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1. Reflections

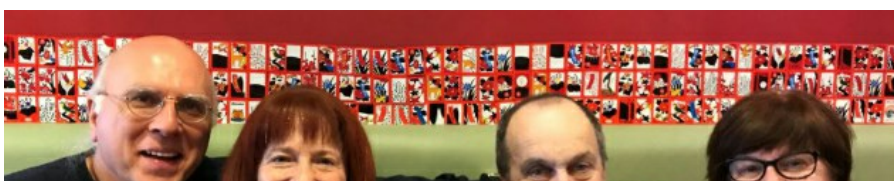
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A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Extend kudos to the Attic Salt Theatre Company for its terrific production of SPEECH + DEBATE, starring, l-r: Brendan Nickerson, Graham Podraza and to the right of me, Gabby Bailey and Lara Hollaway. Marci Bernstein's direction was spot on, and Caitlin Lane handled her stage manager duties with aplomb.



From there, we went with our friends Ellen and George Pappas for delicious dinner at the Korean House.





(2) On another night, we had a tasty dinner with our friends Grant Randall and Ginny Plaisted at PF Chang's where we received excellent service from Michael.



B. During the week, I attended a show not to be missed: THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY at HART Theatre. ... This tuneful musical featured terrific performances from Kristen Hedberg, Dominic Michael Aquillino, Lief Broderson, Annelise Taylor Henry, Tyler Ledbetter, Emily W. McCurry, Strother Stingley, Christine Caldemeyer and Georgia Reichard. ... The four members of the orchestra were also outstanding: Sarah Fowler, Misty Theisen, Franklin Keel and Matthew Richmond.... And kudos to Dwight Childs, director; Sarah Fowler, musical director; Annelise Taylor Henry, Choreographer; and Christine Caldemeyer, costume design. ... The show runs through June 9. For tickets, please click: [Here](#).

To see all these pictures at full size, and to see two others, please click: [Here](#).





C. The most recent BLAINESWORLD radio show on WPVM featured, Nelson Sartoris, poet, and Victoria Lamberth, actor. To view it, please click: [Here](#).



D. Congratulations to:

(1) Steve Darter on having his book, *Lessons from Life: Four Keys to Living with More Meaning, Purpose, and Success*, ranked as the #1 "profound book about finding yourself." The ranking was done by Fupping, a media company that focuses on book and product reviews and expert buying guides.

Note: On Steve's website, there is access to a free job fit assessment designed to help people assess their current job fit and gain insight on what supports and distracts from their good job fit. It was recently updated from 58 questions to 72 and includes an expanded way to process answers. To take this assessment, please click: [Here](#).

(2) Linda Giaquinto for starting a new position as Customer Service Representative at Tastepoint by IFF.

E. Invitations to:

(1) See yours truly in a cameo appearance in *HANDS ON A HARDBODY*, opening at Asheville Community Theatre on June 7 and running through June 30. For tickets, please click: [Here](#).

That's me in the picture, along with Jay Mitchell. He plays "Frank," the radio announcer who interviews me.



(2) Enter two contests:

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

One lucky reader will win two tickets to the Rotary Foundation's concert: David LaMotte

and Friends (see below) on Sunday, June 9, at 4 p.m. at the Diana Wortham Theatre.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST 11 in the subject line. In the body of the email, make sure you include your name and snail mail address, as well as your phone number. All entries must be received before the extended deadline of 9 p.m. on Monday, June 3. The winner will be announced on June 4.

***** CONTEST #12 *****

Four separate tickets will be awarded to the Friends and Family performance of HANDS ON A HARDBODY this coming Thursday night, June 6, at 7:30 p.m. at Asheville Community Theatre.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST 12 in the subject line. In the body of the email, make sure you include your name and snail mail address, as well as your phone number and the number of tickets you would like if they are available (1-4). All entries must be received before 9 p.m. on Monday, June 3. The winner will be announced on June 4.

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

Thanks, Margie Zack, for submitting this week's nomination:
Biltmore Lake residents bid a fond farewell last Sunday to Linda Hollinshead who passed away April 7th. Linda moved from Biltmore Lake to Weaverville last year and over 100 of her old and new friends attended a celebration on May 19.

