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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I recently had some tasty chicken at Rocky's Hot Chicken Shack. And I added a waffle, which made my meal extra delicious. The food is always good there and so is the service.



B. Watching THE STAR-SPANGLED GIRL at Parkway Playhouse, I kept thinking that this was THE ODD COUPLE on steroids! The antics of Jered Shults and Noah Stout as they compete for the attention of Morgan Miller will leave you laughing the entire evening. Kudos, also, to Daniel Moore for his spot on direction. ... The

show runs through July 9. For tickets, click: <https://tinyurl.com/bddrb8sd>.



C. Thanks to The Artisan Players of The Weaverville Center for Creative and Healthy Living, for bringing THE LARAMIE PROJECT to town. This powerful drama, aptly directed by Marc Cameron and Bill Gregg, was the perfect play to be seen during Pride Month. ... It featured the following talented actors playing more than 60 characters: Lyn Nihart, Madison Brightwell, Ellen Pappas, Missy Stone, Steve Gufstason, Ali MacCaulay, Elijah York, Susan Mengle, William Swarts and Michael Carnavear.



D. I hosted two BLAINESWORLD podcasts this pas week. Both can be viewed by clicking: [Here](#) and looking at the respective dates.

(1) The first on 6.27.2023 featured Annie Higgins--Administrative Director, Bullington Gardens.



(2) The second on 6.30.2023 featured Zoe Zelonky--Education Director, Asheville Community Theatre.



E. Congratulations to Audrey Wells on her permanent appointment as Communications Manager for the City of Pittsburgh.

F. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Trinity Dalton, a Senior Technician with All About Heat & Air in Mills River. Despite being on crutches, he came out and did an excellent job of servicing our generator. He was on time (something that's too often not the case with folks who come out to make service calls), and he was both friendly and knowledgeable. He also answered all of our many questions.

We will now be using his company for our regular service on our generator.

In addition, it should be noted that All About Heat & Air handles all other Heating, Ventilating & Air Conditioning needs. The company can be reached at 828.778.2560; website: [Here](#).

Note: Special thanks to our friend Sharon Lewis for making the recommendation to contact this fine company.



2. Invites

A. The deadline to enter this contest has been EXTENDED ...

******* CONTEST #10 *******

One lucky reader will win a copy of JOURNEY OF THE HEART: OUR SPIRITUAL MEMOIR OF LOVE AND LOSS by Lynda Saffell and Mel Fergenbaum.

To quote from the book jacket:

When Mel lost his wife of forty-four years to cancer, his life took a 180 degree turn. Guided by an inner knowing, he headed out west in their motorhome-on his own for the first time. Keenly aware that life is short, he vowed to live each day to the fullest. On the road, he found his own way to grieve and to move forward with his life.

When Lynda lost her marriage to alcoholism, she was heartbroken. By the time she enrolled in the Redirect Your Life seminar hosted by Mel, she realized she'd spent a lifetime expecting others to fulfill her. Now she wanted to learn to love herself. That weekend sparked a journey of forgiveness for growing up in a

dysfunctional world, transforming her feelings of unworthiness into belief in herself and a newfound trust in the process of life.

Join Mel and Lynda on their adventure as two paths become one. In a community divided by opposing opinions, Mel and Lynda must learn to remain positive and stand in their power--all while interpreting supportive messages received from the other side. *Journey of the Heart* is an inspiring memoir of hope and courage, love lost and found, and compelling, intertwining relationships.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #10 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include your name and mailing address. All entries must be received by the new deadline of 9 p.m. on Mon., July 3.

B. I'll be making my annual trek up North this coming July 27-Aug. 3. So if you're around during that time and would like to possibly get together, let me know by sending an email to: bginbc@aol.com and putting TREK in the subject line.

Right now, I will probably be in Bucks County on Friday, July 28, and Saturday, July 29. Then in North New Jersey on Mon., July 31, and Tues., Aug. 1. On Wed., Aug. 2, I'll be visiting the Yogi Berra museum in Montclair.

C. Please LIKE and SHARE the Facebook page for *At the Café*, the new musical written by Marcy Gallagher with music by Sarah Kohrs that will have its world premiere at The Tina McGuire Theater at The Wortham Center for the Performing Arts on August 18-20 and 25-27.

For more information, click: [Here](#).

D. Want to be a guest on my BLAINESWORLD podcast, now seen on YouTube or you can listen to it on your favorite podcast player? If you have news you'd like to share and/or a story to tell, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put GUEST in the subject line. In the body of the email, include both your name and phone number.

Even if you've been a guest before, I'd welcome the opportunity to speak with you again. I now tape via Zoom, usually in the early evening.

For more information about the podcast, click: [Here](#).

E. Are you interested in shows, concerts, movies, TV, etc.? ... If so, I encourage you to join a group I've formed on Facebook that's called Entertainment. To do so, all you need to do is follow the instructions when you click: [Here](#).

