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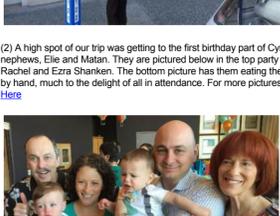
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1. Reflections

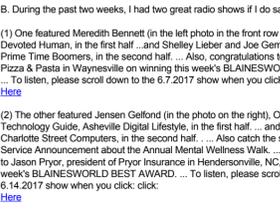
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A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Enjoyed a fantastic vacation in Vancouver (where we also spent a few days in Victoria). See below for just some of the pictures. For others, please click: [Here](#)

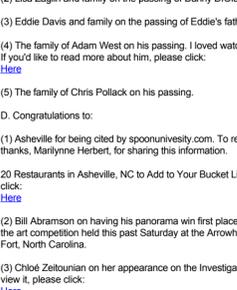


(2) A high spot of our trip was getting to the first birthday part of Cynthia's grand nephews, Elie and Matan. They are pictured below in the top party with their parents, Rachel and Ezra Shanken. The bottom picture has them eating their respective cakes by hand, much to the delight of all in attendance. For more pictures, please click: [Here](#)



(3) Celebrated my birthday in style with some delicious Moon Pies. ... We also saw MEGAN LEAVEY (see Section 4A), and I then concluded my day with a massage from Cynthia. It's a tough life, but somebody has to live it--so it might as well be me!

Note: Thanks to y'all for your many birthday greetings. It was nice to be remembered that way. And it got me thinking that I'm lucky to have you part of my life--a life "that I'd call happy," to quote part of a great song from Kris Kristofferson ... To listen to it, please click: [Here](#)



B. During the past two weeks, I had two great radio shows if I do say so myself.

(1) One featured Meredith Bennett (in the left photo in the front row to the left), owner of Devoted Human, in the first half ... and Shelby Lyber and Joe Gemignani, aka The Prime Time Boomers, in the second half. ... Also catch the show for a Public Service Announcement about the Annual Mental Wellness Walk. ... And congratulations to Jason Pryor, president of Pryor Insurance in Hendersonville, NC, on winning this week's BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD. ... To listen, please scroll down to the 6.7.2017 show when you click: [Here](#)

(2) The other featured Jensen Gelfond (in the photo on the right). Owner and Friendly Technology Guide, Asheville Digital Lifestyle, in the first half. ... and Jen Mayer, CEO of Charlotte Street Computers, in the second half. ... Also catch the show for a Public Service Announcement about the Annual Mental Wellness Walk. ... And congratulations to Jason Pryor, president of Pryor Insurance in Hendersonville, NC, on winning this week's BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD. ... To listen, please scroll down to the 6.14.2017 show when you click: [Here](#)



C. Condolences to:

(1) Mitchell Feldman and family on the passing of Elaine Tamara Bossak Feldman, Mitchell's mother.

(2) Lisa Zaglin and family on the passing of Danny DiCiacco, Lisa's uncle.

(3) Eddie Davis and family on the passing of Eddie's father.

(4) The family of Adam West on his passing. I loved watching him in BATMAN as a kid. If you'd like to read more about him, please click: [Here](#)

(5) The family of Chris Pollack on his passing.

D. Congratulations to:

(1) Asheville for being cited by spoonuniversities.com. To read why, see below. And thanks, Marlyne Herbert, for sharing this information.

(2) Restaurants in Asheville, NC to Add to Your Bucket List. To find out more, please click: [Here](#)

(3) Bill Abramson on having his panorama win first place in the Photography division at the art competition held this past Saturday at the Arrowhead Gallery & Studios in Old Fort, North Carolina.

(4) Chloé Zeltourian on her appearance on the Investigation Discovery TV show. To view it, please click: [Here](#)

(5) Jerry Gross and Deserie Golder McGettigan on their marriage.

(6) Steve Lloyd on his appearance on WLOS. To view it, please click: [Here](#)

(7) Mark Jones on his new job as a front desk agent at Hotel Indigo.

(8) George Pappas on his appearance at the WLOS Town Hall on immigration. To view it, please click: [Here](#)

(9) Lucas Gregg on his gig as the Key Set Production Assistant for the 2nd Season of CBS's reboot of Macgyver.

(10) Delina Hershey on her new job as Internet Sales Manager at Prestige Subaru.

(11) Mary Katherine Smith on her becoming a Marketing Intern at CAROLINE CALOUCHE & CO.

