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

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Recently celebrated our wedding anniversary. Here's what I posted about that occasion on Facebook:
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Cynthia, my beautiful bride. ... To those who might be wondering, we have been married not long enough. ... It all started with ice cream, as can be seen in the picture on the left at a wedding reception we had for friends at MaggieMoo's in Hillsborough, NJ, on July 10, 2005 And has continued with more ice cream (and lots of love), as can be seen in the picture on the right at a recent visit to Babe's Pizza & Treats in Burnsville, NC. ... Our plan is to stay forever young. To join us in doing so, click and sing along with the following Pete Seeger song: [Here](#)





(2) We also marked the occasion with a delicious dinner at Hemmingway's where we were joined by our friends Steve and Beth Byas.



We all then went around the corner for some tasty ice cream at the new Ben and Jerry's in Asheville.



(3) And we saw OLIVER at HART. The show will delight you; i.e., if you want to see a tuneful musical that has great singing, terrific dancing and an outstanding orchestra. ... And the good news is that you have two more weekends to catch it. It runs through July 28. ... For tickets, please click: [Here](#)





Afterward, we went to Angelo's--our favorite Italian eatery in the Waynesville area.



B. During the week, I got to see MORE CRIMES AND MISSED DEMEANINGS at The Magnetic Theatre (top photo). This hysterical spin on the "Golden Age" of TV was written by many of Asheville's top comedy writers and featured some of the area's best actors, along with spot on direction from Rodney Smith ... Each performance featured a different stand-up comedian. I was especially fortunate to catch the always hilarious Jason Scholder (bottom photo).





C. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wednesday, July 17, 2019 ... The guests in the first half were Chris and Bonnie Allen, Tour Guides and Photography Instructors, and in the second half, Steven Byas, EVP of Sharp Decisions Headquarters. ... To listen to show, please click: [Here](#)

Note: Special thanks to Grail Moviehouse for sponsoring the above. To find out what's currently playing, please click: [Here](#)



D. NO JOKE! ... We are selling our townhome in the Rockfish Cove section of Biltmore Lake. ... If you help us find your new neighbor, we will give you \$1,000 cash. (Or if you want to buy the home, we will take \$1,000 off the purchase price.)

Here are some highlights about our home, which is located 15 miles from Asheville, NC:

1. 3 beds, 2.5 baths.
2. 2,621 sq. feet. (Nothing larger in Rockfish Cove.)
3. Beverly Hanks designated our lot as a premium lot. It is an end unit, right next to the path down to the lake. Two homes are connected; not three as most in the community have. It is not near the main road, main gate or high school. There are amazing views.
4. Our home was the model home; therefore, it came with upgrades such as the stone fireplace and upgraded wood flooring.
5. We then upgraded the wood flooring even further and added chandeliers, closet shelving and lots of other upgrades.
6. We finished the attic space above the garage, making it perfect for storage.
7. Available: Early September, 2019.

For sale by owner.

For more information, call Blaine or Cynthia at 828.633.1049. Or send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put "19 N. Kaufmann" in the subject line. In the body of your email, include your name, email address and phone number.



E. Condolences to Tom Shafer and family on the passing of Leslie "Les" Shafer, Tom's father.

F. Congratulations to:

(1) Brian Biro on his interview on Meredith Elliott Powell's "The Power Of Focus!" program. To listen to it, please click: [Here](#)

(2) Doug Hauschild on the birth of Jaxon, his grandson.

(3) Judith Loniak and April Connor on becoming Licensed Spiritual Practitioners.

(4) Diane Allen, Kathy Byers, Gwen Miller, Steve Rizzo, Francie Sabell and Chris Sofield--all winners of Contest #15: an autographed copy of my latest book: BLAINESWORLD BEST JOKES (VOLUME 2). There are 70 jokes for every year of my life.

All told, there were six entries. Originally, I planned to only award one prize, but decided to instead send a copy of the book to all who entered the contest.

Note: If you don't yet have a copy of the above, you can purchase it via Amazon by clicking: [Here](#)

And that reminds me that it is now time to introduce:

***** CONTEST #16 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of my friend James Nave's book, LOOKING AT LIGHT: 100 POEMS IN 100 DAYS AFTER CANCER. The author is an internationally known poet, storyteller and creativity coach. You'll enjoy both his story and poetry.

To enter contest, send an email to bjinbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #16 in the subject line. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Mon., July 29.

