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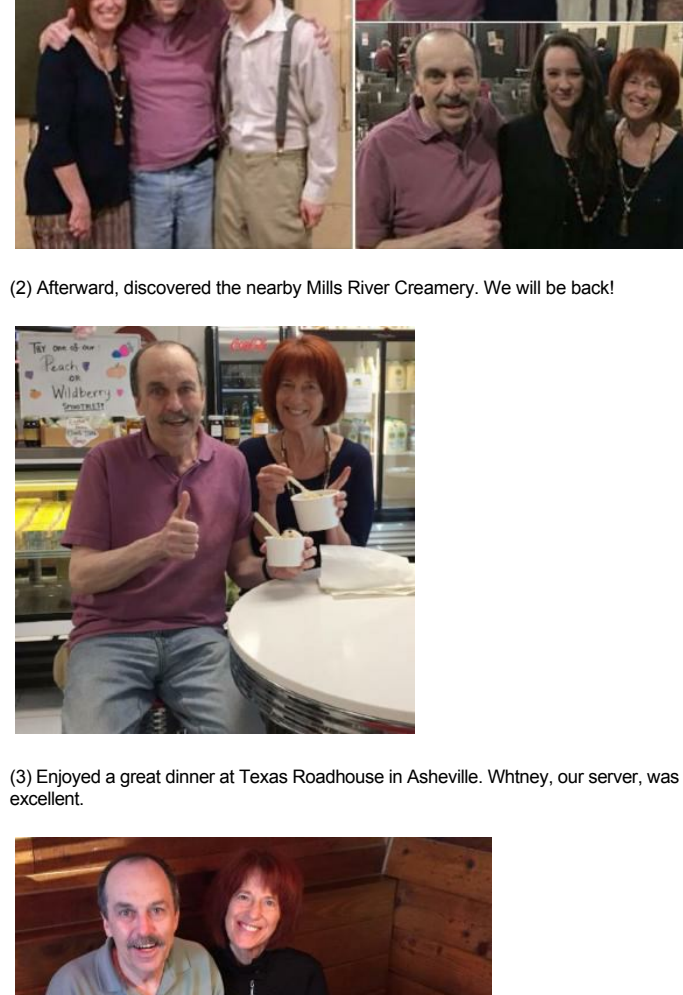
**1. Reflections**

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: [bjgibc@aol.com](mailto:bjgibc@aol.com) and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Loved the production of URINETOWN at Bevard Little Theatre. Pictured with us, l-r: Candice Owen, Elly Leidner and Charlie Burchill; Beth Norris; Bob Pompeo; Sarah Fowler; and Andy Thompson. ... Note: To see these pictures at full size, as well as for one other photo, please click:  
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Kudos, also, to Christine Johnson, Karyn Panek, Mark Thompson and all the others in this terrific production, as well as to Heather Denton for her spot on direction.



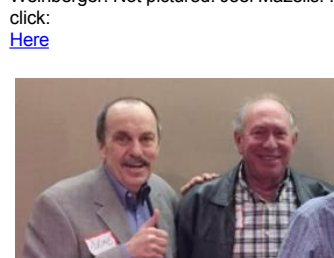
(2) Afterward, discovered the nearby Mills River Creamery. We will be back!



(3) Enjoyed a great dinner at Texas Roadhouse in Asheville. Whitney, our server, was excellent.



(4) Found still another ice cream place that we liked: Sunshine Sammies. We went there for the grand opening and got to meet with owner Susie Pearson.



