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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) Loved Attic Salt Theatre Company's winning production MASS APPEAL, now at 35below through April 22. David Mycoff (far left) and Patrick Brandt (far right) are both fantastic in this comedy-drama about a Roman Catholic pastor and the idealistic young deacon assigned to him. ... Kudos, also, to Jeff Catanese for his direction, Nina Troy for her work as stage manager and Marci Bernstein for serving as producer. ... To purchase tickets, please click:

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We were joined at the show by our friends Ginny Plaisted and Grant Randall who then accompanied us for a fantastic dinner at Vinnie's where we received fine service from Nate.





(2) Met my brother Ken Greenfield and his wife Lavelle Olexa for a tasty lunch at the Waterfall Grille at Catechee Golf Club in Catechee, Georgia. Spencer was our server, and he was most attentive.



B. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wed., April 11, 2018 ... Guests (first half): Karon Korp and Sandra Frempong, both with Asheville Sister Cities; for more information: [Here](#) ... Guest (second half): Brent Russell, real estate broker with Beverly-Hanks & Associates and SCORE counselor; for more information: brussell12@me.com ... Pictured, l-r: Karon Korp, Sandra Frempong, Blaine Greenfield and Brent Russell ... To listen to the show, please click: [Here](#)



C. Invitations:

(1) PLEASE VOTE FOR ME (there's still time) ... I'd be honored if you would 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're not familiar with the Asheville area, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put SUGGESTIONS in the subject line. ... Thanks!



(2) Put down these dates: July 22 and July 29. That's when you'll get to see Attic Salt Theatre Company's first HAPPY TOGETHER REVUE, featuring songs from Ellen Pappas (below recently at a planning session at Rise 'n Shine) and others. There will also be plenty of singalong opportunities, so do plan to join us. Details to follow.



(3) Come see Cynthia in "Friends: Making Sharing Loving Losing" on Sunday, May 13. That's her in rehearsal on the far left, pictured with, l-r: Bonnie Sibner, Susan Markowitz and Rob Campbell. For more information, please click: [Here](#)



D. Condolences to:

- (1) Trevor Rayshay Perry and family on the passing of Trevor's grandmother.
- (2) Richard Holcombe and family on the passing of Richard's father.
- (3) Gene Smith and family on the passing of Dan Jackson, Gene's friend and brother-in-law.
- (4) The family of Marilyn Esperson, a longtime online friend and BLAINESWORLD readers.
- (5) Carol Dietrich and family on the passing of J. RAYMOND DIETRICH, Carol's father. For his obituary, please click:
[Here](#)
- (6) The family of Gus Johnson, a former teaching colleague of mine at Bucks County Community College.

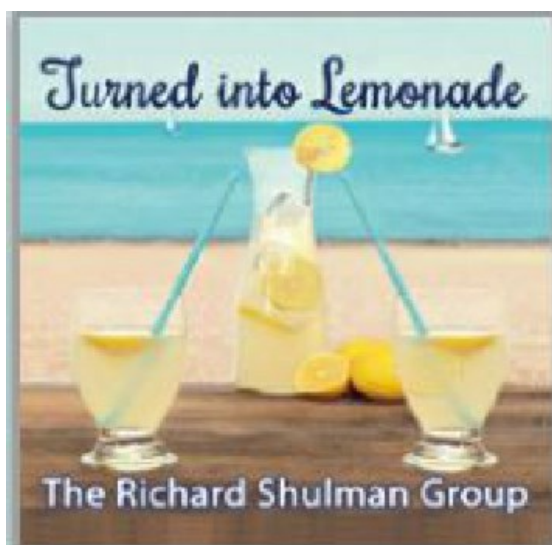
E. Congratulations to:

- (1) Different Strokes! Performing Arts Collective for having been selected as the 2018 recipient of The Evan Mahaney Champion of Civil Liberties Award, by the WNC Chapter of the ACLU.
- (2) Jo Ciavaglia, along with Marion Callahan Samkavitz for winning first place in the enterprise category of the Pennsylvania SPJ awards for their series Born into Addiction and, also, to Jo for her second place, Enterprise reporting award on the Associated Press Managing Editor 2017 competition.
- (3) Judy and Mike Chadwick on becoming grandparents again, this time to a baby boy named Logan. And, also, on the engagement of their son Zack to Vally.
- (4) Carol Latsch on being ordained as a Deacon at my Church, Oxford Presbyterian Church.
- (5) Dan Clancy on his new job as mortgage loan officer with Prime Mortgage Lending.
- (6) Carole Biro on her graduation becoming ordained as a minister by the Interfaith Peace Seminary.
- (7) Matt and Christine Spiegel on their marriage.
- (8) Billie Radosin, winner of Contest #8: a copy of CREATIVITY ON DEMAND by Michael Gelb All told, there were four entries. And that reminds me that it's now time to introduce ...

