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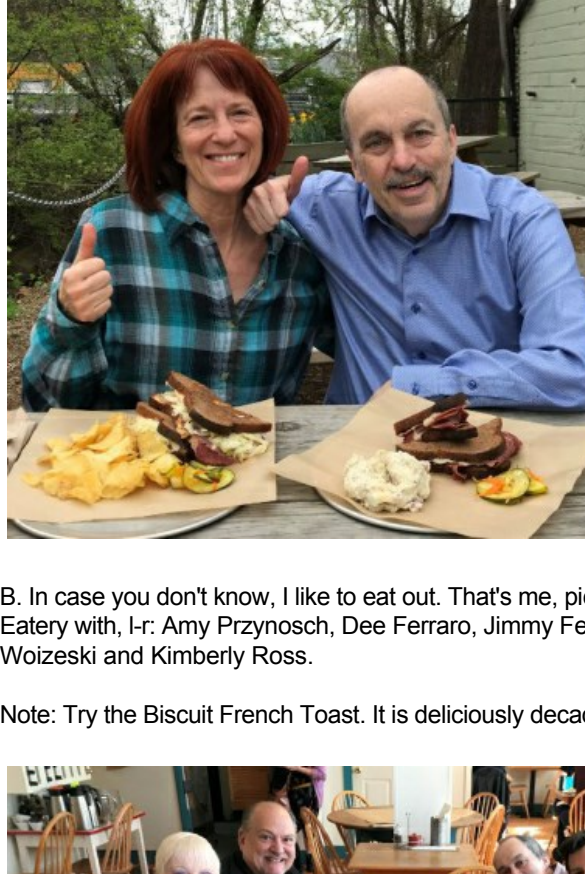
1. Reflections

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

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Give a thumbs up for Asheville Community Theatre's production of ALICE IN WONDERLAND – Kudos to the lively performances from my Facebook friends, including Myra McCoury, Frank Salvo, Bradshaw Call, Mark Jones, Kathy O'Connor and John Hall. ... Candice Burchill's direction was spot on, and the costume design by Carina Lopez was outstanding.

Pictures were being taken that day, we weren't able to get shots with any of the actors. So we instead went to talk about the show over a tasty meal at Green Sage.

