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

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

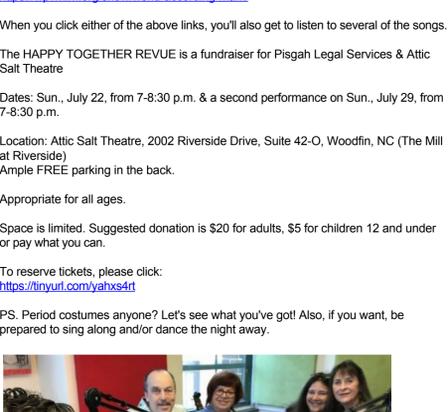
(1) Were blessed to have married 13 years ago. That's us in our bride and groom caps at an ice cream reception we had that night with friends at Maggie Moo's in Hillsborough, NJ. ...Thanks to y'all who were with us then and/or to those who have since joined our fraternity (the good friends that are the family we have chosen for ourselves).



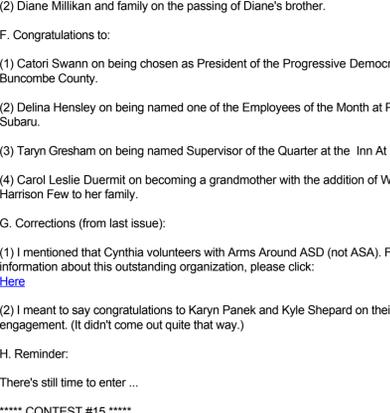
(2) Had a fun dinner at the home of Ginny Plaisted and Grant Randall, our good friends. Joining us was Cappy Tossetti (far left).



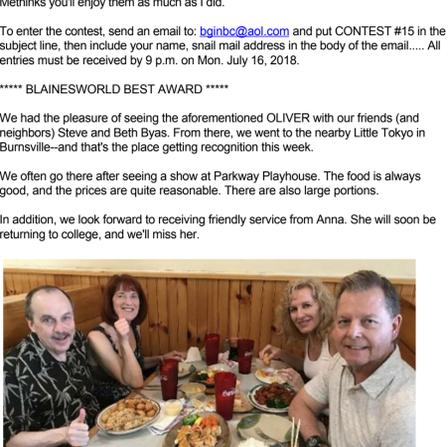
(3) Saw a tuneful, energetic production of OLIVER at Parkway Playhouse. It featured many Facebook friends, including Mike Yow, Bobby Guenther, Steve Elderbrock, Faith Creech, Trissa King, Myra McCourey and Roberta Whiteside. Kudos to them all, as well as to Aaron Neighbors for his role as Dodger and to Erika Tyner for her-spot on direction.



B. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wednesday, July 11, 2018 ... Guests (first half): Michael Lilly, Director of Robin Hood at Montford Park Players, and Julianne Arnall, Actor playing Maid Marion in Robin Hood; for more information: Here ... Guest (second half): Kimberly Hughes, Soprano; for more information: spaceholder@msn.com ... Pictured, l-r: Kimberly Hughes, Blaine Greenfield, Michael Lilly and Julianne Arnall ... To listen to the entire radio show, click: Here You can also view the first 23 minutes of the show on Facebook Live by clicking: Here



C. I got to enjoy a tasty brunch with the Przynosch family at Twisted Crepe.



D. Big thanks to WPVM's Mark Lieberman for interviewing not only me, but others involved in the upcoming HAPPY TOGETHER REVUE. Pictured (below), l-r: Mark Lieberman, Blaine Greenfield, Ellen Pappas, Marci Bernstein and Ruth Planey.

Please view the show via Facebook Live by clicking:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UyCtpaWVE1k&list=523s>

Or if you don't want to watch it, you can listen by going to 7.10.2018 when you click: <https://wpvmfm.org/show/world-according-mark/>

When you click either of the above links, you'll also get to listen to several of the songs.

The HAPPY TOGETHER REVUE is a fundraiser for Pisgah Legal Services & Attic Salt Theatre

Dates: Sun., July 22, from 7-8:30 p.m. & a second performance on Sun., July 29, from 7-8:30 p.m.

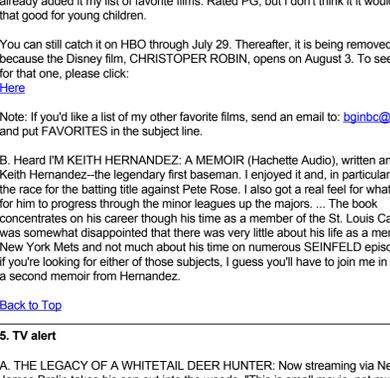
Location: Attic Salt Theatre, 2002 Riverside Drive, Suite 42-O, Woodfin, NC (The Mill at Riverside)
Ample FREE parking in the back.

