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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) Had the pleasure of seeing PUTTING TOGETHER: A MUSICAL REVUE at 35below. Charlie Burchill, Candice Burchill and Mark Jones (left photo) and Lyn Donley and Stephen A. Gonya were all outstanding in this tuneful musical that featured words and music by Stephen Sondheim. ... Kudos, also, to Mark for his direction, as well as to John R. Crawley for his music direction/keyboarding and Jessica Garland for her choreography.



(2) We then joined our friends Marcy and Tom Gallagher for a fine meal at one of our favorite eateries, Bonefish Grill in Asheville, where we received excellent service from Matt. ...Afterward, Cynthia received a cute cat statue from Marcy that meant a lot because it had belonged to Marcy's mom (Judy Blumlo). ... And Tom gave Cynthia something he had built for our outside cats: an Enchanted Kitty Cottage. As can be seen by the pictures, Tom outdid himself by painting the inside of it. ... To see one more picture and the others at full size, please click:

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(3) Dined at the Brevard Road location of Apollo Flame Bistro.





B. During the week, I:

(1) Hosted two informative guests on my BLAINESWORLD radio show on WPVM/FM. ... Christa Tinari (first half), Peace Educator and Consultant, specializing in Bullying Prevention and Social Emotional Learning; for more information: [Here](#) ... Janelle Lucido (second half), Manager of Beetree Bone Broth; for more information: [Here](#) ... Pictured, l-r: Christa Tinari, Blaine Greenfield and Janelle Lucio ... To listen to the show, please click: [Here](#).



(2) Caught the second to last performance of MOUNTAIN POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE at The Magnetic Theatre. If you want some laughs, make that a lot of laughs, catch this locally-sourced political comedy. ... Pictured, l-r: (left photo) Michael Lilly, director; Honor Moor, playwright; and Blaine Greenfield; and (right photo) Scott Cameron, Tara Thedossis, Delina Hensley, Blaine Greenfield, Tim Plaut and Cary Nichols.



(3) Solved all the world's problems with Grant Randall over a tasty breakfast at the Sunny Point Cafe. My organic carrot pancakes were particularly outstanding.





C. Condolences to Ginny Plaisted and family on the passing of Frederick Plaisted, Ginny's father.

D. Congratulations to:

(1) Rebecca Kelley on her new position as Hospital Teaching Artist at Bellevue Hospital

(2) Jean Holmes on her new position as Vice President of Institutional Advancement for the Hepatitis B Foundation, starting April 9.

(3) Sue Russeck, winner of Contest #6: a copy of ANIMATING YOUR CAREER by Steve Hickner, a film director at Dreamworks Animation. All told, there were just two entries. And that reminds me that it's now time to introduce ...

***** CONTEST #7 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of FIND YOUR OWN CALCUTTA: LIVING A LIFE OF SERVICE AND MEANING IN A SELFISH WORLD. 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. I reviewed it in BLAINESWORLD #1118 and really enjoyed it. ... To enter the contest, send an email to: bjinbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #7 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 26, 2018.

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

This week, it goes to Amy Pryznoch--the new producer (of my BLAINESWORLD radio show). She has been with me some six weeks and has proved to be a welcome addition. Her responsibilities include lining up guests, developing the script and ensuring that things go smoothly when I'm on the air. She is both friendly and helpful, and my guests all report that she has made them most comfortable. ... In addition, Amy is helping to ensure that the archives to the show are up to date. And when not doing all this, Amy doubles as my assistant for a variety of other projects. I'm lucky to have her on board!





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2. FYI

You've heard me say it before, but I'll say it again: There's no such thing as a free lunch. Or dinner, for that matter.

Recently, I saw a post on Facebook from a friend who shall remain nameless. She thanked Outback Steakhouse for running a coupon that promised both a \$100 Gift Card and 2 free entrees.

A quick search on Google was all that was necessary to find out this was fraudulent. For more information, please click:

[Here](#)

Note: Before you share such offers on Facebook, via email, etc., please first check them out to make sure they are legitimate. You can often do by checking the company's website. Another option is to punch in the first few words of the supposed offer; e.g., "Outback Steakhouse scam alert."