B. During the week, I:

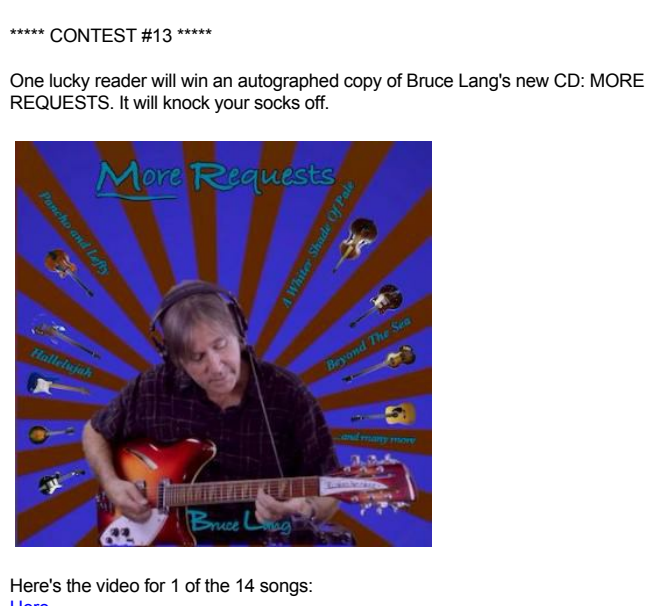
(1) Hosted three fantastic guests on my WPMV radio show ... in the first half: Megan Martell (left) and Kate Kelleher (center), both with PechaKucha Asheville. For more information, click:  
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In the second half: Laresa Griffin (right), development director of SafeLight. For more information, click:  
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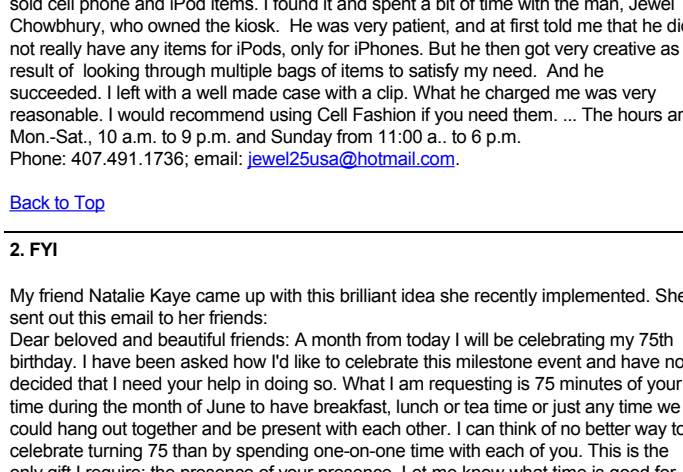
To listen, please go down to the June 28th show when you click:  
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(2) Participated in a Member Appreciation Night of the Asheville Jewish Forum at Yao Buffet where we received attentive service from Aurora. Pictured with me, l-r, are my fellow Board members: Jonathan Friedberg, Phil Viendel, Jennifer Gelfond and Eric Weinberger. Not pictured: Joel Mazelis. ... For more pictures from the evening, please click:  
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(3) Attended a pre-July 4th bash at our Biltmore Lake's Pre-Independence Day Party. Pictured: (left) me with Bob Player, and (right) me with John Russo, Diane Millikan and Sheldon Hamash. ... Special thanks to the Community Recreation & Events Committee for running the party, as well as to Sheldon and his wife Janet for being the leads for the event.



C. Condolences to:

(1) Mark Goldstein and family on the passing of his grandma Lena.

(2) Casey Blake and family on the passing of Pat Blake, Casey's grandmother.

D. Congratulations to:

(1) Gale Sovinee on the fact that her NCBTMB Board approved offering CE Provider Certification for students interested in cranial, lymphatic and trauma.

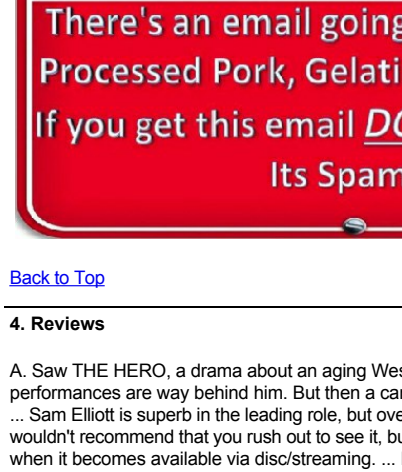
(2) Kevin Jameson on being featured in an online version of PEOPLE. To read it, please click:  
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(3) Scott Patrick on his new job as Licensed Insurance Agent at PeopleShare.

(4) Kathy Murr Blackshire, winner of Contest #12: a copy of 13TH DISCIPLE: A SPIRITUAL ADVENTURE by Deepak Chopra. All told, there were five entries. And that reminds me that it's now time for.

\*\*\*\*\* CONTEST #13 \*\*\*\*\*

One lucky reader will win an autographed copy of Bruce Lang's new CD: MORE REQUESTS. It will knock your socks off.



Here's the video for 1 of the 14 songs:  
[Here](#)

To enter: Send an email to [bjgibc@aol.com](mailto:bjgibc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #13 in the subject line. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Monday, July 10.