At the celebration, Linda's high school girlfriend from Cape Coral showed a film she made of Linda featuring her family and her life in Florida to Utah to North Carolina. See the film on YouTube by clicking: [Hee](#).

If you wish to honor Linda, you can make a contribution in her name to Helpmate, which provides shelter and services to women and their families who suffer domestic violence. To do so, please click: [Here](#)



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2. FYI

One of my credit cards recently got compromised. (Ugh!) ... So I had to change the records on all my the payments I make electronically. It was a pain. ... What I learned from the experience, and I urge y'all to do the same: Keep a separate record of all these automatic payments. ... That way, if you ever have to change this information, it will all together in one spot.

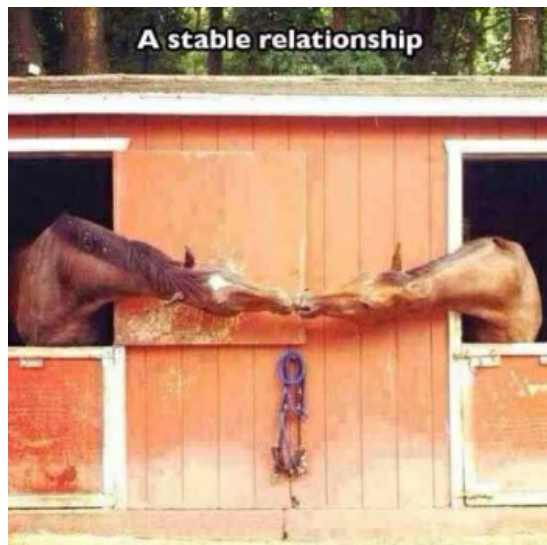
FYI, part 2

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

(1) Carole Biro: First Woman With Autism Passes the Bar and Becomes an Attorney in Florida. (2) Steve Darter: Liked your photo with Seinfeld. (3) Cynthia Greenfield: According to LiveScience.com, the earliest known use of a "thumbs up" dates back more than 2 thousand years. (4) Harry Paul: The leggy blond is not sitting in a Mercedes. (5) Carolyn Derreberry Beckner: Liked the quote #10. (6) Connor Ray: Just shared the jokes and Lao Tzu quote to the guys here.

3. Joke 1

True love! (Thanks, Jim Freeman, for sharing.)



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4. Reviews

A. Saw POMS, a supposed comedy about a woman who moves into a retirement community and starts a cheerleading squad with her fellow residents. I don't think I laughed once. ... Part of the problem was the fact that the few "best" scenes were in the trailer. Also, Diane Keaton, Rhea Pearlman and the other in the cast just weren't funny, largely because of the lackluster dialogue. Miss this one. Rated PG-13.

B. In contrast to the above, I revisited 1995'S THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT and loved it. This sweet romantic comedy is about a president, who also happens to be a widower, who falls in love with an environmental lobbyist. .. Michael Douglas and Annette Bening have terrific chemistry, and Martin Sheen, Richard Dreyfuss, David Peymar and Michael J. Fox are equally outstanding in their supporting roles. ... As I watched the film, I kept thinking that this country would be so much better off with Douglas as president than the current occupant of the White House. .. Rated PG-13.

Note: As you might expect, AMERICAN PRESIDENT is one of my favorite movies. If you'd like to get my list of other films that I've enjoyed over the years, please send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

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5. TV alert

A. THEN THEY SEE US: Now on Netflix

Four-part docudrama that spans a quarter-century in telling the story of five Harlem teens who are wrongly accused and convicted (because of coerced confessions) of a savage rape in 1989. According to TV GUIDE, "Director-cowriter Ava DuVernay's shattering four-part docudrama is a roller coaster of emotion, from rage and sorrow to sympathy and horror, in its retelling of the travesty of injustice perpetrated on what became known as the Central Park Five."

