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1. Reflections

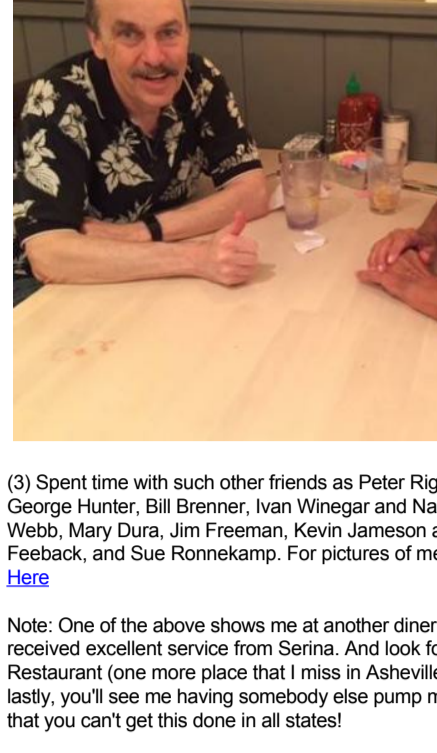
Note: Section 7 always runs websites that are interesting. In particular, see the first one in this week's issue that will leave you wishing that all meetings should be so inspiring.

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

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I spent a rare week apart because of the fact that I made my annual trek up North to attend the InService Day meeting at Bucks County Community College.

B. I also:

(1) Got to meet my daughter Risa and son-in-law JP for a tasty dinner at Manny's Diner in Clark, NJ. Too bad that Asheville doesn't have anything like this eatery. We could really use a place that stays open 24/7 and has a 12-page menu. In addition, it would be nice to be able to order breakfast past 11:30 am.



(2) Met my longtime mentor/friend, Al Sternberg, for a great lunch at Cafe 72 in Ewing, NJ.

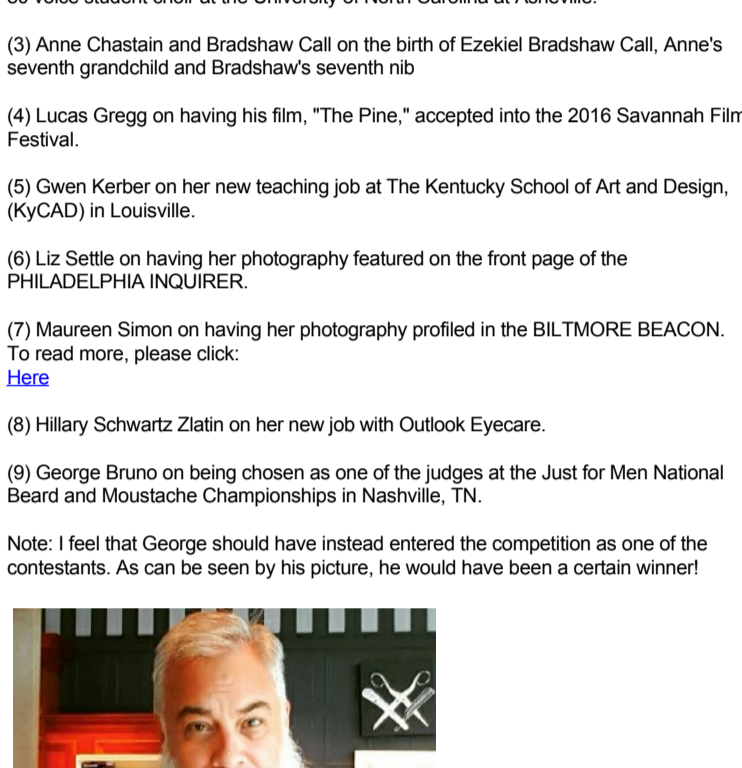


(3) Spent time with such other friends as Peter Rigas, Ed Kohlhepp, Dottie Hunter, George Hunter, Bill Brenner, Ivan Weinagar and Natalie Kaye, Dennis Pittipaldi, Kathy Webb, Mary Dura, Jim Freeman, Kevin Jameson and Ann Redfield, Ray O'Brien, Ron Feedback, and Sue Ronnekamp. For pictures of me with most of them, please click: [Here](#)

