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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) Were honored to have been among the 6,000+ who participated in Asheville's March for Our Lives! Pictured, l-r: Annemarie Brown, Marvin Sadovsky, Tom Gallagher, Marcy Gallagher, Cynthia Greenfield and me.





From there, we went to the Green Sage in Westgate for a tasty lunch.



During the week, we also had some great chicken and waffles at King Daddy's Chicken and Waffle where we received fine service from Zach. Special thanks to Julie and John Stehling, owners of King Daddy's. They have turned this establishment into one of our favorite eateries in the Asheville area, while at the same time, doing a fantastic job running Early Girl Eatery (another of our favorites).

Update: We found out recently they have sold Early Girl; for more information about that transaction, please click:

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B. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wed., March 28, 2018Guest (first half):Marty Gillen, committee member, Asheville Jewish Film Festival; for more information: [Here](#). ... Guest (second half): Andrew Gall, producing artistic director (interim), The Magnetic Theatre; for more information: [Here](#). ... Pictured, l-r: Marty Gillen, Blaine Greenfield and Andrew Gall ... To listen to the show, please click: [Here](#).



Chris Oaks, my guest from last week, also appeared at the station to amaze us with his illusions. That's him with Amy Przynosch, prouder of the BLAINESWORLD show.

To view two of his illusions, please click:

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and

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C. FAVOR REQUEST: Please vote for me in this year's Best of WNC competition. To do so, register by clicking: [Here](#) ... Next go to the upper right, click Section Index and then Media. ... I'm up for consideration in these categories: 1. Local Blog:

BLAINESWORLD; and 2. Local Radio Personality: Blaine Greenfield. ... You must vote in at least 30 categories, so if you need other choices, please also consider: 3. Free Publication Other Than XPress: BLAINESWORLD; 4. Local Website Other Than mountainx.com: blainesworld.net; and 5. Local Radio Station (noncommercial): WPVM/103.7. ... If you want others to consider your name or business, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put OTHER in the subject line. Then put your name or business in the body of the email and tell me what are your categories. ... And if you're not familiar with the Asheville area, send an email to the same address for ideas on how to complete the ballot. Thanks!



D. INVITE: As you may know, I was honored to have been chosen to become a Board member of the Attic Salt Theatre Company. ... This organization puts on some fantastic shows, including MASS APPEAL (the first one of the season), a comedy. ... Cynthia and I will be sponsoring one of the performances: The one taking place on Sunday, April 8, at 2:30 p.m. at 35below. ... We'd love to have you join us. To get tickets, all you need to do is click: [Here](#) ... and, also, let us know if you can join us at the show and/or for dinner afterward--probably at Wasabi.

Note: Even if you can't make the show that day, try to catch it on another date. It runs through April 22. You can also use the above link to purchase your tickets for any other performance.

About the show:

Mark Dolson is ready to become a priest and shake the masses out of their complacency. Father Tim Farley likes the boy's spark, but has a calmer, more popular message to deliver. Will the student become the teacher? Or will Father Farley make his apprentice see that it's better to smile and enjoy some Communion wine? Find out in this Tony-winning play!

Asheville theater stalwart David Mycoff stars as Father Farley, and he will surprise many with his off-the-cuff humor, for those who only know him from his stints in classical works. Attic Salt veteran Patrick Brandt plays his foil, Mark Dolson, and again graces the company with his great talent and subtlety of character.

Attic Salt's Executive Director, Marci Bernstein, will serve as producer on this show, with costumes designed by local fashion designer McKinney Gough. The play will be directed by Jeff Catanese, Attic Salt's Artistic Director, and stage managed by Nina Troy.





