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## 1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful, bride and I, accompanied by our friend Ellane Chandler, enjoyed The Magnetic Theatre's world premiere production of KORE by playwright Gabrielle Orcha. ...Heather Bronson, Zak Hamrick and Katie Langwell all rocked in this production, and Jessica Johnson's direction was spot on.



B. We then went to Fresh West for some delicious piazza.



C. We also spent some quality time with Rigby, the dog of our neighbors, and we look forward to looking after him when our neighbors are away next week.



D. I had a tasty breakfast at [Liberty House Coffee and Café](#) with Dorus Rudisill, at which we discussed his line of golf cart products. To find out more information about them, please click: [Here](#).



E. Catch this past week's BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) Tracy Veteto, founder/broker, Panashe; and (second half): James Freeman, author and professor of creative writing.



F. Congratulations to:

(1) Brent Russell on being featured on WLOS. To catch his appearance, please click: [Here](#).

Note: As mentioned above, folks can still vote by going to this link: [Here](#).

Then be sure you scroll through pictures to pick Asheville and Vote. You can vote every day until August 4th.

B. Ryan Coluter on being the new weekday weatherperson for WLOS.

C. John O'Neill on his acceptance into the NC School of the Arts.



#### G. Corrections:

(1) Thanks, Sharon Lewis, for this email about what I wrote last week about 'S WONDERFUL, the fantastic show now at HART:

FYI: It's Daniel Iannucci, the bass player. I spelled Daniel's last name wrong. Sorry 'bout that.

B. Last week, I also got another name wrong. We joined Brian and Andi Jefferis, our new neighbors (and friends), for some tasty ice cream at Hilltop Ice Cream . What you now see is correct. For some reason, I had Brian's wrong first name.

(3) And I'm grateful to Len Ennis for pointing out I had the wrong number for Tim Clark, our ace handyman. His number IS: 828.713.0426.

#### H. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Bruce Morgan at Courtesy Barber Shop in Candler; 828.665.9450.

Bruce was the original owner of this establishment, and he has been my barber ever since I moved to the Asheville area. He is both friendly and talented, and he tells some great jokes. In addition, as can be seen below, he is the newest member of my Suspender Club.

The other full-time barber there, Danny Pleasant, took over ownership a few years ago. He has done a fantastic job of running the shop, and he also gives a great haircut.



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## 2. Invites

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

B. I will be coming up North this coming Aug. 19-22, and I am trying to put together an ice cream get together for Sat., Aug. 21, in Newtown, PA. More details to follow. I will be pretty busy, but if you'd like to possibly catch up some other time when I'm in, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put AUGUST in the subject line.

C. Come join Cynthia for the two courses she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week: Meditation on Monday via Zoom and Move Your Body on Wednesday on both Zoom and at the Asheville Mall location. To attend this and/or any of the other courses that are open to the public, scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

D. Brian Biro: JOIN ME JULY 30th FOR A FREE VIRTUAL SUMMIT!

What happens when two or more people from different backgrounds, different expectations, and different perspectives work together for six to eight hours?

You got it! Disagreements are bound to happen. And if you're anything like a colleague of mine, Deidre Harris, you too had to contend with teams who didn't communicate well, had many disagreements, or sometimes flatly refused to work together.

Getting teams to work together is hard work. Especially after a year of isolation. So, on Friday, July 30th, from 9 am – 1:00 pm PST, I'd like to invite you to a virtual summit called Team Agreements: Creating Team Synergy. Deidre Harris has brought together a panel of speakers to give us strategies and tips for helping teams to:

Get on board and move in the same direction

Bond and come together

Work through their frustrations, resentments, and anger

Move from conflict to resolution

I have a complimentary ticket for you to attend; just register using this link: [Here](#). You'll be able to watch from your home, office, or on the go.

Unable to attend? No worries. Use your ticket to register anyway: [Here](#). You'll be sent a link to watch the replay, so you won't miss out!

