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1. Reflections

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A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Toybrary of Asheville, the city's toy-lending library. Congratulations to our friend, Susan Dobroski, for coming up with this fantastic idea--and then implementing it.

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And for information about the Toybrary, please click:

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From there, we went with members of our family for some tasty pizza at All Souls Pizza.



(2) We were moved by Karen Saari's powerful drama, *IN A CLEARING*, now in its world premiere showing at The Magnetic Theatre Company through September 9. You will be, too. ... Kudos to all in cast: Emily Tynan McDaniel, Thomas Trauger, Jered Shults and Kay Galvin, as well as to Andrew Gall for his spot-on direction. ... For tickets, please click:

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Afterward, we went to Fresh West Pizza. We enjoyed the food, as well as the fine service we received from Bridget.



B. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018 ... Guest (first half): Lisa Sturz, puppeteer with Red Herring Puppets; for more information: lisa@redherringpuppets.com ... and (second half): David Joe Miller, professional storyteller; for more information: davidjoetells@yahoo.com Pictured, l-r: Lisa Sturz, Blaine Greenfield and David Joe Miller ... To listen to the show, click: <https://tinyurl.com/y9p2jl6p>



C. I had a blast at AN EVENING WITH JENNIFER BARNHART at the Attic Salt Theatre Company, at which she talked Broadway, TV and puppetry.

To see the pictures at full size, please click:

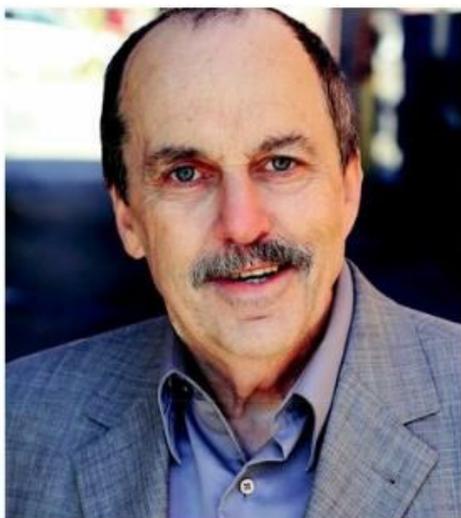
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D. I'm looking forward to my upcoming Trek Up North. If you're anywhere near Bucks County, PA, please be my guest at the presentation (below). There's no charge, and pizza and beverages will be provided.

If you can make it, please RSVP by sending an email to: bjinbc@aol.com and put SEPTEMBER 17 in the subject way. That way, we'll be able to have both seats and food for everybody.

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Blaine Greenfield, a professor emeritus at Bucks County Community College (and Lindback Award recipient), moved to Asheville, NC, some nine years ago with his beautiful bride Cynthia to become a CEO: Chief Encouragement Officer. He continues to publish his award-winning BLAINESWORLD blog (that you can subscribe to by sending an email to: bginbc@aol.com and putting the word SUBSCRIBE in the subject line), and he also hosts a radio show on WPVM/FM. In addition, he volunteers for a variety of non-profit organizations.

Also, for information about my annual gathering at the Sycamore Grill on September 16 (featuring Bill Lewis, John Strauss and Todd Siben) and what else I'll be doing from September 13-18, please click:

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I'd love to catch up with you!

E. Condolences to Scott Cameron and family on the passing of Pat Booth, Scott's mother.

F. Congratulations to:

(1) Ellen Pappas on being named to the Board of the Attic Salt Theatre Company.

(2) Brian Biro on his informative interview on Marilyn Ball's Speaking of Travel show. To listen to it, please click:

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(3) Leslie Lang and family on the birth of Rosalie, the daughter of Leslie's niece.

(4) Jimmy Ferraro on his opening The Center for Art & Inspiration in Hendersonville.

Note: Jimmy is now seeking actors and singers for an interactive Musical Comedy Murder Mystery Dinner Theater. For more information, please go to Section 1 when you click:

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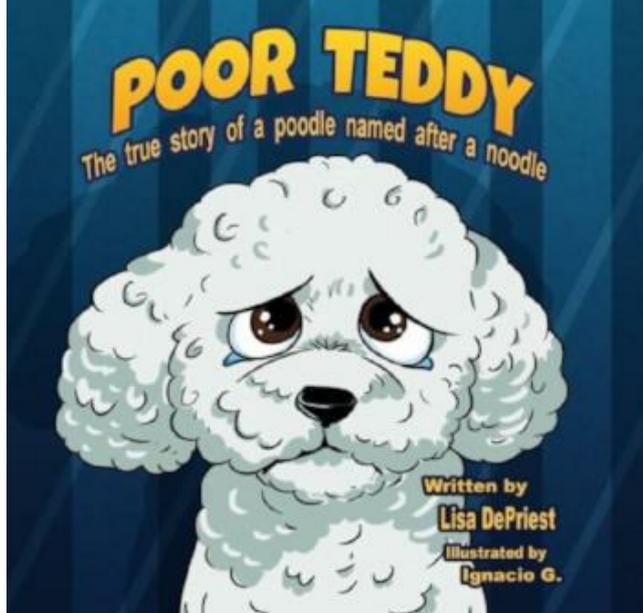
(5) Ed Brenegar on the publication of his book, CIRCLE OF IMPACT.