Mass Appeal

a comedy by Bill C. Davis

E. Condolences to:

(1) Kathryn Suzanne Long and family on the passing of William Lee Long, Kathryn's uncle. For his obituary, please click:

[Here](#)

(2) The family of Rusty Staub, the former New York Met. To read his obituary, please click:

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My take: He was always underrated as a ballplayer. For more information on that topic, please click:

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F. Congratulations to:

(1) Patrick Fitzsimmons, the next Buncombe County Commissioner, on being featured on WLOS. To view the clip, please click:

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(2) John Le Monde, aka Rudolfo Kohn, on the publication of THE SPY WHO CAME BACK FROM THE DESERT: a thriller of mystery and espionage of Mr. K (trilogy). To purchase this book and the others in the series, please click:

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(3) Greg and Ashley Garrison on being featured (along with The Hop) on WLOS. To view the clip, please click:

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(4) Leo Zaldivar on being named the new Food and Beverage Director at the Read House in Chattanooga Tennessee.

(5) Rodney Smith on being profiled in the BILTMORE BEACON. To read the article, please click:

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(6) Chuck Fink on being profiled in the MOUNTAIN XPRESS. To read the article, please click:

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(7) Debbie Beans, winner of Contest #7: a copy of FIND YOUR OWN CALCUTTA: LIVING A LIFE OF SERVICE AND MEANING IN A SELFISH WORLD by William Murdock. All told, there were three entries. And that reminds me that it's now time to introduce ...

***** CONTEST #8 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of CREATIVITY ON DEMAND by Michael Gelb. The author (of such thought-provoking books as HOW TO THINK LIKE LEONARDO DA VINCI and BRAIN POWER) shows how to cultivate creative energy in a way that can

be done in 20 minutes or less. I especially liked his inclusion of many exercises for doing the above, as well as the pictures that were included that show exactly how these are to be done. To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #8 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 Mon., April 9, 2018.

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

I have a Herman Miller office chair that I love. However, after some ten years of use, the seat pad ripped and needed to be replaced. ... Initially, I thought I'd have to replace the whole chair, but when I called Herman Miller, I was told that it could be fixed by Alfred Williams & Company, out of Charlotte, NC. ... So I contacted that company and was very impressed with the service I received in purchasing the new part. In particular, I'd like to recognize the efforts of Rochelle McColl. She quickly got me an estimate and returned all my calls right away. But most amazing was the one time she called me back--from a hospital she was in for a short stay. Now that's going the extra mile! ... I'm pleased to report that Rochelle is out of the hospital and, also, that the new pad on my chair is working out just great. ... Special thanks, too, to my friend Connor Ray who came to our house to install the pad. Herman Miller could have also done that, but because they were coming from over 2 hours away, it would have been a very expensive repair.

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2. FYI

If you're like me, and you celebrate all holidays (more food, fun and friends that way), HAPPY PASSOVER! ... I'm thinking that it would be soooo cool to celebrate it with Phil Lesh, the legendary guitarist of the Grateful Dead who is in the center of the picture below. He hosts an annual Seder at Terrapin Crossroad, the Marin County club that he owns. ... For more information about that event, click: [Here](#) To view a bunch of songs that were played then, click: [Here](#) And even if we missed this year's celebration, let's plan to get there next year: [Here](#) . .



FYI, part 2

To read each of the following contributions in full, please click: [Here](#)

(1) Janeen Ravkin: In case I don't mention it enough to you, I absolutely love getting Blainesworld. (2) Aisles of Dogs. (3) Inside Broadway's Secret Laboratory. (4) Deborah Belcher: Reduced to scrolling for the jokes. (5) Len Ennis: Harris Teeter had all their pies for \$3.14 on pi day. (6) Pat Hannigan: Spoke to a friend who lived in Charleston NC for about 10 years. I asked him about Asheville. (7) Grant Randall: You can not go wrong with an Audi. (8) Maria Mason: Beautiful congratulations on your star! (9) Barbara Firestone: I was hysterical out loud with joke 3. (10) Brian Hoffman: So ... why did you go with the Buick and not the Toyota or Kia? (12) Going Cashless: My Journey Into the Future.

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3. Joke 1

MR. HELPFUL HERE ... For April Fools' Day and/or any other time, I have the perfect prank for you. It is very simple to pull off and relatively harmless. To view a clip of the whole thing, please click: [Here](#). (Thanks, Luicille Eckert, for sharing.)



