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1. Reflections

Note: Due to the fact that there are extra pictures in this week's issue, some regular sections have been omitted. They will return next week.

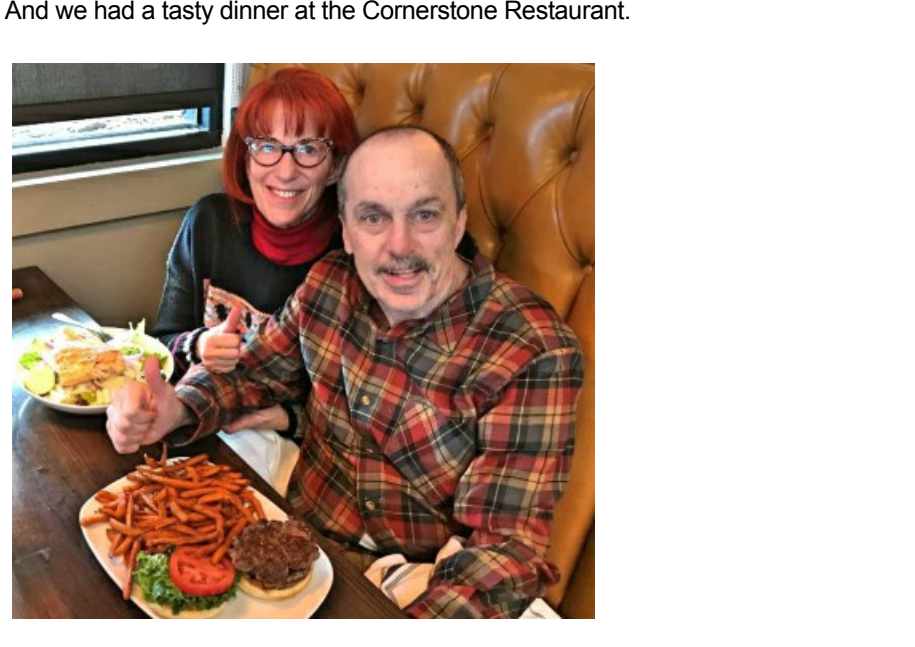
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A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

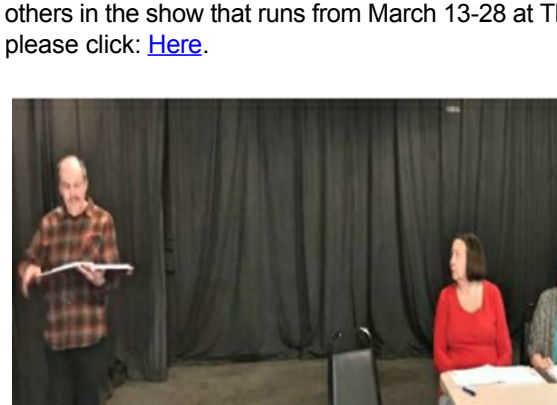
(1) Thoroughly enjoyed VIRTUALLY IN LOVE, a romantic comedy, at Brevard Little Theatre that was written and directed by Brad Owen. Kudos to all those in the talented cast: John Adams, Heather Denton, Jeanne O'Connor, Janet Gralley, Scott Donaldson, Kathleen Riddle, Joan Rinchisen and George Ferencz, Jr.



We also got a kick out of our first visit to the Sly Grog Lounge, a funky venue that housed a show we saw that was part of the Asheville Fringe Arts Festival.



And we had a tasty dinner at the Cornerstone Restaurant.



B. I'm keeping busy with rehearsals of TRAITOR, a modern adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE. My hope is that you get to see me and the others in the show that runs from March 13-28 at The Magnetic Theatre. For tickets, please click: [Here](#).



C. Cynthia, got a kick out of meeting Serene, our friend Walela Dobroski's new cat.



D. There were three BLAINESWORLD radio shows on WPVM this past week.

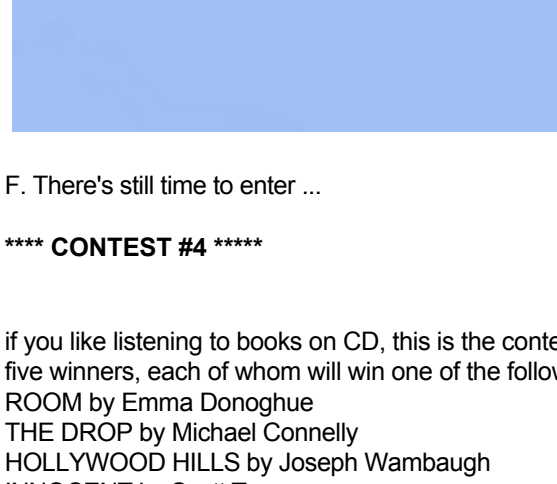
(1) The first featured guests: Ellen Pappas, actor, singer, director and playwright, and Tasha Pepi, actor and reactor; (9:30 a.m.) Stephanie Brown, President & CEO, Explore Asheville Convention & Visitors Bureau. To view it, please click: [Here](#).



