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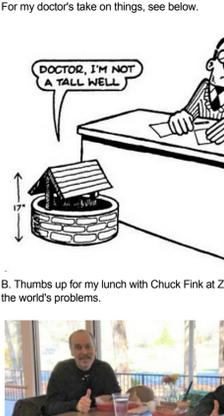
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1. Reflections

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: bgnibc@aol.com and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Were all smiles when this picture was taken at the recent Happy Together + 1 Reveal.



(2) Shortly thereafter, I got hit with a virus that unfortunately, Cynthia caught a few days later ... The cough from it is still lingering ... When one friend, Adele Safo said, " Give it a week or 10 days and then see, " I thought she was kidding. But it turns out she was right. ... Another friend, Michele Louzon, reminded me to try Vicks VapoRub on my feet. Not sure why it works, but it did give me some relief. For more information on that subject, please click: [Here](#).

Cynthia was particularly impressed when after the first night of trying this, she didn't hear me coughing. I was impressed, too. The only problem: She didn't hear me because I wasn't in bed. I had already gotten out for the morning. Here was my reaction when we discussed that: [Here](#).

Still another friend, Beth DuFree, really helped put things in perspective when she wrote: "Last week, I had the throat thing. Lost my voice and for 48 hours, felt like a truck hit me. Better now. ... It was Mother Earth screaming for me to slow down."

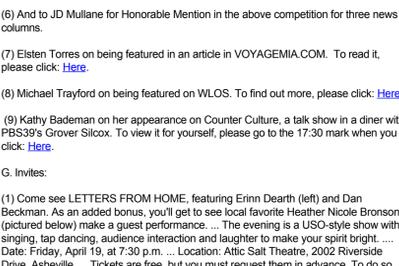
For my doctor's take on things, see below.



B. Thumbs up for my lunch with Chuck Fink at Ziggy's, at which time we got to solve all the world's problems.

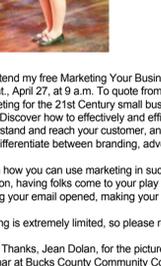


C. WPM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wednesday, April 10, 2019 ... The guests in the first half were Ted and Kimberly Ross (front row in the photo), Co-Founders of Dances4Events, Inc., and in the second half, Dee Etta (rear row in the photo), Actress... .. To listen to show, please click: [Here](#); to view the show, please click: [Here](#).



D. THANKS to y'all for reading this blog. As a result, I am pleased to announce that out of hundreds of thousands of customers, Constant Contact (the company that does my mailing) named me an All Star. This recognition was based on such factors as open rate and increase in number of subscribers.

As always, feel free to share BLAINESWORLD with your 437 closest friends and relatives--and encourage them to subscribe in the unlikely event they don't already get this missive. See above, right before Section 1A, for instructions on how to get on my mailing list.



E. Condolences to:

- (1) Clark Shuster and family on the passing of Jane Shuster, Clark's wife. For her obituary, please click: [Here](#).
- (2) The family and friends of Linda Hollinshead who passed away recently.
- (3) Ilene Logelin and family on the passing of Ilene's daughter.

F. Congratulations to:

- (1) Maralyn Lieberman and family on the birth of their newest granddaughter.
- (2) Mark Lieberman on being named Vice President of the Hendersonville Community Theatre Board.
- (3) Sean Simmonds and Specialized Physical Therapy for the new program it has started: KOP: Knock Out Parkinson's. For more information, please click: [Here](#).
- (4) Chuck Bademan on his retirement from Verizon.
- (5) Jo Ciavaglia for winning four awards in the recent Keystone Awards competition: First Place for investigative reporting , First Place for personality profile, Honorable Mention for news reporting and Honorable Mention for ongoing news coverage.
- (6) And to JD Mullane for Honorable Mention in the above competition for three news columns.
- (7) Elsten Torres on being featured in an article in VOYAGEMIA.COM. To read it, please click: [Here](#).
- (8) Michael Trayford on being featured on WLOS. To find out more, please click: [Here](#).
- (9) Kathy Bademan on her appearance on Counter Culture, a talk show in a diner with PBS39's Grover Silcox. To view it for yourself, please go to the 17:30 mark when you click: [Here](#).

