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1. Reflections

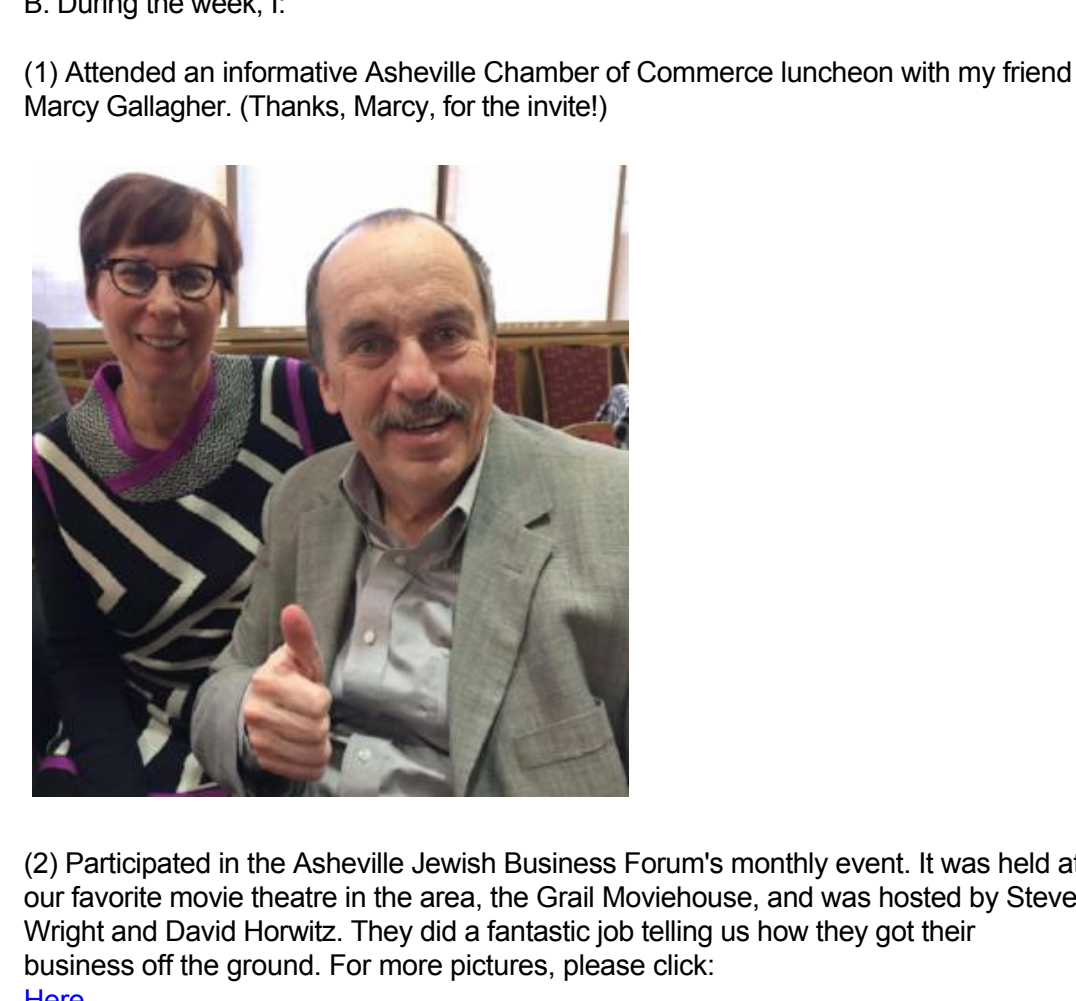
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A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

