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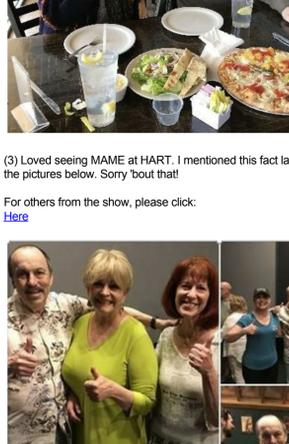
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1. Reflections

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

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Had repeatedly heard about the Froggy Mountain Brew Pud from Steve and Beth Byas, our friends and neighbors. So we finally got there. ... We enjoyed our burgers, but the best part of our meal were the sweet potato fries. They were exceptional.



(2) Got to enjoy our pizza at 828 Pizzeria (previously Manco's) on Hendersonville Road. We've been to this location twice, and we plan to get to the Merrimon Ave. store sometime in the near future.



(3) Loved seeing MAME at HART. I mentioned this fact last week, but failed to include the pictures below. Sorry 'bout that!

For others from the show, please click: [Here](#)

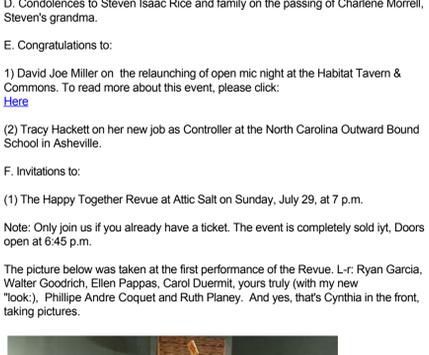


B. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wednesday, July 25, 2018. ... Guest (first half): Jenny Bunn, Marketing Director at Asheville Community Theatre; for more information: ashevilletheatre.org. ... Guest (second half): Stephanie Moore, Executive Director of The Center for Craft; for more information: craftersactivity.org. ... Pictured, top: Blaine Greenfield and Jenny Bunn; Pictured, bottom: Blaine Greenfield and Stephanie Moore. ... To listen to the entire radio show, click: <https://tinyurl.com/y8np79gc>. ... You can also view the first half of the show, the Jenny Bunn interview, on Facebook Live by clicking: https://youtu.be/hAoQeVslb_A

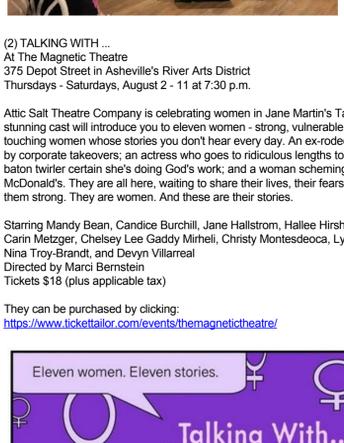


C. Montford Park Players came through with another winner! Its production of ROBIN HOOD had adventure, romance and humor in it.

For more pictures from the show, please click: [Here](#)



D. Our semi-regular breakfast group got together for a tasty meal at Early Girl Eatery. It was the first time we've been there since the change in ownership, and the food was just as good as ever. ... We also celebrated our friend Tom Gallagher's retirement from Plesah Legal Services. ... Pictured, l-r: Tom Gallagher, Marvin Sadovsky, Blaine Greenfield and Brian Biro.



D. Condolences to Steven Isaac Rice and family on the passing of Charlene Morrell, Steven's grandma.

E. Congratulations to:

(1) David Joe Miller on the relaunching of open mic night at the Habitat Tavern & Commons. To read more about this event, please click: [Here](#)

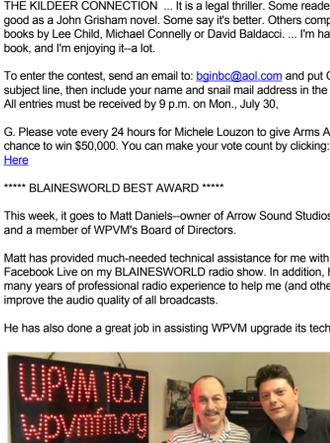
(2) Tracy Hackett on her new job as Controller at the North Carolina Outward Bound School in Asheville.

F. Invitations to:

(1) The Happy Together Revue at Attic Salt on Sunday, July 29, at 7 p.m.

Note: Only join us if you already have a ticket. The event is completely sold out, Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

The picture below was taken at the first performance of the Revue. L-r: Ryan Garcia, Walter Goodrich, Ellen Pappas, Carol Duermitt, yours truly (with my new "look"), Phillippe Andre Coquet and Ruth Planey. And yes, that's Cynthia in the front, taking pictures.