***** CONTEST #9 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of The Richard Shulman's latest CD, "Turned into Lemonade." For more information about it, please click:
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To enter the contest, send an email to: bjinbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #9 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 23, 2018.



F. Correction (of last week's issue): Elaine Bilk: Under #10 ... the dates for Steven Bochco should be 1943-2018.

Response: My bad! Last week, I mentioned that Seven Bochco passed-but gave the wrong dates of his life. He was an American producer and writer who developed a number of television series that were among my favorites, including Hill Street Blues, L.A. Law, Doogie Howser, M.D. and NYPD Blue.

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

Thanks, Terry Van Duyn (Democratic member of the North Carolina Senate and my District 49 representative), for the following nomination of Jim Barrett-- executive director of Pisgah Legal Services since 1993.

That's Terry with Jim in the picture below. To see why Jim was nominated, please read Terry's brilliant remarks about him that were made recently at Pisgah's Jazz for Justice event. They can be found by clicking this link and going to Section 1:

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(Photo taken by Jesse Kitt, courtesy of Pisgah Legal Services.)

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2. FYI

"The ultimate goal of a burglar is the master bedroom. They want your cash, your jewelry and your firearms. Put junk jewelry in a jewelry box, and hide the good stuff in another room."--Chris Biane, offer with the Plano, Texas, Police Department

Source: "What the Experts Don't Tell you" in AARP BULLETIN, March, 2018

FYI, part 2

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

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(1) Mike Yow: I'm Kickstarting another book in my game series. (2) Keith Challenger: Sorry but I have to disagree with you about calling Verizon to blacklist annoying callers. (3) Pat Hannigan: Re crank robo calls ... Boy did I get an education!!! (4) Congresswoman Won't Let Mark Zuckerberg Weasel His Way Out Of Her Question About Tracking People! (5) Candace Mullett: When do you know you're old enough to die? (6) Smart Toothbrushes Tell You Everything You're Doing Wrong.

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3. Joke 1

Meals on wheels in Asheville, NC. (Thanks, Steve Gable, for sharing.)





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4. Reviews

A. Saw THE LEISURE SEEKER, a drama about an elderly couple who get away from their children to take a journey in their faithful RV. Stars Helen Mirren and Donald Sutherland do their best with the film, but it just didn't move me as much as I thought it would. Much of it was too predictable. Rated R.

B. A better choice, according to my friend Mike Martinelli, would be FINDING YOUR FEET. Here's his 4-star review:
Absolutely one of the best movies I have seen this year. Great cast, Imelda Staunton, Joanna Lumley, Timothy Spall, Celia Imrie, and great choreography on the dance numbers. It is just a fun movie that will make you laugh even with a bit of seriousness and sadness at the end.

On the eve of retirement, a middle class, judgmental snob discovers her husband has been having an affair with her best friend and is forced into exile with her bohemian sister who lives on an impoverished inner-city council estate.

Critics Consensus: Finding Your Feet wears its heart on its sleeve, elevating undemanding material with a feel-good romance and sweet performances from its over-qualified cast.

Playing at the Carolina Cinemark and Regal Biltmore Grande 15. Blaine Greenfield, a "must see" for you and Cynthia.

C. Read STAINED FORTUNE (Water Street Press) by Joe Calderwood, a serial entrepreneur turned novelist. This is an engrossing thriller about a guy involved in money laundering. Just that alone would have made the book worth reading, but throw in international travel, drugs, bullfighting and sex, and you have a tale that you won't be able to put down. I'd love to see STAINED FORTUNE made into a movie. In the meantime, I'll look forward to the next two books in the projected series.

