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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 blown away by how SART continued its amazing 45th season with a powerful production of THE MIRACLE WORKER that will long be remembered by us - and those others who were fortunate to see it. ... The superb cast featured, top left: Doug Hauschild; top right, Calum Kramer; bottom left, Amanda Ladd; and bottom right, Randy Noojin, along with (not pictured) Sarah Helen-Land, Sarah Laughland, Kay Crews St. Clair and Timothy Wilds. ... Jessica West's direction was spot on, and Richard Seagle's' set design was outstanding. [#audiencereview](#).



(2) Joined our friend Judy Ray for a tasty dinner at Stoney Knob Cafe in Weaverville.



(3) And on another night, we got together with our friends Steve and Beth Byas for an excellent dinner Apollo Flame Bistro.



B. I had the pleasure of:

(1) Seeing **BYE BYE BIRDIE**, which is running at Hendersonville Community Theatre through Aug. 18. ... If you want to see a classic musical comedy with terrific songs and energetic dancing, you won't want to miss this show. ... Kudos to Colby Coren, director; Lenora Thom, musical director; Linda Runion and Mary Susan Goff, choreographers; Jonathan Forrester and Beth Bristol, production managers; JeanAnne Craton and Beth Bristol, stage managers; and the over 40 actors, musicians and production staff members who helped make the show the hit that it's destined to become. ... For tickets, please click: [Here](#).
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(2) Getting together with my friends Ed Hackett and Grant Randall for the best cheesesteaks in town at Ziggy's Bakery & Deli.



C. Catch the BLAINESWORLD show on WPVM, featuring Marvin Thomas (rear) in the first half and Karen Covington and Mike Yow in the second half by clicking: [Here](#).

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



D. Condolences to:

- (1) Mike Martinelli and family on the passing of Mike's brother-in-law Lou.
- (2) Kai Elijah Hamilton and family on the passing of Deborah D. Hamilton, Kai's mother.
- (3) Linda Papineau and family on the passing of Raymond Papineau, Linda's father-in-law.

E. Congratulations to:

- (1) Madelyn Delp on the commercial she did for Aerflow Healthcare. To view it, and I encourage you to do so (it is very inspirational), please click: [Here](#).
- (2) Jan Blunt on her new position as a Residential Broker Associate at Beverly-Hanks & Associates.
- (3) Maria Medrano Amington for starting a new position as Diversity and Inclusion Specialist at Intercultural Business Consultancy.
- (4) Patti Kushner Amor on the birth of John Michael III, her first great grandchild.

F. Reminder: There's still time to enter ...

***** CONTEST #17 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of THE INTROVERT'S EDGE: HOW THE QUIET AND SHY CAN OUTSELL ANYONE by Matthew Pollard with Derek Lewis. To quote

Marshall Goldsmith, international bestselling author, "If you've ever felt that your introversion is an obstacle to your success, worry no more."

Note: Don't be put off by the title. This helpful book would be of value to folks in just about any field, as well as to folks currently dating. To enter contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #17 in the subject line. Include your name and mailing address in the body of the email. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Mon., August 12.

**** BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD ****

This week, it goes to David Troy Francis (top left) for all his work in putting together IMAGINE ... A COMMUNITY CONCERT to benefit the Haywood Street Fresco. He lined-up all the entertainers, and he also dazzled all those in attendance with both his piano-playing and direction of the entire show. ... He was ably assisted by Carol Duermit (top right) who served as his co-host of the evening. She also sang several beautiful songs and kept everybody laughing with her introductions. And kudos, also, to Pam Siekman (bottom left), chairperson of the Fresco Project, for all her hard work that helped make the event the success that it was. ... Space prevents me from listing all the other magnificent performers, so I'll just mention the two others that are pictured: Lau Magie (bottom center) and Nana Hosmer Griffin (bottom right).

For more information about the Haywood Street Fresco or if you'd like to make a contribution, please click: [Here](#).



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2. FYI

Facebook recently took down a cartoon that I thought was funny. It had a piece of toast saying, "You think I'm gonna be the bread-winner while you just loaf all day? You aren't the only slice of toast in the world, melba." ... The other piece of toast replied, "Mother warned me not to marry a sourdough."

A lot of folks seemed to like it and even shared it on their timelines.

Yet Facebook took it down and said: "This post goes against our Community Standards, so no one else can see it."

