre.



D. HELP REQUEST DEPARTMENT ... Recently, Harry Latham (a friend & former student) called me a CEO: Chief Encouragement Officer ... I'm now thinking of using that on the front of my business card and mysing card below on the back ...

Questions: 1. What do you think about that as a job title for me? I presently call myself a Retirement Expert-in-Training. 2. Do you like the idea of the "encourage mint" on the back? 3. Or do you prefer what I've been using for the last 30+ years; i.e., IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS, including the President, Pope, etc.? ... Special thanks to Lisa Peaddoodles Slavid, the talented artist who came up with this cartoon. For more information about her, please click: [Here](#)



E. Condolences to:

- (1) Daniel Barber and family on the passing of Daniel's father.
- (2) Paul Licitra and family on the passing of Sal, Paul's brother.
- (3) Edina Hegguler and family on the passing of Edina's grandmother.

(4) Murray and Ruth Raphael, Neil Raphael and Janis Raye and family on the passing of Caren Franzini. Ruth and Ruth's daughter and Neil's sister. For her obituary, as well as information on where to send memorial contributions, please click: [Here](#)

Note: She was an amazing woman that I had the honor of interviewing when I hosted a NJ-based radio show.

(5) Amy LaDeroute and family on the passing of Ruthie, Amy's mother.

F. Congratulations to:

- (1) Kelsey Sanders on the start of Adagio Marketing, her own business.
- (2) Steven Marshall and Lily Childress on the birth of Wren, their baby girl.
- (3) Michelle Laub on the birth of Rafael (Rafa) Solomon DeLaPeña, her newest grandson.
- (4) Denise Bitz and Gary Wirkkala on their engagement.
- (5) Rita Serotkin and family on the birth of Misha Alexander Serotkin, her grandson.
- (6) Liz McNally Sette on the fact that one of her photographs again made the Travel section of the Philadelphia Inquirer.

G. Reminders:

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

***** CONTEST #2 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of TODAY I WILL NOURISH MY INNER MARTYR: AFFIRMATIONS FOR CYNICS by Ann Thornhill & Sarah Wells ... The authors present 365 daily meditations that, to quote them, are perfect if you are "tired of the self-helpaholics who've been sipping too much chicken soup." For example: To get the attention I so richly deserve, I will wear a ridiculous outfit today. ... I reviewed this book in BLAINESWORLD #1069 and enjoyed it ... To enter the contest: Send an email to: bjnbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #2 in the subject line. In the body of the email, please include your snail mail address. All entries must be received on or before Monday, January 30, at 9 p.m.

(2) Please join me at the following ...

Asheville Jewish Business Forum (AJBF)
Next event: Wednesday, Feb. 8
Time: 11:30 a.m., Networking and registration; 12-1: Event; 1-1:30 p.m., Additional networking
Location: Grail Moviehouse, 45 South French Broad Ave., Asheville
Plenty of free parking: To find out where, please click: [Here](#)

Program: Steve White and Davida Horwitz, owners of the Grail Moviehouse and AJBF members, will tell how they got their business off the ground. They will also tell us about their business, which screens art and independent films, locally produced content, classics and a regular rotation of cinematic surprises.

Free popcorn and fountain drinks for all who attend, courtesy of Steve and Davida! Also, if you attend, you'll get a free pass for an upcoming movie at the Grail Moviehouse (with the purchase of a ticket at regular price). Hope you can make it!

Note: Should you want to eat lunch before or after, your best bet is Little Bee Thai, which is located at the same address. The food is quite good there. Food is NOT permitted in the Grail Moviehouse.

Questions? Contact Blaine Greenfield, AJBF President, at bjnbc@aol.com or call 828.633.1049.

***** PLEASE RSVP, SO WE KNOW HOW MANY TO EXPECT *****

To RSVP, please hit REPLY to this email notice and in the body of the email, kindly include your name, phone number and if you will be bringing any guests. If you are viewing this on Facebook or the AJBF website, please email this address: ashvillebjf@aol.com and put FEBRUARY 8 in the subject line. In the body of the email, kindly include your name, phone number and if you will be bringing any guests.

You don't have to be Jewish to attend.

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

Thanks, Cynthia Greenfield, for this week's nomination: Connor Arthur Ray is a special find as a massage therapist, and as a wonderful person. He is trained in so many different forms of massage, but the great part about him is how he uses his intuition to know what is needed for your healing. For a very long time, I stopped going for massages because every time I went, I did not feel as if I were being listened to, and the massages actually hurt me. But, when I found Connor, that changed. To feel as if I can relax and communicate as well if I need anything is invaluable to me.

Note: Connor is in the Asheville area. Should you wish to contact him about a massage, contact Cynthia or me about the best way to get in touch.
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2. FYI

Do you have scuff marks on the walls in your home? If so, before you repaint the wall or floorboard, try this product: [Here](#)

The results are amazing. (See below.) The picture on the left is before, and the one on the right is after.



