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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) Went to Carmel's for a delicious dinner. Pictured, l-r: Walela Dobroski, Beth Mayberry, Jensen Gelfond, Blaine Greenfield, Cynthia Greenfield and Judy Ray.





(2) From there, we went to PechaKucha Night Asheville to hear me present on "The Platinum Rule (a Better Alternative to the Golden Rule.) My friend, Tina FireWolf, also gave an excellent presentation. For more pictures, please click:

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(3) Had a good visit with our excellent dermatologist, Dr. Todd Wilkinson. Afterward, to celebrate the news, we went out for lunch. Here's a picture of us, enjoying the tasty sandwiches at East Village Grill.





(4) We also had fun visiting the newly-opened Lee's Hoagies. That place is just a few blocks from us, and they also deliver. Methinks we'll be back there quite often.



B. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wed., February 28, 2018Guests (first half): Amanda Levesque and Meredith Roseman Yager, writers and directors of "The Unspoken Word"; for more

information: <https://www.facebook.com/The-Unspoken-Word-by-Amanda-Levesque-and-Meredith-Roseman-385337238571909/?pnref=story>

... Guest (second half): Daniel Judson, inventor of the Freedom Tether; for more information: <http://www.freedomtether.com> ... Pictured, l-r: Meredith Roseman Yager, Blaine Greenfield, Daniel Judson and Amanda Levesque. ... To listen to the show, please click:

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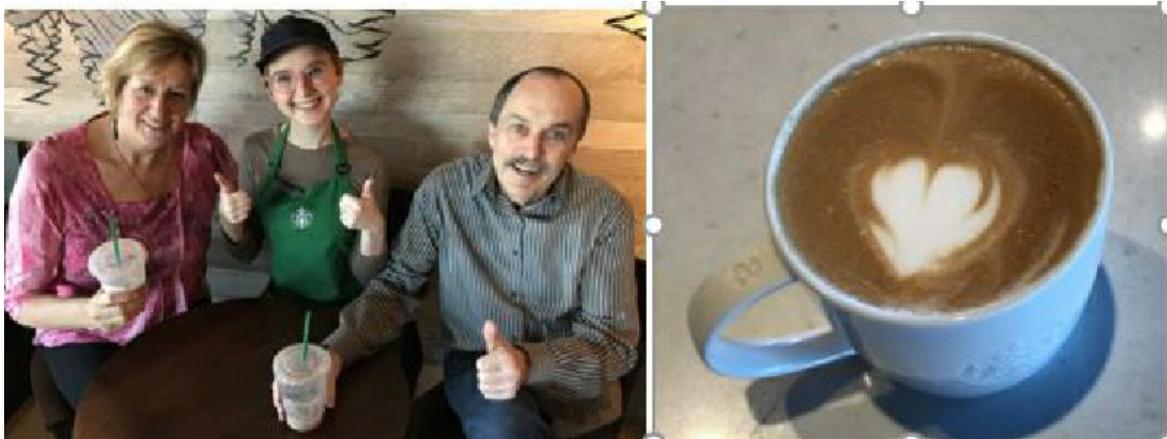


C. During the week:

(1) I got the chance to visit with my friend Steven Shulman who was visiting from Florida. We solved all the world's problems at Green Sage, one of the eateries I enjoy most in the Asheville area.



(2) And I got to join my friend Lori Lynn Mullett (left) to join our favorite barista, Heather Bronson (center), at Starbucks. That's one of her many artistic creations on the right.



E. Condolences to:

(1) Walter Beals and Susannah Bew on their new life casting service/business. Pregnancy belly casting will be one of the services that they will offer.

(2) Carol Seufert on her new position as Coordinator, Online Learning, at Community College of Philadelphia.

(3) Joe McDermott on his new position as a realtor with Hanna Frederick Commercial Real Estate. He handles commercial, investment and residential real estate transactions.

(4) Dr. Paul Miscovitz on his appearance on CBS. To view it, please click: [Here](#)

(5) Asheville for being named "the Coolest City You've Never Been To" by GQ. To read the article, please click:

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(6) Bob Hinkle and his venue, White Horse Black Mountain, for being featured on NORTH CAROLINA WEEKEND. It was also great to see Don Talley in it. To view the clip, please click:

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(7) Seth Abbott and Michelle DeVylder on their engagement.

(8) Victor Feraru on being named one of the National Jurist Law Students of the Year. To read more about this honor and to see a news clip about it, please click: [Here](#)

(9) Charlotte Wade, winner of Contest #5: an autographed copy of my friend's fantastic CD: CHUCK BEATTIE NATURAL MAN. All told, there were four entries. And that reminds** me that it's now time to introduce ...

