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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) Are pleased to report that I'm doing better by the day after my recent hernia surgery. We also wanted you to take the following:
RORSCHACH TEST ... Examine the image below. Choose any one description that best describes what you see. ... 1. Abs of steel. 2. Sexy belly button. 3. Colorful personality. 4. Guy not afraid to show his true self. ... WHAT YOUR ANSWER MEANS: If you picked 1-4, you are extremely astute. ... And FYI: That's also how I'm now looking!



(2) Took part in early voting, prior to the Buncombe County primary on May 8th. While

not making an official endorsement here, we will tell you that we did vote for both Catori Swann (County Commissioner) and Todd Williams (District Attorney) because we know and respect both of them. Our only regret: That we couldn't vote for Patrick Fitzsimmons (also running for County Commissioner, but not in our district). He's somebody else we greatly admire.



(3) Liked our meals at Biscuit Head (top) and Yao Buffet (bottom). At the latter eatery, we also appreciated the always fine service we receive from Tuti.



B. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wed., May 2, 2018 ... Guest (first half): Walter Beals and Susannah Bew with BewBeals Lifecasting;

for more information: [Here](#) Guests (second half): Ken Roth and Tom Mills with the Men's Garden Club of Asheville; for more information: [Here](#)... Pictured, top: Walter Beals, Susannah Bew and Blaine Greenfield; bottom, Tom Mills, Blaine Greenfield and Ken Roth ... To listen to the show, please click: [Here](#)



C. During the week, I:

(1) Had the pleasure of seeing Willie Repoley give a magnificent performance in BURDEN—now making its world premiere at North Carolina Stage Company through May 30. Kudos, also, to Willie for having co-written this powerful drama with Ron Bashford, as well as to Bashford for his spot-on direction. You can get tickets to this show by clicking: [Here](#)



(2) Met a Facebook friend, Stacy Hoffman, while shopping at Staples. It's sooo cool when I actually contact with folks I've only previously known online.





D. Can't wait to see Cynthia in OUR FRIENDS: LIKING, LAUGHTER, LONGINGS AND LOSS next Sunday, May 15. That's her (second from the left) doing a voice over for the Barrie Barton-directed event, along with Cappy Tosettii, Melinda Toney, Rob Campbell and Jay Joslin. ... Please join us. For more information and tickets, kindly click:

[Here](#)



E. Another invite for you ...

Come join me at this seminar that I'll be presenting on Sat., May 19:
Marketing Your Business

Description: 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.

It is free, but you must pre-register. You can do so by clicking:

[Here](#)

F. And don't forget ...

There's still time to enter:
***** CONTEST #10 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of The Richard Shulman's latest CD, "A New Awareness.." For more information about it, please click: [Here](#) ... To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #10 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., May 7, 2018.

G. Condolences to:

(1) Eileen Fetter Zolotorofe and family on the passing of Jim, her brother-in-law.

(2) Marlisa Mills and family on the passing of Joy Crook, Marlisa's cousin.

(3) Dominic Michael Aquilino and family on the passing of Edna, Dominic's grandmother.

H. Congratulations to:

(1) Jason Fore and Heidi DuBose on their marriage.

(2) Miles Rice for having created a new series. He wrote and directed this one. Feel free to subscribe to LINDER HOUSE on YouTube, so you can keep up with all the fun stuff that's happening there. And click this link to see more: [Here](#)

(3) David and Reeni Lindblöm Dowd on the birth of their son Viktor.

(4) Brent Russell and family on marriage of Brent's daughter.

(5) Walter Beals and Susannah Bew, was well as to Mountain BizWorks, for being featured on WLOS. To view the clip, please click: [Here](#)

(6) David Brown (and Doc Brown's BBQ) on being featured on WLOS. To view the clip, please click: [Here](#)

(7) Patricia Gallagher on having a video created about her Happy Day Project. To view it, please click: [Here](#)

(8) Allison Young on earning her Masters in Speech Language Pathology.

(9) Sand Hill Kitchen on winning round 1 of the Fried Chicken Sandwich challenge/ Round 2 will be with Rocky's.

(10) Briar Boggs on his graduation from Western Carolina University.

I. Correction: Thanks, Francie Sabell, for pointing out this mistake in last week's issue: Did you really mean to refer to Versed as a "mediation" rather than meditation??