FYI, part 2

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

- (1) Here's Why You Should Call, Not Email, Your Legislators. (2) The Right Way to Fall. (3) Michael Glaeser: Thank you, Blaine, for sending your wonderful BLAINESWORLD every week. (4) Mike Martinelli: Happy SAG Sunday.

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3. Joke 1

Not just for dogs, but methinks for cats also? (Thanks, Maggie McMains, for sharing.)

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4. Reviews

A. I'm looking forward to seeing A DOG'S PURPOSE, which is the story of one devoted dog who finds the meaning of his own existence through the lives of the humans he teaches to laugh and love ... The coming attractions make it look like something I'll like, and I'm a big Dennis Quaid fan. ... However, there has been some controversy about the film because of a clip that allegedly shows one of the dogs being abused.

As with most things in life, there are two sides to every story—if not a lot more. For more information, please click: [Here](#)

MR. CURIOUS HERE: What's your opinion on the above? Will you now skip the film as a result? (And if you've already seen it, please let me know what you thought of it.)

B. Update to review [of HIDDEN COLORS] from last week's issue: I forgot to mention my favorite line from the film... It came when Al Harrison, well played by Kevin Costner, took down the "coloreds only" sign over the women's bathroom and said, "Here at NASA we all pee the same color."

C. Saw THE FOUNDER, the true story of Ray Kroc who had been a struggling salesman before he met the brothers McDonald—operators of a burger operation in Southern California in the 1950s. This engaging film details how he eventually took control of the company and made it into a billion-dollar empire. Michael Keaton is terrific as Kroc, and Nick Offerman and John Carroll Lynch are were quite good as the McDonald brothers. Laura Dern is wasted in supporting role as Keaton's first wife. ... One scene, in particular, caught my attention. It showed how McDonald's came up with its system of producing hamburgers so quickly. Rated PG-13.

D. Out on DVR (or via Netflix) is COAL MINER'S DAUGHTER, a fantastic biopic about country singer Loretta Lynn. Sissy Spacek won an Academy award for her very natural performance as Lynn, and what's particularly impressive is that she did all her singing. Tommy Lee Jones is equally good as Doolittle Lynn, her husband. Rated PG.

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

E. Read VERY GOOD LIVES: THE FRINGE BENEFITS OF FAILURE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF IMAGINATION (Little, Brown & Company) by J.K. Rowling, the author of the bestselling Harry Potter series. ... The basis of this book was a 2008 commencement address at Harvard University, which took some seven years to work its way into this book form ... I loved her "thank you" at the beginning when she noted: Not only has Harvard given me an extraordinary honor, but the weeks of fear and nausea I have endured at the thought of giving this commencement address have made me lose weight. A win-win situation! Now all I have to do is take deep breaths, squirt at the red banners and convince myself that I am at the world's largest Gryffindor reunion.

I also liked what she had to say about the fact that: Unlike any other creature on the planet, human beings can learn and understand without being experienced. They can think themselves into other people's lives.

Lastly, Rowling is to be commended for the fact that sales from VERY GOOD LIVES will benefit Lumos, a charity organization she founded that works to transform the lives of disadvantaged children.

F. Heard DREAM MORE: CELEBRATE THE DREAM IN YOU (Penguin Audio), written and read by Dolly Parton. ... The author, one of the biggest stars of country music, took this opportunity to expand on a commencement speech she gave at the University of Tennessee, where she asked those in attendance to Dream more, Learn more, Care more and Be more. She gave numerous examples from her life and, also, even included some original music. ... I got a special kick out of the part at the end, which she entitled "The Wit and Wisdom of the Dolly Momma" One such tidbit taken from that section was the following: "I'm not going to limit myself just because people won't accept the fact that I can do something else." ... Shortly thereafter, Parton presented "Truth, Dolly Style," wherein she answered several questions, including this one: Do you ever get tired of dumb blonde jokes? Her response was a classic: No cause I know I'm not dumb, and I'm not blonde. ... If you're already a Parton fan, you'll like DREAM MORE. If you're not already a fan, this book will surely make you one.

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5. TV alert

A. BECOMING WARREN BUFFET: Monday, Jan. 30 at 10 p.m. on HBO
The legendary investor starts out as an ambitious numbers-obsessed boy from Nebraska and ends up becoming one of the richest and most respectable men in the world.

B. THE QUAD: Begins on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 10 p.m. on BET
This campus drama, set at the historically black Georgia A&M campus, has the first female president (Tony winner Anika Noni Rose), bonding with history dean (A DIFFERENT WORLD'S Jasmine Guy).