F. Come join Cynthia for the one course she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week: *Move Your Body* on Wednesday via Zoom or in person. To attend this and/or any of the other courses that are offered, scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

3. FYI

If You Love An Afternoon Nap, We've Got News For You

by Habiba Katsha

There's nothing quite like taking a nap mid-afternoon. Yes, sleeping at night is great, but getting 30 minutes of shut-eye in the day is even better.

And that cheeky half an hour on the sofa could also be working wonders for your brain health, new research has found.

In fact, having a quick nap in the afternoon could slow the rate your brain shrinks as you age, according to a study led by researchers at University College London (UCL) and the University of the Republic in Uruguay.

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

4. Joke 1

I'm guilty of having made this mistake. ... And I admit it because I follow Mark Twain's advice: "Always acknowledge a fault. This will throw those in authority off their guard and give you an opportunity to commit more." ... So look out world! (Thanks, Sandy Cohen, for sharing.)



5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I saw PAST LIVES, a romantic drama about two deeply connected childhood friends. They move away from each other, but two decades are united for one fateful week in New York. Greta Lee is especially watchable in one of the leading roles. The film is on the talky side, but overall, we liked it. Rated PG-13.

B. We liked THE WOODSMAN even more. This compelling drama, which we saw on Amazon Prime, is about a convicted sex offender who is trying to get his life together after 12 years in prison. Kevin Bacon is outstanding in the leading role, and he is ably backed up by Kyra Sedgwick, Benjamin Bratt, Mos Def, Michael Shannon and David Alan Grier in the supporting cast. Rated R.

Note: I've added the above film to my list of favorites list. If you'd like to get a copy of this list, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

6. TV alert

A. UNSTABLE: Now on Netflix

A biotech genius tries to bounce back from the depths of grief with help from his son, who works to escape his dad's shadow and save the family business. Rob Lowe stars, along with his son John Owen Lowe. Cynthia and I have only watched the first two episodes of this comedy series, and we are enjoying it.

B. Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for this recommendation:
Watch "Anything Goes" with Sutton Foster on PBS. Fantastic.

If you don't have the PBS app, you can sign on (donate) for as low as \$5 month, tax deductible, and then cancel after you've seen the show. But there's lots of good shows on PBS. You'll likely want to stay.

C. A CAPITOL FOURTH: Tuesday, July 4, on PBS (check showtimes for your local station)
Dancing With the Stars' Alfonso Ribeiro hosts; performers include Belinda Carlisle, Babyface, Renée Fleming, Chicago, Boyz II Men, the Muppets, the National Symphony Orchestra and the Broadway cast of A Beautiful Noise, The Neil Diamond Musical. Adrienne Warren (Tony winner for Tina: The Tina Turner Musical) will perform a tribute to Turner, who died in May, and NASA astronauts Frank Rubio, Stephen Bowen and Woody Hoburg will "dial in" from the International Space Station.

D. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT: Slated to run on steaming platforms, including Apple TV and Prime Video
Mel Gibson, directed child actor Nick Stahl and starred in 1993's The Man Without a Face. Now they've reunited in a dirty cop, drugs and money crime story.

7. Joke 2

Do this the next time you find the roll empty. (Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing.)



8. Clips/Websites

A. The Turtles are arguably the greatest rock group of all time!

(1) As mentioned previously, this section will feature music by The Turtles--either their recordings and/or covers of their music by others.

I'd especially love to see any recording you may have done of "Happy Together."

Send it to: bginbc@aol.com and put THE TURTLES in the subject line.

Note: Even if you did not do a recording, I welcome anything done by others--not only of "Happy Together," but any other Turtles' song.

(2) For this week, please view this guitar cover from Phil Leadbetter: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

“Peace Train”: [Here](#). (Thanks, Marcia Goldschmidt Kratz, for sharing.)

C. And also check out these other clips at your convenience:

(1) The Fleetwoods, “Come Softly, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns (7.2.2023): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Happy 78th birthday to singer and songwriter Debbie Harry. After attending college, she worked various jobs—as a dancer, a Playboy Bunny and a secretary (including at the BBC in New York)—before her breakthrough in the music industry. Harry co-formed Blondie in 1974 in New York City. The band released its eponymous debut album in 1976, and released a further three albums between then and 1979, including *Parallel Lines*, which spawned six singles, including “Heart of Glass”. Their fifth album, *Autoamerican* (1980), afforded Harry and the band further attention, spawning such hits as a cover of “The Tide Is High”, and “Rapture”, which is considered the first rap song to chart at number one in the United States. Harry released her debut solo album, *KooKoo*, in 1981.

To see “Heart of Glass” performed, click: [Here](#).

(4) You'll be amazed at what your cat can learn from watching TV!: [Here](#). (Thanks, Arlene Ditzler, for sharing.)

(5) You've Got a Friend In Me - LIVE Performance by 4-year-old Claire Ryann and Dad: [Here](#). (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

(6) A classic baseball moment: Sandy Koufax vs. Mr. Ed: [Here](#). (Thanks, Steven Shulman, for sharing.)

D. Here's a website that you might want to check out:

Want to listen to something cool? Check out Radio Garden by clicking: [Here](#).

