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1. Reflections

Please excuse the fact that some sections are missing this week due to space constraints. Look for them to return next week.

Also, 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) Had a blast at FOOTLOOSE, the tuneful musical that recently completed its run at Parkway Playhouse. The show featured some terrific singing and energetic dancing.



And we saw this beautiful butterfly bush at intermission.



(2) Joined our friend Connor Rae for some tasty pizza at Blaze Pizza.





B. During the week, I:

(1) Had the pleasure of hosting the following guests on my radio show on WPVM/FM: in the first half: Members of Deep River Band in the left photo with show host Blaine Greenfield (2nd from left): l-r: Joan D'Entremont, Blaine, Sandy Howard, Sharon Lewis and Gerry Brown. For more information [Here](#)

And in the the second half in the right photo: Barrie Barton, founder and lead facilitator of Stand and Deliver. For more information: [Here](#)

To hear what you missed, please go to the 8.16.2017 show when you click: [Here](#)



(2) Heard Ian Ridenhour wow an audience in my Biltmore Lake community. For more pictures from the evening, as well as some clips of the music he played, please click: [Here](#)



(3) Thumbs up for the fact that HART had another winner in MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM. Unfortunately, by the time you read this, the play will have ended its run.



C. Condolences to Meredith Bennett and family on the passing of Meredith's Aunt

Michele.

D. Congratulations to:

(1) Sarah Benoit for her excellent column in the ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES. To read it, please click:

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(2) Linda McCann on her retirement from Bucks County Community College.

(3) Victor Feraru on being chosen as an intern in the Carbondale's City Attorney's Office

(4) Edwin Arnaudin on being hired as a full-timer staffer by Mountain Xpress. For more information, please click:

[Here](#)

(5) Carole Biro, winner of Contest #16: Two free tickets to the Asheville Wine & Food Festival. (Thanks, Bob Bowels, for making them available.) All told, there were four entries. And that reminds me that's now time for:

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

One lucky reader will a copy of BUSINESS STRATEGY by Brian Tracy. The author, chairman and CEO of Brian Tracy International, a company specializing in the training and development of individuals and organizations, believes that strategic planning will enable you to develop absolute clarity on priorities organize resources and get better results than ever before. ... I reviewed the book in BLAINESWORLD #142 and enjoyed it. ... To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #17 in the subject line. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 28.

E. Reminder: If you're in the PA or NJ area, let's get together on my upcoming trek up North. For more information, please click:

[Here](#)

F. THANKS TO Y'ALL ... I greatly appreciate those who voted for my blaineworld.net website, helping it to gain recognition in this year's BEST OF WNC competition ... Do check it, every so often, for the archives of my BLAINESWORLD blog, articles I have written (in the "Consulting" section), etc. ... And in the unlikely event you didn't vote for it this year, that's why they invented 2018!



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2. FYI

To get you ready for the eclipse, there's a lot of information out there. Here's my compilation of some of the stuff I thought you'd like to see.

A. How to Watch the Eclipse Online if You're Stuck Indoors (or It's Cloudy)

[Here](#)

B. An Eclipse Chaser's Guide to Your First Eclipse

[Here](#)

C. Trump Says Sun Equally to Blame for Blocking Moon

[Here](#)

D. How to Watch the Solar Eclipse Like a 1960s School Kid (Thanks, Jim Gibson, for sharing.)

[Here](#)

E. How to View the Solar Eclipse with a Saltine Cracker!

[Here](#)

F. Make a Box Pinhole Projector to Safely Watch a Solar Eclipse

[Here](#)

G. If you can't get classes and and don't want to do E or F (above), there's always television.

H. And perhaps my favorite thing for you to see ...

Here are my solar cookies, but be forewarned: DO NOT LOOK DIRECTLY AT THEM! (Thanks, Barbie Angell, for sharing.)



FYI, part 2

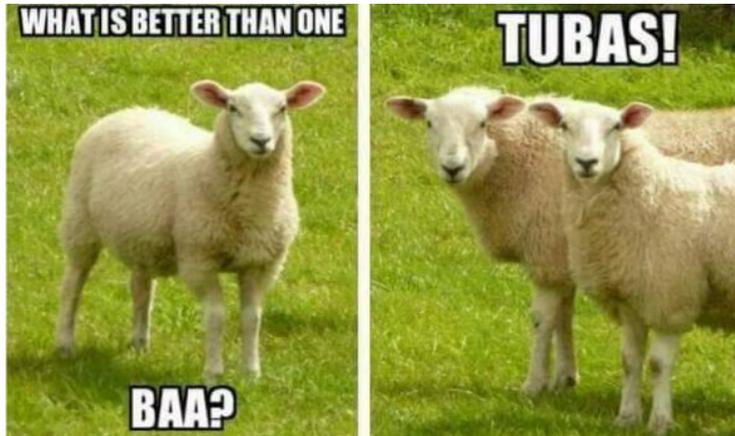
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Why George Guidall Is the Undisputed King of Audiobooks,

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3. Joke 1

I am not sheepish about getting you to think about such a profound question! (Thanks, Jean Dolan, for sharing.)



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4. Joke 2

If someone asks if you're "seeing anyone" at your next family function, stare off terrified and say, "OMG, you see them too?" And run. (Thanks, Ginger Heskett, for sharing.)



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5. Joke 3

What a sweet prayer! (Thanks, Sky Simonov, for sharing.)





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6. A quote I like

"I always believed that I could maybe come back and do it again. And if you believe, you can go really, really far in your life, and I did that. And I'm happy I kept on believing and dreaming and here I am today for the eighth. It's fantastic."--Roger Federer after he won his 8th Wimbledon title in 2017



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7. Thought for the day

Imagine there is a bank account that credits your account each morning with \$86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day.

Every evening the bank deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every cent, of course.

Each of us has such a bank. It's name is TIME. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to a good purpose.

It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day.

If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no drawing against "tomorrow." You must live in the present on today's deposits.

Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness and success.

The clock is running. Make the most of today!

Source: Author unknown. If you know who wrote this and/or where it came from, please let me know.

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8. Advance planning department

To read about each of the following NC events in full, please click:

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(1) Barrie Barton: Close the Confidence Gap (for women only). (2) Brian Bullman: Wednesday Hemp Day.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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