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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 [lgblnc@aol.com](mailto:lgblnc@aol.com) and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

- (1) Joined friends for a healthy dinner at Laughing Seed, one of Asheville's top vegetarian restaurants. Pictured, I-r: Jan Duvelius, Waleka Dobroski, Annemarie Brown, Marvin Sadovsky, Cynthia Greenfield, Blaine Greenfield and Carole Biro.



- (2) From there, we went to Jubilee Community Church to see "How To Be Ultra Spiritual with JP Sears." That's NOT him (below in the center.) but a guy who seemingly looked even more like the real Sears if you were to look at the cover of the book he wrote. Also pictured with us, I-r: Marvin Sadovsky and Annemarie Brown. ... Sears was very funny. To see for yourself, please click the following YouTube clip: [Here](#)



- (3) Joined our friends Tom and Marcy Gallagher for a tasty dinner at Corner Stone Restaurant. Jordan provided fantastic service, and we were glad to have gone before the eatery (one of our favorites) closed the next day for renovations.

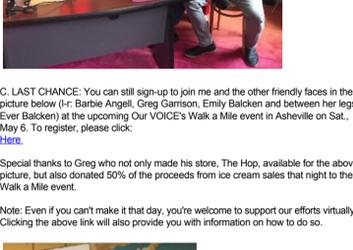


B. During the week, I:

- (1) Had some great pancakes at the Kiwanis and Eliada Pancake Breakfast. Pictured with me, I-r: Cappy Toselli and Jensen Gelfond. ... Special thanks to Jensen who shared me a joke around prior to the breakfast that I'd love some chocolate chippers. So we went out and got some chocolate chips to make them just for me!



- (2) Saw a powerful performance of STUPID F\*CKING BIRD at The Magnetic Theatre, starring in the left photo, I-r: Dwight T. Chiles, Allen T. Law, Samantha LeBrocq and Tracy Johnston-Crum. On the right is Kristi DeVille, the person who did such a fine job on both the choreography. In the right photo is Henry Williamson, whose direction was spot on, and another of the play's stars: Josephine Thomas. Not pictured were two other performers who contributed to my enjoyment of the evening: Steven Samuels and David Anthony Yeates. And I'd be remiss if I also didn't recognize the fine job done by Richard Holcomb as stage manager. ... You're in luck if you haven't yet seen this play, in that it runs through May 6. For tickets, please click: [Here](#)



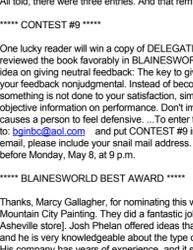
- (3) Hosted Dr. Frank King (on right in photo), author of THE HEALING REVOLUTION, in the first half of my radio show on WPVM ... and Cheryl "Cha-Cha" Soloff (in the middle in photo), professional organizer, in the second half. ... To listen, please scroll down to the 4.26.2017 show when you click: [Here](#)



- C. LAST CHANCE: You can still sign-up to join me and the other friendly faces in the picture below (I-r: Barbie Anzell, Greg Garrison, Emily Balcken and between her legs, Ever Balcken) at the upcoming OUR VOICE's Walk A Mile event in Asheville on Sat., May 6. To register, please click: [Here](#)

Special thanks to Greg who not only made his store, The Hop, available for the above picture, but also donated 50% of the proceeds from ice cream sales that night to the Walk A Mile event.

Note: Even if you can't make it that day, you're welcome to support our efforts virtually. Clicking the above link will also provide you with information on how to do so.



- D. You've invited to the next event of the Asheville Jewish Business Forum takes place on Tuesday, May 9, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Earth Fare (community room), 1856 Hendersonville Rd., Asheville. There will be a presentation on Jewish Family Services and, also, one attendee will receive a beautiful piece of art done by Robin Morris. For more information about both Robin and the event, please click: [Here](#)

E. Condolences to Sandy Cohen and family on the passing of Sandy's mother.

F. Congratulations to:

- (1) Tom Sveyers for having his new book, Killdeer Connection, chosen as a winner in Amazon's 2017A International Kindle Scout Competition.
- (2) Biltmore Lake, my community, on being named 2016 Lifestyle Community of the year for the Eastern region of First Service Residential. It beat out over 100 communities from New Jersey to South Carolina. Kudos to the First Service Residential staff (Bill McMannis, Kim Maynard and Karen Foley) for all their hard work in making Biltmore Lake such a great place to live!
- (3) Jason Fore and Heidi DuBose on their engagement.
- (4) Kathy Murr Blackshire and family on the birth of Jameson Luke Murr, Kathy's grandson.
- (5) Robert Dale Walker for his appearance on the Fox TV series, Shots Fired.
- (6) Howard Debs on the fact that "The Holocaust on Display" was just published in Hevia to coincide with Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah) on April 24. To read this post, please click: [Here](#)

In addition, Howard was just informed by the Curator at the Art Gallery of Ontario (Toronto's art museum) that the work is to be linked on their website—quite an honor!