G. Inves:

- (1) Come see LETTERS FROM HOME, featuring Erin Dearth (left) and Dan Beckman. As an added bonus, you'll get to see local favorite Heather Nicole Bronson (pictured below) make a guest performance. The evening is a USO-style show with singing, tap dancing, audience interaction and live marketing tools. Gain insights to understand and reach your customer, analyze your industry and business environment and differentiate between branding, advertising and grassroots marketing techniques. Date: Friday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. ... Location: Attic Salt Theatre, 2002 Riverside Drive, Asheville. ... Tickets are free, but you must request them in advance. To do so, send an email to: wpmfm@aol.com with your name and the number in your party.

Note: To find out more about what you'll be seeing that evening, please see this video by clicking: [Here](#).

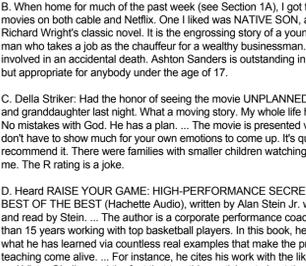


(2) Attend my free Marketing Your Business seminar, sponsored by Asheville SCORE, on Sat., April 27, at 9 a.m. To quote from the brochure: Marketing for the 21st Century small business is more dynamic and challenging than ever. Discover how to effectively and efficiently use marketing tools. Gain insights to understand and reach your customer, analyze your industry and business environment and differentiate between branding, advertising and grassroots marketing techniques.

Learn how you can use marketing in such diverse situations as getting chosen at an audition, having folks come to your play or store opening, increasing the odds of getting your email opened, making your business unique from the competition, etc.

Seating is extremely limited, so please register now by clicking: [Here](#).

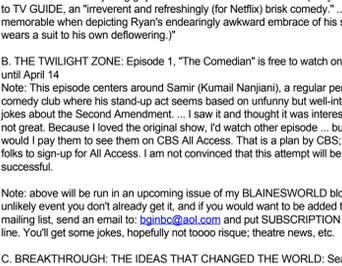
Note: Thanks, Jean Dolan, for the picture (below). That's me, presenting a similar seminar at Bucks County Community College several years ago.



(3) You can still vote in the Best of WNC competition by clicking: [Here](#).

After you register, then please vote in for me in these Media categories: (1) Local News Source: BLAINESWORLD (2) Local Events Information Source: BLAINESWORLD (3) Local Print Publication Other Than XPress: BLAINESWORLD (4) Local Radio Personality/Announcer: Blaine Greenfield.

If you need any more suggestions, just send an email to: bgnibc@aol.com and put SUGGESTIONS in the subject line ... Much obliged!



(4) Enter ...

*** Contest #8 ***

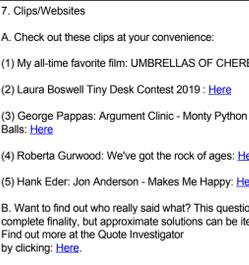
One lucky reader will win a gift package from Crow Bar Farm Goods. See picture below for what is included: NC Crafted Pale Ale with Orange Jelly, Herb Patch Seasoning and Blackberry Lavender Citrus Jam.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bgnibc@aol.com and put CONTEST #8 in the subject line, then include your name and snail mail address in the body of the email. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Mon. April 15.

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

This week, it goes to Marliou--a Fairhair Artisan/Technician who contends, to quote the slogan on her card, that "Everyone loves a little sparkle." ... That's her in the rear, recently doing her magic on both our friend Ginny Pleasted (left) and Cynthia ... Marliou is both talented and friendly, and she is genuinely proud. You can call or text her at 407.902.7498.

What's incredible about the work that she does is that afterward, Cynthia always gets lots of compliments. In contrast, nobody ever says anything about my hair!



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2. FYI

Gotta love this attitude ... when Peter J. "Pete" Ziegler Jr. awoke each morning, the first thing he would always say, was, "What are we going to do today?" ... Methinks that I should, make that, we all should consider beginning our day with a similar question.