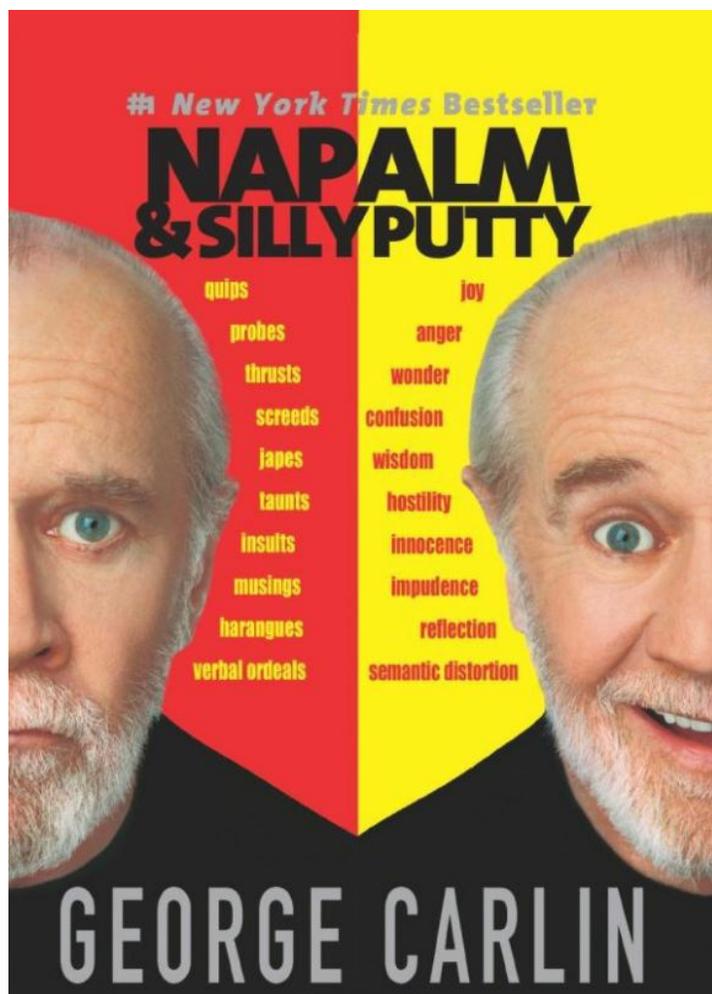
E. Join Allegra Huston and James Navé live on Zoom every for an Imaginative Store Writing session. Saturday at 9 am Pacific / noon Eastern / 5pm London time.

No commitment, just drop in when you like, and bring your friends! We look forward to writing with you. Please share this Prompt of the Week information with your friends: [Here](#).

F. One reader will win a copy of George Carlin's NAPALM & SILLY PUTTY. (Thanks, Mike Lazanski, for providing this prize.) In this book, the thinking person's comic offers his humorous observations on many topics.

\*\*\*\*\* TO ENTER THE CONTEST \*\*\*\*\*

Send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #15 in the subject line. In the bottom of your email, include your name and mailing address, so I can then send you the prize.



Note: For other invites see Sect.13 (at the bottom of this issue).

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### 3. FYI

Note: When you click any of the following articles, you may see an ad. Click the ad (in the upper right hand), and you should be able to read the article. If you can't, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put NAME OF THE ARTICLE (you saw the link) in the subject line, and I'll be glad to send it to you.

'I'm sorry, but it's too late': Alabama doctor on treating unvaccinated, dying COVID patients  
by Dennis Pillion

Dr. Brytney Cobia said Monday that all but one of her COVID patients in Alabama did not receive the vaccine. The vaccinated patient, she said, just needed a little oxygen and is expected to fully recover. Some of the others are dying.

"I'm admitting young healthy people to the hospital with very serious COVID infections," wrote Cobia, a hospitalist at Grandview Medical Center in Birmingham, in an emotional Facebook post Sunday. "One of the last things they do before they're intubated is beg me for the vaccine. I hold their hand and tell them that I'm sorry, but it's too late."

For the rest of this sad, eye-opening article, click: [Here](#).