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

This week, it goes to Todd Purring--Associate Advisor with Kohlepp Investment Advisors. He is always both helpful and friendly. What really impresses me about him is the fact that I'll ask him a question or request that he do something, and it gets done--seemingly before I hang up the phone. His follow-up is also excellent. ... In addition, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention all the others at the firm who do such a fine job: Edward J. Kohlhepp, Sr., Edward J. Kohlhepp, Jr., Mary Beth Kohlhepp Roche and Joann Hufnagle. ... I have been using Kohlhepp Investment Advisors for nearly two decades. They are the best. ... And to note: Because of the internet, Skype, etc., I no longer have to be in the Doylestown, PA, area to work with them. You wouldn't have to be, either. ... For more information, please click: [Here](#)

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2. FYI

Thanks, Steven Shulman, for this important reminder; i.e., to check your SunPass (known as E-Z Pass) account on a regular basis. If not, you could be hit with charges for vehicles that were not be owned by you. Steven had this happen to him and

complained. To see the results, please click: [Here](#)

FYI, part 2

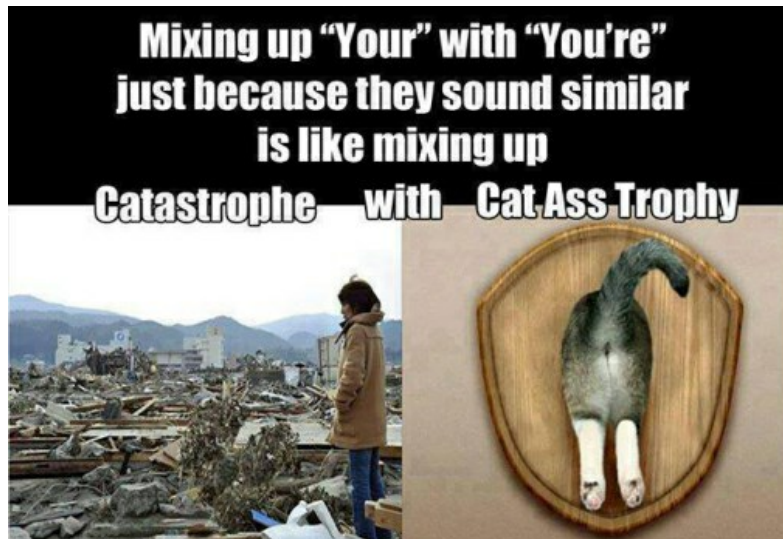
To read each of the following contributions in full, please click: [Here](#)

(1) Sam Uhl: I also put the Big Think podcast in my queue. (2) Annemarie Brown: Love the following: What do mentors do? (3) Sandra Beeman: Really great issue this week! (4) Vivian Fishman: Study says eating ice cream for breakfast may help improve mental performance. (5) The Sad Truth About Sleep-Tracking Devices and Apps.

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3. Joke 1

This has me writing a note to myself, "Self, don't do that again." (Thanks, Joe Hodgson, for sharing.)



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4. Reviews

A. Mike Martinelli: THE LION KING ***

Live action remake, which is actually digitally done, including the cities and animals is the same story with nothing new added. I liked it and thought it was done well, but I didn't love it. For anyone who hasn't seen the 1994 animated film, you will love this. The feelings from the original movie just weren't there for this live action version, but is definitely one to see on the big screen.

B. If you can, find ODD MAN OUT--a compelling 1947 drama about a botched hold-up intended to finance the acclivities of an IRA cell in Belfast. Afterward, a wounded Johnny McQueen (brilliantly played by James Mason) tries to find shelter as a vast police manhunt is launched. Rated NR, but appropriate for teenagers.

C. Heard 7: THE MICKEY MANTLE NOVEL (Phoenix Audio), written by Peter Golenbock and narrated by Alan Smithee. ... This tale, set in heaven, imagines the baseball hero rehashing his life to writer Leonard Shecter. Covered topics include Mantle's childhood, his relationship with his fans, his drinking, lots of X-rated bedroom exploits and even some baseball. ... I enjoyed hearing about Joe Pepitone, Billy Martin, Casey Stengel and many other Yankee names that were such a big part of my childhood. In addition, I got a kick out of the raunchy jokes told by the Mantle character that were peppered throughout the book. ... Smithee's narration was superb. ... Be forewarned, though: If you have head "The Mick" up on a pedestal, I wouldn't read this, nor would I allow any impressionable youths to do so.

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5. TV alert

A. FROM THE EARTH TO THE MOON: HBO On Demand

This Emmy-winning 1998 miniseries dramatizes the American space program in the 1960s and early 1970s.