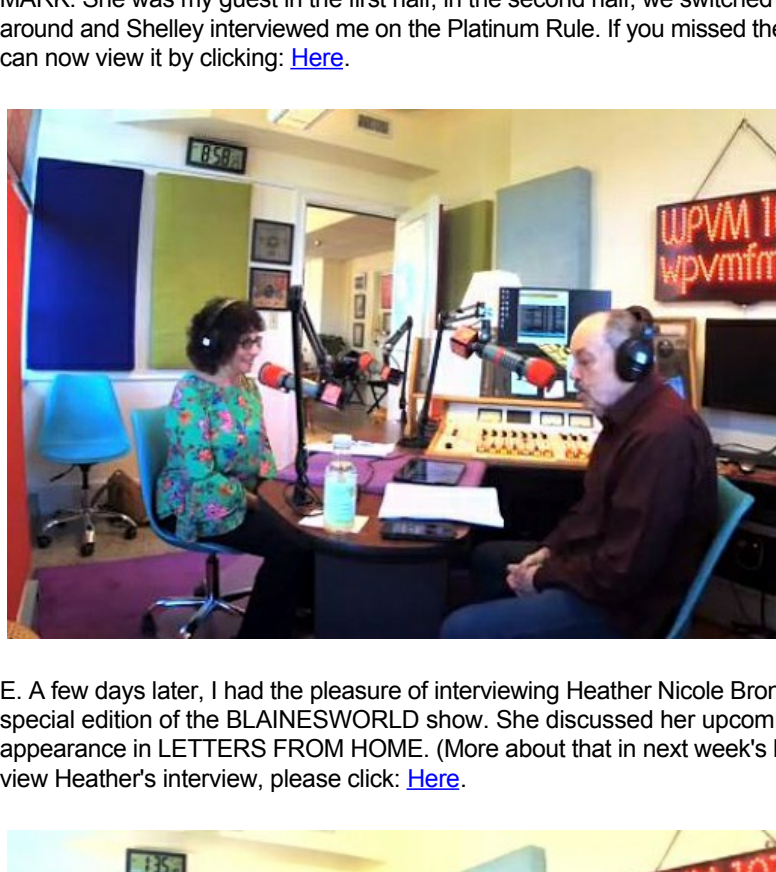


(2) On another day, we found a surprising location for Reuben sandwiches: the Rise Above Deli, located inside Hillman Beer at 5 Sweeten Creek Rd, Asheville. All the sandwiches are made from scratch. Check it out.



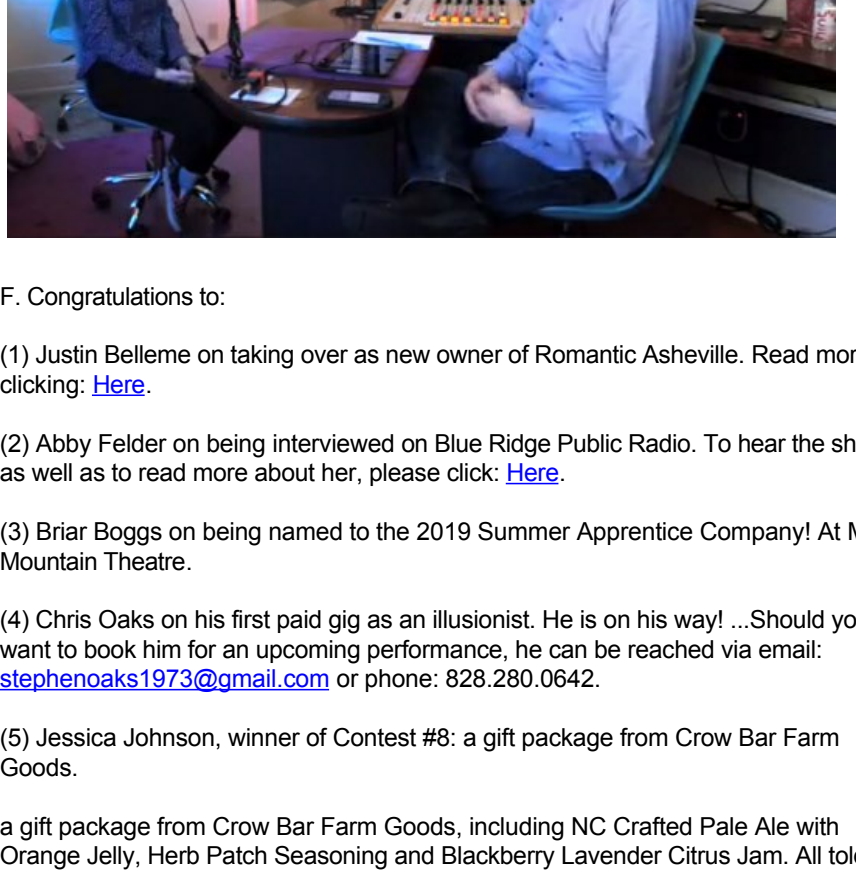
B. In case you don't know, I like to eat out. That's me, pictured below at Early Girl Eatery with, l-r: Amy Przynosch, Dee Ferraro, Jim's Ferraro and to my left, Ted Ross Woizeski and Kimberly Ross.

Note: Try the Biscuit French Toast. It is deliciously decadent.