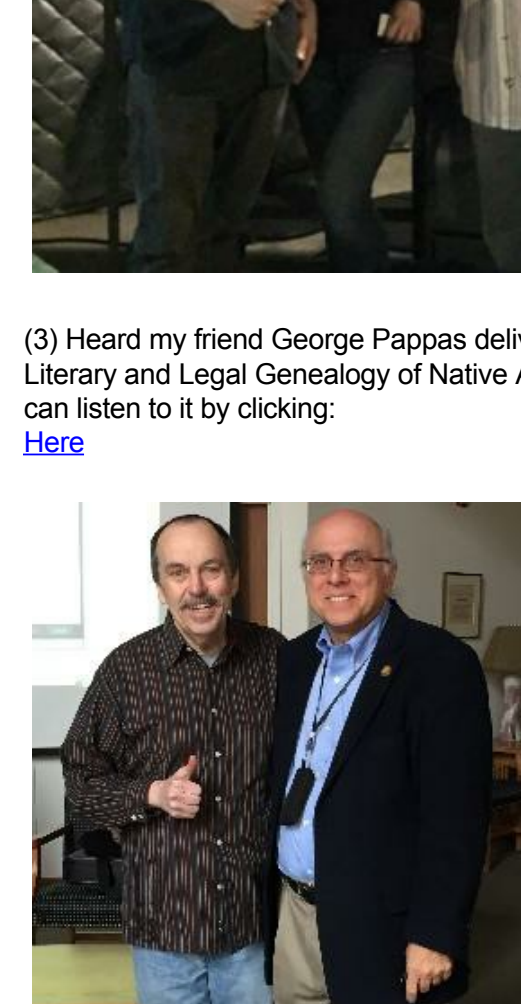
(1) Joined a bunch of friends for a delicious dinner at Early Girl Eatery where we received fine service from Caitlin. Pictured, l-r: Grant Randall, Ginny Plaisted, Meredith Krollman, Sara Moser, Bob Krollman, Cynthia Greenfield, Blaine Greenfield and Cappy Tosetti.



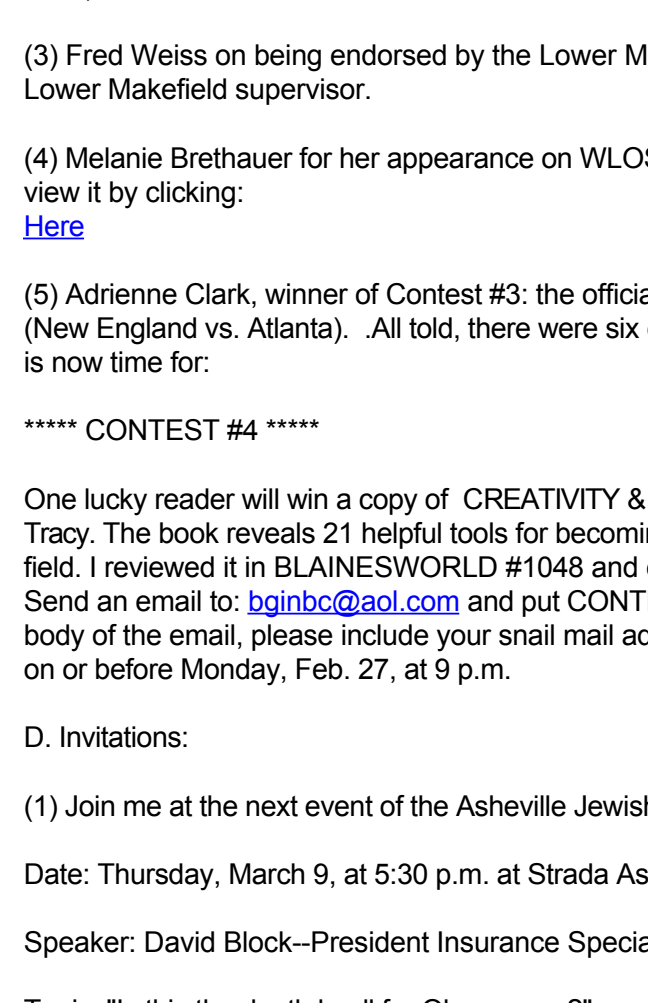
(2) Then went with all of the above, along with our friends Chuck Fink and Cindy Beryman-Fink, to Drag Queen Bingo--Brother Wolf's spectacular fundraiser. Kudos to Leah Craig Fieser, Events Director, for all her work in making the evening the success that it was. For more pictures, please click: [Here](#)