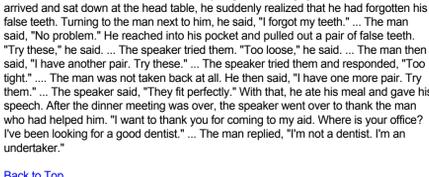


(2) TALKING WITH ...
At The Magnetic Theatre
375 Depot Street in Asheville's River Arts District
Thursdays - Saturdays, August 2 - 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Attic Salt Theatre Company is celebrating with Jane Martin's Talking With... This stunning cast will introduce you to eleven women - strong, vulnerable, hilarious, touching women whose stories you don't hear every day. An ex-rodco star driven out by corporate takeover's, an actress who goes to ridiculous lengths to get the part; a bator writer caken over's doing God's work; and a woman scheming to live in a McDonald's. They are all here, waiting to share their lives, their fears, and what makes them strong. They are women. And these are their stories.

Starring Mandy Bean, Candice Burchill, Jane Hallstrom, Halleie Hirsch, Amanda Hunt, Carin Metzger, Chelsey Lee Gaddy Mirheli, Christy Montesdeoca, Lynda Schuler, Nina Troy-Brandt, and Devyn Villarreal
Directed by Marci Bernstein
Tickets \$18 (plus applicable tax)

They can be purchased by clicking:
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/themagnetictheatre/>

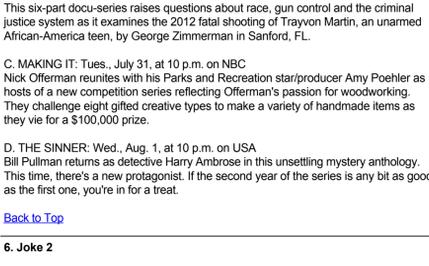


(3) Raise Hope Now!

"Rhineson Cowboy," "By the Time I Get to Phoenix," "Witchita Lineman"! Relive all of the great Glen Campbell hits and 18 more! Join our Gala Dinner and Concert Benefiting the Doylestown-based Dementia Society of America®. A national, all-volunteer, 501(C)(3) nonprofit providing: Individuals & Families with Dementia Education; Resources; 800# Info Line; as well as Recognition Programs in Advocacy, Care, Innovation, Cure, Intervention, and Prevention Research. This anniversary year, 100% of the net proceeds will go to expand our Ginny Gives® life-enrichment programs in PA and NJ.

For tickets, please click:
<https://www.dementiasociety.org/gala>

Note: I'll be there, in that I'm making my annual trek up North from September 13-18. I hope you can make this and/or some of the other events I have planned for this time. Stay tuned for more details.



(4) Enter ...

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

One lucky reader will get an autographed copy of my friend Tom Snyers' latest book, THE KILDEER CONNECTION ... It is a legal thriller. Some readers say it's just as good as a John Grisham novel. Some say it's better. Others compare it favorably to books by Lee Child, Michael Connelly or David Baldacci. ... I'm halfway through the book, and I'm enjoying it—a lot.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bjainbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #16 in the subject line. Then, include your name and snail mail address in the body of the email.... All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Mon., July 30.

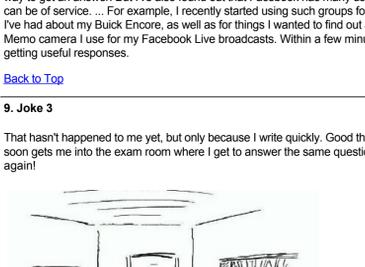
G. Please vote every 24 hours for Michele Louzon to give Arms Around ASD a chance to win \$50,000. You can make your vote count by clicking:
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***** BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD *****

This week, it goes to Matt Daniels—owner of Arrow Sound Studios in Fletcher, NC, and a member of WPVM's Board of Directors.

Matt has provided much-needed technical assistance for me with respect to using Facebook Live on my BLAINESWORLD radio show. In addition, he has used his many years of professional radio experience to help me (and others at the station) improve the audio quality of all broadcasts.

He has also done a great job in assisting WPVM upgrade its technical network.



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2. FYI

You Should Actually Send That Thank You Note You've Been Meaning to Write by Heather Murphy

Dear reader,
We want to let you know that we are grateful that you are taking the time to click on this headline. Because without you reading the story, what's the point?

We are now going to use your precious time to share a surprising new finding: People like getting thank you notes.

For the rest of this informative article, please click:
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FYI, part 2

To read each of the following contributions in full, please click:
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- (1) The Man Who Captures Criminals for the D.E.A. by Playing Them. (2) ARTICLES BY LIBRARIANS SHOULD REPLACE OPINION PIECES BY THE UNINFORMED.
- (3) What We Eat, or Don't Eat, May Be Critical for Health.

