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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) Went with our friends Peggy and Tom Shaffer to see ON GOLDEN POND at Parkway Playhouse. It was perhaps the best show we've ever seen there. Kudos to the entire cast (Michael Lilly, Alexa Bryant, Steve Elderbrook, Jennifer Russ and Turner Weinmeister), as well as to Jeff Messer for his spot on direction and to Bruce Chuvala for his excellent set design.



(2) From there, we went to Little Tokyo for dinner. The food there is always good, the portions are huge and the prices are reasonable. We also enjoyed the fine service we always receive from Jenny.



(3) Attended Womansong's CD Release Concert and Party and got to see our friends Sunny Ruble (below), Terri Crosby and Lytngale perform with 72 other women in Asheville's longest-running women's community chorus. It was a great show, and we are enjoying the CD.



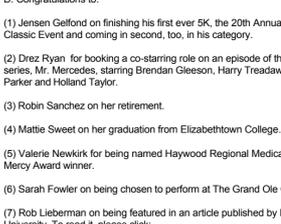
(4) Met our friend Bonnie Sibner at a pizza fundraiser. (For more information, please see the BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD at the end of this section.)



B. During the week, I:

(1) Hosted Celeste Collins (on the left in photo), Executive Director of OnTrack Financial Education & Counseling in the first half ... and Dr. Beth Marchitelli (on the right in photo), veterinarian and owner of 4 Paws Farrowell, in the second half of the BLAINESWORLD show on WPVM. ... Also, congratulations to Corey Hinson—program manager and trainer extraordinaire for The Mediation Center, on winning last week's BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD. ... To listen, please click down to the 5/24/2017 show when you click:

[Here](#)



(2) Saw MALVERSE, now at The Magnetic Theatre through June 3. It stars Gary Gaines (left), Andrew Gall (right), Darren Marshall, Laura Tratinik and Valeria Watson in a spellbinding urban myth that was written by John Crutchfield and directed by Steven Sarmoes. You can get tickets by clicking:

[Here](#)



C. Condolences to:

- (1) Gayle Barsky Rosen and family on the passing of Joe Rosen, Gayle's husband.
- (2) George Hartpence and family on the passing of George Donald "Hap" Hartpence, George's father.
- (3) Rebecca Phippard and family on the passing of Rebecca's grandmother.
- (4) Shari Azar and family on the passing of Gary McNally, Shari's uncle.
- (5) Patty Alexander and family on the passing of Almie, Patty's cousin.
- (6) The family of Jim Bunning, the Hall of Fame pitcher who then became a politician, on his passing. I recall being at the perfect game he threw against the Mets on June 21, 1964. ... I also loved this one quote from his farewell address to the Senate: "I have been booed by 60,000 fans at Yankee Stadium standing alone at the pitcher's mound, so I have never really cared if I stood alone here in Congress as long as I stood by my beliefs and my values," he said. "I have also thought that being able to throw a curveball never was a bad skill for a politician to have." ... To read his obituary, please click:

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D. Congratulations to:

- (1) Jensen Gelfond on finishing his first ever 5K, the 20th Annual Biltmore Kiwanis 5K Classic Event and coming in second, too, in his category.
- (2) Drez Ryan for booking a co-starring role on an episode of the new Stephen King series, Mr. Mercedes, starring Brendan Gleeson, Harry Treadaway, Mary-Louise Parker and Holland Taylor.
- (3) Robin Sanchez on her retirement.
- (4) Mattie Sweet on her graduation from Elizabethtown College.
- (5) Valerie Newkirk for being named Haywood Regional Medical Centers's 2017 Mercy Award winner.
- (6) Sarah Fowler on being chosen to perform at The Grand Ole Opry in September.
- (7) Rob Lieberman on being featured in an article published by Montclair State University. To read it, please click:

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(8) Cameron Gregg on his appearance on the Season 3 premiere of BLOODLINE (on Netflix).