Response: No. My bad. Versed was the medication that helped me get through my my operation. (See also Section 1A.) It is the best. You go to sleep, almost instantaneously, and when you awake, you forget everything that took place from the time you went to sleep until the time you wake up.

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

Thanks, Steve Byas, for the following nomination:

I would like to nominate Olga Dorenko for this week's award. She is below with the art piece that my wife and I purchased from her. She has an uplifting personality, likes her art, and is wonderful to work with. Her impressive art showroom/studio is in the River Arts District. Stop in for a visit and see her work yourself. You won't be disappointed.

Note: For more information about this talented artist, please click:

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2. FYI

I'm not a big fan of wearing slippers, but I love wearing this product that I recently purchased from Amazon:
Deluxe Anti Slip Non Skid Slipper Hospital Socks with grips for Adults Men Women

They are oh-so-comfortable and reasonably priced, too. I paid \$14.99 for three pairs.

For more information, please click:

[Here](#)

Note: The accompanying size chart is of little use. My recommendation is to go a bit larger than you might think you would need. For example, I have a size 9.5 shoe. I got medium socks, originally, and they were too tight. The large ones I now have are just right.

FYI, part 2

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

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(1) Thanks, Sharon Lewis, for a recent Facebook post about the dangers of releasing balloons. (2) How to Protect Yourself From Mosquitoes and Ticks. (3) Why You Should Hire a Financial Planner, Even if You're Not Rich. (4) Michelle Wolf Did What Comedians Are Supposed to Do. (5) How to Survive Your 40s. (6) Ken Greenfield: The attribution to me [in last week's issue] should have been "Joke 1." (7) Chuck Fink: Just read about your hernia surgery. (8) Walter Weeks: Great shirt: HEMP!

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3. Joke 1

It's raining cats and dogs. I should know. I just stepped in a poodle. (Thanks, Michael MacCauley, for sharing.)



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4. Reviews

A. Saw I FEEL PRETTY, a watchable comedy about a woman who wakes from a fall and believes she is suddenly a supermodel. Amy Schumer is funny in the leading role in a film that has a good message at the end, but overall, is just a bit flat. Rated

B. You'll do much better finding a film with a similar theme; i.e., SHALLOW HAL from 2001. Here's my review from BLAINESWORLD #270:
SHALLOW HAL, the latest comedy from the Farrelly (THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY) Brothers, amused me when I saw it . . . there were some funny scenes and others that might well be considered politically incorrect . . . yet I now find that the plot has sort of grown on me; it is actually quite touching . . . Jack Black, in his first major starring role, is fine as the average guy who only wants to meet beautiful women . . . that is, until he meets self-help guru Tony Robbins . . . his outlook then changes and no longer does outer appearance matter to him . . . I thought Robbins was great; so was Gwyneth Paltrow as the rotund woman that Black only "sees" as look

C. Heard BRIEF ENCOUNTERS; CONVERSATIONS, MAGIC MOMENTS, AND ASSORTED HIJINKS (Macmillan Audio) written and read by Dick Cavett. . . I very much enjoyed this delightful collection of essays about the legendary talk show host's encounters with such personalities as Mel Brooks, Stan Laurel, Muhammad Ali and Jonathan Winters. His remembrance of James Gandolfini was very moving. And I got a kick of his recollection of his most recent high school reunion--especially this announcement: "We hope you all come back . . . those who can."

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5. TV alert

A. KODACHROME: Available via Netflix.

Ed Harris plays a photographer, dying of cancer, recruits who recruits his son (Jason Sudeikis) to drive him to Kansas to develop some old rolls of film at the only remaining lab that still does such work.

B. BOBBY KENNEDY FOR PRESIDENT: Available via Netflix

Four part-film about the man who evolved from a strong-armed fixer for JFK into a moral crusader.

C. THE BIG BANG THEORY: Thurs., May 10, at 8 p.m. on CBS

The big day finally arrives for Sheldon and Amy to walk down the aisle.

D. LITTLE WOMEN: Sundays, May 13 and 20, at 8 p.m. on PBS (check local listings at [Here](#))

The Louisa May Alcott classic, according to TV GUIDE, is "an intimate adaptation [that] has a realism that keeps schmaltz to a minimum."