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4. Reviews

Update: Recently, I ran information on MoviePass--the app that lets you see a film a day for only \$10/month. I've been using it and been mostly pleased with the results. To learn more about Movie Pass, please click:

[Here](#)

A. Saw KEEP THE CHANGE, a romantic comedy about two adults on the autism spectrum who meet in a support group. The film dragged a bit, in the beginning, but came together by the end. It's very sweet. I was also impressed by the performances, many of them who are amateurs with no prior acting experience. Rated NR, but I don't think it is appropriate for young teenagers because of the sexual language of much of the dialogue.

B. Find FREQUENCY, a 2000 thriller about time travel. Dennis Quaid and Jim Cavizel are both terrific, playing a firefighters and his son who connect via an old ham radio. If you can suspend disbelief, you'll find this film enjoyable. Rated PG-13.

C. Heard SHOE DOG: A MEMOIR BY THE CREATOR OF NIKE (Simon & Schuster Audio), written by Phil Knight and read by Norbert Leo Butz. ... Unlike Amazon and Apple, the history of Nike wasn't very well known--at least not be me. But when Knight stepped down as the company's chairman in June, 2016, he finally decided that it was time to tell the story. ... And what a story it is. I especially liked learning how the company built much of its success with the help of partners and, also, how it let people be themselves. ... One way he did this was to use something he learned from General Patton: "Don't tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results." ... SHOE DOG is a good book for read for those who like autobiographies of successful business executives, as well as for both runners and fans of the Nike brand.

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5. TV alert

A. JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR LIVE IN CONCERT: Sun., April 1, at 8 p.m. on NBC
The cast includes John Legend as Jesus, Sara Bareilles as Mary Magdalene, Alice Cooper as King Herod and Hamilton alum Brandon Victor Dixon as Judas.

B. THE CHILD IN TIME: Sun., April 1, at 9 p.m. on PBS (check local listings at pbs.org)
Benedict Cumberbatch stars as kids' book author Stephen Lewis, still reeling from the disappearance three years earlier of his beloved 4-year-old daughter.

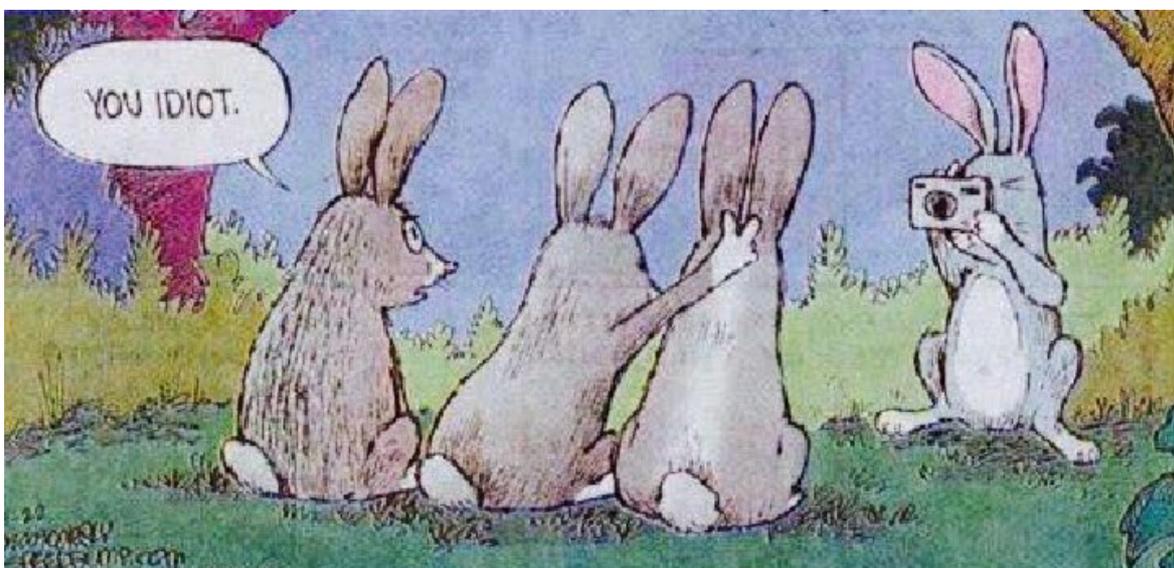
C. THE LAST O.G.: Tues., April 3, at 10:30 p.m. on TBS
Tracy Morgan plays Tray, a guy who after 15 years in prison. returns to an ex who has moved on--raising twins he never knew existed.