You can find out what radio is like in Paris, Tokyo or just about any city throughout the world. To see this for myself, I checked out stations in Bangladesh, Albania and Puerto Rico.

E. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running . . . to view it, please click: [Here](#).

F. I'm back on Facebook after having been hacked. So even if we had been friends there before, please friend me again if we haven't yet reconnected. To do so, click: [Here](#).

9. Technology tip

Apple is shuttering My Photo Stream. Here's how to ensure you don't lose your photos.
by Megan Gerullo

Photos uploaded onto Apple's My Photo Stream feature, the free cloud storage system, will be permanently deleted when the service officially shuts down on July 26.

To make sure your photos are saved, Apple encourages users to locate the original versions of the photos you wish to keep on at least one physical device, such as an iPhone or iPad. Photos from My Photo Stream are pulled from the devices on which the originals are stored.

"So as long as you have the device with your originals, you won't lose any photos as part of this process," Apple said in a support article addressing the transition.

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

10. Joke 3

What a great idea title for a book (or movie)! ... Methinks it would be even more popular than S.E. Hinton's THAT WAS THEN, THIS IS NOW.

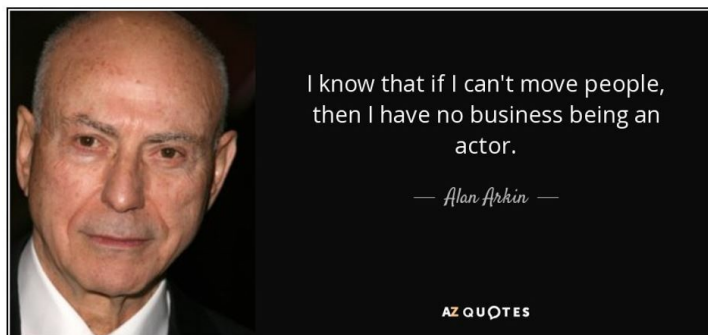


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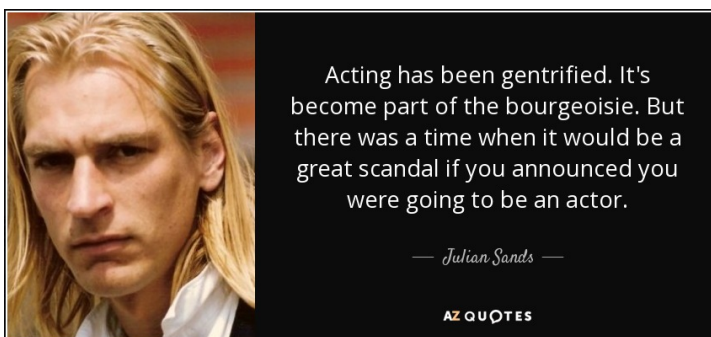
11. Two quotes I like

A. Thanks, Alan Arkin (1934-2023), for your career as an American actor, director and screenwriter. Throughout his career spanning over eight decades, he received various accolades, including an Academy Award, two Screen Actors Guild Awards, a British Academy Film Award, a Golden Globe Award and a Tony Award. I especially enjoyed his work in such films as *WAIT UNTIL DARK*, *THE HEART IS A LONELY HUNGER*, *LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE* and *ARGO*, as well as in the Netflix series *THE KOMINSKY METHOD*. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).

PERSONAL RECOLLECTION: Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I had the pleasure of being his student in an improv course he taught. I'll always remember our first class. He was standing outside the classroom when I turned to Cynthia and told her, "I know you wanted Alan Alda for our teacher, but this is NOT Alda." I thought it was funny, but I could see that Arkin was not amused.

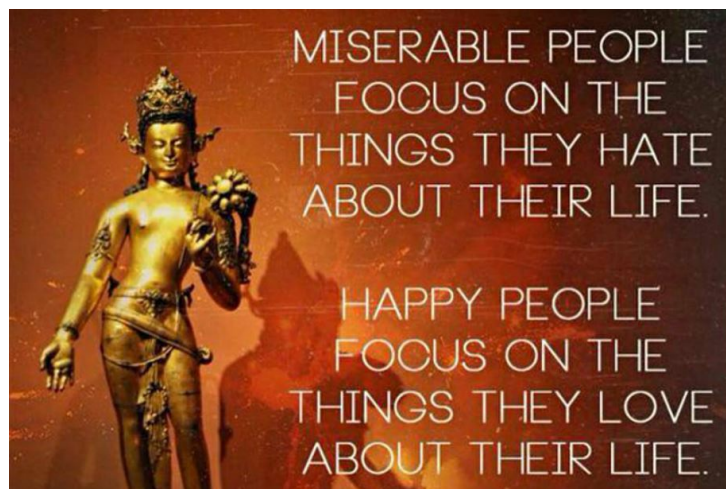


B. Thanks, Julian Sands (1958-2023), for your career as an English actor. I enjoyed your work in such films as *Room with a View*, *The Killing Fields*, *Boxing Helena* *Leaving Las Vegas* and *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).



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PS. Make it a great week!

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