B. 90 DAY FIANCE: THE OTHER WAY: Series premiere on Mon., Jun 3, at 9 pm. on TLC

Six Americans move abroad to gamble on love in India, Qatar, South Africa, Ecuador, South Korea and Brazil

C. WEDDING CAKE CHAMPIONSHIP: Series premiere on Mon, June 3, at 10 p.m. on Food Network

Duos of top-tier bakers compete in extreme challenges to create dream wedding cakes for recently engaged couples.

D. THE WEEKLY: Series premiere Sun., June 3, on FX at 10 p.m.

Investigative reports from THE NEW YORK TIMES drives this series of hour-hour documentaries, streaming a day later on Hulu. First topic: how a rural Louisiana school uses despicable shortcuts to achieve Ivy League success.

E. Steve Darter: Have you've seen DEAD TO ME on Netflix? Started it last night and watched four episodes. What about BARRY on HBO?

Response: Haven't seen DEAD TO ME yet. I've been watching BARRY and am enjoying it.

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6. Joke 2

The wise old Mother Superior was dying, so the nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her last journey comfortable. They gave her some warm milk to drink, but she refused. Then one nun remembered a bottle of Irish whiskey received as a gift. She opened it and poured a generous amount into the milk. . . . Back at the Mother Superior's bed, she held the glass to her lips. Mother drank a little, then a little more and within a minute, she had drunk the whole glass down to the last drop. "Mother," the nuns asked, "please give us some wisdom before you die." . . . She raised herself up in bed and with a pious look on her face said, "Don't sell that cow." (Thanks, Todd Siben, for sharing.)



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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Jesse Barry: Father/Daughter Duo Will Melt Your Heart: [Here](#).

(2) Linda Williams: When you stub your little toe: [Here](#).

(3) Renee Herkowitz: Proudest mother I ever did see: [Here](#)

(4) You remember Jason McElwain, and his inspiring barrage of 20 points in four minutes from 2006? McElwain, who has autism, became a viral star and ESPY award winner. But you probably haven't met McElwain's MVP -- his mother, Debbie -- and the sacrifices she made for her son. To view this story, please click: [Here](#).

(5) Roberta Gurwood: Tarzan and Jane: [Here](#).

(6) Doug Snipes: WWII veteran still working at 97: [Here](#).

B. Ever wonder how stuff works? Join the crowd. Then check out How Stuff Works by clicking: [Here](#).

You'll find information about such topics as:

How Does Google Work

Why Do Golf Balls Have Dimples?

Can You Ignore a Subpoena?

5 Ways to Improve Engine Response

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:

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8. Technology tip

Protect yourself from tech support scams

Tech support scams are an industry-wide issue where scammers use scare tactics to trick you into paying for unnecessary technical support services that supposedly fix contrived device, platform, or software problems.

Scammers may call you directly on your phone and pretend to be representatives of a software company. They might even spoof the caller ID so that it displays a legitimate support phone number from a trusted company. They can then ask you to install applications that give them remote access to your device. Using remote access, these experienced scammers can misrepresent normal system output as signs of problems.

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

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9. Joke 3

EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 39 . . . Begin by standing on a comfortable surface where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax. . . . Then try 50-lb potato bags and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. . . . After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag. This is the level I'm at! (Thanks, Tee Gerardi, for sharing.)



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10. A quote I like

Thanks, Barr Starr (1934-2019), for the many thrills you gave me watching you play quarterback for the Green Bay Packers from 1956-1971. ... Though I was not a fan of the Packers, I was constantly impressed by Starr's talent. He led Green Bay to six division titles, five NFL championships and wins in the first two Super Bowls and in 1977, he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. ... For his obituary, please click: [Here](#).



"If you work harder than somebody else, chances are you'll beat him though he has more talent than you."—Bart Starr

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11. Thought for the day

In case you thought Memorial Day was just another excuse to get drunk or cook out, see photo.

Note: After you view it, please click the following link: [Here](#). (Thanks, Debra Hoey, 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) AUGUST: OSAGE COUNTY at Hendersonville Theatre. (2) THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY at HART. (3) BRIGHT STAR at SART. (4) Lorre Diamond: workshop entitled, "Grief..Loss..Lampshades..& The Light."

B. PA/NJ event

EXIT THE KING at ActorsNET.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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