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1. Reflections

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A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Loved 9 to 5 at Asheville Community Theatre. ... Jerry Crouch's direction of this fabulous musical was spot on. Featured were stellar performances from many of my friends, including Myra McCoury, Alexa Edelman, Luke Marshall Haynes,, Emily Warren McCurry, Carol Leslie Duermit, Trissa King, Frank E. Salvo, Heather Nicole Bronson, Alexandra Likens, Leslie Lang and Christopher W. Martin. ... Kudos, also, to Sarah Fowler for her work as musical director, Misty Theisen on reeds, Tina Pisano-Foor for her choreography, Jillian Summers for technical direction and scenic design, as well as to all the others that I didn't name who made the show the success that it was. ... For the full-sized pictures, please click:

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(2) From there, we went with our friends to a terrific dinner at the Korean House. Pictured, l-r: Blaine Greenfield, Cynthia Greenfield, Judy Ray, Marvin Sadovsky, Annemarie Brown, Bonnie Sibner, Carole Biro, Tom Gallagher and Marcy Gallagher.



(3) Continue to look for a new car for me. We briefly considered going for something on the small side (as shown below), but we've since decided to probably go for an Audi Q3. If you know anything about that vehicle, please let me know.





B. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wed., March 7, 2018Guest (first half): Mark Snodgrass, creative guru, Quantum DTG: for more information: innovate@quantumdtg.com ... Guest (second half): Kevin Jameson, president, Dementia Society of America; for more information: [Here](#) ... Pictured, l-r: Blaine Greenfield, Mark Snodgrass and Kevin Jameson ... To listen to the show, please click: [Here](#)



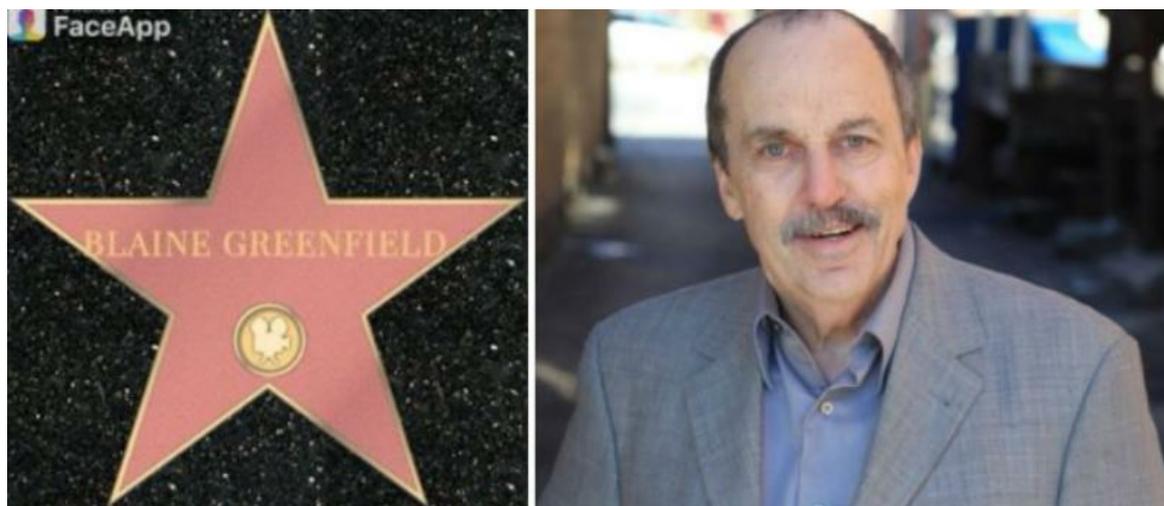
C. During the week, I:

(1) Caught Mark Lieberman and Tessa Martin (left photo), along with Jan Robbins and all the others in the talented cast, in RUMORS--a hilarious comedy now playing at Hendersonville Community Theatre through March 18. And kudos to Johnathan Forrester (right photo) for his fine direction. For tickets, please click: [Here](#)



(2) Received a pleasant surprise! Though I didn't win an Oscar the other night, I just heard that the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce chose me for its Walk of Fame. I'm now one of more than 2,600 stars that can be found there--not too far from such other celebrities as Elvis Presley, Kermit the Frog and Soupy Sales. ... What's next for me:

Getting a star for Turtles, arguably the greatest rock group of all time. I think it's disgraceful that Chicago and Kiss, among others, have stars, but not The Turtles. ...If you agree, find out how you can join me in submitting a nomination by clicking: [Here](#). (Thanks, Scott Treadway, for taking the headshot on the right. If you'd like him to take one for you, click: [Here](#).)