(3) Had a blast at our neighborhood's winter party. Special thanks to Joanne Roudubush for heading the event. For more pictures, please click: [Here](#)

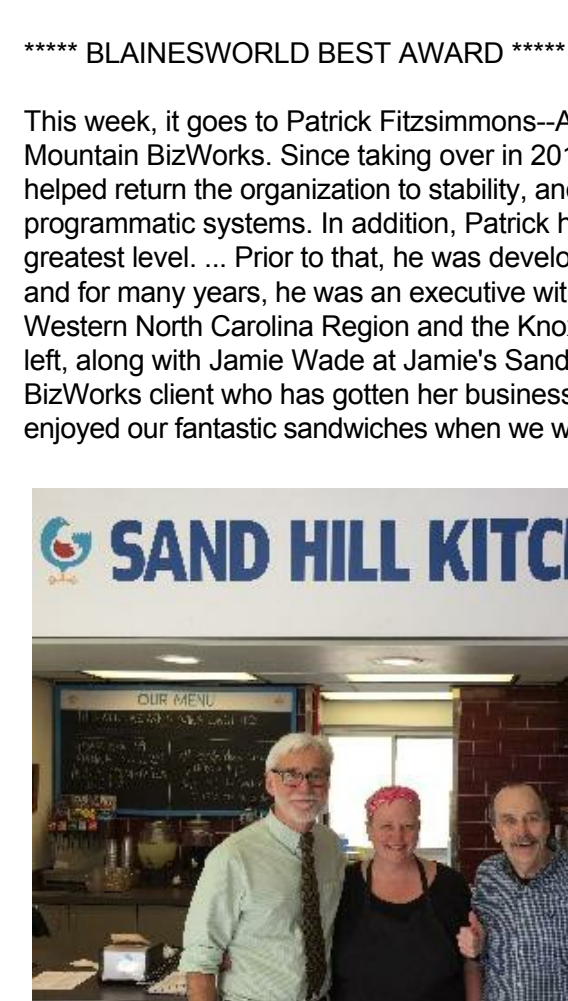


(4) Checked out the new loungers in the lobby at The Carolina Cinemark Asheville. When we were there, they hadn't yet been installed in all the theaters ... but I understand they now have been. We look forward to coming back soon to check them out.