C. SPY IN THE WORLD: 5-part series begins on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 8 p.m. on PBS (dates and times on PBS often vary, so check local listings)
Cameras disguised as animals show the lives of wild dogs, elephants, monkeys and a lot more. To quote THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, "Here's a spy series whose power to seduce never ends."

D. SANTA CLARA DIET: Begins on Friday, Feb. 3, via Netflix
Drew Barrymore plays Sheila, a married suburban real estate agent who develops a craving to devour her neighbors. To quote TV GUIDE, "The show's hilarious screwball spirit is so infectiously appealing, even at its most appalling, that all 10 episodes fly by in a wacky, icky rush."

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6. Joke 2

Q: If your husband is yelling at the front door and your dog is barking at the back door, who do you let in first? ... A: The dog, of course. At least he'll shut up after you let him in.

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

- (1) Roberta Gurwood ... RINGS TV Store Prank [Here](#)
 - (2) Jean Dolan ... The Kinks' Ray Davies Teams Up With The Jayhawks On 'Poetry' [Here](#)
- and also from Jean ... Stand by Me [Here](#)
- (3) La La Land Interrogation [Here](#)

B. Want to translate something? Need help in learning a foreign language? If so, check out Google Translate—an amazing free service that instantly translates words, phrases, sentences and web pages between English and over 100 other languages. It also translates the languages back into English ... You even get definitions. And what's cool: You can then click on the microphone icon to hear the pronunciation of what you're translating. ... To begin using, please click: [Here](#)

For example, take this sentence that I'm sure is often on your mind: BLAINESWORLD is my favorite blog! ... Here's how it would look in Spanish, French and Urdu, respectively: ¡BLAINESWORLD es mi blog favorito!, BLAINESWORLD est mon blog préféré! and BLAINESWORLD kuyito blog yami oyintandokazi!

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

Thanks, Jensen Gelfond (my tech guru), for giving me the following idea: I have a Logitech keyboard. It's great except for the fact that some of the letters had already begun to fade after some seven months. My plan was to bring it back to Staples and see if they would exchange it for me, but Jensen suggested that I contact Logitech directly. So I did. ... The company immediately responded. They just asked me for a copy of my receipt. And shortly after I sent it in, they shipped me a replacement keyboard. What a pleasure to have this experience with Logitech!

Should you want to contact Jensen about any technology need you might have, here is his contact information:
Jensen Gelfond, Asheville Digital Lifestyle, www.AshevilleDigitalLifestyle.com, 828.354.0371, jensen@ashevilledigitalifestyle.com.

He is the absolute best when it comes to computer repairs, iPhones, iPads and even programming remote controls on TVs. Reluctantly, he was not able to help us with the purchase of an iRon that I recently got for Cynthia.

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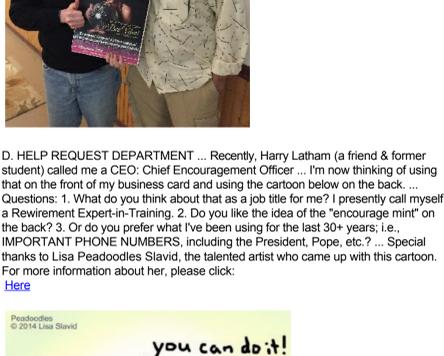
9. Joke 3

I thought I would let you in on a little secret I've found for building my arm and shoulder muscles. Start by standing with a 5-pound potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out to your sides and hold them there as long as I can. ... After awhile, move up to 10-pound potato sacks, then 50-pound potato sacks and finally, get to where you lift a 100-pound potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight out for more than a full minute. ... Next, when you get comfortable at that level, put a potato in each sack—but I would caution you not to overdo it at this level! (Thanks, Kathy Murr Blackshire, for sharing.)

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10. A quote I like

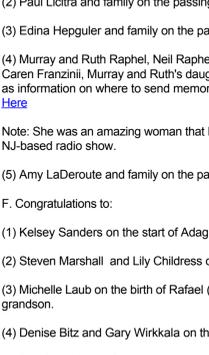
Mary Tyler Moore (1936-2017), RIP ... She was an American actress best known for her roles in two classic television sitcoms, THE DICK VAN DYKE SHOW and then THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW. ... I'll miss her because I practically grew up watching the both of these shows. ... For her obituary, as well as the great "Chuckles the Clown's Funeral Clip," please click: [Here](#)



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11. Thought for the day

Still something else the very dishonest media has failed to report; i.e., the person who coined this term! (Thanks, Strother Stingley, for sharing.)



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12. Advance planning department

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

- (1) At NC Stage: JEEVES IN BLOOM. (2) Cappy Togetti: Please join us to make sleeping mats for homeless individuals. (3) Attorney George Pappas to Speak at UNC Asheville on the Legal History of Native American Dispossession.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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