Source: Ziegler's obituary, which can be found by clicking: [Here](#).

FYI, part 2

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

- (1) Goodbye Nursing Homes! The New Trend is Cohousing With Friends. (2) (2) Chris Filiptak: Paul Jarvis on Making Your Business Better, Not Bigger. (3) The Two Codes Your Kids Need to Know. (4) Complexifier, Mr. Bezos? It is a Real Word, Just Not in English.

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3. Joke 1

WARNING: Don't wear headphones while vacuuming. I've just finished the whole house before realizing the vacuum wasn't plugged in.



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4. Reviews

A. Saw THE THE BEST OF ENEMIES, a drama based on a true story about the relationship between an outspoken civil activist and a local Ku Klux Klan leader who become co-chairs of a community group battling over the desegregation of schools in Durham, North Carolina, during the summer of 1971. The story is an excellent one that needs to be told, and the film features very well-acting by both Taraji P. Henson and Sam Rockwell in the leading roles. ... But that said, the film felt flat. It seemed a bit like a TV movie and there didn't seem to be very much money put into the sets. I'd still recommend seeing it, if just for the message. Rated PG-13.

Note: I was perhaps spoiled by the fact that I had seen a stage production of THE BEST OF ENEMIES put on by Different Strokes! Performing Collective a few years ago. It was magnificent, and I found myself constantly comparing the movie to it. I much preferred the show.

B. When home for much of the past week (see Section 1A), I got to see a bunch of movies on both cable and Netflix. One I liked was NATIVE SON, a 2019 version of Richard Wright's classic novel. It is the engrossing story of a young African American man who takes a job as the chauffeur for a wealthy businessman. He then becomes involved in an accidental death. Ashton Sanders is outstanding in the leading role. NR, but appropriate for anybody under the age of 17.

C. Della Striker: Had the honor of seeing the movie UNPLANNED with my daughter and granddaughter last night. What a moving story. My whole life has been unplanned. No mistakes with God. He has a plan. ... The movie is presented very classy. They don't have to show much for your own emotions to come up. It's quite healing. I recommend it. There were families with smaller children watching it. That surprised me. The R rating is a joke.

D. Heard RAISE YOUR GAME: HIGH-PERFORMANCE SECRETS FROM THE BEST OF THE BEST (Hachette Audio), written by Alan Stein Jr. with Jon Sternfeld and read by Stein. ... The author is a corporate performance coach who spent more than 15 years working with top basketball players. In this book, he shares much of what he has learned via countless real examples that make the principles he is teaching come alive. ... For instance, he cites his work with the likes of Kevin Durant and Victor Oladipo and the fact that two things stick out about them: "One, they stick to the basics. They study and practice the basics to the point that they're automatic, as if the actions are doing them. Two, they work harder than anyone else. They might lose, but they simply will not be outworked." ... I also liked his observation about successful people: "[They] do the little things better than everyone else. This is what makes the best. World-class performers and the uber-successful assessed their achievements by sticking to the fundamentals and doing the little things--every single day." ... This book is one of the best I've read, so far. It is terrific not only for athletes, but anybody wanting to get ahead in virtually any field. ... Note: A review copy of THIS YEAR YOU WRITE YOUR NOVEL was provided by the publisher.

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5. TV alert

A. SPECIAL: Available on Netflix, starting April 12
This memoir about a young gay man with a mild case of cerebral palsy is, according to TV GUIDE, an "irreverent and refreshingly (for Netflix) brisk comedy." ... It's most memorable when depicting Ryan's endearing/awkward embrace of his sexuality. (He wears a suit to his own deflowering.)

B. THE TWILIGHT ZONE: Episode 1, "Pete" (Kumail Nanjiani) is free to watch on YouTube until April 14.
Note: This episode centers around Samir (Kumail Nanjiani), a regular performer at a comedy club where his stand-up act seems based on unfunny but well-intentioned jokes about the Second Amendment. ... I saw it and thought it was interesting, though not great. Because I loved the original show, I'd watch other episode ... but no way would I pay them to see them on CBS All Access. That is a plan by CBS, i.e., to get folks to sign up for All Access. I am not convinced that this attempt will be very successful.