FYI, part 2

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

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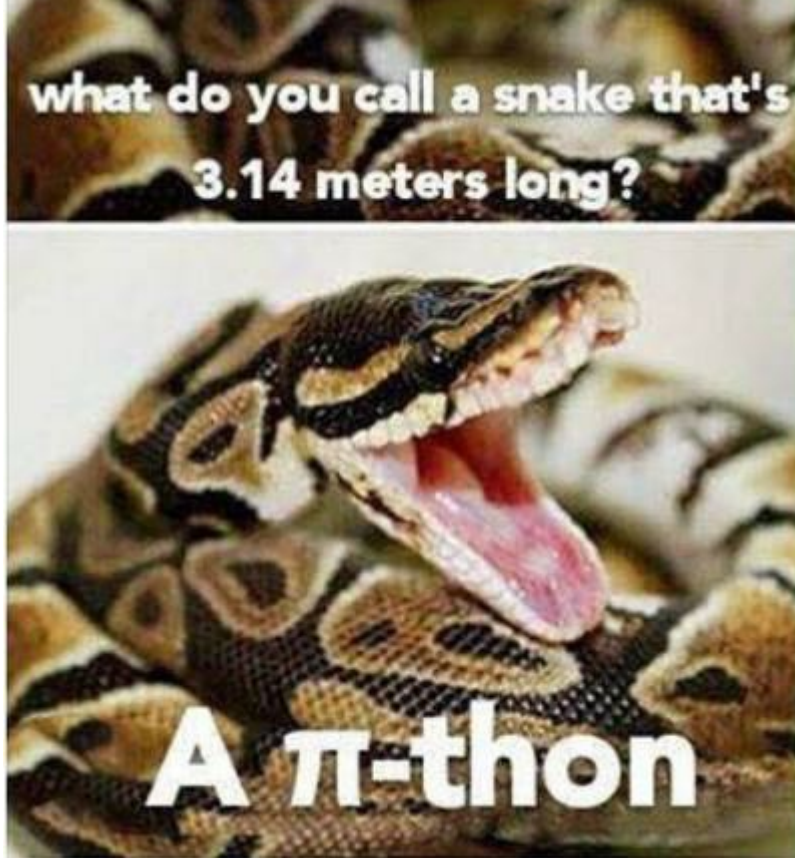
(1) Bill Lewis: Have you ever seen the Tom Hanks movie, The Circle? (2) Please! I Can't Eat Any More Chocolate? (3) How Exercise Can Keep Aging Muscles and Immune Systems Young. (4) Out of the Doghouse, Into the Bed.

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3. Joke 1

HAPPY NATIONAL PI DAY! ... For those who are mathematically challenged, Pi Day is March 14 ... or 3.14-like the numerical equivalent of pi, 3.14. ... My hope is that you can celebrate the occasion by getting a pie for \$3.14 or, even better, completely free. Check out the following eight places where you can do just that-including two located in Asheville: [Here](#). (Thanks, Jim Chewing, for sharing.)





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4. Reviews

A. Saw LOVE, SIMON, an engaging romantic comedy about 17-year-old Simon Spier who is gay, but he hasn't told his family or friends. He also has fallen in love online with an anonymous classmate. Nick Robinson is terrific in the leading role, and I liked the work of Josh Duhamel and Jennifer Garner as his parents. Rated PG-13.

B. See if you can find DUMMY on disc or via streaming. You'll love this quirky comedy about a guy who has a knack for ventriloquism and his best friend who takes a shine to Yiddish music. Adrien Brody stars, and he is outstanding--as is the rest of the cast, including Vera Farmiga (very sweet as his love interest), Milla Jovovich, Illeana Douglas and Ron Liebman. Rated R.

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5. TV alert

A. INSTINCT: Sundays at 8 p.m. on CBS
Alan Cumming stars as an ex-CIA abnormal behavior expert, author and professor who teams with an NYPD detective to solve crimes, though he'd promised his husband he was out of the game. Whoopi Goldberg co-stars.

B. GENIUS JUNIOR: Sundays at 9 p.m. on NBC
This brain-teasing game show, hosted and produced by Neil Patrick Harris, has teams of pint-sized prodigies compete in brain-bowl quizzes, spell long words backwards and compute complicated math equations.