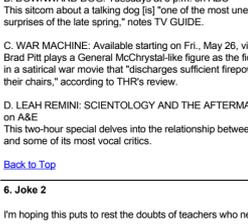
(9) Tom Mock for his blog entry, "The Benefits of Using the Business Model Canvas," that was recently published by Asheville SCORE. To read it, please click: [Here](#)

(10) Kathy Byers, Steve Rizzo and Chris Sofield, all winners of Contest #10: a copy of a book on CD from a list of titles that I've reviewed recently. ... All told, there were three entries. And that reminds me that it's now time for:

***** CONTEST #11 *****

One lucky reader will win an autographed copy of BJ, BJ Leiderman's CD. It's fantastic, as can be seen by listening to some song samples when you click: [Here](#)

That's BJ in the picture below, holding the CD. (Thanks, Bonnie Sibner, for allowing us to use her motorcycle as a prop for the picture.)



To enter: Send an email to bjnbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #11 in the subject line. In the body of the email, put down your name and snail mail address. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Monday, June 5.

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

This week, it goes to our friends Ilene and Tino Procidia. They made the pizza and hosted the aforementioned fundraiser at their beautiful home. At it, representatives from the YMCA made brief presentations about the summer camp program and all those in attendance were invited to make a contribution to support this worthwhile endeavor. ... The Procidias have hosted similar parties that have raised much-needed funds for such diverse groups as Carolina Refugee Resettlement Agency (Jewish agency supporting immigrants here), Black Mountain Counseling Center, Habitat for Humanity, UNC Charlotte Student Building, Thistle Farms' anti-trafficking program in Nashville, Dining for Women's Ripple Africa Changu Moto Cookstove Initiative, Dining for Women and Child Abuse Prevention Services, Inc (United Way Asheville). ... Upcoming, there's a fundraiser for Youth Empowered Solutions on July 22. ... Thanks to this lovely couple for helping out our community in such a creative fashion!

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2. FYI

Just because something is on Amazon doesn't make it your least expensive option. Not by a long shot. So my recommendation: Always check out prices on the Internet. ... Recently, I went to order NuGo Dark Chocolate Pretzels with sea salt. This is a 10g protein bar that has an excellent taste. ... From the company, the price was \$19/1dozen, plus shipping. From Amazon, it was \$16.23/1dozen and shipping wasn't free even with Prime. But I was able to instead get it from Vitaglo at \$13.99/1dozen with free shipping for orders over \$100. ... In addition, I liked the fact that this company didn't require that I establish an account before ordering.

Also: 1. Whenever you order something, also check to see if you can find an online coupon, e.g., do a Google search for "online coupon for (name of product you are seeking). This didn't work for the above product, but it does on many others. 2. Keep a copy of your receipt with the last box of the item you are ordering, so you can find ordering information easily. 3. But don't automatically assume that the last price you paid is the cheapest. Prices do change, and you can often get better deals by again doing a Google search.

FYI, part 2

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

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- (1) Planning to Age in Place? Find a Contractor Now.
- (2) A Smarter Way to Clean Your Home.
- (3) Carol Seufert: Unique Obituary of 22-Year-Old Has Reached Millions. Its Powerful Message is Heart-Wrenching.
- (4) High levels of exercise linked to nine years of less aging at the cellular level.
- (5) At His Own Wake, Celebrating Life and the Gift of Death.
- (6) For Two Runners, Married Life Begins at Mile 6.
- (7) Wanting Monogamy as 1,946 Men Await My Swipe.
- (8) After 54 Years, We Fell in Love. After Five Months, I Got Leukemia.
- (9) Walecia Dobroski: Domestic Violence and Pet Safety.

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3. Joke 1

Pictures say it all. ... Methinks the Pope is humming the classic Charlie Chaplin song, "Smile." To hear it, please click: [Here](#)



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4. Reviews

A. Saw WIZARD OF LIES, the HBO adaptation of journalist Diana B. Henriques' account of financier Bernie Madoff's orchestration of one of the largest frauds in U.S. history. Thousands of investors were led down to financial ruin as a result, and Madoff's family was also destroyed. ... Robert DeNiro and Michelle Pfeiffer were both outstanding as, respectively, Madoff and his wife Ruth. I also liked the fact that Henriques got to play herself in the film. ... If you have HBO, don't miss this; if you don't have HBO, find a friend who does. Also, tell your financial adviser to watch it and check with him or her to make sure that there are precautions in place to make sure this never happens to you. ... Rated NR. Appropriate for any teenager to view in my opinion.