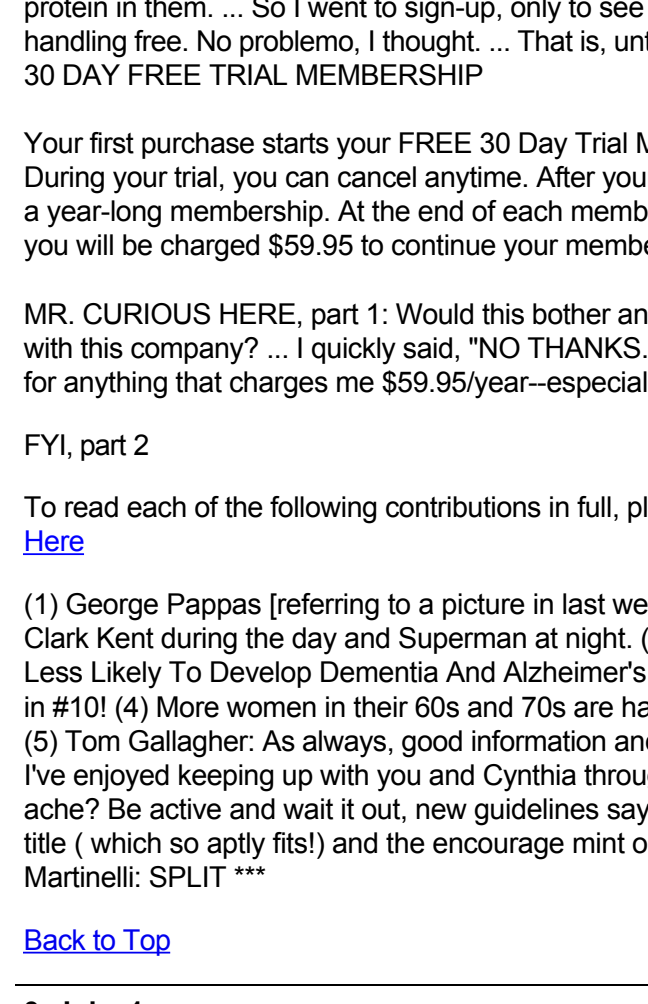


B. During the week, I:

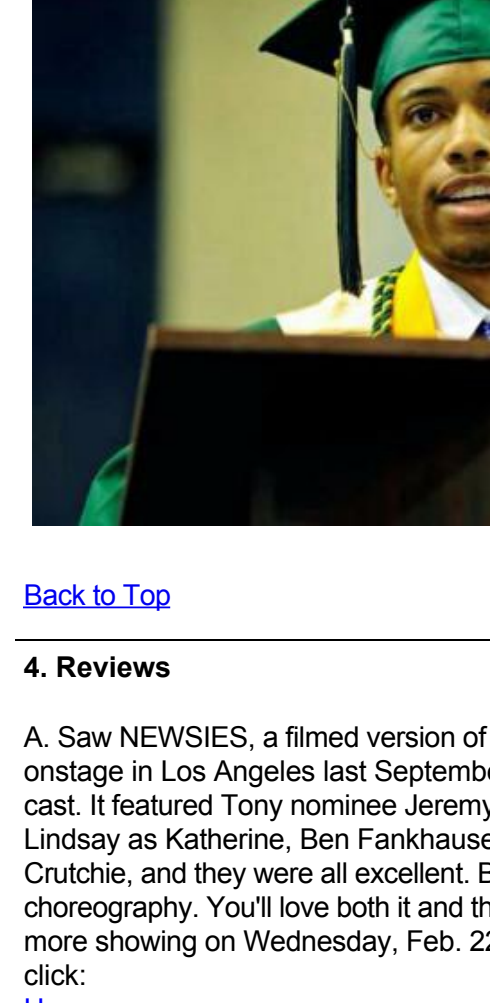
(1) Attended an informative Asheville Chamber of Commerce luncheon with my friend Marcy Gallagher. (Thanks, Marcy, for the invite!)



(2) Participated in the Asheville Jewish Business Forum's monthly event. It was held at our favorite movie theatre in the area, the Grail Moviehouse, and was hosted by Steve Wright and David Horwitz. They did a fantastic job telling us how they got their business off the ground. For more pictures, please click: [Here](#)



(3) Heard my friend George Pappas deliver an enlightening presentation on the Literary and Legal Genealogy of Native American Dispossession. If you missed it, you can listen to it by clicking: [Here](#)



C. Congratulations to:

(1) Trissa King on placing first in her age category in the 18th Annual Valentine Run 5K.

(2) Michele Louzon on the fact that the organization she has started, Arms Around ASD, will be located at 191 Charlotte Street and starting to see clients on March 1.

(3) Fred Weiss on being endorsed by the Lower Makefield Dems as a candidate for Lower Makefield supervisor.

(4) Melanie Brethauer for her appearance on WLOS. In case you missed it, you can view it by clicking: [Here](#)

(5) Adrienne Clark, winner of Contest #3: the official Game Program for Super Bowl LI (New England vs. Atlanta). All told, there were six entries. And that reminds me that it is now time for:

**** CONTEST #4 ****

One lucky reader will win a copy of CREATIVITY & PROBLEM SOLVING by Bran Tracy. The book reveals 21 helpful tools for becoming more creative in virtually any field. I reviewed it in BLAINESWORLD #1048 and enjoyed it. ... To enter the contest: Send an email to: gjinbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #4 in the subject line. In the body of the email, please include your small mail address. All entries must be received on or before Monday, Feb. 27, at 9 p.m.