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

Thanks, Cynthia Greenfield, for this week's nomination: I use an iPod and had a case with a clip on it that I used when I exercised. I looked all over for another case, and found them to be cheaply made and not well put together. Someone told me about a kiosk called Cell Fashion in the Asheville Outlet Malls that sold cell phone and iPod items. I found it and spent a bit of time with the man, Jewel Chowdhury, who owned the kiosk. He was very patient, and at first told me that he did not really have any items for iPods, only for iPhones. But he then got very creative as a result of looking through multiple bags of items to satisfy my need. And he succeeded. I left with a well made case with a clip. What he charged me was very reasonable. I would recommend using Cell Fashion if you need them. ... The hours are Mon-Sat., 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a. to 6 p.m. Phone: 407.451.1736, email: [jewel@susa@hotmail.com](mailto:jewel@susa@hotmail.com).

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**2. FYI**

My friend Natalie Kaye came up with this brilliant idea she recently implemented. She sent out this email to her friends: Dear beloved and beautiful friends: A month from today I will be celebrating my 75th birthday. I have been asked how I'd like to celebrate this milestone event and my friend decided that I need your help in doing so. What I am requesting is 75 minutes of your time during the month of June to have breakfast, lunch or tea time or just any time we could hang out together and be present with each other. I can think of no better way to celebrate turning 75 than by spending one-on-one time with each of you. This is the only gift I require: the presence of your presence. Let me know what time is good for you and I will eagerly anticipate being with you. Thank you for helping me make this the best birthday ever.

FYI, part 2

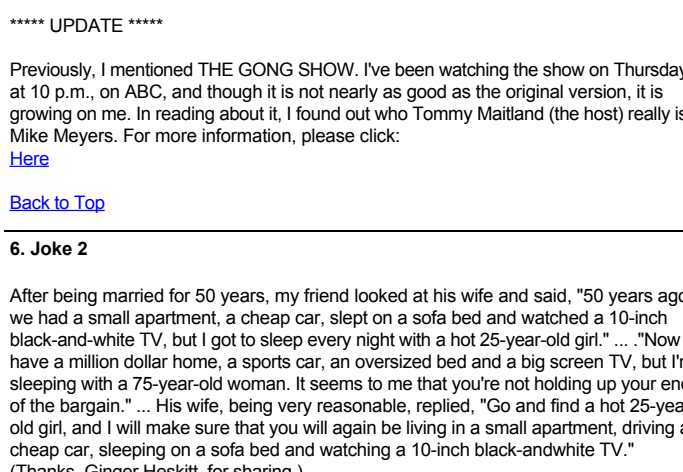
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(1) Ron Peyton: Great jokes! Couldn't open news bloggers. Thanks for the laughs! (2) Carolee Birt: Whether You're A Runner Or A Weightlifter, You Need To Know About This Yoga Flow. (3) We Taste-Tested 10 Hot Dogs. Here Are The Best. (4) Jim Bouton, Author and Former Pitcher, Struggles With Brain Disease. (5) Tuners and Spinners.

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**3. Joke 1**

I only wish I had seen this sooner. Now I know why my computer recently got hacked! (Thanks, Carol Seufert, for sharing.)



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**4. REVIEWS**

A. Saw THE HERO, a drama about an aging Western icon with a golden voice whose performances are way behind him. But then a cancer diagnosis changes his priorities. ... Sam Elliott is superb in the leading role, but overall, the film left me somewhat flat. I wouldn't recommend it for your rush out to see it, but methinks it would be worthwhile when it becomes available via disc/streaming. ... Rated R.

B. THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE will stream on disc/streaming, starting July 4.

A. Saw THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE, the true story of a working wife and mother who ran a successful zoo in Warsaw with her husband. When their country is invaded by the Germans, they covertly begin working with the Resistance to put into action plans that saved hundreds. Jessica Chastain is outstanding in the leading role. The film started a bit slowly, but by the end, it had me hooked. Rated PG-13.

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**5. TV alert**

A. KINDNESS DIARIES: Available now via Netflix. Thanks, Bettina Yansicki, for putting this show on my radar screen. To quote her, "I stumbled upon a brilliant, uplifting and tear-jerking TV series and just found out for your viewing pleasure it's on Netflix. Watch this and don't say I didn't warn you about the tears!"

For more information, I checked the program's website. Here's what I found: Watch my travels around the world on my low motorbike Kindness One. I rely entirely on the kindness of strangers and give back to unsuspecting good Samaritans along the way. During the trip, I found out that being "seen" is the most powerful gift we can give others.