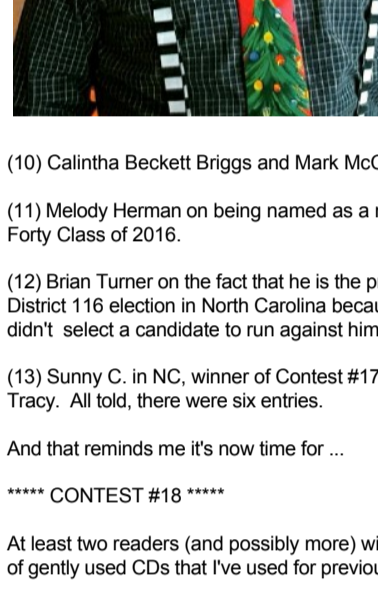
Note: One of the above shows me at another diner, Andy's in Trevesa, PA, where we received excellent service from Serina. And look for me at Moish & Itzys Deli Restaurant (one more place that I miss in Asheville; i.e. a good Jewish deli). And lastly, you'll see me having somebody else pump my gas at under \$2/gallon. Too bad that you can't get this done in all states!

(4) Hosted a gathering at the Sycamore Grill in Newtown, PA, where we had great service from Megan, along with excellent food and drinks. Naturally, we had to sing "Happy Together"—arguably the greatest rock song of all time. To listen to us, please click: [Here](#)

Pictured, l-r: John Strauss, Blaine Greenfield, Kevin Jameson, Mike Lazanski and Todd Siben



Bill Lewis (pictured below) had everybody laughing with his sit-down comedy, and Jerry Gross was equally as funny with his stand-up routine. Jim Freeman and Rich Orth added to the day's entertainment with their poetry, and aside from the above entertainers, Bill Kormos, Gene Smith and Rick Pine also rocked with their musical performances.



Special thanks to my many other friends who stopped by, including Michael and Judy Chadwick, Ron and Toni Feedback, Arlene Ditzler, Debbie Hancock, Kathy Webb, Chic and Joni Dowdard, Clark and Jane Shuster, Alan Goldstein, Dottie Sconyers, John Murray, Ray Croce, Patty Dmo, Betty Tsai, Susan Richard, Jim Richard, Ralph Tiger, Tom Giraldi, Tom and Jennifer Orr, Deserie Golder, McGettigan, Jody Syler, Loralee Orth, Ed Kohlhepp, and Diane Lewis. For their pictures and others, please click: [Here](#)

C. Condolences to Patty Alexander and family on the passing of Tim, Patty's brother-in-law.

D. Congratulations to:

- (1) Emily Shaules on being selected to participate in this year's TEDx Talk in Asheville on October 4.
- (2) Chuck Taft on being named Music Director/Conductor of the University Singers, an 80 voice student choir at the University of North Carolina at Asheville.
- (3) Anne Chastain and Bradshaw Call on the birth of Ezekiel Bradshaw Call, Anne's seventh grandchild and Bradshaw's seventh rib
- (4) Lucas Gregg on having his film, "The Pine," accepted into the 2016 Savannah Film Festival.
- (5) Gwen Kerber on her new teaching job at The Kentucky School of Art and Design, (KyCAD) in Louisville.
- (6) Liz Settle on having her photography featured on the front page of the PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER.
- (7) Maureen Simon on having her photography profiled in the BALTIMORE BEACON. To read more, please click: [Here](#)
- (8) Hillary Schwartz Zlatin on her new job with Outlook Eyecare.
- (9) George Bruno on being chosen as one of the judges at the Just for Men National Beard and Moustache Championships in Nashville, TN.

Note: I feel that George should have instead entered the competition as one of the contestants. As can be seen by his picture, he would have been a certain winner!

(10) Caitlnha Beckett Briggs and Mark McClintic on their marriage.

- (11) Melody Herman on being named as a member of Biltmore Beach 40 Under Forty Class of 2016.
- (12) Brian Turner on the fact that he is the presumptive winner of November's House District 116 election in North Carolina because the Buncombe County Republicans didn't select a candidate to run against him.
- (13) Sunny C. in NC, winner of Contest #17: copy of PERSONAL SUCCESS by Brian Tracy. All told, there were six entries.

And that reminds me it's now time for ...

***** CONTEST #18 *****

At least two readers (and possibly more) will win a choice of a book or CD from a list of gently used CDs that I've used for previous reviews.

Note: Listening to books on CD is a great way to make driving and/or exercising more enjoyable. In addition, you can also learn a lot this way.