Mr. Curious here: 1. You ever get a post taken down and, if so, for what reason? 2. Is Facebook now taking down posts from others—even if you include the copyright information? 3. Is there an appeals process and, if so, where can it be found?

FYI, part 2

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

(1) Jeanie Linders: Regarding your Hendersonville 10 years ago comment ... you and your lovely wife should spend some time downtown. (2) Deborah Belcher: Working backwards through the jokes, which I always appreciate & go to whether I read the rest or not. (3) 10 Powerful Ways to Stand Up for Yourself in Any Situation. (4) Arlene Ditzler: How come you and Cynthia don't weight 250 lbs.? (5) Well Played Game

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3. Joke 1

California vintners in the Napa Valley area, which primarily produce Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir and Pinot Grigio wines, have developed a new hybrid grape that acts as an anti-diuretic. It is expected to reduce the number of trips older people have to make to the bathroom during the night. ... The new wine will be marketed as: PINO MORE!

Note: The above is true. I heard it through the grapevine.



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4. Reviews

A. Saw MARIANNE & LEONARD, a documentary about the 50+-year friendship between the poet/singer Leonard Cohen and Marianne Ihlen, a single mother with a young son at the time of their initial meeting. ... It starts on the Greek island of Hydra in 1960 and continues to their deaths in 2016. ... For those not familiar with Cohen's fascinating life, you'll enjoy this film. I liked it, but would have wanted to see more of his music performed. ... Rated R, but I think appropriate for mature teenagers.

Note: Thanks, Ken Greenfield, for this additional recommendation: You might want to tell your readers about the Leonard Cohen exhibit at the NYC Jewish Museum. Lots of music. And great bio of this poet. For more information, please click: [Here](#).

B. Thanks to all the following folks who submitted their thoughts on films.

(1) Mike Martinelli: The Art Of Racing In The Rain ***

Warm wonderful story of a race car driver Denny who adopts this sweet adorable golden retriever named Enzo. The story is told through the eyes of the dog (voice by Kevin Costner) Enzo takes you through Denny's life. The movie is filled with just so much cuteness and yes there is sadness so bring the tissues. Watching Milo Ventimiglio and a sweet Golden Retriever for 2 hours even if the movie had been bad is worth sitting there.

(2) Grant Randall: We just saw a great movie on Netflix you should watch: Red Sea Diving Resort.

(3) Arlene Ditzler: I saw "Lion King" a few weeks ago. I thought the technology, scenery, and music was fabulous. However, I was glad I didn't take my 5-year-old grandson to see it due to the violent animal scenes. Wouldn't recommend it for very young children, but I really enjoyed it.

(4) Sherry Shapiro: We've seen some stunning films recently; do check them out:

Documentaries:

Pavarotti (it leaves out some of the worst traits of his demanding, sometimes nasty personality, but is a great tribute to probably the greatest voice of that generation, or maybe ever; just the soundtrack alone is inspiring, and the story of his early life is fascinating; they also chronicle the "3 Tenors" phenomenon.). Even people who think

they don't like opera will probably enjoy this; it's a great story of a rags-to-riches talent.

Maiden - the story of the first all-female crew to sail the Whitbread around-the-world sailboat race. So inspiring, it had me - and Hans! - in tears. Should be required for all girls - but also for anyone who can use a lesson in "just because they say we can't do something is a reason to do it".

Fiction:

Sarah and Saleem - a Palestinian film about a Palestinian man and an Israeli women who have an extramarital affair with each other, with catastrophic results.

Have fun at the movies!

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5. TV alert

A. AMERICA'S GOT TALENT: Live voting begins on Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 8 p.m. on NBC

This season has already featured some of the best performers ever. I can think of several who would be worthy of the \$1 million top prize.

A. DAVID MAKES MAN: Wednesday, Aug. 14, at 10 p.m. on OWN

This coming-of-age drama tells the story of a 14-year-old prodigy who is torn between the demands of a magnet school, the needs of his family and the dangers of the local drug trade. TV GUIDE calls it "soulful, subtle, and mesmerizing," as well as "poignant."

C. I AM PATRICK SWAYZE: Sunday, Aug. 18, at 9 p.m. on Paramount Network

There are revealing conversations, home movies and untold stories about Swayze on what would have been the DIRTY DANCING star's 67th birthday.