(6) Andrew Gall and Katie Jones on being named as The Magnetic Theatre's co-artistic directors, as well as to Rodney Smith on being named associate producer.

(7) Lynda Shuler, winner of contest #18. She won a copy of MY UNCLE GLORIA by Steven Shulman. All told, there were eight entries. And that reminds me it is time to introduce ...

***** CONTEST #19 *****

One lucky reader will get a copy of a children's book, POOR TEDDY: THE TRUE STORY OF A POODLE NAMED AFTER A NOODLE, by Lisa DePriest. ... I very much enjoyed it, and you will, too—especially if you're a pet owner. Though written for children, adults will also enjoy it. (See Section 4B, below, for my review.) ... To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #19 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., September 10, 2018.



G. Correction: Ralph Redpath's name was spelled wrong in last week's BLAINESWORLD. Sorry 'bout that!

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

This week, it goes to Fatz in Asheville. Whenever we go there, we like the food. Portions are usually large (in particular, the sweet potatoes), and we find the prices are reasonable. We also find the servers quite friendly.

But as can be seen by our thumbs up in this picture, the one we had recently--Ty Harrison--might well have be best we've ever had. His enthusiastic greeting and infectious smile made our food seem to taste even better than it was. He's a real asset to the restaurant, and we were glad to hear that he has recently been promoted to a management position.



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2. FYI

Thanks, Chelsey Lee Mirheli, for sharing the following:
Chelsey Lee Mirheli: How to work out like 'Notorious RBG'

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Note: For more information about Ruth Bader Ginsberg, see Section 5B.

FYI, part 2

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(1) Padma Dyvine: Wow, your new look gave us both a great laugh. (2) Cappy Tosetti: As always, Blaine's wonderful week. Love reading all your news. (3) Answers to questions about exercising, yoga, running and cycling. (4) The Transgender Language War. (5) A New Way to Detect Breast Cancer.

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3. Joke 1

Farmer Jack once lived on a quiet rural highway but as time went by, the traffic slowly built up and eventually got so heavy and so fast that his free range chickens were being run over--at a rate of three to six a week. So Farmer Jack called the local police station to complain, "You've got to do something about all these people driving so fast and killing all my chickens," he said to the local police officer. "What do you want me to do?" asked the policeman. "I don't care, just do something about those crazy drivers!"

So the next day, the policeman had the Town Council erect a sign that said: SCHOOL CROSSING. Three days later, Farmer Jack called the policeman and said, "You've still got to do something about these drivers. That school crossing sign seems to make them go even faster!"

So again, they put up a new sign: SLOW: CHILDREN AT PLAY. That really sped them up. So Farmer Jack called and said, "Your signs are no good. Can I put up my own sign?" In order to get Farmer Jack off his back, the officer said "Sure. Put up your own sign."

The phone calls to the police station stopped, but curiosity got the better of the officer, so he called Farmer Jack, "How's the problem with the speeding drivers, did you put up your sign?" "Oh, I sure did and not one chicken has been killed."

The policeman was really curious and thought he'd better go out and take a look at the sign. He also thought the sign might be something the police could use elsewhere to slow drivers down. So he drove out to Farmer Jack's house. His jaw dropped the moment he saw the sign: NUDIST COLONY Slow down and watch for chicks!
(Thanks, Helene Peyton, for sharing.)

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4. Reviews

A. Loved JULIET, NAKED, a sweet romantic comedy about a woman stuck in a long-term relationship with an obsessive fan of an obscure rocker. The performances from Rose Byrne, Ethan Hawke and Chris O'Dowd were all perfect, and there's a great soundtrack. You'll smile at the ending. And make sure you stay for the credits. Rated R.

Note: I've added it to my list of favorite movies. If you'd like to get a copy of the list, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

B. Liked POOR TEDDY: THE TRUE STORY OF A POODLE NAMED AFTER A NOODLE (Pet Rescue Books), written by Lisa DePriest and illustrated by Ignacio G. ... Though aimed primarily at children, adults will also get a kick out of this sweet story about a dog in need of a new home. The illustrations added to my enjoyment of the book.

Note: See Section 1F for this week's contest--and a chance to win the above book.

5. TV alert

A. TOM CLANCY'S JACK RYAN: Now available via Amazon Prime
The 8-episode first series introduces Ryan early in his career. According to TV GUIDE, "The global terrorism thriller builds to impressively harrowing action scenes."

B. RBG: Monday, Sept. 3, at 9 p.m. on CNN
After a successful run in indie-film theaters, the acclaimed biographical portrait of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg comes to TV.