(2) The second featured guests: (first half) Judy Calabrese, creator, producer, writer and performer, and Chris Medrano, creator, producer, writer and performer; and (second half) Darlene Kucken, certified InterPlay leader. To view it, please click: [Here](#).



(3) The third featured guests: (first half) Dillon Giles, actor; and (second half) Rachel McCrain, director of Goodnight, Troublemaker. To view it, please click: [Here](#).



Note: Special thanks to Grail Moviehouse for sponsoring all of the BLAINESWORLD shows. To find out what's currently playing, please click: [Here](#).

E. NEEDED: Somebody to cut grass, do basic landscaping and (possibly) snow removal in Fairview. ... If you know have any recommendations, please contact me at: bjnbc@aol.com.



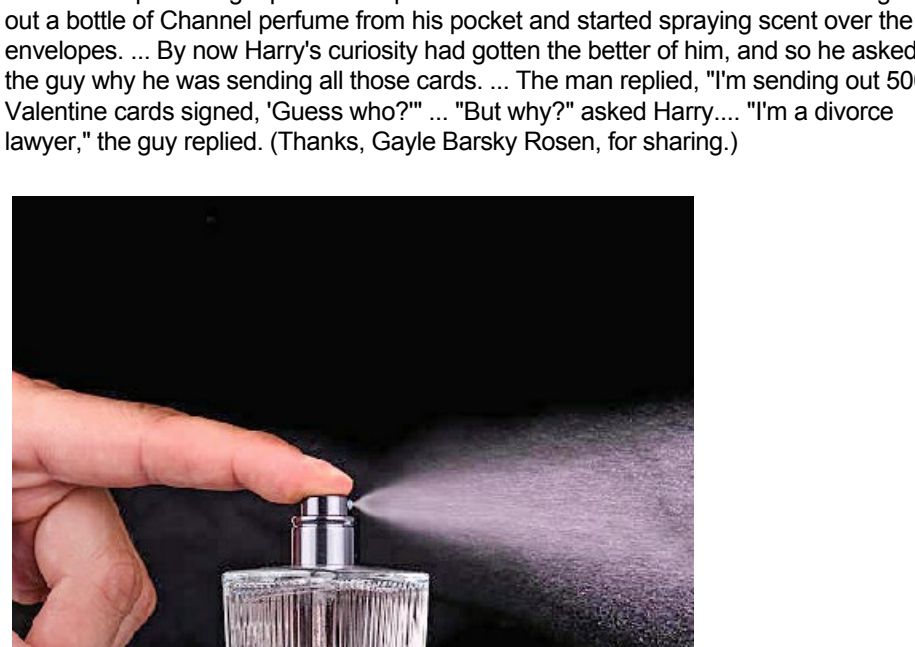
F. There's still time to enter ...

**** CONTEST #4 ****

if you like listening to books on CD, this is the contest for you to enter. There will be five winners, each of whom will win one of the following books on CD:
ROOM by Emma Donoghue
THE DROP by Michael Connelly
HOLLYWOOD HILLS by Joseph Wambaugh
INNOCENT by Scott Turow
A DARKNESS MORE THAN NIGHT by Michael Connelly

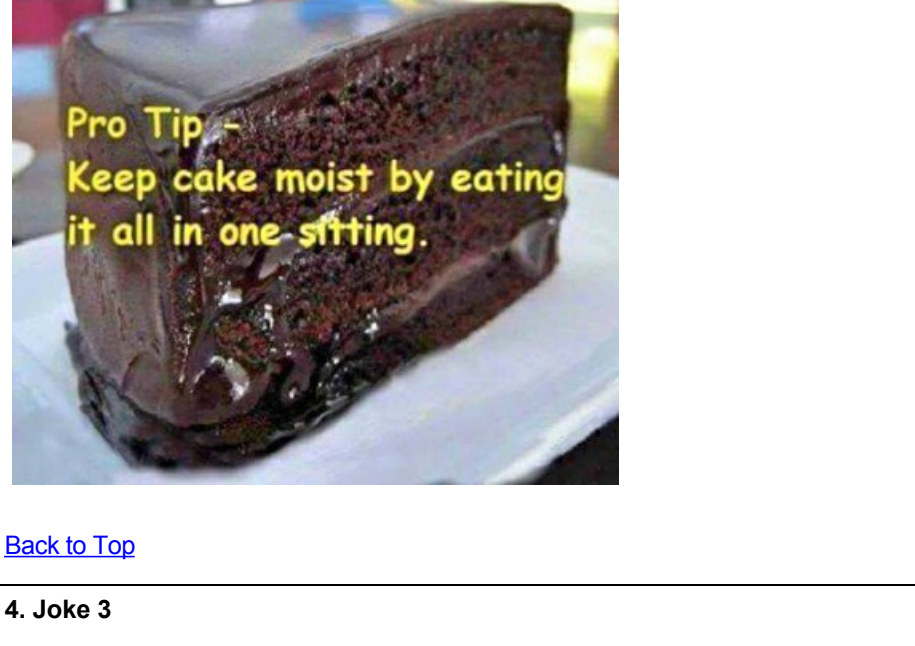
Note: To find out more about each book, check out reviews on Amazon.com.