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5. TV alert

A. BOSCH: Now available via streaming Amazon Prime
Harry Bosch, the tough L.A. detective immortalized in Michael Connelly's bestsellers, return for a fourth season. I've enjoyed the books, but haven't seen this show yet. Methinks it is now time to do so.

B. THE 55TH ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS: Sun., April 15, at 8 p.m. on CBS
Reba McEntire hosts the festivities for a record 15th time. She is also a nominee in the Female Vocalist of the Year category.

C. RIVERDALE: Wed., April 18, at 8 p.m. on The CW
The high schoolers stage a production of CARRIE: THE MUSICAL.

D. LIVE FROM LINCOLN CENTER PRESENTS: SUTTON FOSTER IN CONCERT: Fri, April 30, at 9 p.m. on PBS (check local listings at pbs.org)
The Broadway vet, winner of two Tony awards, now has her first hourlong special.

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6. Joke 2

GOOD NEWS DEPARTMENT ... You won't have to hear such a message for two days. ... Taxes are ordinarily due on April 15, but the deadline is always postponed when April 15 falls on a weekend or legal holiday. And Monday, April 16, is Emancipation Day in Washington, D.C., marking President Lincoln's signing of a law freeing slaves on that date in 1862. ... But no more delays when Tuesday, April 17, rolls around. Taxes are due then!



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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Steven Shulman: Simply Complicated sampler (featuring Charlotte Cohn)
[Here](#)

(2) Robert Toth's Foundry Visit
[Here](#)

(3) Small Circle of Friends - Phil Ochs
[Here](#)

(4) Kay Galvin: Tricks that keep you hooked on your phone
[Here](#)

B. Get a handle on behavior and productivity at the Science of Us ... To view some of the articles at this website, please click:
[Here](#)

Among the recent article were the following:

How "Wellness" Culture Creates an Illusion of Control Over Death

A Guide to Non-Awkwardly Dealing with Money Differences Between Friends

What's Its Like to Know You'll be on Antidepressants for Life

Is It possible to Raise Your Child Entirely Without Gender From Birth?

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

I Downloaded the Information That Facebook Has on Me. Yikes.
by Brian X. Chen

When I downloaded a copy of my Facebook data last week, I didn't expect to see much. My profile is sparse, I rarely post anything on the site, and I seldom click on ads. (I'm what some call a Facebook "lurker.")

But when I opened my file, it was like opening Pandora's box.

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

Did you hear about the Italian chef who died? ... He pasta way. We cannoli do so much. His legacy will become a pizza history. Here today, gone tomato. How sad that he ran out of thyme. ... Sending olive my prayers to the family. His wife is really upset; cheese still not over it. You never sausage a tragic thing. It's such a shame good people have to die fusilli reasons. ... It was a farfalle from grace. (Thanks, Chris Field-Funk, for sharing.)



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10. A quote I like

Thanks, Becky Gautreaux, for sharing:

"When you find people who not only tolerate your obsession but celebrate it with glad cries of "Me, too! be sure to cherish them. Because these weirdos are your tribe."--
A.J. Downey, author of CUTTER'S HOPE

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11. Thought for the day

Some time ago a friend of mine punished his 3-year-old daughter for wasting a roll of gold wrapping paper. Money was tight, and he became infuriated when the child tried to decorate a box to put it under their Christmas tree.

Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift to her father the next morning and said, "This is for you daddy." He was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, but his anger flared again when he found that the box was empty.

He yelled at her, "Don't you know that when you give someone a present, there's supposed to be something inside of it?"

The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, "Oh, daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into the box. All for you Daddy."

The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little girl and begged her forgiveness.

Only a short time later, an accident took the life of the child. Her father kept the gold box by his bed for many years and, whenever he was discouraged, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

Moral of the story: Love is the most precious gift in the world.

Source: Author unknown (If you know who wrote this and/or the source, please let me know.)

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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) Word Story Slammers. (2) Songs to Honor All Mothers with Kat Williams and the Richard Shulman Trio. (3) Stage Combat Workshops with Mike Yow.

B. PA/NJ events

(1) Colleen Dunn: The Bucks County Book Festival. (2) Joni Dowburd: Neshaminy Valley Music Theatre's production of Young Frankenstein.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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