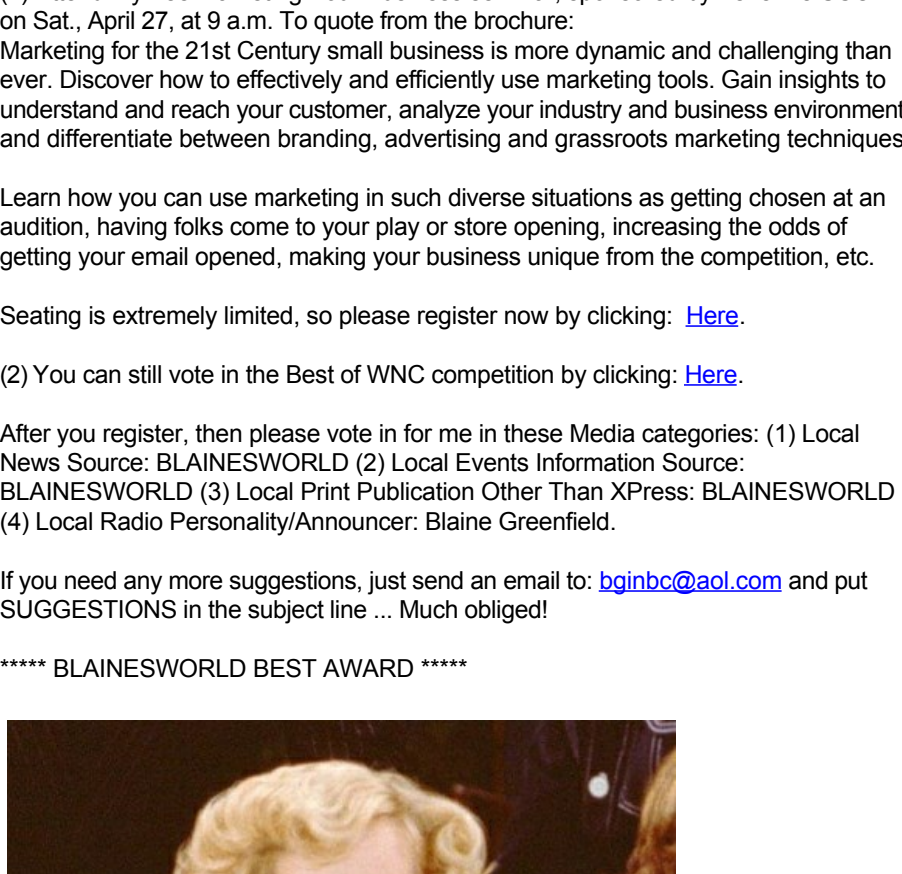


C. On another day, I had lunch at Ziggy's (a place rapidly becoming one of my favorites in Asheville). That's me with my friends Meg Hanshaw on the right and Dawn Westmoreland on my right.

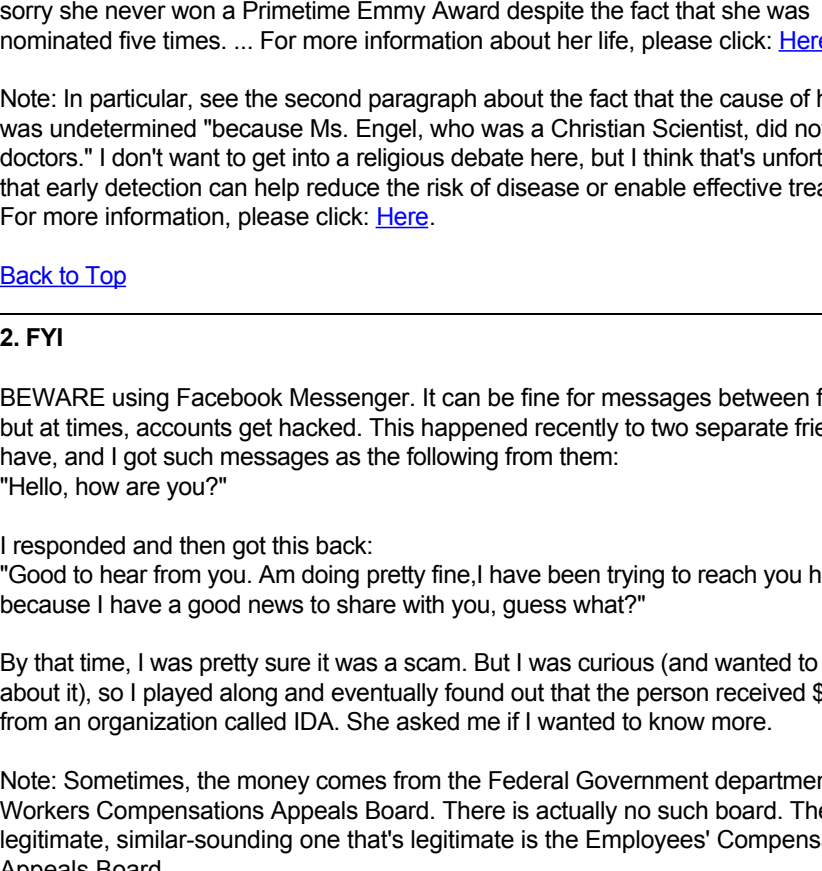
Note: Be hungry when you go there. The sandwiches are quite large.



