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

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:
 (1) Had a blast at the BLAINESWORLD production of LETTERS FROM HOME at Attic Salt Theatre. That's us in the top picture, along with the stars of the show: Erin Dearth and Dan Beckmann. Heather Nicole Bronson is in the bottom left picture. She was the evening's guest performer. And that's me in the bottom right photo in a number of w/eater's even got to dance. To see that for yourself, please click: [Here](#). (See also Section 1G for more information.)

Note: To see other songs from the evening, please click the following links:
 Dan singing: [Here](#).

Heather singing: [Here](#).

Erinn singing: [Here](#).

Dan singing to Kimberly Ross: [Here](#).

Erinn singing: [Here](#).

Heather singing: [Here](#).

As can be seen, the above is upside down. Sorry bout that. If anybody can help me flip it, please send me an email: bjnbc@aol.com and put FLIP in the subject line.

All singing: [Here](#).

Dan and Erinn singing with Ted Ross playing guitar: [Here](#).

Erinn an Dan singing: [Here](#).

All 3 singing: [Here](#)



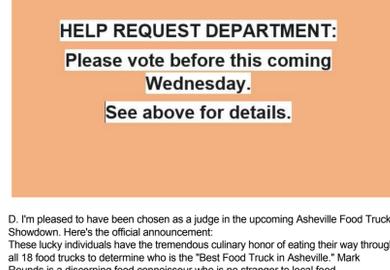
(2) Loved SYLVIA at Flat Rock Playhouse. Michael MacCauley (top) and Preston Dyar (bottom) both got a big thumbs up from us, as did the other actors in the show: Leslie Marie Collins and Kerl Safran in the title role. ... Kudos, also, to Michael Kostroff for his taut direction. ... It was a fun show that was also surprisingly touching.



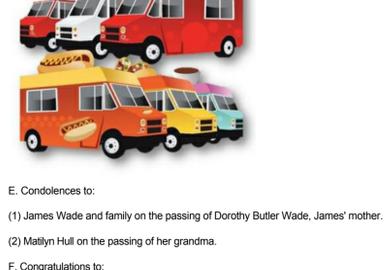
(3) Afterward, we had a fantastic dinner at 131 Main where we received stellar service from Lila.



(4) We also enjoyed our first visit visit to Hit the Pit BBQ, which was located at Jet Stop at the intersection of Sand Hill Road & Enka Lake Road in Candler. It has not back at that location lately, but I'm hopeful that changes soon and the food truck returns there.



B. Catch my BLAINESWORLD show on WPVM. This past week, I had the pleasure of hosting Dr. Michael Trayford: Board Certified Chiropractic Neurologist/Founder, Apex Brain Center (top picture in the first half), and Caleh Owolabi, Fashion Designer (bottom picture in the second half). If you missed the show, you can now view it by clicking: [Here](#).



C. You can still vote in the Best of WNC competition if you do so before 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30.

I would very much appreciate it if you voted. The first thing you need to do is register 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: bjnbc@aol.com and put SUGGESTIONS in the subject line ... Much obliged!

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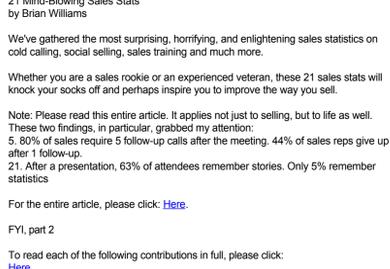
Please vote before this coming

Wednesday.

See above for details.

D. I'm pleased to have been chosen as a judge in the upcoming Asheville Food Truck Showdown. Here's the official announcement:
 These lucky individuals have the tremendous culinary honor of eating their way through all 18 food trucks to determine who is the "Best Food Truck in Asheville." Mark Rounds is a discerning food connoisseur who is no stranger to local food competitions. Blaine Greenfield publishes BLAINESWORLD, an Asheville-based blog, and he hosts the BLAINESWORLD show on WPVM. In addition, he loves frequenting area food trucks and restaurants with Cynthia, his beautiful bride. Last, but not least, this man is a heavy weight champion within the Asheville restaurant scene. He is a 3-time James Beard Award nominee and one heck of a chef, he is Chef Mehrwan Irani.

Note: Please do stop by this fun event. For more information, please click: [Here](#).



E. Condolences to:
 (1) James Wade and family on the passing of Dorothy Butler Wade, James' mother.

(2) Matlyn Hull on the passing of her grandma.

F. Congratulations to:
 (1) Meredith Page Switzer on now becoming the permanent executive director of Homeward Bound.

(2) Walela Dobroski on having her Tobray Lending Service featured in MOUNTAIN XPRESS. To read the article, please click: [Here](#).

(3) Kelsey Sanders on the opening of Go to Free Range Juice, her business. For more information, please click: [Here](#).

(4) Rotary Club of Asheville for winning the Club of Excellence Award.