D. PATERNO: Sat., April 7, at 8 p.m. on HBO
Al Pacino plays Joe Paterno, the legendary Penn State football coach, who became embroiled in scandal as a result of a sex scandal involving one of his assistant.

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6. Joke 2

Rabbits do the darndest things. ... My hope is that they're at least on their best behavior today--and that you you can join both both them and me in enjoying a HAPPY EASTER!. ... Be like me and celebrate all holidays, starting with this one. You'll have more food, fun and friends that way.



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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Tom Orr: Career Highlight Reel

[Here](#)

(2) Carol Seufert: John Fogerty - Centerfield

[Here](#)

(3) Lucille Eckert: Heavenly Joy is ready to wage WAR against the enemy!

[Here](#)

(4) Kay Galvin: The 83-year-old lingerie model with a powerful message about aging

[Here](#)

B. To keep learning and keep growing, check out Personal Growth by clicking:

[Here](#)

Much of the material here is free; for example:

Doubt--What It Is and How to Overcome It

A Simple Way to Actually Stick to Your Goals

The 3 Keys to Becoming Irresistible

Some classes you have to pay for, but you'll be amazed at the instructors. And if the yearly rate (\$180 for unlimited courses) sounds reasonable. Here's just a partial list of the instructors: Gary Kasparov, Serena Williams, James Patterson, Herbie Hancock, Steve Martin, Samuel L. Jackson and Judy Blume.

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:

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8. Technology tip

How to Avoid Phony Facebook Phone Lines

by J.D. Biersdorfer

Q. Why doesn't Facebook have its telephone-support number listed on its website? I often have questions about using the site.

A. Facebook does not list a telephone number for technical support because Facebook does not offer technical support over the phone. However, if you search the web for a Facebook tech hotline, you will find plenty of phone numbers on the results page--and most of them are frauds.

For the rest of this informative article, please click:

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9. Joke 3

A person should have a dream. If you try your best, it will come true. ... So here was mine: a new car. Don't ask me why I chose white!



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10. A quote I like

"I [once] asked my dad, 'What do you think I should be when I grow up?' and he said, 'Whatever you do, do something of some service to someone else. Then and only then will you know, on your last dying breath, that it mattered that you were born.'"--Ann Curry, American television personality, journalist and photojournalist

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11. Thought for the day

Thanks, Ed Nasta, for sharing:
Betty White Credits Her Long Life to Vodka and Hot Dogs
by Jenna Yeon via Food Beast

Okay, let's be real. If Betty White is throwing a birthday party, I would like to get my hands on an invite. After all, the 96-year-old Golden Girl credits vodka and hot dogs to her long, healthy life. Can you imagine how much of a blast it'll be? Vodka and hot dogs? And "lots and lots of it."

Now that I'm a quarter century, my eyes have been lingering longer on the eye creams and wrinkle-reducing masks at Sephora. The number of supplements I take every day is kind of frightening. The truth is, while I may not be an OC Housewife, searching left and right for the next Fountain of Youth, I too dread getting older.

Well, according to White, a little bit of booze and processed meat is the key.

Okay, that doesn't mean everyone needs to go hard on multiple bottles of Grey Goose daily, but she may be onto something.

A study indicates people who drink moderately were over 20% less likely to die early of any cause.

White also adds an optimistic mindset leads to happier life.

"Enjoy life. Accentuate the positive, not the negative. It sounds so trite, but a lot of people will pick out something to complain about, rather than say, 'Hey, that was great!' It's not hard to find great stuff if you look."

True that, sister! Cheers to the true queen and happy birthday!

Now, who wants to come to my barbecue party this weekend? I'll get the vodka and hot dogs ready!



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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) CD Release Concert for The Richard Shulman Group. (2) Robert Thomas Performing at The Wine and Oyster Bar.

B. PA/NJ events

(1) A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC at Actors' Net. (2) SPRING AWAKENING at Kelsey Theatre.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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