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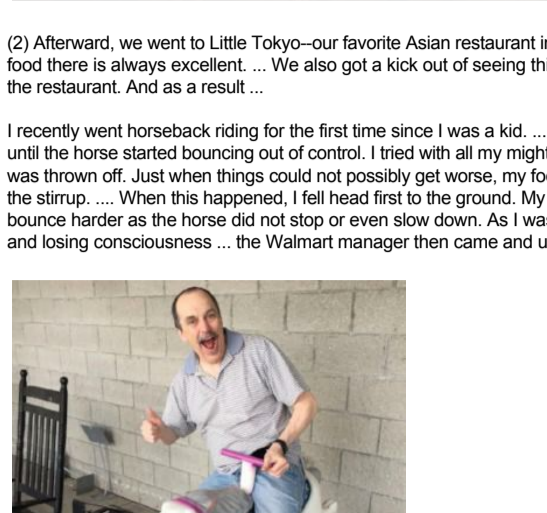
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1. Reflections

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: bjrbc@aol.com and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Had a blast at THE 39 STEPS at Parkway Playhouse. It was a funny play—make that, a VERY funny play. Pictured with us, l-r: Mike Yow, Myra McCouy, Strother Stingley and Jake Dewey. They were all excellent. Chelsea Wilson Tzayer's direction was spot on, Robby Taylor did a fine job with stage managing and props design, and Samantha Lebrock's costumes were just right.



(2) Afterward, we went to Little Tokyo—our favorite Asian restaurant in Burnsville. The food there is always excellent ... We also got a kick out of seeing this horse outside the restaurant. And as a result ...

I recently went horseback riding for the first time since I was a kid ... All was going well until the horse started bouncing out of control. I tried with all my might to hang on, but was thrown off. ... Just when things could not possibly get worse, my foot got caught in the stirrup. ... When this happened, I fell head first to the ground. My head continued to bounce harder as the horse did not stop or even slow down. As I was giving up hope and losing consciousness ... the Walmart manager then came and unplugged it!



(3) We also saw our friends Padma Dyvine and Will Redish for dinner at Early Girl Eatery—another of our favorite eateries in the Asheville area.



(4) From there, we all went to the Different Strokes' production of 5 LESBIANS EATING A QUICHE, hosted by five leaders of the Susan B. Anthony Society for the Sisters of Gertrude Stein. You will get a kick out of it like we did; i.e., if you get to see this annual fundraiser before its run ends on July 1. ... Pictured with us: (top) Carrie Kimbrell Kinzey, (bottom left) Tracey Johnson-Crum and Debra Hensley (bottom right). They all had us laughing, as did the following actresses who were not pictured: Naomi Ansano and Kim Richardson. ... Stephanie Hicking Beckman's direction was excellent, and kudos also to Nathan Singer for his work as Stage Manager/Scenic Designer. ... For tickets, please click: [Here](#)

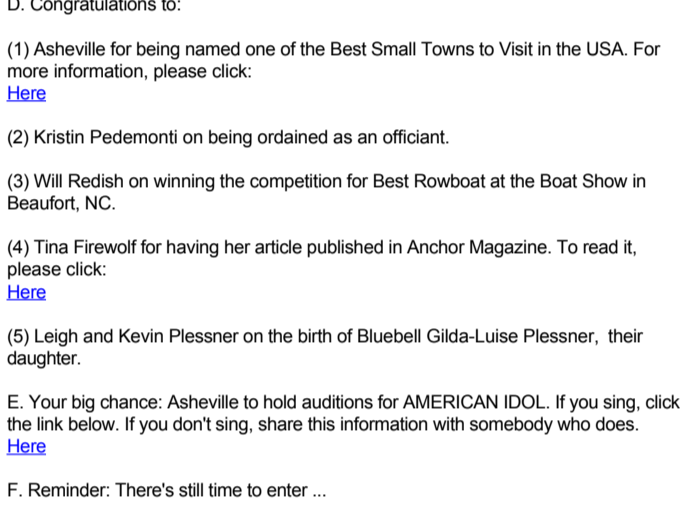


B. During the week, I:

(1) Hosted Chelsea Baldwin (left picture), founder and owner of Copy Power, and Tom Mock, education chair of Asheville SCORE, on my BLAINESWORLD radio show in the first half ... and in the second half right picture): Rev. Ed Hillman, president, Funeral Consumers Alliance of Western North Carolina. ... To listen, please go to the 6.21.17 show when you click: [Here](#)



(2) Had a lot of laughs at a production of AMERICAN ARCADE at The Magnetic Theatre, written and directed by Steven Samuels with the assistance of Rodney Smith as assistant director. That's me, pictured with Cody Magarik (top left on the left) and Samuels, Jane Hallstrom and Dakota Mann (top right), Darren Marshall (bottom left) and Tippin (bottom right)—all who were terrific in the play. And so were (not pictured) Elizabeth Evans, Sophia Mosby and Terry Karaky. ... You're in luck, in that the play runs through July 1. For tickets, please click: [Here](#)



C. Condolences to:

- (1) Honey Woloff, Randi Goodman Woloff and family on the passing of Neil, Honey's father and Randi's husband.
- (2) Vickie Gaddy and family on the passing of Curtis Vellano, Vickie's cousin.