D. Condolences to:

- (1) Carol Dietrich Mikulski on the passing of Jacob Raymond Dietrich., her dad.
- (2) Sherry Luttrell and family on the passing of Sylvia Sharon Trent, Sherry's mom.
- (3) The family of Nanette Fabray, the comic actress. For her obituary, please click: [Here](#)

Note: Please also see this clip of her singing "Over the Rainbow." It was the first time that American Sign Language had been shown on live television.

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E. Congratulations to:

- (1) Alexandra Likens on her new position with The Academy at Terpsicorps as Academy Manager.
- (2) Carol Leslie Duermit on her new job as Loan officer at Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group.
- (3) Steven Samuels, producing artistic director, and John Crutchfield, associate artistic director, on forming Asheville's newest stage company, The Sublime Theater.

F. Correction: Last week's issue mixed up one word, but what a mix up it was. Instead of saying Congratulations (in Section 1) to a bunch of folks, I said Condolences. Sorry 'bout that! And thanks to Barbara Firestone, Elaine Bilk and Frank Zipperer for picking up this faux pas.

Note: If you missed the issue and/or wanted to see the correct version, it can be found by clicking:

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

***** 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 *****

Thanks, Mary Lou Sartoris (pictured below with Abby) for submitting the name of this week's recipient:

Cancer Patients in Asheville and surrounding communities, are fortunate to have the best of medical care at Asheville Hematology & Oncology, located at 20 Medical Park Drive-Asheville; 828.254.8232.

In addition to that fine medical care is an added benefit to the patients provided by a volunteer, Russ Bauman. Russ makes several visits each week to the Infusion Center with his therapy dog, Abby, a beautiful and sweet Golden Retriever Rescue.

Abby knows she is coming to "work" when Russ attaches her special yellow leash to her collar. She walks in quietly, approaching each patient cautiously to allow them to pet her if they wish to do so. Russ has personally trained Abby and has had her tested and certified to perform the valuable work of a therapy animal.

Studies show that when interacting with a therapy animal, a patient's blood pressure may be reduced, anxiety may lessen, and patients are better able to relax during their treatments.

Thank you, Russ, for sharing your beloved pet in such a kind and therapeutic way with the patients at Asheville Hematology & Oncology. We applaud you!



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2. FYI

Thanks, Jean Dolan, for posting this article on Facebook:

Beware when using GoFundMe

Provided by the Bucks County Department of Consumer Protection:

If you participate in Social Media, you have, no doubt, seen the various fundraisers that people post via the GoFundMe page. In the wake of the recent tragic school shooting massacre in Florida, We are seeing many fundraising efforts for the victims and their families.

The Bucks County Crimes against Older Adults Task Force warns consumers to be very careful when considering making a donation this way. Scam artists will even take advantage of tragedies.

For the rest of this informative article, please check:

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FYI, part 2

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

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(1) Mark Bennett: M.S. Douglas quote rocks. (2) 49 Ways To Say No To Anyone (When You Don't Want To Be A Jerk). (3) Chuck Schwing: Man Finds Street Cat And Brings Her On The Most Incredible Road Trip. (4) Jean Dolan: Experts stay here's how to prevent the next school shooting. (5) Janeen Ravkin: A couple of months ago, i told you that Lee's Hoagie House was opening in Asheville.

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3. Joke 1

It's 9 a.m., and I want to be fed now. I have no idea what you're talking about when you say it is Daylight Saving Time and that I missed my morning meal because the clocks were moved ahead an hour. ... Note to all pet parents: Daylight Saving Time Time officially began on Sunday night, March 11, at 2 a.m., so change your clocks accordingly--and feed your pets whenever they come around. (For some useful tips on how to help your pets adjust to the change, please click: [Here](#).)