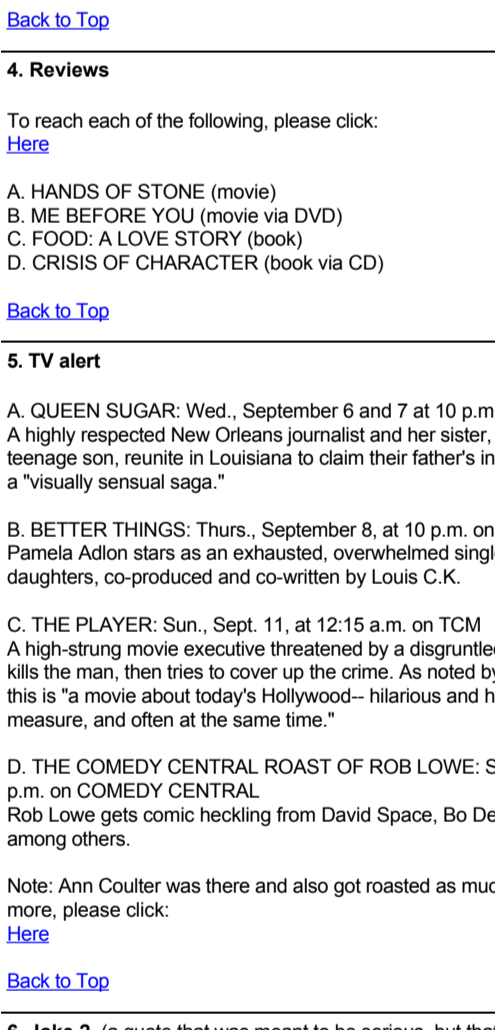
To enter: Send an email to: bgnbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #18 in the subject line. In the body of the email, please include your small mail address. All entries must be received on or before Monday, Sept. 12, at 9 p.m.

E. Corrections:

- (1) I misspelled the last name of Alex Kampouts in BLAINESWORLD #1038 when I mentioned his fantastic performance in ALL MY SONS.
- (2) Frank Zipperer is now the proud grand grandfather of Samuel Ellis Florence. I had the wrong last name in BLAINESWORLD #1038.

F. Invitations:

- (1) Hope you'll all make this, so that you can see your truly and a whole lot more talented folks perform



(2) David Gantt, Chair of the Buncombe County Commission since 2008, will discuss The Role of County Government in Your Life at the monthly meeting of the Asheville Jewish Business Forum, Wednesday, September 7 at Strada Italiano restaurant, 26 Broadway, Asheville.

You don't have to be Jewish to attend.

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

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

This week, it goes to Emily Stone—an employee that recently helped Cynthia when she was shopping. To quote Cynthia: Emily works in the ladies department at Belk in the Asheville Mall.

Emily spent a great deal of time on an investigation into the perfect bra and bra size for me. Her service was extraordinary. She educated me on bra sizes and what fits correctly. I ended with a size that I never would have thought would be right for me, but it fit perfectly.

What impressed me the most was her unwillingness to give up until we found exactly what was right for me. And the amount of time and patience was required for that to happen. If anyone is in need of a new bra, Emily is the person to find.

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2. FYI

Embrace your Retirement, senior citizen! It's been a long time coming. There are some serious perks for senior people and you should take advantage of them all. One of the biggest perks that is often overlooked is the senior discount.

Did you know that most retailers, restaurants, parks, public transportation and hotels offer discounts to retirees or people of a certain age? Here's the catch: You don't get the discounts unless YOU ASK for them. The youngster at the cash register is not going to say, "Oh, sir, you look old, would you like to take advantage of our senior citizen discount?" Not going to happen. It's sort of a secret, like speaking a code word at the door of a speakeasy. The code you should know is a simple question: "Do you offer a senior discount?"