It features Tom Hanks as hosts with astronauts played by the likes of Mark Harmon, Bryan Cranston and Gary Cole. Sally Field, Elizabeth Perkins and JoBeth Williams are among the loyal wives/

B. SHERMAN'S SHOWCASE: Series premiere on Wed., July 31, at 10 p.m. on IFC According to TV GUIDE, "This inspired spoof of SOLID GOLD-style TV, in the form of an eight-week informational for a fictional dance/variety series, is an honest-to-goodness hoot." Guest narrators include John Legend, Mar J. Blige and Morris Day.

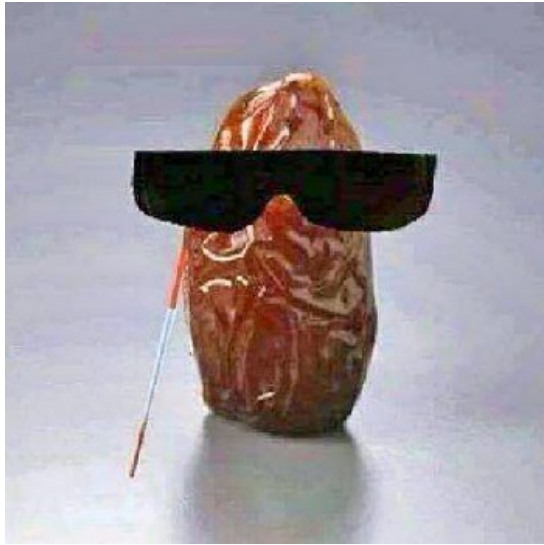
C. MASTERS OF ILLUSION: Fridays at 8 p.m. on The CW
Dean Cain hosts this mystifying series featuring escape artists, cutting-edge illusionists and talented performers.

D. WIDOWS: Sat., July 27, at 7:45 p.m. on HBO
The wives of four dead criminals plan a heist to pay of their debts. Steve McQueen is the director, and Viola Davis stars in this action flick that also is part political thriller.

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6. Joke 2

Some puns are good and some aren't. You've just got to prune them out. (Thanks, Elaine Bilk, for sharing.)



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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

- (1) Candace Mullett: Willie Nelson's Immigrant Eyes: [Here](#)
- (2) Doug Snipes: Pledge of Allegiance, word-by-word meaning explained by Red Skelton: [Here](#)
- (3) Gary James: . in NC: Honest Trailers - Les Miserables: [Here](#)
- (4) Juggling strip tease: [Here](#)

B. Mental Floss tells you the hidden stories behind the popular happenings around the world. To access it, please click: [Here](#)

Among recent stories were these:

Target Unveils Wheelchair-Adaptive Halloween Costumes for Kids
Richard Nixon Had a Speech Prepared In the Event That Apollo 11's Mission Failed
Chimpanzees Bond by Watching Movies Together, Too
How to Detect a Forgery

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

Please use ethernet cables whenever you can. Please.

by Alex Perry

For those of us old enough to remember a time before WiFi, there's still something genuinely magical about it. Internet! In the air! Can you believe it?

We've cut way down on cables and can now access the internet anywhere in our homes (sometimes with a little help), and the signal strength is generally good enough to stream HD videos and play online video games against people around the world.

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

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9. Joke 3

Two guys were discussing their past sex lives. Bill said, "I didn't sleep with my wife before we got married, did you?" . . . Larry replied, "I'm not sure. What was her maiden name?"



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10. A quote I like

Thanks, John Paul Stevens (1920-2019), for your service as an associate justice of the United State Supreme Court from 1975 until your retirement in 2010. To read more about his life, please click: [Here](#)



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11. Thought for the day

Thanks, Jan Akers, for sharing this piece:

Dare To Be

by Steve Maraboli*

When a new day begins, dare to smile gratefully.
When there is darkness, dare to be the first to shine a light.
When there is injustice, dare to be the first to condemn it.
When something seems difficult, dare to do it anyway.
When life seems to beat you down, dare to fight back.
When there seems to be no hope, dare to find some.
When you're feeling tired, dare to keep going.
When times are tough, dare to be tougher.
When love hurts you, dare to love again.
When someone is hurting, dare to help them heal.
When another is lost, dare to help them find the way.
When a friend falls, dare to be the first to extend a hand.
When you cross paths with another, dare to make them smile.
When you feel great, dare to help someone else feel great, too.
When the day has ended, dare to feel as you've done your best.
Dare to be the best you can --
At all times, Dare to Be!

* Source: His book: LIFE, THE TRUTH, AND BEING FREE

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12. Advance planning department

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

A. NC events

(1) Sam Uhl: Round Robin Music Night. (2) Kimberly Hughes: A musical Celebration of The Divine Feminine.

B. PA/NJ event

Michael Hennessee: Book Group lineup for Fall 2019.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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