(12) Judy Chadwick, winner of Contest #11: an autographed copy of BJ, BJ Leiderman's new CD. ... All told, there were three entries. And that reminds me that it's now time for:

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

One lucky reader will win a copy of THE 13TH DISCIPLINE: DISCIPLINE: A SPIRITUAL ADVENTURE ... According to Marianne Williamson, "Once again he [Chopra] illuminates, opening our imaginations to possibilities beyond any we have visited before. The 13th Discipline is a riveting tapestry of ideas, woven by one of the great voices of our time." ... To enter: Send an email to bgninc@aol.com and put CONTEST #12 in the subject line. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Monday, June 26.

E. Reminder:

Please feel free to join me at ...

Member Appreciation Night of the Asheville Jewish Business Forum

"Reflections of the Past and a Preview of the Future" is the topic for the Asheville Jewish Business Forum's monthly meeting Thursday, June 22, at YAO Buffet, 153 Smokey Park Highway, Asheville.

Registration and networking start at 5:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 6 p.m., followed by additional networking opportunities from 7-7:30 p.m.

Past members of the organization are encouraged to attend and to share their stories at the Member Appreciation Night program. Attendees will participate in a special focus group to help determine the future direction of the organization.

There is no charge for current members of the Jewish Business Forum to attend but registration is required. Guests are always welcome.

To pre-register, send an email to: AshevilleJBF@aol.com and if you'll be bringing in the subject line and in the body of the email, include your name and put June 22 in the subject line and in the body of the email, include your name and put June 22 in the subject line. (If so, please advise how many).

For additional information, contact Blaine Greenfield, AJBF president, bgninc@aol.com or 828.633.1049.

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

This week, it goes to Gina Neubert--a shift leader and one of the many exceptional employees at Kwikins in Asheville. ... Whenever we go there, which is quite often, Gina is always smiling and energetic. She always goes the distance to give exceptional customer service. Her enthusiasm is genuine, and she loves helping customers choose the confections that they would enjoy. ... According to Marcy Gallagher, owner of the store, "All of our staff provide great customer service, and Gina is one of our shining stars!"

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2. FYI

A. I used to lose a lot of caps. That's no longer the case, in that I now hook them to the side of my belt. That way, I don't have to put them down. And since doing that, I haven't lost a cap!

FYI, part 2

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

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(1) Not My Mother's Yoga. (2) Bettina Yiannakourou: PAINTING WITH PARKINSONS - BRONWYN'S STORY. (3) 94-year-old woman makes history in S.D. Half Marathon. (4) Marleen Allen Varner: Get a lifetime senior pass from the National Park service. (5) The Universal Phenomenon of Men Interrupting Women. (6) Talking to Boys the Way we Talk to Girls. (7) Padma Dwyne: Procrastination: A Scientific Guide on How to Stop Procrastinating. (8) Kristin Pedemont: I'm turning 50. I can't believe it either!... My birthday isn't until September, but I'm asking for your support early in 1 of 2 ways.

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3. Joke 1

HOW TO WIN THE WAR ON DRUGS: 1. Legalize all drugs. 2. Require all drugs to be purchased through Comcast customer service.



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4. Reviews

A. Saw MEGAN LEAVEY. A true life story of a young marine corporal whose unique discipline and bond with her military combat dog saved many lives during their deployment in Iraq. Kate Mara is good in the leading role and so were the varied dogs used in the film. If you're a dog lover, you'll like this film--but others will, too. Rated PG-13.

B. Out on disc and via streaming is PATRIOTS DAY, an engrossing account of the Boston Marathon bombing. Mark Wahlberg heads a terrific cast that also includes Kevin Bacon, John Goodman, J.K. Simmons and Michelle Monaghan. Though you know how it comes out, you'll still be moved by this film. Rated R.

C. Read WHERE NOBODY KNOWS YOUR NAME: LIFE IN THE MINOR LEAGUES OF BASEBALL (Doubleday) by John Feinstein. The acclaimed sports writer spent the 2012 season with players and managers--and others of the Triple A International League, following their pursuit to make it to the big leagues. ... The accounts are often touching, especially his account of an umpire who was told he wasn't good enough to ever be promoted. ... I got a special kick out of this one description of the Lehigh Valley IronPigs: The best one-liners in the ballpark, however, can be found in the men's rooms. In a minor-league ballpark, every inch of real estate is for sale--including space in the bathrooms. The urinals in the men's rooms are sponsored (seriously) by the Urology Specialists of the Lehigh Valley. That means when someone walks into the bathroom and stops in a urinal, he will be greeted by signs in the urinal. ... Among the messages are: HAS YOUR BAT GONE SILENT? BACK AGAIN? THE ONLY DRIBBLERS here in the ballpark should be down the first and third base lines. ... This is as fine a book about baseball that I've come across in quite some time. It is a must read for any fan of the game.