D. Congratulations to:

- (1) Asheville for being named one of the Best Small Towns to Visit in the USA. For more information, please click: [Here](#)
- (2) Kristin Pedemonti on being ordained as an officiant.
- (3) Will Redish on winning the competition for Best Rowboat at the Boat Show in Beaufort, NC.
- (4) Tina Firewolf for having her article published in Anchor Magazine. To read it, please click: [Here](#)
- (5) Leigh and Kevin Plessner on the birth of Bluebell Gilda-Luise Plessner, their daughter.

E. Your big chance: Asheville to hold auditions for AMERICAN IDOL. If you sing, click the link below. If you don't sing, share this information with somebody who does. [Here](#)

F. Reminder: There's still time to enter ...

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

One lucky reader will win a copy of THE 13TH DISCIPLINE: DISCIPLINE: A SPIRITUAL ADVENTURE ... According to Marianne Williamson, "Once again he [Choprin] 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 bjrbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #12 in the subject line. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Monday, June 26.

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

This week, it goes to Monte Hunnicut—a handyman we have recently started to use. ... We have found him to be very capable, and his rates are most reasonable. He's also a real nice guy. ... To contact him, call 628.779.4212.



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2. FYI

- Some information about Asheville I thought y'all would like to see:
 - (1) 300 Things to Do in Asheville & Western NC (as of 6.22.2017) [Here](#)
 - (2) 70 Outdoor Things to Do, Asheville (as of 6.22.2017) [Here](#)

Note: If you'd like more information about Asheville, please send an email to: bjrbc@aol.com and put ASHEVILLE in the subject.

Also, don't forget: If you are planning a visit, kindly give me advance notice. If possible, I'd love to meet up with you.

FYI, part 2

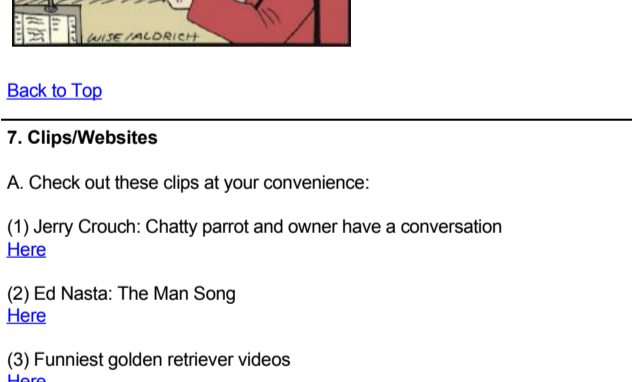
To read each of the following contributions in full, please click: [Here](#)

- (1) 50 Side Jobs to Help You Make an Extra \$500 or More This Month. (2) Amy Suber: High-Fiber Diet Tied to Less Knee Arthritis. (3) Swim Lessons Won't Keep Your Toddler From Drowning. (4) Chemotherapy. The the U.S. Championships, for Gabriele Gruenwald. (5) Why Does Hair Turn Gray at a Young Age? (6) Before You Pay for Financial Advice, Read This Guide. (7) Lisa Zaglin: It's a longshot, but there's still a chance of winning the playground for our preschoolers. (8) Boost Your Workouts With Caffeine. Even if You Chug Coffee Daily. (9) Social Interaction Is Critical for Mental and Physical Health. (10) No, Your Teen Doesn't Hate You. It's Just Summer. (11) Free Yourself of Your Harshest Critic, and Ploow Ahead. (12) David Weiner: I love the joke about legalizing drugs! (13) Lareasa Griffin: I love the Blessings Bag. (14) Conor Rae: Just finished reading this weeks edition of your newsletter. (15) Dan Becker: Recently returned from a relative's 10th 60th birthday party. (16) Mike Martirelli: BEATRIZ AT DINNER. (17) Debbie Hancock with two jobs in the PANJ area.

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3. Joke 1

At a restaurant, a man sees an attractive woman sitting alone at the next table. Suddenly, she sneezes, and a glass eye comes flying out of her eye socket. It hurts by the man, and he snatches it from the air and hands it back to her. ... "This is so embarrassing," the woman says, and she pops her eye back in place. "I'm sorry to have disturbed you. Let me buy dinner to make it up to you. May I join you?" He nods. ... The woman is a stimulating conversationalist, stunningly pretty, and the man finds they have a lot in common. He gets her phone number and says, "You are the most charming woman I've ever encountered. Are you this nice to every guy you meet?" ... "No," she replies. "You just happened to catch my eye."