G. Reminder: There's still time to enter:
 ***** 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 to be your best, freest self so that, as Dr. Joe puts it, you can 'step forward into your own destiny.'"

To enter, send an email to bjnbc@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.

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

This week, it goes to Erinn Dearth--creator/performer/choreographer at LETTERS FROM HOME. That's her pictured with my friend Jimmy Ferraro at a recent performance. (See also Section 1A for more information.)

Erinn is an amazing, dynamic woman who is a very talented performer. I love her story about how she came up with the idea for this show.
 My dad, Pat Dearth, was a veteran who served in the United States Coast Guard. When he first suggested to me that I produce a 1940's-style show, I just thought it would be a fun way to entertain and an opportunity to perform some great music. I had no idea at the time that this "little show" would have such a significant impact on my life, but more importantly on the lives of others. Since we started this show, we have had the opportunity to perform for literally thousands of heroes, including many World War II veterans. These incredible men and women are the reason we are free today. We have been honored to bring back happy memories and touch lives in a way that words alone can not express. A woman at one of our shows hugged me, sobbing tears of joy, thanking us for making her feel happiness that she hadn't felt in 60 years and never thought she could feel again. A man at a VA hospital stood up to hug us after a show as his nurses rushed to him in shock because he hadn't stood by himself in years. A WWII veteran departing on the Flights of Honor on the way to Washington DC to see his memorial did the jitterbug with me before returning to his wheelchair. I am so proud and humbled to call these brave men and women my friends. I have met true American heroes and truly feel I could never say thank you enough. My performance and this show are dedicated to my daddy, who passed away in 2015. I now proudly carry on his legacy with every performance with Letters From Home.

In addition, Erinn is founder of Spring Theatre, and she is also executive director of First in Flight Entertainment. For more information, please click: [Here](#).

UPDATE: Letters From Home has just become an official 501c-3 non-profit organization. If you'd like to join me in making a contribution, please find out how by contacting Erinn at this email address: erinn@firstinflightentertainment.com.



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2. FYI

21 Mind-Blowing Sales Stats by Brian Williams

We've gathered the most surprising, horrifying, and enlightening sales statistics on cold calling, social selling, sales training and much more.

Whether you are a sales rookie or an experienced veteran, these 21 sales stats will knock your socks off and perhaps inspire you to improve the way you sell.

Note: Please read this entire article. It applies not just to selling, but to life as well. These two findings, in particular, grabbed my attention:

5. 80% of sales require 5 follow-up calls after the meeting. 44% of sales reps give up after 1 follow-up.

21. After a presentation, 63% of attendees remember source, and only 5% remember statistics

For the entire article, please click: [Here](#).

FYI, part 2

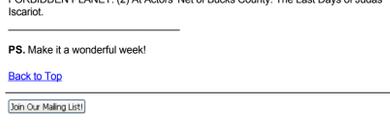
To read each of the following contributions in full, please click:
[Here](#).

(1) Bill Moore: Wanted: The 'perfect babysitter.' Must pass AI scan for respect and attitude. (2) Edna Heppguler: Adidas unveils running shoes that never have to be thrown away. (3) CBD is Everywhere, but Scientists Still Don't Know Much About It. (4) The Best Type of Exercise to Burn Fat.

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3. Joke 1

She just couldn't Passover his Easter mistake. ... PS. If you're like me, and you celebrate all holidays because you can enjoy more food, fun and friends that way, my hope is that you made it a HAPPY EASTER! (Thanks, both Mike Ursino and Chris Soffield, for sharing.)



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4. Reviews

A. Saw BREAKTHROUGH, a true story about a woman (Christy Metz) whose adopted son (Marcel Rouse) falls through an icy Missouri lake. As her son lies lifeless, the mother refuses to give up. Her belief inspires all those around her to continue to pray for a recovery—even though every case history indicates that this would be an impossibility. Metz and Rouse are both excellent in their roles, and I also liked the work of Topher Grace as Pastor Jason Noble. ... The cinematography of the breakthrough is outstanding. In addition, I was touched by the story of the family's faith, and I enjoyed the fact that the film wasn't overly preachy. Rated PG.

B. Find if you can THE EMPEROR'S CLUB, a 2002 drama about a dedicated and inspiring teacher who has devoted his life to teaching at a prep school for boys. Kevin Kline is both believable and touching in the leading role, and I got a kick out of seeing early performances from such actors as Emile Hirsch, Paul Dano, Jesse Eisenberg and Patrick Dempsey. ... I'm a sucker for such films and this one didn't disappoint. Rated PG-13. ... It will next be on HBO's on Wed., May 8, at 4:30 a.m.

Note: I've just added THE EMPEROR'S CLUB to my list of favorite films. In the subject line to this list, send an email to: bjnbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

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5. TV alert

A. SOMEONE GREAT: Now on Netflix
 Jenny is leaving Manhattan for a great job, but her boyfriend won't go. "This sweet film," notes PEOPLE, "is about how she resolves to move on, up and out."