- (7) Rodney Richards, winner of Contest #8: a copy of IN THE BASEMENT OF THE IVORY TOWER: CONFESSIONS OF AN ACCIDENTAL ACADEMIC by Professor X. All told, there were three entries. And that reminds me that it is now time for:

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

One lucky reader will win a copy of DELEGATION & SUPERVISION by Brian Tracy. I reviewed the book favorably in BLAINESWORLD #1054 and especially liked this idea on giving neutral feedback: The key to giving successful feedback is to make your feedback nonjudgmental. Instead of becoming angry or impatient when someone is not doing to your satisfaction, simply present the facts of the situation as objective information on performance. Don't imply a mistake or say anything that causes a person to feel defensive. ... To enter the contest: Send an email to [lgblnc@aol.com](mailto:lgblnc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #9 in the subject line. In the body of the email, please include your small mail address. All entries must be received on or before Monday, May 8, at 9 p.m.

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

Thanks, Marcy Gallagher, for nominating this week's winner: Mountain City Painting. They did a fantastic job both painting and wallpapering our Asheville store. Josh Pheasant offered ideas that helped make the store look better, and he is very knowledgeable about the type of paint to use for various applications. His company has years of experience, and it shows by the superior quality of their work. ... if anyone is looking for a painting company for commercial or residential, I give these guys a big thumbs up! ... For more information, contact Josh Pheasant at 828.243.0059 or via email: [pheasantmail@gmail.com](mailto:pheasantmail@gmail.com).

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### 2. FYI

Financial advice: Save for retirement or reduce debt?

by Bray Creech

When presented with many choices, especially if I like all the choices, I have a hard time committing to just one. At The Hop Ice Cream Cafe or Wedge Brewing Co., for example, I'm easily overwhelmed: "YES! I want all the ice cream, and I want all the beer!"

I gave that same "YES!" answer to a friend who recently asked, "Should I pay down credit or save for retirement?" She was a typical die-hard Asheville 30-something, with student loans, a mortgage and a car payment. She's married and has a relatively well-paying job, with some disposable income left over each month.

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

FYI, part 2

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

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- 1) Terry Buznicki: Hope you and your BB are both well. (2) How to build resilient kids, even after a loss. (3) Welcome to world's coolest kindergarten. (4) There is a right way to wash your hair. (5) After knee or hip replacement, no place like home.

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### 3. Joke 1

- Don't forget: April 25th will always be the perfect date! And if you'd like to join me in revisiting this classic scene from MISS CONGENIALITY, please click: [Here](#)



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### 4. Reviews

- A. Saw TRUMAN, a 2017 Spanish film, about a dying man who enlists his childhood friend to help him find a home for his dog. It is a sweet, beautiful film that also has some humor in it that has you feeling good at the end. Not rated, but because of a sex scene at the end (that I don't think added to the story), I would not recommend it for mature teenagers and up.

- B. Now out on DVD is LA LA LAND. Here was my review from BLAINESWORLD #1057. Saw LA LA LAND, an enchanting musical about an aspiring actress and a jazz musician who are struggling to make ends meet. Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling have great chemistry together in the leading roles. I loved both the music and the dance numbers, the ending was outstanding. I now have this at the top of my favorite films for 2016. Rated PG-13.

Note: It has also been added to my list of favorite films. If you'd like a copy of that list, send an email to: [lgblnc@aol.com](mailto:lgblnc@aol.com) and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

- C. Read IM YOUR MAN: THE LIFE OF LEONARD COHEN (Ecco) by Sylvie Simmons. Cohen has long been one of my favorite entertainers, and I always wanted to know more about his life. That's no longer the case. This informative biography covers all parts of his life, ranging from his beginning days as a poet up through his return to performing after several years in a monastery (and the fact that his manager had stolen virtually all his money) ... I especially enjoyed the many tidbits about his songwriting, including this one from early in his career: "We used to listen to music a lot," says Rosenzweig, "and Leonard, even before he started to write his own stuff, was relentless. He would play a song, whether it was 'Home on the Range' or whatever, over and over and over all day, play it on his guitar and sing it. When he was learning a song he would play it thousands of times, all day, for days and days and weeks, the same song, over and over, fast and slow, faster, this and that. It would drive you crazy. It was the same when he started to write his own stuff. He still works that way. It still takes him four years to write a lyric because he's written twenty thousand verses or something." ... If you're a Leonard Cohen fan, this is a must-read!