Appropriate for all ages.

Space is limited. Suggested donation is \$20 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under or pay what you can.

To reserve tickets, please click:
<https://lnyurl.com/yahxs4rt>

PS. Period costumes anyone? Let's see what you've got! Also, if you want, be prepared to sing along and/or dance the night away.



Note: We are also slated to talk about the Revue on coming Fri., July 20, on WLOS—the ABC channel out of Asheville. Just think: You can wake up and watch at either 5:25 a.m. or 6:15 a.m. ... but be forewarned that these times are subject to change, so I'd suggest watching from 5 a.m. on.

E. Condolences to:

- (1) Jeanette and Andy Favilla and family on the passing of Andy's father.
- (2) Diane Millikan and family on the passing of Diane's brother.

F. Congratulations to:

- (1) Catori Swann on being chosen as President of the Progressive Democrats of Buncombe County.
- (2) Delina Hensley on being named one of the Employees of the Month at Prestige Subaru.
- (3) Taryn Gresham on being named Supervisor of the Quarter at the Inn At Biltmore.
- (4) Carol Leslie Duermitt on becoming a grandmother with the addition of William Harrison Few to her family.

G. Corrections (from last issue):

- (1) I mentioned that Cynthia volunteers with Arms Around ASD (not ASA). For more information about this outstanding organization, please click: Here
- (2) I meant to say congratulations to Karyn Panek and Kyle Shepard on their engagement. (It didn't come out quite that way.)

H. Reminder:

There's still time to enter ...

***** CONTEST #15 *****

One lucky writer will get a copy of the CD, SONGS FROM SEEGER: A SOLO SHOW WRITTEN AND PRODUCED BY RANDY NOOJIN ... I recently had the pleasure of seeing Randy perform these songs and others at a show at SART. Methinks you'll enjoy them as much as I did.

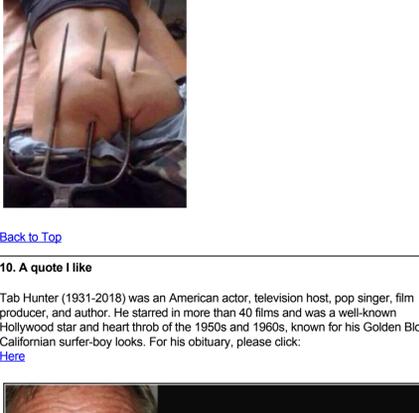
To enter the contest, send an email to: bjnbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #15 in the subject line, then include your name, snail mail address in the body of the email.... All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Mon. July 16, 2018.

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

We had the pleasure of awarding the aforementioned OLIVER with our friends (and neighbors) Steve and Beth Byas. From there, we went to the nearby Little Tokyo in Burnsville—and that's the place getting recognition this week.

We often go there after seeing a show at Parkway Playhouse. The food is always good, and the prices are quite reasonable. There are also large portions.

In addition, we look forward to receiving friendly service from Anna. She will soon be returning to college, and we'll miss her.



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2. FYI

Dog Owner Warns Others of Saltwater Poisoning After Beloved Lab Dies After Florida Beach Visit by Kelli Bender

A day at the beach turned into a goodbye to a best friend for Chris Taylor.

The South Florida University student, 29, often took his water-loving Labrador retriever O.G. to the beach in Duneed, Florida. According to WFLA, Monday was no different. After class, Taylor and O.G., who have been together for seven years, went to hang out in the sun and surf for a few hours at Honeymoon Island State Park Dog Beach.

To read this sad but informative article, please click:
Here

FYI, part 2

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

- (1) Maria Porambo: I could not believe what I was reading: the article about the secret life of pets!(2) I Did a Terrible Thing. How Can I Apologize? (3) Can't Sleep? Let Bob Ross Help You Find Some Happy Little Zzzs. (4) The Dangers of Belly Fat.

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3. Joke 1

My type yogal (Thanks, Susan Reinhardt, for sharing.)



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4. Reviews

A. Loved GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN, the true story about the relationship between beloved children's author A. A. Milne and his son Christopher Robin whose toys inspired WINNIE-THE-POOH. I liked all the performances, but especially the ones of Dornhall Gleeson as Milne and Will Tilston (a kid with the cutest dimples you'll ever see) as his son. The film is touching, as well as thought-provoking, and I've already added it my list of favorite films. Rated PG, but I don't think it would be all that good for young children.