## FYI, part 2

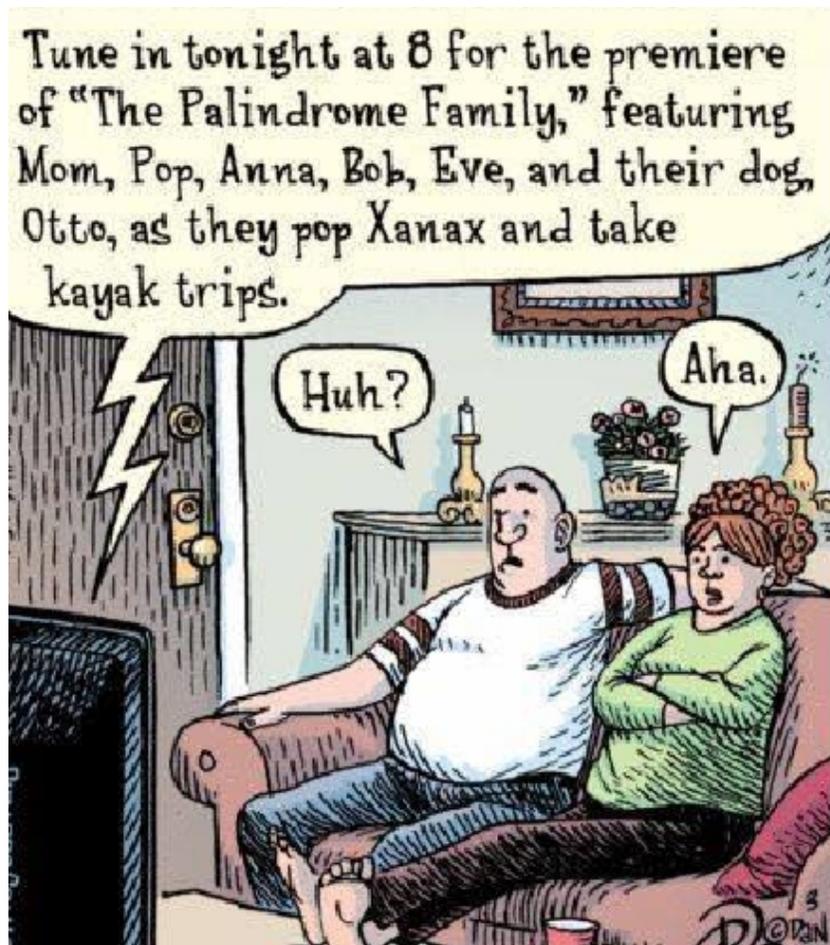
To read the following articles, please click: [Here](#).

A. Marilynne Herbert: The New COVID Panic. B. A Hot Fitness Trend Among Olympians. C. Job Hunters, Have You Posted Your Résumé on TikTok? D. Can a Yarn Store Be a Place of healing? E. Carol Anders: I am requesting a favor.

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## 4. Joke 1

Another option: Tune in at NOON for more of these exciting SAGAS. You can even record this show and then watch it forward or backward, and you'll get the same results.



## 5. Reviews

A. NIGHTCRAWLER is an engrossing. 2014 mystery/thriller about a guy who stumbles on a career as a cameraman. He then begins to search the city for shocking and grisly crimes. Jake Gyllenhaal is a superb in the leading role. Rated R.

B. Elvis Presley as a doctor and Mary Tyler Moore as a nun make a strange combination in 1969's CHANGE OF HABIT, a musical drama about a group of nuns who are assigned to help a neighborhood health center. The music isn't great, nor is the acting, yet the film is somehow watchable. Rated G.

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## 6. TV alert

A. SEX/LIFE: Streaming on Netflix

A suburban wife and mother takes a fantasy-charged trip down memory lane that sets her present on a collision course with her wild-child past. This is one hot series.

I'm hoping it returns for a second season. Here's the latest about that possibility: [Here](#).

B. BACK ON THE RECORD WITH BOB COSTAS: Series premiere on Fri., July 30, at 8 p.m. on HBO  
The beloved broadcaster talks to top athletes, past and present, and tackles controversial issues of the day. His previous two stints on the network won a total of seven Sports Emmys.

C. CLASSIC ALBUMS: Fri., July 30, at 10 p.m. on PBS (check local listings [Here](#))  
The show revisits the making of Fleetwood Mac's RUMOURS.

D. LOVE, FOR REAL: Movie premiere on Sat., July 31, at 9 p.m. on the Hallmark Channel  
A fashion designer appears on a dating show for the wrong reasons.

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## 7. Joke 2

I just had a call from a charity asking me to donate some of my clothes to the starving people throughout the world. ... I told them to get lost Anybody who fits into my clothes ain't starving!



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## 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: [bjinbc@aol.com](mailto:bjinbc@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 a clip from Passport Video that I don't recall ever seeing before: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

You can see this special, OLYMPIC DREAMS FEATURING JONAS BROTHERS, by clicking: [Here](#).