Note: It is on my list of favorite films. To obtain a copy, please send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

C. ATYPICAL: Returns on Friday, Sept. 7, on Netflix
I loved the first season of this series about a teenager who is on the autism spectrum. You will, too, if the second season is anything like the first one.

D. INVINCIBLE: Saturday, Sept. 8, at 10:55 a.m. on HBO
This is the true story of Vince Papale, who became a member of the Philadelphia Eagles football team as a 30-year-old in an open tryout. He is the oldest rookie to make an NFL team (excluding kickers) who never played college ball. Very inspiring!

6. Joke 2

As fascinating as these are, what I'd really like to see are tweets from my cat!



7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Roberta Gurwood: On growing old
[Here](#)

(2) Jean Ryersbach: Britain's Got Talent 2018 Magus Utopia Amazing & Bizarre Magic Act
[Here](#)

(3) Ed Hackett: When you see your friend causing trouble at the end of a night out
[Here](#)

(4) Hilarious school drop-off video has us in stitches because it's the truth
[Here](#)

B. For photos and quotes from notable figures, check out NITCH by clicking:
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For example, I got a kick out of this one from Katharine Hepburn:
"If you always do what interests you, at least one person is pleased."

You'll also like the accompanying picture of her--and all the other notables.

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

How to Protect Your Cellphone (and Your Data) When You Travel
by Shivani Vora

Many travelers consider their cellphones essential when they're on the road and rely on it for taking pictures and texting to using it to find their way around.

So what do you do if your phone gets lost, stolen or breaks when you're abroad? How can you prevent it from happening in the first place? Brandon Bogle, a cellphone expert for Asurion, a company that provides insurance for consumer electronics, has plenty of advice on the subject and shares his tips below.

For the rest of this informative article, please click:
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9. Joke 3

Fortunately, this happened just before I was going to buy them a second round of drinks! (Thanks, Sky Symonov, for sharing.)

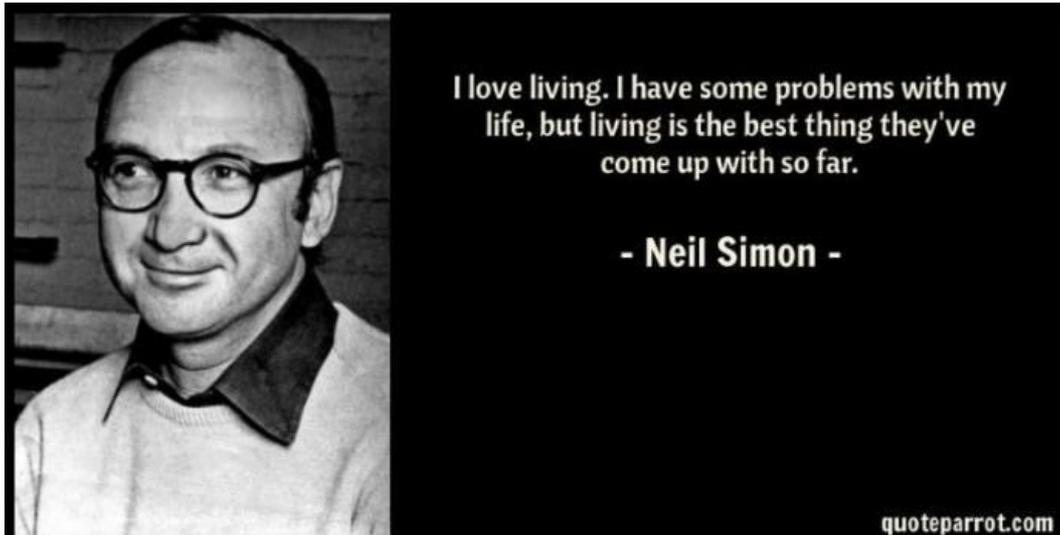


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10. A quote I like

Neil Simon (1927-2018), R.I.P. ... He was an American playwright, screenwriter and author. In 1965, he won the Tony Award for Best Playwright for *The Odd Couple*, and in 1975, a special Tony Award for his overall contribution to American theater. For *Brighton Beach Memoirs* in 1983, he was awarded the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award, followed by another Tony Award for Best Play of 1985, *Biloxi Blues*. In 1991 he won the Pulitzer Prize along with the Tony Award for *Lost in Yonkers*. ... For his obituary, please click:

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11. Thought for the day

A dog was walking across a railroad track. ... A train passed by and cut off the dog's tail. The dog turned to see what happened, and the train cut off his head. ... The moral of the story: Never lose your head over a piece of tail! (Thanks, Marvin Sadovsky, for sharing this oh-so-valuable piece of advice that he learned from his father.)

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12. Advance planning department

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A. NC events

(1) Jay Hill: PechaKucha Night Asheville v20. (2) Katie Jones: SPECIAL NEEDS opens at The Magnetic Theatre.

B. PA/NJ event

MCCC's Kelsey Theatre Opens 2018-19 Season with Newsies.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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