D. Invitations:

(1) Join me at the next event of the Asheville Jewish Business Forum ...

Date: Thursday, March 9, at 5:30 p.m. at Strada Asheville

Speaker: David Block--President Insurance Specialties, Inc.

Topic: "Is this the death knell for Obamacare?"

For more information and to register, please click: [Here](#)

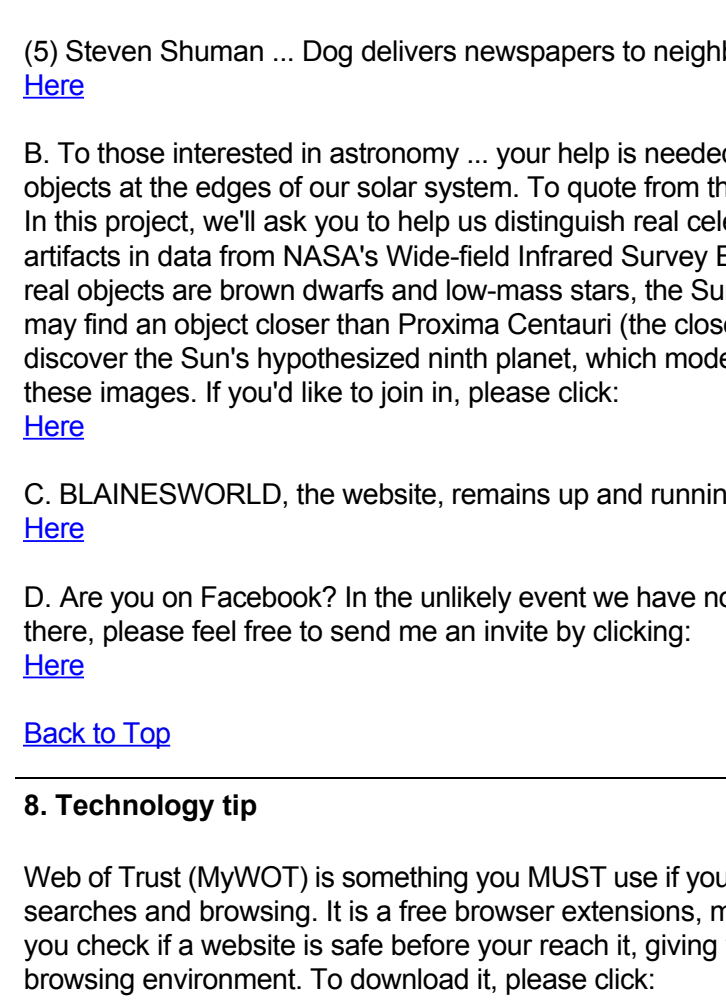
Note: You don't have to be Jewish to attend.

(2) The Walk a Mile event takes place on Saturday, May 6. I'd love to have you become part of the BLAINESWORLD team. To join and/or make a contribution, please click: [Here](#)

It is easiest if you direct everything to the above, e.g., if others want to support your efforts. Just have them include a note, mentioning your name. Stay tuned for more details in future issues.

**** BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD ****

This week, it goes to Patrick Fitzsimmons--Asheville's dynamic executive director of Mountain BizWorks. Since taking over in 2014, he has developed a strategic plan that helped return the organization to stability, and he has rebuilt organizational and programmatic systems. In addition, Patrick has expanded the loan portfolio to its greatest level. ... Prior to that, he was development director for the Dogwood Alliance, and for many years, he was an executive with the American Red Cross (both in the Western North Carolina Region and the Knoxville area). ... He is pictured below on the left, along with Jamie Wade at Jamie's Sand Hill Kitchen. Jamie is a Mountain BizWorks client who has gotten her business off to a great start. Patrick and I both enjoyed our fantastic sandwiches when we went there recently.