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4. Reviews

- A. Saw THE BOOK OF HENRY, a mystery about a boy who devises a scheme to help his neighbor next door. Naomi Watts is perfect as the mother. Though not entirely plausible, the film is quite watchable and will make for a good rental if don't see it in the theatre. Rated PG-13.
- B. DIRTY DANCING, the 2017 adaptation of the classic movie of the same title, is now available via DVD. It is not worth watching. Abigail Breslin, an actress I've liked in the past, is not good in the leading role. I've also enjoyed Bruce Greenwood, but for some inexplicable reason he, is asked to sing in the film—and this made no sense. Not rated, but appropriate for mature teenagers.

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5. TV alert

A. OH, HELLO ON BROADWAY: Available now via Netflix
Funnymen Nick Froil and John Mullaney based this off-Broadway show on sketches from Comedy Central's KROLL SHOW. To see the trailer, please click: [Here](#)

B. GLOW: Starting on Friday, June 23, via Netflix
According to TV GUIDE: "This uberstyly loopy deep dive into kitschy 80s nostalgia is an affectionate and bawdy fable about the formation of the Gorgeous Ladies of Wrestling. It's so much fun it hurts, and we're not faking."

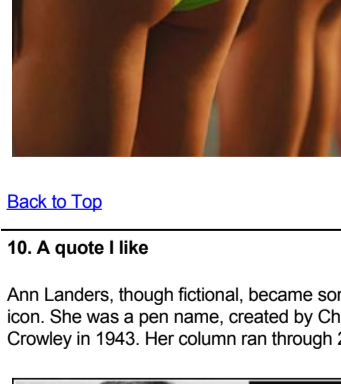
C. MASTER OF ILLUSION: Fridays at 8 p.m. on The CW
Dean Cain hosts another season of amazing feats of wonder.

D. PLAYING HOUSE: Fridays at 11 p.m. on USA
The show returns for its third season after a two-year sitcom. Note THE NEW YORK TIMES: "[I]t is guileless, and its humor comes from both sitcom wackadoodle gags and the more contemporary style of having characters make jokes for one another's benefit (rather than just the audience's)."

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6. Joke 2

Sounds fair to me!



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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

- (1) Jerry Crouch: Chatty parrot and owner have a conversation [Here](#)
- (2) Ed Nasta: The Man Song [Here](#)
- (3) Funniest golden retriever videos [Here](#)
- (4) Leonard Cohen's muse [Here](#)
- (5) Bruce Lang: Vincent [Here](#)

B. The Most Hilarious LIVE News Bloopers That Ever Happened

Watching your local news can often be boring. The live reports tend to have a negative tone and are commonly repetitious. However, if you are lucky enough, occasionally you are able to actually have a laugh. Thanks to some hilarious mishap or hooligan that wants to be on camera. These are the best of the best: [Here](#)

This website posts other stuff that looks interesting. To see more, please click: [Here](#)

And take a look at any and/or all of the following:
59 Athletes With A Surprising Net Worth
25 Cuddly Athletes That'll Change The Way You View The Film
Once Successful Athletes Who Are Now Completely Broke
Time Was Not Kind To These 10 Famous Athletes

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

Robocalls Flooding Your Cellphone? Here's How to Stop Them by Christopher Mele

An unfamiliar number appears on your cellphone. It's from your area code, so you answer it, thinking it might be important.

There is an unnatural pause after you say hello, and what follows is a recording telling you how you can reduce your credit card interest rates or electric bill or prescription drug costs or any of a number of other sales pitches.

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

Note: This article also provides useful information to those who may still have a landline.

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9. Joke 3

WOMEN'S ASS SIZE STUDY: There is a new study about women and how they feel about their asses. The results were very interesting. ... 10% of women think their ass is too skinny. ... 30% of women think their ass is too fat. ... 60% say they don't care. They love him. He is a good man. And they wouldn't trade him for the world. (Thanks, Stacy Deber Hoffman, for sharing.)

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10. A quote I like

Ann Landers, though fictional, became something of a national institution and cultural icon. She was a pen name, created by Chicago Sun-Times advice columnist Ruth Crowley in 1943. Her column ran through 2002.

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11. Thought for the day

Thanks, Lisa Zaglin, for sharing "Don't Judge People You Don't Know." ... Hanky alert: Have one handy when you watch it by clicking: [Here](#)

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A. NC events

(1) Jeff Messer: SIGNIFICANT OTHER (2) Michel Louzon: Arms Around ASD will be the beneficiary of Iannucci's legendary 10% Tuesdays. (3) Paula Hanke: We will be doing a special concert on Saturday, July 15. (4) T.J. Shimeld: Magician Zeke Power to Read Minds for The Vanishing Wheelchair Charly. (5) Dr. Michael Trayford: Post-Concussion Syndrome Solutions.

B. PANJ events

(1) At Princeton Yoga: Prana Yoga Teacher Training. (2) At Kelsey Theatre: MEASURE FOR MEASURE. (3) At Actors' Net: THE THREEPENNY OPERA.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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