***** CONTEST #6

One lucky reader will win a copy of ANIMATING YOUR CAREER by Steve Hickner, a film director at Dreamworks Animation. This is a valuable guide to navigating the journey of a career in the creative fields (that also applies to other areas) ... To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #6 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, March 12, 2018.

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

This week, it goes to PechaKucha Night Asheville (see also Section 1A), as well as to organizers and sponsors of the organization: Jay Hill: Megan Martell and Odyssey Community School; Jasper Adams and Nic Goodman and Ninebar Creative; Kate Kelleher; Ryan Naylor; and Kristin Erhard ... They all helped make the recent evening the success that it was, and their feedback was appreciated not only by me, but all the other presenters. ... In particular, I'd like to recognize the efforts of Jay, the person who manages PechaKucha Night Asheville. He helped me with my slides and even motivated me to put together my first PowerPoint presentation. ... For more information, please click:

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Note: For a real cool experience, attend the next event of Jun 1, 2018. For details about that, send an email to: talk@pechakuchaavl.org.

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2. FYI

Thanks, Jean Dolan, for sharing this recent post on Facebook:
American Library Association Updates Its CRAAP Test for Spotting Fake News
by Michelle Debczak

In an age when dubious "news" stories spread on social media like viruses, the importance of spotting bogus sources is more relevant than ever. But the American Library Association (ALA) has been using its own BS-detecting system for years, and its name is hard to forget.

The CRAAP test consists of five criteria: currency, relevance, authority, accuracy, and purpose [PDF]. Sarah Blakeslee of the University of California at Chico's Meriam Library developed the standard as a way for students and teachers to evaluate

sources with a skeptical eye. The tool is especially helpful when conducting research on the internet, where unsubstantiated blog posts show up in a Google search beside peer-reviewed studies.

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FYI, part 2

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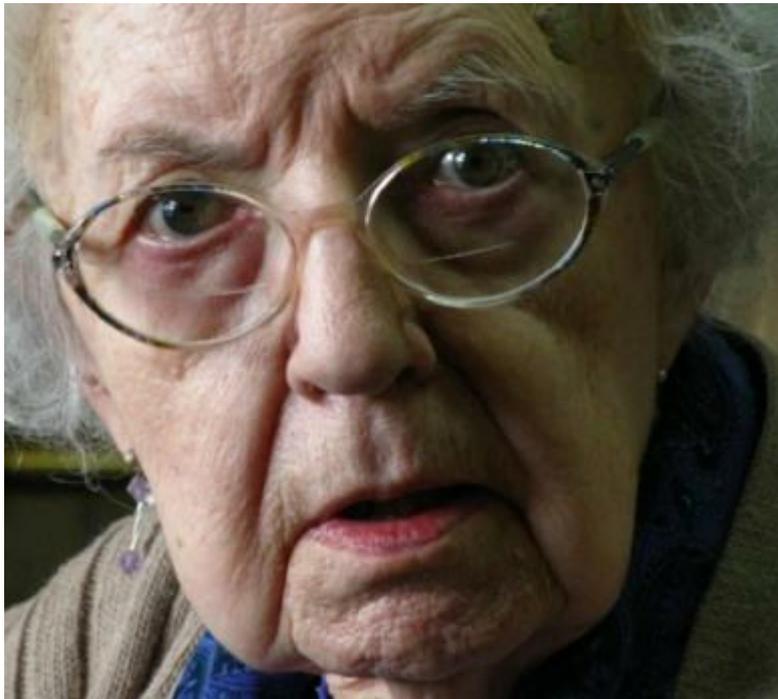
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(1) Thanks to the many folks who submitted feedback on my new headshot. (2) Andy Scarpati: Great pic your wife and the lady on the left! (3) Ilene Logelin: The remedy to put metal detectors manned by trained personnel may be helpful, but to me it's just putting a band-aid on the real problem. (4) Why aren't there more women in Science and Technology (5) Beyond Lemons and Vinegar: How to Clean with Ketchup, Vodka, Butter and More.

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3. Joke 1

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Walmart. ... "Walmart?" the preacher exclaimed. "Why Walmart?" ... "Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week."



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4. Reviews

A. Saw GAME NIGHT, a dark comedy about a weekly couples game night that gets kicked up a notch when a murder mystery night becomes the theme. A terrific cast (including Jason Bateman, Rachel McAdams and Kyle Chandler) had me laughing at many of the twists and turns. If you don't see it at a local theatre, catch it when it becomes available via streaming. Rated R.

B. Read **FIND YOUR OWN CALCUTTA: LIVING A LIFE OF SERVICE AND MEANING IN A SELFISH WORLD** (WestBow Press) by William Murdock ... the author, co-founder and executive director of Eblen Charities, is a past recipient of the Mother Teresa Global Prize for Peace and Leadership.