D. Catch my BLAINESWORLD show on WPVM. This past week, I hosted Shelley Lieberman—community volunteer and producer of THE WORLD ACCORDING TO MARK. She was my guest in the first half; in the second half, we switched things around and Shelley interviewed me on the Platinum Rule. If you missed the show, you can now view it by clicking: [Here](#).



E. A few days later, I had the pleasure of interviewing Heather Nicole Bronson for a special edition of the BLAINESWORLD show. She discussed her upcoming appearance in LETTERS FROM HOME. (More about that in next week's blog). To view Heather's interview, please click: [Here](#).



F. Congratulations to:

(1) Justin Belleme on taking over as new owner of Romantic Asheville. Read more by clicking: [Here](#).

(2) Abby Felder on being interviewed on Blue Ridge Public Radio. To hear the show, as well as to read more about her, please click: [Here](#).

(3) Briar Boggs on being named to the 2019 Summer Apprentice Company! At Mill Mountain Theatre.

(4) Chris Oaks on his first paid gig as an illusionist. He is on his way! ...Should you want to book him for an upcoming performance, he can be reached via email: stephenoaks1973@gmail.com or phone: 828.280.0642.

(5) Jessica Johnson, winner of Contest #8: a gift package from Crow Bar Farm Goods.

a gift package from Crow Bar Farm Goods, including NC Crafted Pale Ale with Orange Jelly, Herb Patch Seasoning and Blackberry Lavender Citrus Jam. All told, there were five entries. ... And that reminds me, it is not time to introduce ...

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

One lucky reader will win a copy BREAKING THE HABIT OF BEING YOURSELF: HOW TO LOSE YOUR MIND AND CREATE A NEW ONE by Dr. Joe Dispenza. To quote Judith Orloff, M.D., and author of EMOTIONAL FREEDOM: "Dr. Joe Dispenza wants to empower you to let go of negative beliefs and embrace the positive. This intelligent, informative, practical books will help you be your best, freest self so that, as Dr. Joe puts it, you can 'step forward your own destiny.'"

To enter, send an email to blainbc@aol.com and put CONTEST 9 in the subject line. In the body of the email, make sure you include your name and snail mail address. All entries must be received before 9 p.m. on Monday, April 29.

G. Invites:

(1) 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.