B. GENTLEMAN JACK: Now on HBO at 10 p.m. on Mondays
 According to PEOPLE, "This true story [about an unmarried woman in Halifax in the 1830s] of sexual politics and gender identity charges along with brisk intelligence. It's a period piece for now."

C. THE RED LINE: Premieres on Sun, April 28, at 8 p.m. on CBS and airing over four Sundays
 Noah Wylie stars as a Chicago teacher widowed when his African-American doctor husband is mistakenly shot and killed by a white Chicago cop.

D. 2019 BILLBOARD AWARDS: Wed., May 1, at 8 p.m. on NBC
 Kelly Clarkson hosts and performs. Mariah Carey receives the coveted Icon Award and will deliver a medley of her greatest hits. Among other headliners: Madonna, learning with Latin superstar Maluma for the TV premiere performance of "Medellin" from her upcoming album, and the Jonas Brothers, making their first televised awards-show performance in 10 years with their new hit "Sucker."

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6. Joke 2

I'm worried about crime, so I asked a friend from Texas what I needed to defend my home. He said a 9mm, a couple clips and a box of shells. I put it together pretty quickly. Still not sure how it's supposed to work, though! (Thanks, Joyce Sederberg, for sharing.)

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Glenn Sable: Hallelujah Veterans Version: [Here](#).

(2) Roberta Gunwood: Video featuring the Norfolk PD: [Here](#).

(3) Doug Snipes: Amazing piano prodigy who is also blind: [Here](#).

(4) 43 songs with questions in the title (and you get to see them performed, too): [Here](#).

B. Want to take a break from what's bothering you? If so, check out Pixel Thoughts by clicking: [Pixel Thoughts](#) at: [Here](#).

It's a very simple sixty-second meditation tool. There's a bubble which floats through empty space. You just put in your troubling thought there and follow it for sixty-seconds. This little exercise is really relaxing.

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

Another useful product is CCleaner. You can allow websites to plant cookies on your computer and let CCleaner delete them as soon as you close your browser. To check it out, please click: [Here](#). (Thanks, Eric Weinberger, for sharing.)

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9. Joke 3

Mr. Curious here: Does this also apply to guys under 70? (Thanks, Paul Marks, for sharing.)

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10. A Quote I like

Thanks, John Havlicek (1940-2019), for giving me many thrilling movements as a basketball player when you played for the Cleveland Cavaliers for the Celtics for was only one of three NBA players with an unsurpassed 8-0 record in the finals. ... I never got tired watching you hustle on the court. For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#).

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11. Thought for the day

Sunday Ponderings by Joe McDermott

Let's tear down the Jefferson Memorial. First, Jefferson owned slaves, he must have been evil. It's time for the Washington Monument to be toppled, as well. Old George also owned slaves. And he was part of the 1 percent of his generation. While we're at it, the Lincoln Memorial should be paved over, too. It took three years before Abraham Lincoln finally agreed to issue an Emancipation Proclamation. What took you so long, Abe? Erase his memory!

In fact, let's do a detailed search of the country and take down any monument to anyone from the past who might have done, said or thought something that doesn't meet today's politically correct standards. Statesman (or woman). General. Entertainer. Business leader. Doesn't matter. Don't worry about context. Don't worry about perspective. Don't worry about what they did with the rest of their lives or the good they might have done or the joy they might have brought to others. If they were offensive once, then we must be offended forever.

That's the path dictated over the last week by the actions of the New York Yankees and Philadelphia Flyers, who both covered and/or removed statues of legendary singer Kate Smith because she allegedly, in the 1920s and 1930s, sang songs that seem racist today. It doesn't matter that it was a far less enlightened era. It doesn't matter that the context was actually satirizing white racists, or that singers such as Paul Robeson also recorded the songs. We know better now, so anyone in history must be defined by what we say now. Don't worry about investigations or justice. The media tells us what to do. If you are accused, you must be guilty.

So let's grab the sledge hammers and bull dozers and start knocking things down because someone, somewhere, at some distant time in the past when attitudes were not as enlightened as they are today, did, said, or thought something wrong.

But while we are at it, here's something we actually might want to say: Thinking about how future generations might judge us. Because, as they say, Karma sucks.

Of course, there is another way: We can look at the past and those of earlier generations with perspective. We can look at ourselves and see if we can learn from their actions, good and bad. We can understand that no human has ever been perfect. Ever.

Nah. That's too much like work.

God Bless America.

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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) Kay Galvin: THE PUSSY GRABBER PLAYS. (2) Along About Sundown at Parkway Playhouse. (3) Judy Calabrese: DEAR SATYR.

B. PANUJ events

(1) At Kelsey Theatre at Mercer County Community College: RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET. (2) At Actors' Net of Bucks County: The Last Days of Judas Iscariot.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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