B. See if you can find A STONING IN FULHAM COUNTY, an excellent television movie about a young county prosecutor who fights to bring to trial a group of teenagers who harassed an Amish family in a small town and accidentally killed their infant child. I somehow found it on Netflix and am glad that I did. ... There are terrific performances from Ken Olin, Jill Eikenberry, Ron Perlman and Brad Pitt (in one of his first films). NR, but appropriate for teenagers.

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5. TV alert

A. AMERICA'S GOT TALENT: New season starts on Tues. May 30, at 8 p.m. on NBC Tyra Banks replaces Nick Cannon as the host. It'll be curious if she can be as good. (He was great!)

B. DOWNWARD DOG: Tuesdays at 8 p.m. on ABC This sitcom about a talking dog [is] "one of the most unexpected and endearing surprises of the late spring," notes TV GUIDE.

C. WAR MACHINE: Available starting on Fri., May 26, via Netflix Brad Pitt plays a General McChrystal-like figure as the fictitious Gen. Glenn McMahon in a satirical war movie that "discharges sufficient firepower to keep viewers pinned to their chairs," according to THR's review.

D. LEAH REMINI: SCIENTOLOGY AND THE AFTERMATH: Mon., May 29, at 9 p.m. on A&E This two-hour special delves into the relationship between the Church of Scientology and some of its most vocal critics.

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6. Joke 2

I'm hoping this puts to rest the doubts of teachers who never believed this excuse!

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

- (1) Linda Hollinshead: Alanna Shaikh: How I'm preparing to get Alzheimer's [Here](#)
- (2) Gayle Barsky Rosen: Trump plagiarized his commencement speech [Here](#)
- (3) Kathleen Callahan: That Star is You (Johnny Danger Alive) [Here](#)
- (4) 2nd World Gym for Life Challenge [Here](#)
- (5) Nancy Clark: City Of Strangers - Tracey Ullman Show [Here](#)

B. For mentally stimulating diversions, trivia, quizzes, brain games, etc., please check out Sporcle by clicking: [Here](#)

Some items that caught my attention included:
Find the U.S. States (with no outlines)
Commonly Misspoken Phrases
Match the 2000s movies to their titles around the world

There's even an option to create your own quizzes.

C. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running. ... To visit 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

How to Protect Your Privacy as More Apps Harvest Your Data by Brian X. Chen

In the real world, your personal life is a private space. But in tech, your personal data is a ripe resource for businesses to harvest in their own interests.

That was the broad takeaway from last week's New York Times profile on Uber, the car-summoning service, and its chief executive, Travis Kalanick. Among other revelations, the report illuminated that to stay competitive, Uber bought information about its main American ride-hailing competitor, Lyft, from Unroll.me, a free email digest service.

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

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9. Joke 3

A wife treats her hubby by taking him to a strip club for his birthday. The doorman greets him: "Hi, Jim, how are you?" ... The wife asks, "How class he know you?" Jim says, "Oh dear, I play football with him." ... Inside, the bartender asks, "The usual, Jim?" Jim turns to his wife and tells her, "Before you say anything, he's on the dance floor." ... Next a stripper says, "Hi, Jim! Do you care the table dance again?" The wife storms out, dragging Jim with her and jumps into a taxi—screaming at him all the time. The taxi driver turns his head and says, "Hey Jimmy Boy. You picked up a real loser this time."

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10. A quote I like

Gregg Allman (1947-2017), R.I.P. was an American musician, singer and songwriter—best known for performing in the Allman Brothers Band. ... To listen to his five best songs, according to one person, please click: [Here](#)

And for his obituary, please click: [Here](#)

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11. Thought for the day

If you're like me and celebrate all holidays because there's more food, fun and friends that way, my hope is that you make it a MEMORABLE MEMORIAL DAY. I also hope that you spend at least some time remembering the people who died while serving in our great country's armed forces. (Thanks, William Kormos, for sharing.)

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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) Maureen Simon: The Maureen Project.
 - (2) Craig Klawohn: Climate Change and National Security.
 - (3) Don Tally: Love Makes a Home: The Life of Rebecca Boone.
- B. PANJ events
 - (1) Gayle Crist: Attracting Healthy Love.
 - (2) Cheryl Doyle: ACTORSNET STAGES SAN INSPECTOR CALLS.
 - (3) Kitty Galko: Award-winning Mateur Productions OnStage Brings 'The Glass Menagerie' to MCCC's Kelsey Theatre.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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