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2. FYI

I recently saw something on Facebook that caught my attention; i.e., I could get a 6-pack of Primal Kitchen Dark Chocolate Almond Bars from a company called Thrive Market for free. It sounded good to me, and I liked the fact they had 15 grams of protein in them. ... So I went to sign-up, only to see there was a \$1.95 shipping and handling fee. No problemo, I thought. ... That is, until I saw the next charge: 30 DAY FREE TRIAL MEMBERSHIP

Your first purchase starts your FREE 30 Day Trial Membership to Thrive Market. During your trial, you can cancel anytime. After your trial, you'll be charged \$59.95 for a year-long membership. At the end of each membership term, for your convenience, you will be charged \$59.95 to continue your membership access until you cancel.

MR. CURIOUS HERE, part 1: Would this bother anybody else? Have you ever dealt with this company? ... I quickly said, "NO THANKS." My take: I'm not going to sign-up for anything that charges me \$59.95/year--especially if I don't order any product.

FYI, part 2

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

- (1) George Pappas [referring to a picture in last week's BLAINESWORLD]: You're Less Likely To Develop Dementia And Alzheimer's. (2) Grandparents Who Babysit Are Earned her eighth Oscar nomination for her work in this film. She didn't win one this time, but she could have ... she was that good. So was Sam Neill as her husband. Rated PG-13.
- (3) B. Saw 1988's A CRY IN THE DARK--aka EVIL ANGELS. It's a fact-based Australian drama about a working class woman accused of killing her daughter. Meryl Streep earned her eighth Oscar nomination for her work in this film. She didn't win one this time, but she could have ... she was that good. So was Sam Neill as her husband. Rated PG-13.

Note: I saw this via TCM. It is worth looking for via Netflix or any other source where you get your films.

C. Read 29 GIFTS: HOW A MONTH OF GIVING CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE (Brightside Communications) by Cam Walker. ... The author, diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2006, kept having negative thoughts about what her future would bring. Then she received an unusual prescription from a friend, an African medicine woman named Mbat Creazzo. Give 29 gifts in 29 days. "By giving," Creazzo told her, "you are focusing on what you have to offer others, inviting more abundance into your life." So that's what Walker started to do, and her life began changing for the better almost immediately. Her gifts weren't lavish, nor were they expensive. They included such things as making a call, writing a creative poem to be read aloud at a friend's birthday party, giving flowers to strangers and donating money to a worthy cause even when she was in debt herself. ... I also enjoyed reading the stories submitted by others, as well as the last part of the book written by Creazzo, in which she shared the history of the 29-day giving ritual.

Note: What's cool is that the above movement still lives. For more information about it, please click: [Here](#)

D. Heard HOW TO TALK DIRTY AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY (Hachette Audio), written by Lenny Bruce and read by Ronnie Marmo. ... I had heard bits and pieces about his life, but didn't know his whole story until I read this book, and I'm glad I did. ... For those not familiar with who he was, he was a comedian who was prosecuted and arrested for material that is now common on cable TV. His efforts cleared the way for all those who followed him, including George Carlin, Richard Pryor and Joan Rivers, among others, who would never have been allowed to perform their material had it not been for Bruce. ... I got a special kick out of his description of his Jewish upbringing on Long Island (in an area not far from where I grew up), along with his retelling of his beginnings as a stand-up comedian. ... Tragically, he died at the age of 40 as the result of an accidental overdose. ... If you're a comedy fan, this is a book that should be a must read for you.

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5. TV alert

A. THE GOOD FIGHT: Sundays at 8 p.m. on CBS, premiering Feb. 19
This GOOD WIFE Fight-off has Christine Baranski returning. The fact that Delroy Lindo is also a regular cast member should make it watchable.

B. BIG LITTLE LIES: Sundays at 9 p.m. on HBO, premiering Feb. 19
This social satire, based on the bestseller, is about a suspicious death at a school fundraiser. Nicole Kidman, Reese Witherspoon, Shailene Woodley and Laura Dern star.

C. MAYA ANGELOU: AND STILL I RISE: Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m. (check local listings at pbs.org)
American Masters explores the creative and spiritual legacy of the renowned author/poet and activist in a documentary about her life, which includes an interview with Angelou shortly before her death in 2014.