You can still catch it on HBO THROUGH July 29. Thereafter, it is being removed—probably because the Disney film, CHRISTOPHER ROBIN, opens on August 3. To see the trailer for that one, please click:
Here

Note: If you'd like a list of my other favorite films, send an email to: bjnbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

B. Heard I'M KEITH HERNANDEZ: A MEMOIR (Hachette Audio), written and read by Keith Hernandez—the legendary first baseman. I enjoyed it and, in particular, his tale of the race for the batting title against Pete Rose. I also got a real feel for what it was like for him to progress through the minor leagues up the majors. ... The book concentrates on his career though his time as a member of the St. Louis Cardinals. I was somewhat disappointed that there was very little about his life as a member of the New York Mets and not much about his time on numerous SEINFELD episodes. ... So if you're looking for either of those subjects, I guess you'll have to join me for a second memoir from Hernandez.

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5. TV alert

A. THE LEGACY OF A WHITETAIL DEER HUNTER: Now streaming via Netflix James Brolin takes his son out into the woods. "This is small movie, not much bigger than a chipmunk," notes PEOPLE, "but it's warm and resonant."

B. ROBIN WILLIAMS: COME INSIDE MY MIND: Mon., July 16, at 8 p.m. on HBO According to TV GUIDE, "Marina Zenovich's hilarious and ultimately heartbreaking biographical portrait of the manic comic genius is, like his famous friends, in awe of Williams' quicksilver improvisational energy."

C. FREAKS AND GEEKS: THE DOCUMENTARY: Mon., July 16, at 9 p.m. on A&E I'll watch to find out why this critically-lived high school drama had such a short run. The cast included James Franco, Seth Rogen and Jason Segel, and Judd Apatow was one of the creators.

D. TRIAL & ERROR: LADY KILLER: Thursdays, starting July 19, on NBC at 9 p.m. This funny true-crime parody returns for a second season with Nicholas D'Agosto taking on Kristin Chenoweth as a new client.

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6. Joke 2

I took my 83-year-old dad to the mall once to get him new shoes We decided to grab a bite at the food court. I noticed he was watching a teenager sitting next to him. The teenager had spiked hair in all different colors—blue, red, green and orange. ... My dad kept staring at her. ... When the teenager had seen enough, she sarcastically asked, "What's the matter old man, never done anything wild in your life?" ... Knowing my dad, I quickly swallowed my remaining food so I wouldn't choke on his response. I knew he would have a good one. ... In classic style, he responded without batting an eyelid: "Got stoned once and had sex with a peacock. Just wondering if you were my daughter." (Thanks, Kathy Webb, for sharing.)

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

- (1) Renée Herskowitz: Newborn Goat Hector Makes Friends with Barn Kittens Here
- (2) Joe McDermott: Kids vs. old folks Here
- (3) Roberta Gurwood: As you grow older, arthritis may cause your knees to stiffen up. To loosen them up, simply do this exercise every morning for about ten minutes. Give it a try. Here.
- (4) Lois Rosenthal: This program lets restaurants deliver leftover food Here

B. GIPHY houses the most popular GIFs that get circulated on the internet. They are a way of expressing yourself in a funny and inoffensive manner. To view them, please click:
Here

For example, you could use this one to tell somebody that he or she is Number One in your book:
Here

There are lots of categories, including Reactions, Emotions, Sports, Memes and Cartoons, to name just a few. To see them all, click the three vertical dots to the right of Artists.

C. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running ... to view it, please click:
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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

Use this online test to check if your web camera is working and properly set up:
Here

Note: The test should load automatically and if your web camera is working, you should see it to the right. You do NOT have to download anything to do this test, so ignore the ad in the box that says "START NOW."

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9. Joke 3

No matter how bad you feel, there's always some poor soul who had a worse day than you! (Thanks, Terrie Backman Rath, for sharing.)

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10. A quote I like

Tab Hunter (1931-2018) was an American actor, television host, pop singer, film producer, and author. He starred in more than 40 films and was a well-known Hollywood star and heart throb of the 1950s and 1960s, known for his Golden Blond Californian surfer-boy looks. For his obituary, please click:
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11. Thought for the day

This is unfair but two choices that life gives every person ... either you sit, sulk and dwell on how unfair life is to you ... or you could try and figure out how to make the bad situation work in your favor. (Thanks, Mark Belayon, for sharing.)

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12. Advance planning department

To read about each of the following events in full, please click:
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A. NC events

(1) Kimberly Hughes: FEMININE FACES OF GOD. (2) Jan Anderson Robbins: STORIES FROM MOTHERS OF THE BRIDES. (3) Mark Thompson: BROADWAY CABARET.

B. PA event

Kevin Jameson: Join us for an evening of remembrance, recognition and great music. Raise Hope Now!

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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