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3. Joke 1

A motivational speaker was in such a hurry to get to his engagement that when he arrived and sat down at the head table, he suddenly realized that he had forgotten his false teeth. Turning to the man next to him, he said, "I forgot my teeth." ... The man said, "No problem." He reached into his pocket and pulled out a pair of false teeth. "Try these," he said. ... The speaker tried them. "Too loose," he said. ... The man then said, "I have another pair. Try these." ... The speaker tried them and responded, "Too tight." ... The man was not taken back at all. He then said, "I have one more pair. Try them." ... The speaker said, "They fit perfectly." With that, he ate his meal and gave his speech. After the dinner meeting was over, the speaker went over to thank the man who had helped him. "I want to thank you for coming to my aid. Where is your office?" I've been looking for a good dentist." ... The man replied, "I'm not a dentist. I'm an undertaker."

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4. Reviews

A. Saw WHITNEY: CAN I BE ME, the documentary about the life and career of performer Whitney Houston. The film was well done, though the second half was a bit of a downer with its exploration of Houston's fall from the heights of stardom. It was especially sad to see how she neglected her daughter, and how her daughter also suffered as a result. Not rated. I wouldn't recommend bringing your children to it.

B. Heard TOO FAT TO FISH (Harper Audio), written by Arlie Lange and read by by Lange, the Reverend Bob Levy, Gary Dell'Abate and Jim Fiorentine. ... I've enjoyed Lange when he was on MAD TV, then as a contributor to Howard Stern's radio show and now on HBO's CRASHING. ... He has a lot of stories to share in this book and some of them are very funny, while others are quite depressing. ... I found myself rooting for him as he related his problems with drugs, though eventually, they became somewhat boring because there so many of them. ... Lange's narration was great. What I did not like: The fact that he seemingly gave up halfway through TOO FAT, then turned the task over to three of his friends. They did not do nearly as good a job. I was also jarred by the switching of voices.

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5. TV alert

A. THE COMEDY CENTRAL ROAST OF BRUCE WILLIS: Sun., July 29, at 10 p.m. on Comedy central
Joseph Gordon-Levitt leads such roasters as Cybill Shepherd, Edward Norton, Kevin Pollak and Jeff Ross.

B. REST IN POWER: THE TRAYVON MARTIN STORY: Mon, July 30, at 10 p.m. on the Paramount Network
This six-part docu-series raises questions about race, gun control and the criminal justice system as it examines the 2012 fatal shooting of Trayvon Martin, an unarmed African-America teen, by George Zimmerman in Sanford, FL.

C. MAKING IT: Tues., July 31, at 10 p.m. on NBC
Nick Offerman reunites with his Parks and Recreation star/producer Amy Poehler as hosts of a new competition series reflecting Offerman's passion for woodworking. They challenge eight gifted creative types to make a variety of handmade items as they vie for a \$100,000 prize.

D. THE SINNER: Wed., Aug. 1, at 10 p.m. on USA
Bill Pullman returns as detective Harry Ambrose in this unsettling mystery anthology. This time, there's a new protagonist. If the second year of the series is any bit as good as the first one, you're in for a treat.

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6. Joke 2

BLACK CHICKEN RECIPE. 1. Clean your chicken. 2. Add spices to taste. 3. Put chicken in oven. 4. Go check your Facebook account. (Thanks, Rhoda Weaver, for sharing.)

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Lucille Eckert: I Smile
[Here](#)

(2) Bill Kormos: Wet Dream - Kip Addotta
[Here](#)

(3) High School Receptionist Belts Out Etta James Classic Over PA System
[Here](#)

(4) Lois Rosenthal: Helen Keller broke stereotype and changed world attitudes toward disabled people
[Here](#)

B. To find out everything you wanted to know about money, please check out The Billfold. To visit it, please click:
[Here](#)

There are some interesting tidbits here, including this one on how to navigate a windfall:
[Here](#)

I should have such problems!

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

When you have some technology question, checking YouTube can often be a good way to get an answer. But I've also found out that Facebook has many user groups that can be of service. ... For example, I recently started using such groups for questions I've had about my Buick Encore, as well as for things I wanted to find out about the Memo camera I use for my Facebook Live broadcasts. Within a few minutes, I started getting useful responses.

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9. Joke 3

That hasn't happened to me yet, but only because I write quickly. Good thing, too. It soon gets me into the exam room where I get to answer the same questions all over again!

"Your appointment's been cancelled. You took too long filling out these forms."

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10. A quote I like

Thanks, Carolyn Derreberry Beckner, for sharing this wisdom: "For every sale you miss because you're not enthusiastic, you'll miss a hundred because you're not enthusiastic enough."—Zig Ziglar

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11. Thought for the day

Thanks, Lois Rosenthal, for sharing this video clip:
8 Things Happy People Do Differently

Methinks you'll enjoy the insights. To To view them, please click:
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12. Advance planning department

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A. NC events

(1) Jan Robbins: "Stories from Mothers of the Brides." (2) Michele Louzon: Arms Around ASD schedule.

B. PA/NV event

Michael Hennessee: Dear Friends, here is the Book Group lineup for Fall 2018.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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