D. THE RIGHTEOUS GEMSTONES: Series premier on Sunday, Aug. 18, at 10 p.m. on HBO

John Goodman and Danny McBride star in this twisted comedy about a wealthy televangelist family.

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6. Joke 2

One day, I accidentally overturned my golf cart. Beth, a golfer who lived in a villa on the course, heard the noise and yelled, "Are you OK? What's your name?" ... "Jack," I replied." ... "Jack, forget your troubles. Come up here to rest, and I'll help you get the cart up later." ... "That's mighty nice," I answered, "but my wife won't like it." ... "Aw come on," Beth insisted. She was both pretty and persuasive. "Well OK," I finally agreed, "but my wife won't like it." ... After a drink and an amazing back rub, I thanked my host. "I feel much better now, but my wife won't like it." ... "Don't be foolish!" she said with a smile, "She won't know a thing. By the way, where is she?" ... I replied, "Under the golf cart."



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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Dan Baechtold: "The Tryers" was the first song Amanda Green wrote for Hands on a Hardbody, but they couldn't fit it into the show. This is not a perfect version, but I thought I would share. [Here](#)

(2) Walter Weeks: Philadelphia in the early 1950s: [Here](#)

(3) Fred Stoller: 13th Annual Young Comedians Special: [Here](#)

B. Grayson Powell: Friends, if you need detailed information on the 2020 Presidential Candidates I highly recommend this website: [Here](#).

Then the quiz. This site gives you a full breakdown and is not affiliated with any political party, candidate, or interest group. Onward.

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

Thanks, Jensen Gelfond* (my technology guru), for helping me figure out how to shoot a Facebook video horizontally. I think you'll find it often looks much better this way.

1. Unlock the screen rotate option on your phone.

Note: For information on how to do this, please click: [Here](#).

2. Open Facebook and tap on live when you are holding your phone vertically.

3. Rotate your phone horizontally. Make sure you can read the print (or see the picture) at the bottom. Both should be seen horizontally.

4. Then tap the shutter button.

Let me know how this works for you.

* For more information about Jensen, please click: [Here](#).

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9. Joke 3

Tommy and Susie, each 5, decided to get married. So Tommy went to Susie's dad to ask for her hand in marriage. "Where will you live?" inquired Susie's dad, thinking this was cute. ... "Well," said Tommy, "I figured I could just move into Susie's room. It's plenty big for both of us." ... "And how will you live?" ... "I get \$5 a week allowance, and Susie gets \$5 a week allowance. That should be good enough." ... Getting exasperated since Tommy seems to know all the answers, Susie's dad asked, "And what if little ones come along?" ... "Well," said Tommy, "We've been lucky so far."



10. A quote I like

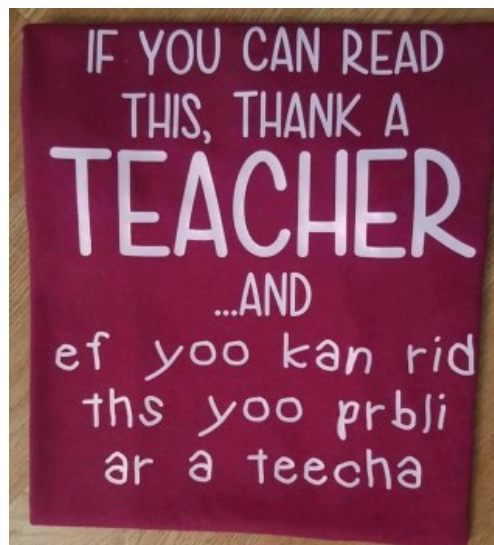
Thanks, Toni Morrison (1931-2019), for your powerful writing that included 11 novels, children's literature, short fiction, plays, a libretto and several works of non-fiction. ... I'm glad that you lived to receive both a Pulitzer Prize and Nobel Prize. ... For Morrison's obituary, please click: [Here](#).



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11. Thought for the day

This reminds me of the comment written by one of my students on a teacher evaluation form: "Course was OK, but professor placed to [sic] emphasis on gramma [sic]." (Thanks, Karen Marinoff, for sharing.)



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

A. NC events

(1) Sunny Cook: MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL. (2) At Asheville Community Theatre: RABBIT HOLE.

B. PA/NJ event

Bucks County Book Festival Announces New "One Book" Event.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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