C. ARTHUR MILLER: WRITER: Documentary premiere on Monday, March 19, at 8 p.m. on HBO
The filmmaker is Arthur Miller's daughter, Rebecca Miller, who tells the story using interviews she shot with her Pulitzer Prize-winning farther before he died in 2005.

D. ROYAL MATCHMAKER: Movie premier on Saturday, March 24, at 9 p.m. on Hallmark Channel

A struggling NYC matchmaker is hired by a king to find his son a suitable wife in time for a national celebration.

Note: I mentioned RISE last week. It is a program about the making of a high school musical that airs on Tuesdays at 10 p.m. on NBC. I saw the first episode and liked it. In case you missed it, you can now view that first show by clicking:

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6. Joke 2

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY ... Be like me and celebrate all holidays, starting with this one. You'll have more food, fun and friends that way. ... And don't forget: Make sure your kilt is short enough to do a jig, but long enough to hide your lucky charms!
(Thanks, Carol Seufert, for sharing.)



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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Lucille Eckert: Los Lonely Boys - Heaven (Video Version)

[Here](#)

(2) Johnny McEntee, UConn QB Amazing Trick Shot Quarterback

[Here](#)

Note: For an update on what he has done since (including his work for Donald Trump), please click:

[Here](#)

(3) Animal Saves Others Animals

[Here](#)

(4) Mandy Moore - Moonshadow

[Here](#)

(5) Re-live Charles Barkley's hilarious 2012 impersonation of Shaq on 'Saturday Night Live'

[Here](#)

(6) Flip Wilson on The Ed Sullivan Show:

[Here](#)

(7) Jean Dolan: Al Bundy Beer Tax Speech

[Here](#)

B. Better Humans is a collection of the world's most trustworthy writing on human potential and self improvement, written by experts and published by Coach.me. To view it, please click:

[Here](#)

Among the recent articles that caught my attention were the following:

How to Say No to Requests

Networking for Introverts

How to Become More Likeable

How to Remember People's Name

There's even an option to write for Better Humans--and get paid, too. To find out more, please click:

[Here](#)

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

Jensen Gelfond, my computer guru, has come through again. He recently told me to install Everything, a search engine that replaces the normal Windows search with a much faster one.

To quote from the Publisher's Description:

Everything initially displays every file and folder on your computer. You can type in a search filter to limit what files and folders are displayed. Everything only uses file and folder names and generally takes a few seconds to build its database. 1,000,000 files will take about 1 minute.

Using the above has made my searches both easier and quicker!

To download a free copy, please click:

[Here](#)

Note: That's Jensen pictured below (center), along with Jackson Taylor(right)--his intern this semester from the Martin L. Nesbitt Jr. Discovery Academy. I recently had the pleasure of meeting Jackson and was impressed with his knowledge.

To find out more information about Jensen and/or to contact him, your best bet is to click his website:

[Here](#)

If it comes to technology, he is your guy. He has helped me with not only my computer needs, but also in figuring out my TV remote, developing timesaver methods to me publish this blog, assisting Cynthia with her iPod, getting my iPad to play in my car, etc.