- D. Heard HOW TO TALK TO ANYONE: 62 LITTLE TRICKS FOR BIG SUCCESS IN RELATIONSHIPS (Listen & Live Audio), written and read by Leti Lowndes. ... I found this technique very useful: What Do You Do-NOT! A sure sign you're a Somebody is the conspicuous absence of the question, "What do you do?" (You determine this, of course, but not with those four dirty words that label you as either a ruthless networker, a social climber, a gold-digging husband or wife hunter, or someone who's never stopped along Easy Street.) ... So how do you find out what someone does for a living? (I thought you'd never ask.) You simply practice the following eight words. All together now: "How ... do ... you ... spend ... most ... of ... your ... time?" ... I also liked this one: Boomerang-ing. Just as a boomerang flies right back to the thrower, let compliments boomerang right back to the giver. Like the French, quickly murmur something that expresses "That's very kind of you." ... Not every technique hits a home run, but there are enough of them in this breezy book to make it worthwhile reading and/or listening.

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### 5. TV alert

- A. DEAR WHITE PEOPLE: Now available via Netflix. According to TV GUIDE, this show "balances satirical irony and deep-seated rage to tell its richly entertaining, wilyly funny, yet deadly serious character-driven story of identity politics."

- B. THE VICTORIAN SLUM. Tues., May 2, at 8 p.m. on PBS (check local listings at pbs.org.) This five-part series invites modern families to experience first-hand the primitive conditions of East End London tenement life in the 1860s-1900s.

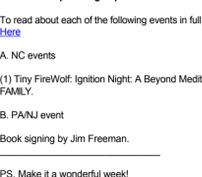
- C. THE PRESIDENT SHOWS: Thursdays at 11:30 p.m. on Comedy Central Impersonator Anthony Atamanuk takes not-so-subtle jabs at President Trump from various angles. To see Atamanuk in action, please click: [Here](#)

- D. I LOVE DICK: Series premiere on Friday, May 5, via Amazon. Kathryn Hahn plays a disheartened filmmaker who falls for Kevin Bacon, an eccentric cowboy/artist, in this adaptation of Chris Kraus' cult-classic book.

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### 6. Joke 2

Finally, my kind of race. I might even be able to finish it! (Thanks, Judy McKnight, for posting.)



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### 7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

- (1) Bonnie Sibner: Springsteen asked to play another singer's storm [Here](#)
- (2) Lori Brown: Be careful when buying meat [Here](#)
- (3) Dog the yoga teacher [Here](#)

- (4) Jean Dolan: Ten songs about libraries and librarians [Here](#)

and

- (5) 6 famous songs inspired by marketing [Here](#)
- (6) Great Jewish songs [Here](#)
- (7) Some slide! [Here](#)

- B. A Microsoft robot guesses how old you look using machine learning. To see for yourself how it works, please find a picture and then submit by clicking: [Here](#)

Note: I tried it with a bunch of the pictures in Section 1, and it constantly guessed me as being about 10 years younger than I am. But that's no real surprise, in that I'm now 67 but a young 67 ... most folks don't think I'm a day over 66.

- 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

Jensen Gelfond (commenting on pictures I had sent him): The pictures were still pretty small and blurry when printing. When you send an image using the Mail app on iPhone, when you hit the Send button, you should be presented with a dialog asking what size to make the pictures. You should be able to choose "actual size" to send photos that are high enough quality for printing. For more on this, please click: [Here](#)

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### 9. Joke 3

An elderly man enters a jewelry store on a Friday night with a beautiful, much younger woman and states that he is looking for a special ring for his girlfriend. The jeweler brings out a \$5,000 ring. The man says, "No, I'd like to see something more special." ... The jeweler returns, this time with a \$50,000 ring. The woman says you can verify the man seeing this, says, "Well take it. I will give you a check now, so you can verify the funds on Monday with the bank. I'll then pick up the ring that afternoon." ... On Monday morning, the jeweler phones to tell the man: "There's no money in that account." ... "I know," is the reply. But let me tell you about my weekend! (Thanks, Susanne Steele, for sharing.)



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### 10. A quote I like

Amén—and women, too! (Thanks, CarolLani Rose, for sharing.)



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### 11. Thought for the day

Wouldn't it be great if all countries followed this way of thinking? (Thanks, Linda Hollinshead, for sharing.)



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### 12. Advance planning department

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A. NC events

- (1) Tiny FireWolf: Ignition Night: A Beyond Meditation Event. (2) THE ADAMS FAMILY.

B. PANJ event

Book signing by Jim Freeman.

PS: Make it a wonderful week!

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