It was fun to watch. To quote from the program description:

The network wants you to know the Olympics are coming, and in that spirit, they've enlisted the musical sibling trio—Joe, Nick and Kevin Jonas—to train alongside Team USA athletes in gymnastics, track and field and BMX racing. The ultimate goal is for the guys to be able to compete with each other, with Rich Eisen and Terry Crews acting as commentators for the Battle of the Jonas Bros. Among the Olympians helping them prepare: Gymnastics medalists Laurie Hernandez and Nastia Liukin, Olympic hurdler and world-record holder Sydney McLaughlin, four-time Gold Medalist track star Sanya Richards-Ross, and Silver Medalist BMX racer Alise Willoughby. May the best brother win.

Update: Nick Jonas suffered an injury during the competition. To read more, click: [Here](#).

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

(1) Ed Ames, "My Cup Runneth Over, one of my all-time favorites (from I DO, I DO): [Here](#).

(2) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: For more than five decades Santana's signature guitar sound has been one of the world's best-known musical signatures: [Here](#).

C. Howard Smith: Sunday hymns: [Here](#).

D. Singing In The Rain (Gene Kelly): [Here](#).

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

Take a peek at Stellarium, an online planetarium, to see which constellations and planets are out tonight by clicking: [Here](#).

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

F. 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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## 9. Technology tip

If you use Gmail or you know somebody who does, beware of the fact that email doesn't always work the way you might want. Often times, folks miss stuff--e.g., ,BLAINESWORLD--because it it gets automatically put into a Promotions tab.

Here's an excellent article I found on the topic:

Why Your Emails are Going into the Gmail Promotions Tab

While the Promotions tab isn't as bad as the dreaded spam folder, it's still not ideal for your emails to end up there. So why aren't your emails going into your subscribers' Primary Inbox? We've gotten this question a few times recently—surprisingly from established bloggers with big lists—so we put on our research hats and dug in.

The good news is that the Promotions tab isn't the marketing dead zone that you might fear. About 45% of Gmail users check their Promotions tab daily. Still, it's understandable if you want to avoid it, especially since open rates are typically higher from the Primary inbox.

To read the rest of this article, please click: [Here](#).

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## 10. Joke 3

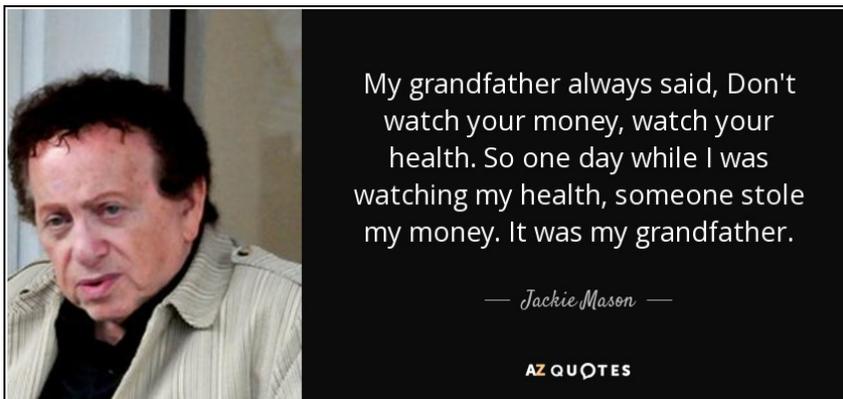
I just had a call from a charity asking me to donate some of my clothes to the starving people throughout the world. ... I told them to get lost. Anybody who fits into my clothes ain't starving!



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## 11. A quote I like

Thanks, Jackie Mason (1928-2021), for your career as an American stand-up comedian and actor on both television and in film. ... A critic for TIME once wrote that he spoke to audiences "with the Yiddish locutions of an immigrant who just completed a course in English. By mail." ... For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).



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## 12. Thought for the day

How to Be Happy  
by Tara Parker-Pope

Behavioral scientists have spent a lot of time studying what makes us happy (and what doesn't). We know happiness can predict health and longevity, and happiness scales can be used to measure social progress and the success of public policies. But happiness isn't something that just happens to you. Everyone has the power to make small changes in our behavior, our surroundings and our relationships that can help set us on course for a happier life.

To read the rest of this informative article (and Guides for Smarter Living), click: [Here](#).

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### **13. Advance planning department**

For more information about the following events, please click: [Here](#).

A. Ellen Pappas: LOVE, MARRIAGE AND THE IRISH! B. Dillon Giles: FIRST DATE. C. Jimmy Ferraro: FUNERAL FOR A GANGSTER.

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**PS.** Make it a great week!

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