D. SUN RECORDS: Thursdays at 10 p.m. on CMT, premiering Feb. 23
Musicians Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, and Jerry Lee Lewis met for an impromptu jam session at Sun Records in 1956. This new drama series, based on the hit musical MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET, recreates that day and what followed.

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6. Joke 2

A mother was teaching her child about the side-effects of alcohol. She gets two short glasses, filling one with water and the other with whiskey. She says "I want you to see this." ... She puts the water in the water, and it swims around. She puts a worm in the whiskey, and the worm dies immediately. She then asks, feeling that she has made her point by saying, "What do you have to say about this experiment?" ... The child responds clearly, "If I drink whiskey, I won't get worms!"

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Judy McKnight (sharing the performance of Mylles McKnight, her son) ...
Beethoven-Sonata for Violin and Piano #6-1st mvmt
[Here](#)

(2) Jean Dolan ... Jazz on a Summer's Day (full 1959 movie)
[Here](#)

(3) Sky Simonov ... When a student asks for make up-work
[Here](#)

(4) Best flop you'll ever see (in middle of accompanying article)
[Here](#)

(5) Steven Shuman ... Dog delivers newspapers to neighbors
[Here](#)

B. To those interested in astronomy ... your help is needed in searching for new objects at the edges of our solar system. To quote from the website: In this project, we'll ask you to help us distinguish real celestial objects from image artifacts in data from NASA's Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE) mission. The real objects are brown dwarfs and low-mass stars, the Sun's nearest neighbors. You may find an object closer than Proxima Centauri (the closest star to the Sun) or even discover the Sun's hypothesized ninth planet, which models suggest might appear in these images. If you'd like to join in, please click: [Here](#)

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

Web of Trust (MyWOT) is something you MUST use if you want to ensure safe Internet searches and browsing. It is a free browser extension, mobile app and API that lets you check if a website is safe before your reach it, giving you a clean and safe browsing environment. To download it, please click: [Here](#)

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9. Joke 3

When Charles de Gaulle decided to retire from public life, President and Mrs. Kennedy threw a dinner party in his honor. At the table, Mrs. Kennedy was talking with Madame de Gaulle: "Your husband has been such a prominent public figure, such a presence on the French and international scene for so many years! Retirement will seem so quiet in comparison. What are you most looking forward to in these retirement years?" ... "A penis," replied Madame de Gaulle. A huge hush fell over the table. Everyone heard her answer and no one knew what to say next. ... Le Grand Charles leaned over to his wife and said: "Ma cherie, I believe ze English pronounce zat word, "appiness!"

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10. A quote I like

"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."--ad for a book by Edward J. Stieglitz, THE SECOND FOURTY YEARS

Note: This quote got a lot of play when the Republican National Committee incorrectly attributed it to Abe Lincoln in a tweet celebrating his Feb. 12th birthday. For more information about what happened, please click: [Here](#)

Personally, I'm more inclined to believe what Lincoln said about internet quotes, in general.

And here's a little known factoid that you may not have known ... Lincoln was also the inventor of the selfie!

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11. Thought for the day

It's not your job to change who you are in order to become someone else's idea of a worthwhile human being. You are worthwhile. Not because other people think you are, but because you are breathing your own air; and therefore you matter. Your thoughts matter. Your feelings matter. Your voice matters. And with or without anyone's approval or permission, you must be who you are and live your truth. Even if it makes people turn their heads. Even if it makes them uncomfortable. Even if they choose to leave. (Thanks, Trissa King, 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) Kimberly Ross: Love Is Swing Dance Workshop. (2) "My Name Is Rachel Corrie. (3) Broadway Bootcamp. (4) TORRIE TEMPEST: THE FINAL INTERVIEW. (5) Biltmore 15K/5K Race.

B. PA/NJ events

- (1) RHYTHM OF THE EARTH. (2) Plumstead Historical Society.

PS. How to make me happy on Valentine's Day! (Thanks, Risa Reavely, for sharing.)

And my hope is that the rest of the week is also happy for you.

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