Note: above will be run in an upcoming issue of my BLAINESWORLD blog, in the unlikely event you don't already get it, and if you would want to be added to the free mailing list, send an email to: bgnibc@aol.com and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line. You'll get some jokes, hopefully not toooo risqué; theatre news, etc.

C. BREAKTHROUGH: THE IDEAS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD: Season premiere on Wed, April 17, at 10 p.m. on PBS (check local listings at [Here](#))
Learn how the invention of the telescope changed the course of science on the human imagination. Future installments examine the robot, the smartphone, the car, the rocket and the airplane.

D. BLACKKLANSMAN: Sat., April 20, at 8 p.m. on HBO
Spike Lee's Oscar-winning film from last year is based on a real story about an African-American cop who manages to infiltrate the KKK in order to expose the hate group's many crimes.

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6. Joke 2

Pretty impressive, huh? (Thanks, Chris Field-Funk, for sharing.)

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

- (1) My all-time favorite film: UMBRELLAS OF CHERBOURG (soundtrack): [Here](#)
- (2) Laura Boswell Tiny Desk Contest 2019: [Here](#)
- (3) George Pappas: Argument Clinic - Monty Python - The Secret Policeman's Balls: [Here](#)
- (4) Roberta Gunwood: We've got the rock of ages: [Here](#)
- (5) Hank Eder: Jon Anderson - Makes Me Happy: [Here](#)

B. Want to find out who really said what? This question often can't be answered with complete finality, but approximate solutions can be iteratively improved over time. Find out more at the Quote Investigator by clicking: [Here](#).

To check it out, I researched this quote supposedly from Yogi Berra: Nobody Goes There Anymore, It's Too Crowded.

I found out the following: "In conclusion, the earliest instances of this remark were anonymous. The comedians Rags Ragland and Ukie Sherin employed the quip, as did the writer John McNulty. In addition, there is some evidence that Yogi Berra employed the joke, but in all cases the jest was already in circulation."

For more information about the above topic, 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

You ever have a keyboard where the letters faded? This has happened to on more than one occasion and when it did, I tried to create labels for the missing keys--but they never seemed to work. So I wound up getting rid of the keyboards. ... But recently, I did an Amazon search and found the perfect thing, i.e., universal English keyboard stickers. They are simple to use and blend well with my keyboard. They are also very reasonable from a price standpoint (just \$6.98). ... So I'm now back to being a happy camper. To purchase these for yourself, please click: [Here](#).

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9. Joke 3

The five-year-old girl told her mom, "A boy in my class asked me to play doctor." ... "Oh, dear," the mother nervously sighed. "What happened, honey?" ... "Nothing. He made me wait 45 minutes and then double-billed the insurance company."

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10. A quote I like

"A mind is like a parachute. It doesn't work if it is not open."-Frank Zappa (1940-1993), American musician, composer, activist and filmmaker

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11. Thought for the day

Thanks, Paul Marks, for sharing this piece:

The train ride

Life is like a journey on a train with its stations, with changes of routes and with accidents!
At birth, we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side. However, at some station, our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. As time goes by, other people will board the train, and they will be significant; i.e., our siblings, friends, children and even the love of our life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize that they vacated their seats!

This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all the passengers, requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So we must live in the best way we ... love, forgive and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty, we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life without us.

I wish you a joyful journey for the coming years on your train of life. Reap success, give lots of love and be happy. Most importantly, be thankful for the journey!

In conclusion I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train!

Source: Author unknown; if you know who wrote this and/or where it came from, please let me know.

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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) Susan Markovitz: Celebrate spring, music and community with the Wild Asheville Community Chorus. (2) Carey Harnash: Asheville Food Truck Showdown. (3) Kevin Patrick Murphy: Student Scene Night.

B. PA/NJ event

Glenr Baird: PLUMSTEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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