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4. Reviews

A. Saw FILM STARS DON'T DIE IN LIVERPOOL, a biopic about Academy Award-winning actress Gloria Grahame and her young lover. Annette Bening and Jamie Bell

(so good as a youngster in BILLY ELLIOT) are fine in the leading roles, but overall, the film didn't do much for me. It also seemed to drag. Rated R.

B. You'll do better finding WILSON on Netflix. It is a quirky comedy about a middle-aged misanthrope who gets a shot at happiness when he learns he has a teenage daughter who he has never met. Woody Harrelson is outstanding in the leading role, as is Laura Dern as his estranged wife. Rated R.

C. Thanks, Mike Martinelli, for this recommendation of LOVE, SIMON (rated PG-13). He saw a special screening prior to its national release this coming Friday. Here is what he had to say about it:

It is great. You'll love it. The audience definitely did. Very much a teen-themed movie. Amazing reception from the audience.

John Crawley had this to add:

One of my theater kids is an extra in the film. Can't wait to see it. Loved the book!

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5. TV alert

A. AMERICAN IDOL: Sunday, March 11, at 8 p.m. on ABC

After a two-year hiatus, IDOL returns with new judges Katy Perry, Luke Bryan and Lionel Richie. Ryan Seacrest continues as host.

B. JANE: Monday, March 12, at 8 p.m. on National Geographic Channel

The acclaimed 2017 documentary about primatologist Jane Goodall makes its TV premiere. It has been taken from more than 100 hours of never-before-seen footage.

C. RISE: Tuesday, March 13, at 10 p.m. on NBC

A burned-out English teacher takes over the high school's theater department and tackles SPRING AWAKENING, the controversial musical.

D. THIS IS NOT HAPPENING: Friday, March 16, at midnight on Comedy Central

This monologue series features comedians telling true stories about a single topic.

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6. Joke 2

My hope is that my friends in the Northeast didn't get this much snow. But even if they did, I also hope that they they had fun playing in it--or at least drinking the beer.

(Thanks, Risa Reavely, for sharing.)





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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Lee Tomlinson at TedxLilly Event at Eli Lilly & Company Headquarters, May 2016
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(2) Kay Galvin: Cat watching horror movie
[Here](#)

(3) Doug Snipes: When your girlfriend is a savage
[Here](#)

(4) Jean Dolan: The Hamilton Polka' - Weird Al Yankovic
[Here](#)

(5) Carole Biro: Deaf Singer Earns Simon's Golden Buzzer With Original Song - America's Got Talent
[Here](#)

(6) Mark Jones: 'The Greatest Showman' Star Keala Takes the Stage
[Here](#)

(7) Lucille Eckert: Colt the service dog helps owner put items into shopping trolley
[Here](#)

B. I'm constantly amazed by how much you can learn online--for free. For more information, check out Future Learn by clicking:
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Some upcoming courses include the following:
An Intermediate Guide to Writing English for University Study
Becoming Career Start: How to Steel Yourself
Human Disease: Understanding Cardiovascular Disease
Cyber Security for Small and Medium Enterprises

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

For Two Months, I Got My News From Print Newspapers. Here's What I Learned.
by Farhad Manjoo

I first got news of the school shooting in Parkland, Fla., via an alert on my watch. Even

though I had turned off news notifications months ago, the biggest news still somehow finds a way to slip through.

But for much of the next 24 hours after that alert, I heard almost nothing about the shooting.

For the rest of this interesting article, please click:
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9. Joke 3

I don't want to brag or make anyone jealous or anything, but I can still fit into the socks I wore in high school. (Thanks, Janeen Ravkin, for sharing.)



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10. A quote I like

The reason why dogs don't live as long as people, according to a 6-year old: "People are born, so that they can learn how to live a good life. Like loving everybody all the time and being nice. Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long." (Thanks, Linda Feinberg, for sharing.)





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11. Thought for the day

Soooo true! This also reminds me of what my late friend, Pat Skea, used to tell me. ... Whenever somebody asked him for a minute, he would always say "yes." ... His thinking: You can always find at least a minute for anybody.



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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) Friends: Making Sharing Loving Losing. (2) Video of the premiere of The Unspoken Word.

B. PA/NJ events

(1) Celebrated Musical 'Fiddler on the Roof' Comes to MCCC's Kelsey Theatre March 16-25. (2) RED VELVET at Actors' Net in Morrisville.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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