E. Correction: Thanks, Len Ennis, for pointing out that I had the wrong date for the first showing of the 2018 ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY. If you missed it, you can catch it this coming week on Tuesday, May 8, at 8 p.m. on HBO. (Check [Here](#) for other times and dates.)

F. John Dilcher: My wife and I just starting binge watching the first two seasons [of BOSCH] on weekends on Amazon prime. Good drama.

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6. Joke 2

Too often, we lose sight of life's simple pleasures. Remember this: When someone annoys you, it takes 42 muscles in your face to frown. But it only takes 4 muscles to extend your arm and smack that same a*hole in the head. (Thanks, Susanne Steele, for sharing.)





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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Herb Spiegel: The lie that saved Holocaust survivor's life

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(2) Lucille Eckert: QuickSafes Hidden Compartment

[Here](#)

(3) Adorable cats and babies

[Here](#)

(4) Ed Nasta: Mickey and Minnie Mouse sign for deaf little boy

[Here](#)

(5) Mark Beloyan: David Akers roasted Dallas Cowboys fans

[Here](#)

(6) Ed Hackett: 1911 - A Trip Through New York City

[Here](#)

B. I recently a free VideoPad Video Editor. it is advertised as "video editing software anyone can use," and they say "making movies has never been easier."

To get it yourself, please click:

[Here](#)

My initial reaction: It has some good stuff, but it is anything but easy to use. Even after paying \$20 to upgrade to a paid version, I was having trouble using it until I found Meredith Marsh--aka VidProMom.

Her website had many free videos that made things a lot clearer for me. In addition, when I contacted her for some follow-up questions, she responded almost instantaneously.

To find out more about VidProMom, please click:

[Here](#)

Or find her on Facebook at:

[Here](#)

SPECIAL OFFER: Meredith is launching a Video Pursuit Podcast. To catch a handful of preview episodes at no charge, please click:

[Here](#)

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

How to Take Back Your Facebook News Feed
by Louise Matsakis

In December, Facebook announced yet another tweak to the News Feed. This time,

the social network would begin prioritizing "meaningful" conversations between friends and family over stories from publishers, brands, and businesses. If this all sounds familiar to you, that's because Facebook has made a number of similar changes in the past.

I was skeptical about the latest shift. Over the last decade, my News Feed has increasingly begun to clog with life updates from hundreds of people I haven't seen in years. Meanwhile, my closest friends-like many people's-share less on the platform than ever. After Facebook's announcement, I deleted the app from my phone, less in protest than in resignation to it having become more of a phone book than a social network.

For the rest of this informative article, please click:

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9. Joke 3

A man and a woman found themselves assigned to the same sleeping compartment on an overnight train. Though initially embarrassed and uneasy over sharing a room, they were both very tired and fell asleep quickly--he in the upper bunk and she in the lower. ... At 1 a.m., the woman reached up and tapped on the upper bunk. "I'm terribly sorry to wake you, sir, but I'm awfully cold. Could you go the closet and get me another blanket?".... He replied, "I have another idea, Just for tonight, would you like to pretend we're married?" ... "Wow," she giggled. "That's a great idea!" ... "Good," he said, turning back over. "Go and get your own damned blanket."



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10. A quote I like

"Life's tragedy is we get old too soon and wise too late."--Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790), American author, printer, political theorist, politician, freemason, postmaster, scientist, inventor, humorist, civic activist, statesman and one of the Founding Fathers of the United States. (Thanks, Sylvia Russino Mennelli, for sharing.

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11. Thought for the day

Thanks, Bonnie Sibner, for the following tidbit:
There is a story they tell of two dogs

Both at separate times walk into the same room.

One comes out wagging his tail while the other comes out growling.

A woman watching this goes into the room to see what could possibly make one dog so happy and the other so mad.

To her surprise she finds a room filled with mirrors.

The happy dog found a thousand happy dogs looking back at him while the angry dog found a thousand dogs growling back at him.

What you see in the world around you is a reflection of who you are.

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

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A. NC events

(1) Jerome Sims: 20th Anniversary Cantaria Concert. (2) Haven Volpe: Montford Park Players opens its 45th Season. (3) Chuck Fink: WORD! Story Slammers Showcase!

B. PA/NJ events

Michael Gelb: Akido and the Art of Connection.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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