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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) Were glad to see Cynthia's cousins, Billy and Vivian Fishman, on their recent visit to Asheville. Starting the day, we went on Lazoom's City Comedy Tour (top left photo) and laughed at the antics of guide Rhonda Corner. ... Then we went to the Antique Car Museum at Grovewood Village (top right photo), had a fantastic dinner at the Edison Restaurant at the Omni Grove Park Inn (bottom left photo) where we received fine service from Alex and concluded our day with a tasty dessert at Ultimate Ice Cream (bottom right photo). ... Note: To see these pictures at full size, click: [Here](#)



(2) Had a blast at SART's latest production: SOMETHING'S AFOOT, a murder mystery musical comedy that was directed with aplomb by Mandy Sayles. We loved the performances of Pem Tomaselli (second from right) and Natalie Brouwer (far right), as well as those of all the others in the talented cast: Shane Dinan, Amelia Wilds, Shannon Dionne, Timothy Wilds, Maximilian Koger, Peter Tamm, Mario Pando and Steven Isaac Rice. Also adding to our enjoyment was Anthony Romeo's spot on choreography and Stephen Purdy's dual work as music director/pianist.





From there, we went for a tasty dinner at Blue Mountain Pizza in Weaverville.



(3) Wanted to thank our friends Jonathan and Sandi Freedberg (bottom picture) for their help in our home-buying process. We visited their beautiful Deltec home in Waynesville and received a lot of useful advice on what to consider when building from scratch. We ultimately decided not to go that route, but only because the time involved would have taken over a year--and we wanted to move sooner.





B. If you have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews, catch CHARLOTTE'S WEB at The Magnetic Theatre through July 28. They'll all love this fun, sweet production that features both puppets and original music, as well as spot on direction from Abby Felder. ...Note: Adults will like it, too! ... Kudos to all those in the cast: Tippin, Rebekah Babelay, Tristan Cameron, Trudy Campbell, Asher Leigh and Anna Slate. ... For tickets and more information, please click: [Here](#)



C. Kudos to all those involved in the recent staged reading of THE MERCHANT OF NAPLES at Attic Salt Theatre. ... Note: Click this link to see photos at full size: [Here](#)



D. Catch my most recent BLAINESWORLD show on WPVM, featuring Jane Hatley and Guy Sayles. You can do so by clicking: [Here](#)



E. Condolences to:

(1) Shelia Radford Sumpter on the passing of Roy Sumpter III-her husband.

(2) Stacy Deber Hoffman on the passing of her mom.

F. Congratulations to:

(1) Kay Wise-Denty on being a published photographer in this month's THE LAUREL OF ASHEVILLE MAGAZINE.

(2) Coy Austin Theobalt and Lora Ristau on the birth of their son.

(3) Teresa Breakey on her new job as a Legal Administrative Assistant with Haywood County Health and Human Services.

F. Correction: Thanks, Peter Rigas, for pointing this out about what I wrote in BLAINESWORLD #1190:

Cynthia recently spent a few days in New Jersey to attend the bridal shower of Chloe Lipman, the lovely woman who will be getting married to her nephew Benjamin Litchman on September 1.

He read the above and wrote me, "I thought Chloe was marrying her own nephew." That's not the case. Chloe is marrying Benjamin Litchman. Benjamin is Cynthia's nephew.

G. There's still time to enter ...

***** 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. (Pictured below.) 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 bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #16 in the subject line. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Mon., July 29.

Looking at Light



100 Poems in 100 Days
after cancer

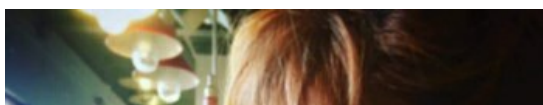
JAMES NAVE

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

Thanks, Vickie Gaddy, for the following nomination:

Trissa King is our Star! She makes snacks for theatre events for both staff and actors. She has helped me during a recent illness, helping me learn how to do antibiotic fusions perfectly. She carries food to people having a tough time. In addition, she babysat for my grandson Cyrus from the beginning. (See picture below.)

My two cents: I second what Vickie has written. Trissa is also a talented actor and keyboardist/music director, and she continually inspires me to get active as a result of her running and tree-climbing pictures.





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2. FYI

If you frequently buy the same thing over and over at Sam's Club, Costco, Amazon, etc., find your list of frequently ordered items. Then print it out and use what you printed out as a shopping list. ... That's what I have started doing, and it has made shopping much easier. ... This also minimizes the chances that you will forget to order something that you need.

FYI, part 2

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

(1) Connor Ray: The "cat-ass-trophy" literally made me laugh out loud. (2) Marc Czarnecki: How to Launch a Blog on a Budget. (3) Safe Deposit Boxes Aren't Safe. (4) Vickie Gaddy: Study: Memories of music cannot be lost to Alzheimer's and dementia. (5) Jessica Melore: As many of you know, I recently celebrated 20 years with my heart transplant. (6) James Nave: I'm coming to Asheville in October. ... I'm looking for a room to rent, a studio or to housesit. (7) Laura Beyer: Maybe your readers can find some of the recommended movies you have suggested at their local libraries.

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3. Joke 1

It would serve new doctors right if they had to wear this! (Thanks, Elaine Bilk, for sharing.)