If you would like to enter the contest, send an email to: bjnbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #4 in the subject line. In the body of the email, include your name, mailing address and which of the above books is your first choice, second choice and third choice. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 17.



**** BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD ****

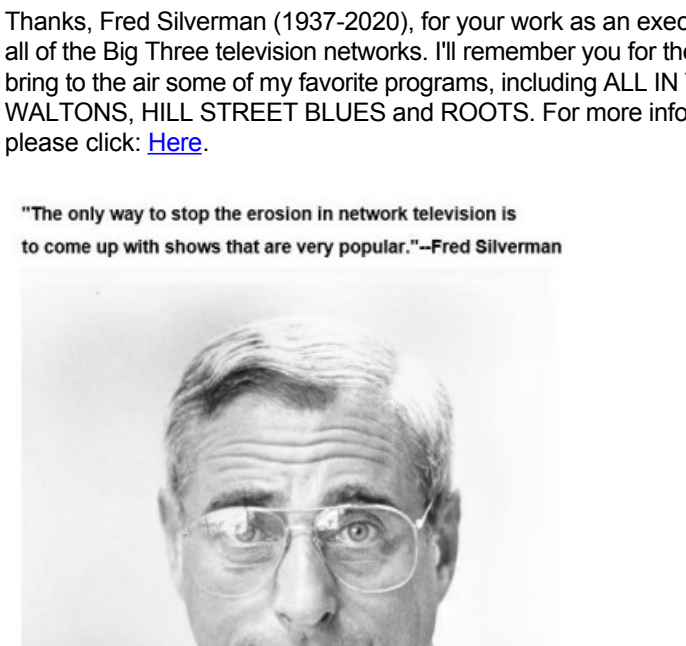
This week, it goes to Rise 'n Shine and it's new owner, Katie Grace. She has taken an already good eatery and made it even better with new menu items—many of them healthy and organic. Our Romeo (Really Old Men Eating Out) Club has breakfast there most Monday mornings, and I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the fine service we receive from both Louisa and Nicole. ... Picture, l-r: Blaine Greenfield, Brian Biro, Marvin Sadovsky, Katie Grace and Tom Gallagher. ... For more information about Rise 'n Shine, please click: [Here](#).



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2. Joke 1

If you're like me, and you celebrate all holidays (more food, friends and fun what way), HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! ... And to get you in the mood, I thought you'd like to read what happened to my friend last year. ... Harry walked into a post office just before the holiday. He couldn't help noticing a middle-aged, balding man who was sticking "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them. Then the man got out a bottle of Chanel perfume from his pocket and started spraying scent over the envelopes. ... By now Harry's curiosity had gotten the better of him, and so he asked the guy why he was sending all those cards. ... The man replied, "I'm sending out 500 Valentine cards signed, "Guess who?" ... "But why?" asked Harry.... "I'm a divorce lawyer," the guy replied. (Thanks, Gayle Barsky Rosen, for sharing.)



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3. Joke 2

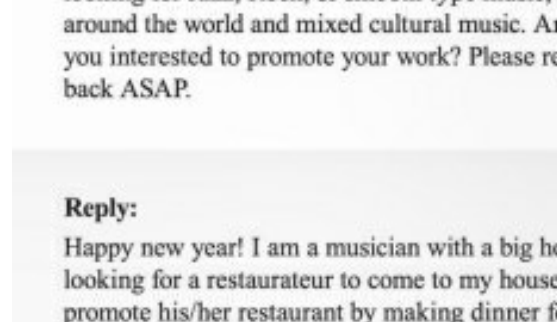
MR. HELPFUL HERE ... if you're on Weight Watchers, it's two points per bite ... so you might as well cram as much into your mouth as possible! (Thanks, Grace Land, for sharing.)



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4. Joke 3

My first modeling gig ... whatcha think? (Thanks, Dillon Giles, for sharing.)



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5. A quote I like

Thanks, Fred Silverman (1937-2020), for your work as an executive and producer on all of the Big Three television networks. I'll remember you for the fact that you helped bring to the air some of my favorite programs, including ALL IN THE FAMILY, THE WALTONS, HILL STREET BLUES and ROOTS. For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#).

"The only way to stop the erosion in network television is to come up with shows that are very popular."--Fred Silverman

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6. Thought for the day

Sad that musicians hear this all the time! (Thanks, John Crawley, for sharing.)

And here's the rest response ever to the above:

Solo Musicians Wanted

We are a small & casual restaurant in downtown Vancouver and we are looking for solo musicians to play in our restaurant to promote their work and sell their CD. This is not a daily job, but only for special events which may eventually turn into a nightly event if we get positive response. We're looking for Jazz, Rock, & smooth type music, around the world and mixed cultural music. Are you interested to promote your work? Please reply back ASAP.

Reply:

Happy new year! I am a musician with a big house looking for a restaurateur to come to my house to promote his/her restaurant by making dinner for me and my friends. This is not a daily job, but only for special events which may eventually turn into a nightly event if we get a positive response. We're looking for fine dining & exotic meals and mixed Ethnic Fusion cuisine. Are you interested to promote your restaurant? Please reply back ASAP.

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PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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