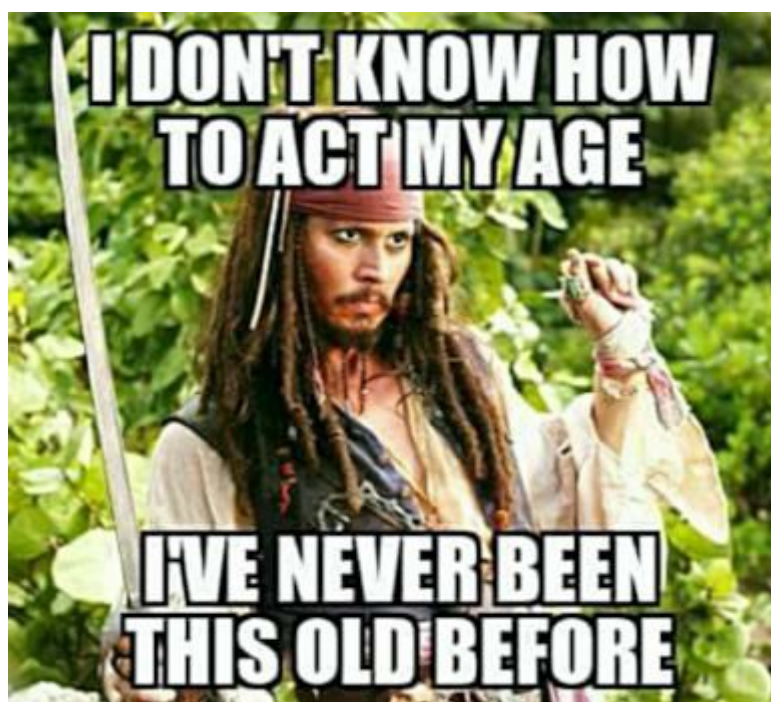


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9. Joke 3

This has me humming, "I Won't Grow Up" ... come join me by clicking:

[Here](#). (Thanks, Chris Field-Funk, for sharing.)

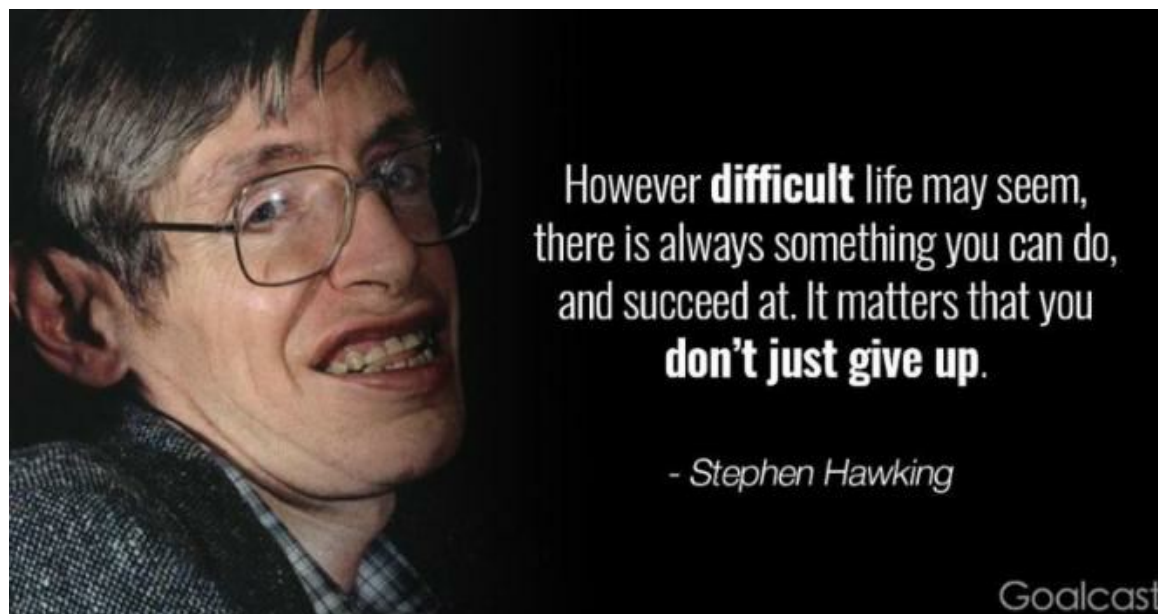


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10. A quote I like

Stephen Hawking (1942-2018), RIP, was an English theoretical physicist, cosmologist and author. To read more about this amazing man, please read his obituary by clicking:

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11. Thought for the day

Thanks, Marcy Gallagher, for sharing this poem she wrote for the Jewish Secular Community of Asheville's Shabbat service on March 2:

I wonder what tomorrow will be,
I'll have to check my schedule to see.
Meetings, appointments and laundry too...
I hope I'll have some time for me.

I wonder what tomorrow has in store,
will it be better than the day before?
Could I make it the best day I've ever had--
I can hear myself whisper "I want to do more."

I wonder what tomorrow will bring,
Will it be a day to mourn or a time to sing?
We never know what lies ahead,
Maybe tomorrow holds the promise of Spring.

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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) Jeff Messer's Maintaining An Election Returns To Magnetic! (2) Audition & Headshop Workshop!

B. PA/NJ events

(1) MCCC Theatre/Dance Program to Present Tony Award-Winning 'Spring Awakening.' (2) A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC at Actors' Net.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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