D. Heard CAT DADDY: WHAT THE WORLD'S MOST INCOURIGIBLE CAT TAUGHT ME ABOUT LIFE, LOVE, AND COMING CLEAN (Tantor Audio), written by Jackson Galaxy and Joel Derfner and read by Galaxy. ... The author, best known as the star of Animal's Planet MY CAT FROM HELL, tells not only his fascinating story, but also the story of a cat he took into his home who helped change it around. ... My favorite part was toward the end, in which various tips are given for raising happy, healthy cats. ... One, in particular, caught my attention. If you have a cat who goes outside his or her box, get an additional box and put that down where the cat is going. Even add a third box, if need be. ... I also liked how he pointed out how cats can be trained; e.g., by using a clicker. ... And he convinced me to never consider declawing a cat!

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5. TV alert

A. MENEDEZ: BLOOD BROTHERS: Originally on Lifetime; now available via On Demand. The inner lives and motivations behind Lyle and Eric Menendez's murder of their father and mother.

B. HELL ON EARTH: THE FALL OF SYRIA AND THE RISE OF ISIS: Originally on National Geographic; now via On Demand. This documentary explores the complexities of the war in Syria and Iraq as they gain access to clandestine organizations to look at one of the most serious threats faced by the Western world.

C. THE GONG SHOW: Debuts on Thursday, June 22, at 10 p.m. on ABC. It'll be curious if the remake of this show can top the original version--arguably the greatest game show of all time. Tommy Mottola hosts with Will Arnett, Ken Jeong and Zach Galifianakis banging the gong in premiere.

D. CLAWS: Sundays at 9 p.m. on TNT. A new series about a Florida woman hell-bent on opening a deluxe nail salon that PEOPLE calls "one wild shindig."

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6. Joke 2

The local United Way office realized that it had never received a donation from the town's most successful lawyer. The volunteer in charge of contributions visited and asked her, "Wouldn't you like to give back to the community in some way?" The lawyer mulled this over and answered, "First of all, my mother is sick and dying in the hospital, and it's not covered by insurance. Second, my brother, a disabled veteran, is blind and confined to a wheelchair. Third, my sister's husband suddenly died, and she has no one to support her four children." ... "I'm terribly sorry," replied the United Way rep. "I had no idea." ... The lawyer cut him off and said, "Yeah, well if I'm not giving them any money, why should I give you any?"

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Walela Dobroski: Sheku Kanneh-Mason - Leonard Cohen: Hallelujahu

[Here](#)

(2) Kathy Murr Blackshire: UNFORGETTABLE! Tribute to our Soldiers with artist Erik Wahl

[Here](#)

(3) How to sneak into any baseball game and other useful tips

[Here](#)

(4) Smart Cat Performs AMAZING Trick

[Here](#)

B. For travel ideas, restaurants and things to do, check out the Culture Trip. For more information, please click: [Here](#)

A quick review found the following that looked interesting: Company Launches Trips Inspired by Popular Shows. Dads From Around the World Share Their Advice to Little Ones. 11 Terrible Remakes of Great French Films

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

How to recycle your phone for cash

by Jessica Dolcourt

So you're about ready to offload your old phone for a new one (our top picks here if you need some inspiration). The next step is to figure out what to do with your old phone. You could keep it as a spare, or give it to a family member or friend. Or, you could try to get cash, credit or trade-in value.

This applies to ancient, cracked, broken phones and other electronics you don't want hanging around anymore, either -- you may be able to still get a few bucks, or at least get rid of them responsibly. Don't count on raking in the big bucks, but if you're smart about it, you can get a decent deal.

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

Note: I keep one old phone around, so that if I break or lose the one I'm using, I have a backup that can be activated immediately.

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9. Joke 3

This reminds me of a question that I would have gotten when my daughter was younger ... or wait, the day is still early. I still may get it. ... In the meantime, if you're like me and celebrate all holidays (more food, fun and friends that way), HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Note: If caption is too faint to read, here it is: "Can I have a little extra money this year? I want to get you something really nice for Father's Day."

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10. A quote I like

"It isn't so cold, it would be winter." --Blaine Greenfield at the top of Grouse Mountain (Vancouver, Canada) in June, 2017

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11. Thought for the day

I agree, especially since it is my favorite holiday because everybody also celebrates my birthday, on June 14 by waving and/or displaying the American flag

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12. Advance planning department

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A. NC events

(1) 5 LESBIANS EATING A QUICHE. (2) URINETOWN.

B. PANU events

(1) THE THREEPENNY OPERA. (2) 42ND STREET.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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