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4. Reviews

A. Saw THE BIGGEST LITTLE FARM, a heartwarming documentary about a couple living in a small apartment who decide to try out farming when faced with an eviction notice because of the incessant barking of their dog. So they decide to try out farming and buy a 200-acre farm an hour north of Los Angeles. ... Over the next seven years,

we see how they do it—despite constant obstacles along the way. ... The photography is magnificent, and I liked how the film got me to think about sustainable food and ecosystems without having me fall asleep. ... My only criticism: I would have wanted to see more about the finances behind the operation (for example, how did it survive without bringing in any money the first year). Rated PG, but I would not recommend it for young children.

B. Heard SUM IT UP: A THOUSAND AND NINETY-EIGHT VICTORIES, A COUPLE OF IRRELEVANT LOSSES, AND A LIFE IN PERSPECTIVE (Random House Audio), written by Pat Head Summit with Sally Jenkins and narrated by Jenkins. ... Summit, the all-time winningest coach in NCAA basketball history, tells her life story as she also recounts how she had to deal with her greatest challenge: early-onset Alzheimer's. ... The basketball part is exciting; the battle with her disease is touching. ... What impressed me most about this amazing woman is the following fact: 74 of her players have become coaches. You'll see why when you read SUM IT UP.

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5. TV alert

A. COMEDIANS IN CARS GETTING COFFEE: Season 10 now available via Netflix
Ricky Gervais, Jamie Fox, Seth Rogen and Eddie Murphy are among the comedians who will be joining host Jerry Seinfeld.

B. CMA FEST: Sunday, Aug. 4, at 8 p.m. on ABC
This concert special highlights the est of CMA Fest, the annual celebration of country music and its fans held each June in Nashville.

C. LIGHTS OUT WITH DAVID SPADE: Season premiere on Mon., July 29, at 11:30 p.m. on Comedy Central
The SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE alum and his guests will discuss the latest in pop culture.

D. HOLEY MOLEY: Series premiere on Thursday, Aug. 1, at 8 p.m. on ABC
Self-proclaimed mini-golf lovers from around the country compete head-to-head through an unparalleled, epic obstacle golf course. My favorite hole promises to be The Distractor, in which competitors have to make a 15-foot putt while anyone from jazzman Kenny G to mime attempt to break their concentration.

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6. Joke 2

Methinks this guy is REALLY going to need help after his wife sees what he has written on the soles of his shoes! (Thanks, Mike Martinelli for sharing.)



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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Erik Dobell: Magic FAIL! (Impossibilities in Gatlinburg): [Here](#)

(2) Sunny Cook: David Young - OUR ECHOES: [Here](#)

(3) An Orthodox Star is Born: [Here](#)

Note: To read more about the above singer, please click: [Here](#)

B. Want to find a good movie to watch? This website has a highly curated list of movies which you can select based on genre, mood, or just randomly. You'll also discover movies that didn't necessarily appease the mass media, but are an excellent watch. To check out A Good Movie to Watch, please click: [Here](#)

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

There are a lot of Facebook Messenger scams out there, so be careful when you see something that looks suspicious.

For example, this one is a SCAM:
Hello how are you doing

For more information on it, please click: [Here](#)

And here is another one that's also a SCAM:
I think you appear in this VIDEO watch it. IM REALLY IMPRESSED!!! ... Then there are these words: PLAY VIDEO instagram.com

For more information on it, please click: [Here](#)

My recommendation: If you have any doubts, don't click on anything. Instead, first check with the person who allegedly sent you the initial message.

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9. Joke 3

Last night, I was sitting on the sofa watching TV when I heard my wife's voice from the kitchen: "What would you like for dinner my love, chicken, beef or lamb?" ... I said "Thank you, I'll have chicken please." ... She replied, "You're having soup. I was talking to the cat!" (Thanks, David Greenfield, for sharing.)



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10. A quote I like

"I have found that the only thing that does bring you happiness is doing something good for somebody who is incapable of doing it for themselves."--David Letterman, American television host, comedian, writer and producer

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11. Thought for the day

When You Thought I Wasn't Looking
by Mary Rita Schilke Korzan

When you thought I wasn't looking
You hung my first painting on the refrigerator
And I wanted to paint another.

When you thought I wasn't looking
You fed a stray cat
And I thought it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking
You baked a birthday cake just for me
And I knew that little things were special things.

When you thought I wasn't looking
You said a prayer
And I believed there was a God that I could always talk to.

When you thought I wasn't looking
You kissed me good-night
And I felt loved.

When you thought I wasn't looking
I saw tears come from your eyes
And I learned that sometimes things hurt--
But that it's alright to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking
You smiled
And it made me want to look that pretty too.

When you thought I wasn't looking
You cared
And I wanted to be everything I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking--
I looked . . .
And wanted to say thanks
For all those things you did
When you thought I wasn't looking.

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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) David Joe Miller: OUT OF THE BAG: A Night Of Storytelling with Murphy Funkhouser Capps. (2) Steve Anderson: Nashville Songwriters in the Round. (3) David Troy Francis: IMAGINE: A Community Concert.

B. PA/NJ event

At Kelsey Theatre at Mercer County Community College: TOM SAWYER: THE MUSICAL.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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