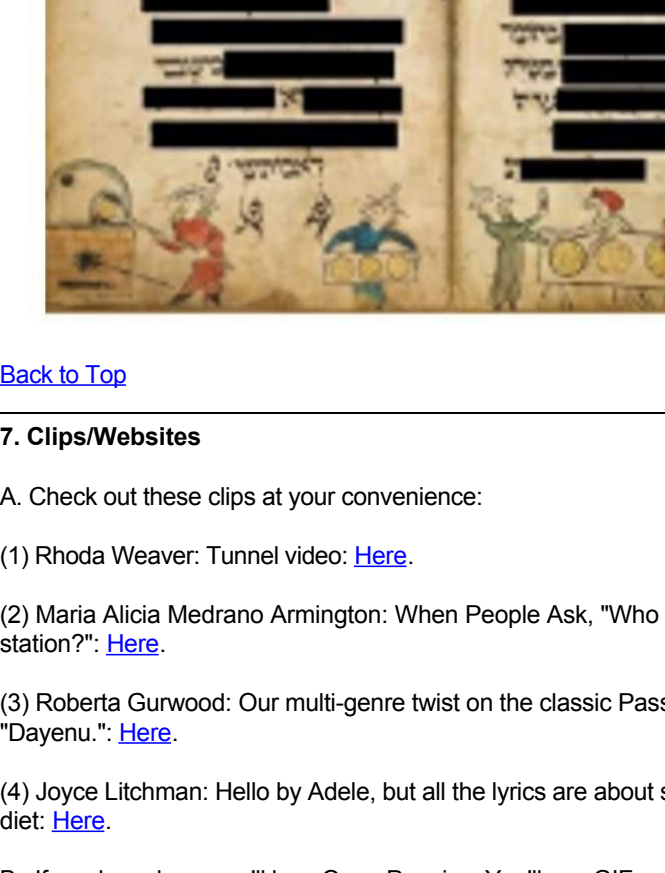
Seating is extremely limited, so please register now by clicking: [Here](#).

(2) 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: blainbc@aol.com and put SUGGESTIONS in the subject line ... Much obliged!

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



This week, it goes to Georgia Engel (1948-2019), an actor had me smiling whenever I watched her on THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW, as well as on EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND, COACH and HOT IN CLEVELAND, among others. ... I'm just sorry she never won a Primetime Emmy Award despite the fact that she was nominated five times. ... For more information about her life, please click: [Here](#).

Note: In particular, see the second paragraph about the fact that the cause of her death was undetermined "because Ms. Engel, who was a Christian Scientist, did not consult doctors." I don't want to get into a religious debate here, but I think that's unfortunate, in that early detection can help reduce the risk of disease or enable effective treatment. For more information, please click: [Here](#).

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2. FYI

BEWARE using Facebook Messenger. It can be fine for messages between friends, but at times, accounts get hacked. This happened recently to two separate friends I have, and I got such messages as the following from them:
"Hello, how are you?"

I responded and then got this back:
"Good to hear from you. Am doing pretty fine, I have been trying to reach you here because I have a good news to share with you, guess what?"

By that time, I was pretty sure it was a scam. But I was curious (and wanted to tell you about it), so I played along and eventually found out that the person received \$100,000 from an organization called IDA. She asked me if I wanted to know more.

Note: Sometimes, the money comes from the Federal Government department of Workers' Compensation Appeals Board. There is actually no such board. The legitimate, similar-sounding one that's legitimate is the Employees' Compensation Appeals Board.

It was then that I contacted the person via email and wasn't surprised to find out that she had no idea what I was talking about ... I immediately notified Facebook. And also came across several articles on the subject, including this one: [Here](#).

The key: To quote Sergeant Phil Esterhaus from HILL STREET BLUES fame: "Hey, let's be careful out there."

FYI, part 2

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

(1) The truth about dentistry. (2) Stu Helm: 10 Things I Ate About Resumé?? Here's Why Duermitt? Chiropractic gimmickry. (4) Do You Keep a Failure Resumé?? Here's Why You Should Start.

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3. Joke 1

I believe we should all pay our taxes with a smile. I tried, but they wanted cash. (Thanks, Ed MacConnell, for sharing.)

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4. Reviews

When sick last week, I revisited these two films that I really enjoyed:
A. Saw THE REMAINS OF THE DAY, a moving drama about a butler in a prosperous British household of the 1930s that is so devoted to serving his master that he ignores what is happening in both his family and in the real world. Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson were both superb in the leading roles, and seeing Christopher Reeve in the film made me realize how sad it was that he died too young. Rated PG, but probably not very interesting to anybody under the age of 13.

B. Also saw LOVELY & AMAZING, a bittersweet dramedy about a confused trio of daughters. Catherine Keener is such a fine actor that shines in her role, as does Emily Mortimer. The film is quirky and extremely watchable. Rated R.