The show is about sharing compassion and empathy with others. It's all about smiling at the world and seeing what happens when the world smiles right back at you. For a video preview, please click:  
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B. AMERICA IN COLOR: Premieres Sun., July 2, at 8 p.m. on the Smithsonian Channel; repeated on Mon., July 3, at 2 a.m. Five-part series, narrated by Liv Schreiber, features colorized film footage from the 1920s to the 1960s.

C. A CAPITOL FOURTH: Tues., July 4, at 8 p.m. on PBS (check listing listings at [Here](#)) John Stamos hosts, and joins the Beach Boys on drums, as part of the annual celebration from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol with performances by the likes of the Blues Brothers (Dan Aykroyd and Jim Belushi) and Broadway star Laura Osnes leading to fireworks, accompanied by the National Symphony Orchestra.

D. LITTLE BIG SHOTS: FOREVER YOUNG: Wednesdays at 8 p.m. on NBC. Steve Harvey-hosted LITTLE BIG SHOTS, which showcases talented kids, now has this spinoff featuring LITTLE on the other end of the age spectrum. To quote from the press release about the show, "Young-at-heart seniors will showcase their hidden talents, vibrant personalities and incredible wisdom." ... I saw the first two episodes and liked them.

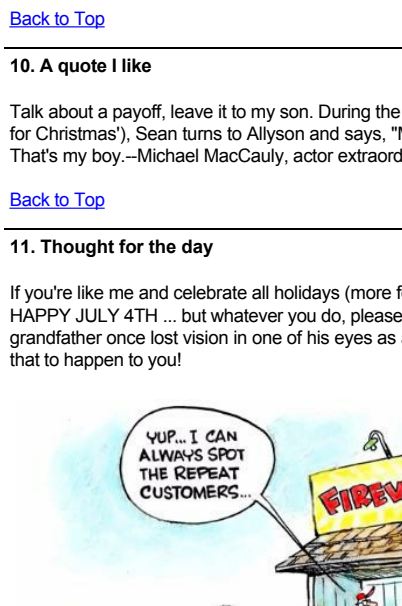
\*\*\*\*\* UPDATE \*\*\*\*\*

Previously, I mentioned THE GONG SHOW. I've been watching the show on Thursdays at 10 p.m., on ABC, and though it is not nearly as good as the original version, it is growing on me. In reading about it, I found out who Tommy Maitland (the host) really is Mike Meyers. For more information, please click:  
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**6. Joke 2**

After being married for 50 years, my friend looked at his wife and said, "50 years ago, we had a small apartment, a cheap car, slept on a sofa bed and watched a 10-inch black-and-white TV, but I got to sleep every night with a hot 25-year-old girl." ... "Now I have a million dollar home, a sports car, an oversized bed and a big screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 75-year-old woman. It seems to me that you're not holding up your end of the bargain." His wife, being very reasonable, replied, "Go and find a hot 25-year old girl, and I will make sure that you will again be living in a small apartment, driving a cheap car, sleeping on a sofa bed and watching a 10-inch black-and-white TV." (Thanks, Ginger Heskitt, for sharing.)



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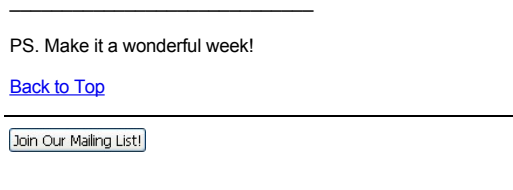
**10. A quote I like**

Talk about a payoff, leave it to my son. During the final number of ANNIE ("New Deal for Christmas"), Sean turns to Alfano and says, "Morn, shows are better than movies." That's my boy--Michael MacCauly, actor extraordinaire.

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**11. Thought for the day**

If you're like me and celebrate all holidays (more food, fun and friends that way), HAPPY JULY 4TH ... but whatever you do, please be careful out there ... my grandfather once lost vision in one of his eyes as a result of fireworks, and I don't want that to happen to you!



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**12. Advance planning department**

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A. NC events

(1) SIGNIFICANT OTHER at Henderson Community Theatre. (2) "An All Jazz Affair - Great Songs Written by the Masters" with Sidney Barnes and Richard Shulman.

B. PA/NJ events

(1) Quintessential Backstage Musical '42nd Street' Comes to MCCC's Kelsey Theatre, July 14 to 23. (2) Michael Hennessee: Dear Friends, here is the Book Group lineup for Fall, 2017.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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