He based this book on the great example of Mother Teresa and others who have found a life of joy and meaning in reaching out to those in need.

One story, in particular, made a big impression on me. Murdock writes about a young woman who wanted to join Mother Teresa in Calcutta to dedicate her life to serving the poorest of the poor. She was told "no" via this note:

Stay where you are. Find your own Calcutta. Find the sick, the suffering, and the lonely right where you are--in your own homes and in your own families, in your workplaces, and in your schools. You can find Calcutta all over the world, if you have the eyes to see. Everywhere, wherever you go, you find people who are unwanted, unloved, uncared for, just rejected by society--completely forgotten, completely left alone.

I also liked the quotes at the beginning of each chapter, including this one from Mother Teresa: "Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you."

And at the end of each chapter, Murdock presents several useful tips entitled "Let Us Begin." For example, these caught my attention:

We must strive to eliminate the desire for praise and the fear of criticism.

We are not called to succeed. We are called to serve.

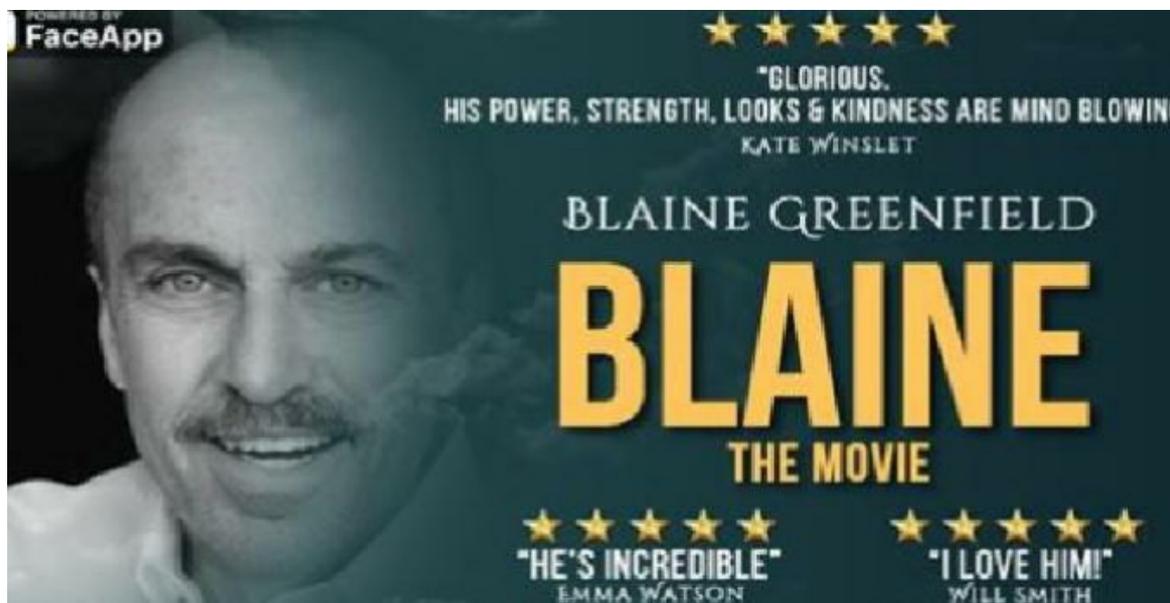
Our focus should not be on what others do or don't do, nor should our focus be on their opinion of what we are called to do. It never matters what they do; it matters what we do.

I really enjoyed this thought-provoking book and think it would be a fantastic gift for anybody, but especially to those graduating high school or college.

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5. TV alert

A. **THE 90TH ACADEMY AWARDS**: Sunday, March 4, at 8 p.m. on ABC
Jimmy Kimmel returns as host. I'll be watching to see if my film (below) receives any recognition.



C. **MISTER ROGERS: IT'S YOU I LIKE**: Tuesday, March 6, at 8 p.m. on PBS (check

local listings at pbs.org)

Beloved children's host Fred Rogers is remembered in a 50th anniversary salute to MISTER ROGERS' NEIGHBORHOOD. Michael Keaton, who appeared on the show in the 70s, hosts, and there will be testimonials from such celebrities as Whoopi Goldberg, John Lithgow and Judd Apatow.

C. A CAT'S ATTIC: YUSUF/CAT STEVENS: Wednesday, March 7, at 10 p.m. on PBS (check local listings at pbs.org)

Singer-songwriter Cat Stevens reflects on his 50-year career and life-changing experiences.