C. Risa Reavely: Watching HOMECOMING, a film by Beyonce on Netflix. This is so good!!

D. Ken Greenfield: I don't find NATIVE SON or Ashton Sanders (a film and the star in it) being offered on Netflix.

Response: I really enjoyed the above. Sorry for any confusion in the recommendation. It is not on Netflix, at present, but it can be found on HBO this coming week at several times, including:
Sun, Apr 21 2:30 pm ETHBO2
Tue, Apr 2 3:08 pm ETHBO2
Wed, Apr 24 5:40 pm ETHBO
Fri, Apr 26 2:10 am ETHBO2

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5. TV alert

A. MOTOWN 60: A GRAMMY CELEBRATION: Sun, April 21, at 8 p.m. on CBS
Smokey Robinson and The Neighborhood's Cedric the Entertainer host an all-star tribute to the fabled record label in a concert from L.A.'s Microsoft Theater, taped several days after this year's Grammy Awards in February.

B. GENTLEMAN JACK: Mon, April 22, at 10 p.m. on HBO
According to TV GUIDE, "This vivid and entertaining drama explodes gender boundaries as the West Yorkshire free spirit defies convention by reopening her family's coal mines and wooing a neighboring heiress."

C. Bill Lewis: By any chance, are you watching the ten week series, The Fix, on ABC? Diane and I are watching it and we love it.

Note: The show airs Mondays at 10 p.m. TV FANATIC called it "a compelling murder mystery and legal show with a stellar cast."

1969: Tues., April 23, at 10 p.m. on ABC
A six-part docu-series from ABC News looks back at milestone events from a half-century ago, starting with untold stories from the "Moon Shot" landing of NASA's Apollo 11.

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6. Joke 2

If you're like me, and you celebrate all holidays (because you can enjoy more food, fun and friends that way, HAPPY PASSOVER!) Thanks, Herb Spiegel, for sharing.)

The Attorney General has shortened the Seder this year! ... So my hope is that you get to have a healthy Passover, and you succeed in avoiding intestinal upset by avoiding all political discussions. ... Not possible, you say? Well, one can hope. ...

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Rhoda Weaver: Tunnel video: [Here](#).

(2) Maria Alicia Medrano Armington: When People Ask, "Who operates your station?": [Here](#).

(3) Roberta Gurwood: Our multi-genre twist on the classic Passover Seder song, "Dayenu.": [Here](#).

(4) Joyce Litchman: Hello by Adele, but all the lyrics are about struggling to stick to a diet. [Here](#).

B. If you love dogs, you'll love Open Puppies. You'll see GIFs and small videos of puppies and dogs, and they're all just adorable. To view them, please click: [Here](#).

Note: To advance to the next picture, click your Space bar.

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

Thanks, Colleen Dunn, for sharing:
26 incredibly useful things you didn't know Google Calendar could do by JR Raphael

If there's one digital tool I rely on as much as Gmail, it's Google Calendar.

From work deadlines to family happenings and random reminders, Calendar is what keeps me on track on time, and on top of the approximately 1.7 zillion things I tend to juggle on an hourly basis. And the more I've used it, the more I've learned just how flexible it is—and how many easily overlooked options it offers for enhancing its interface, getting stuff accomplished more efficiently, and making the service work in whatever way makes sense for my own personal workflow.

For the rest of this informative article, please click: [Here](#).

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9. Joke 3

I have the body of a God. Unfortunately, it's Buddha! (Thanks, Susanne Steele, for sharing.)

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10. A quote I like

Elbert Hubbard (1856-1915) was an American writer, publisher, artist and philosopher.

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11. Thought for the day

Forget playing Powerball. Get to your local animal shelter, and you'll be a guaranteed winner!

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12. Advance planning department

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A. NC events

(1) Judy Calabrese: Sex, Magic & Storytelling Alchemical Writing for Women. (2) Jeff Catanese: Speech & Debate. (3) Information about an April 27 workshop, hosted by B. PA/NJ event

Bill Lewis: I am honored to have been asked to perform at the gw78cares Comedy Night fundraiser on April 27th at Mastoris in Bordentown from 7-10 p.m.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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