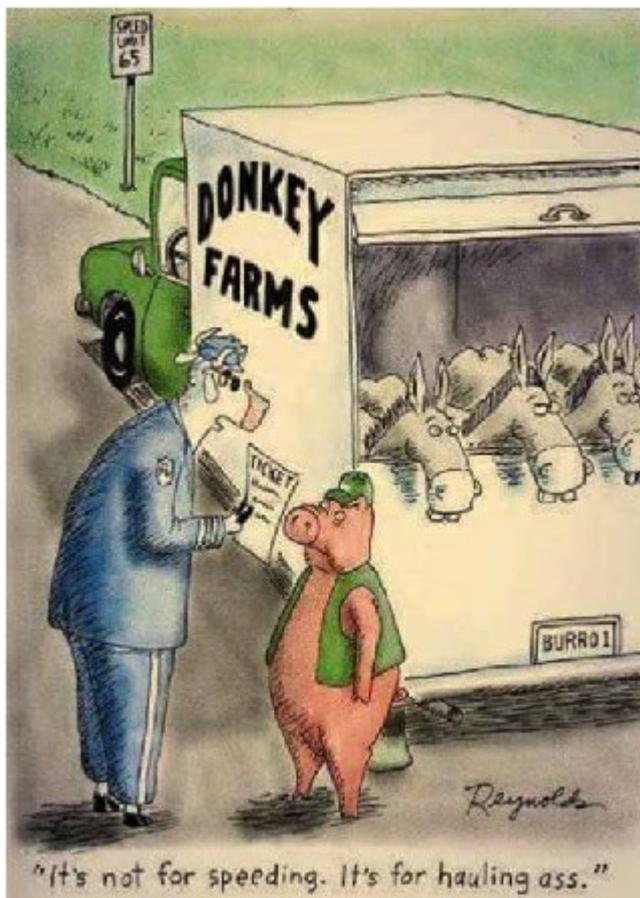
D. HIGH NOON: Thursday, March 8, at 8 p.m. on TCM

A sheriff battles killers in the classic Western that featured Garry Cooper's Oscar-winning performance.

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6. Joke 2

Democrats just can't catch a break--either in the political arena or even in the back of this truck!



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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience, all shared by Ed Nasta (who often finds great stuff online):

(1) Me pretending I know something about wine

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(2) When you can't resist the chorus

[Here](#)

(3) World's fastest 300 game

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B. To see just how false and unverified claims are shared, Craig Silverman, a journalist and fellow at the Tow Center for Digital Journalism at Columbia University, developed Emergent, a tool that tracks the dissemination of rumors online on topics ranging from a Microsoft acquisition (true, Mr. Silverman says) to a supposed pumpkin spice condom created by Durex (false, Mr. Silverman says). To check out this site, please click:

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To read an informative article that provides more information about the above, please click:

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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

Tools to Keep Your Children in Line When They're Online

by J. D. Biersdorfer

Q. Can Windows 10 track how much time a child spends playing games?

A. If the child is using a specially configured Microsoft account, the "family" feature built into Windows 10 can compile reports about how a session was spent - including any games played on the computer or on an Xbox One console. These activity reports are emailed to a parent's account and list the games and apps used by the child, along with the websites browsed. The keywords used on search engines are also noted - as long as either the Microsoft Edge or Internet Explorer browser was used.

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9. Joke 3

I can still remember a high school friend singing, "There's a bathroom on the right" instead of "Bad moon on the rise."

**Teens don't know
how good they
have it with lyrics**

**sites. We used to
have to sing shit
wrong for years
until the truth
destroyed us.**

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10. A quote I like

The kids from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School are doing their namesake--a journalist, women's suffrage advocate and environmental activist--proud. (Thanks, Jean Dolan, for sharing.)



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11. Thought for the day

Thanks, Cappy Tosetti, for this contribution:
Wisdom comes with living life, but it's also there when facing death. I saw this many times as my husband Jim readied himself for the journey beyond. One day, he shared something with a visiting pastor from Hospice.

The three of us were sitting outside at sunset, talking about the reality of facing one's

death. Jim seemed at peace with the inevitable, sharing his outlook on the situation. He was quick to say with a smile that he sounded a bit like Forrest Gump with his box of chocolates, but his was a different take on things.

He continued by saying, "Life is like a chain link fence ... intertwined with friends and family. My link is just a little closer to heaven."

So poignant and profound. So accepting and wise.

He died peacefully three days later at dawn.

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12. Advance planning department

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

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A. NC events

(1) A Sophisticated Musical Review - Putting It Together. (2) SBA Small Business Week Celebration. (3) Opening Reception At Mountain Bizworks, hosted by Judith Loniak Photography.

B. PA/NJ event

RED VELVET at ActorsNET.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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