To read more of this informative article, please click: [Here](#)

FYI, part 2

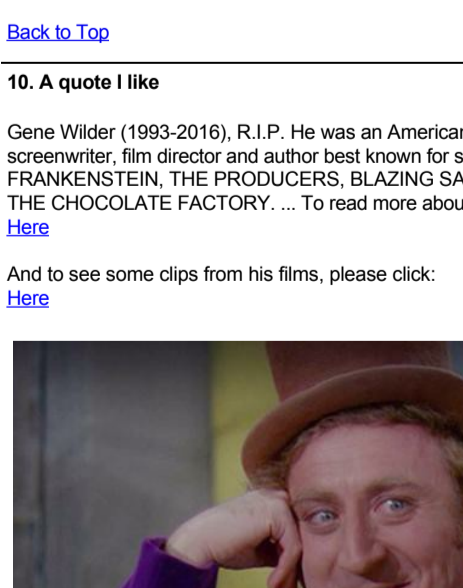
To read each of the following contributions in full, please click: [Here](#)

- (1) John C. in NC: For those of you who truly know me, you know how much I love dragons. (2) The Complex Math Behind Spiraling Prescription Drug Prices. (3) With Dogs, It's What You Say—and How You Say It. (4) Little evidence for the usual wisdom about teeth. (5) Hesitant to Make That Big Life Change? Permission Granted. (6) Miles Bigrig's 6 Tips for Making a Small in Hollywood. Or Anywhere. (7) Liz M. in Washington, DC: Quick! If PSA to Y'all. (8) This Type of Brain Training Can Keep You From Getting Dementia.

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3. Joke 1

Morty to his vet: "Doc, I have a problem with my dog." ... Dr. Saul: "Tell me more." ... Morty: "He's a Jewish dog. His name is Seth, and he can talk." ... Dr. Saul: "That's impossible!" ... Morty: "Watch this. Seth, Fetch!" ... Seth: "So why are you talking to me like that? You only call me when you want something. You make me sleep on the cold floor. You give me this crappy food with all the salt and fat, and you tell me it's a special diet. And do you ever take me for a decent walk? NO. It's out of the house, a fast fish and right back home. ... Dr. Saul: "This is remarkable! So what's the problem?" ... "Morty: "He has a hearing problem! I said Fetch, NOT Kwetch."



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4. Reviews

To reach each of the following, please click: [Here](#)

- A. HANDS OF STONE (movie)
- B. ME BEFORE YOU (movie via DVD)
- C. FRODO A LOVE STORY (book)
- D. CRISIS OF CHARACTER (book via CD)

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5. TV alert

A. ALIEN SUGAR: Wed., September 6 and 7 at 10 p.m. on OWN
A highly respected New Orleans journalist and her sister, a professional woman with a teenage son, reunite in Louisiana to claim their father's inheritance. TV GUIDE calls it a "visually sensual saga."

B. BETTER THINGS: Thurs., September 8, at 10 p.m. on FX
Pamela Adlon stars as an exhausted, overwhelmed single mom of three demanding daughters, co-produced and co-written by Louis C.K.

C. THE PLAYER: Sun., Sept. 11, at 12:15 a.m. on TCM
A high-strung movie executive threatened by a disgruntled screenwriter accidentally kills the man, then tries to cover up the crime. As noted by the site, great Roger Ebert, this is "a movie about today's Hollywood—bilarious and heartless in about equal measure, and often at the same time."

D. THE COMEDY CENTRAL ROAST OF ROB LOWE: Sun., September 11, at 9:55 p.m. on COMEDY CENTRAL
Rob Lowe gets comic heckling from David Spade, Bo Derek and Peyton Manning, among others.

Note: Ann Coulter was there and also got roasted as much as Lowe did. To read more, please click: [Here](#)

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6. Joke 2 (a quote that was meant to be serious, but that got me laughing instead)
THEY'RE COMING! ... "My culture is a very dominant culture, and it's imposing—and it's causing problems." Marco Gutierrez of Latinos for Trump told Joy Ann Reid. "If you don't do something about it, you're going to have taco trucks on every corner." ... And this is a problem? Not in my book.

I think if Clinton immediately made "A taco truck on every corner" her campaign slogan, the election would be over if for no other reason than a lot of taco lovers would be very happy. There would also be 9.6 million new jobs created!

Source: [Here](#)

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

- (1) Bonnie S. in NC: Flash Mob "One Day More" (Les Mis...with CC subtitles) - West Des Moines Schools - Welcome Back [Here](#)
- (2) Jim C. in NJ: The Man Cold Vs The Mom Cold [Here](#)
- (3) Joey Novick in NJ: Jewish joke of the week [Here](#)
- (4) Paul M. in NC: 10 pieces of wisdom from Wayne Dyer [Here](#)
- (5) Suzanne R. in NC: Dancing Through Life [Here](#)

B. Jean D. in Pa: A website to help you find products that will last forever
Do you want to avoid cheaply made, flimsy goods in favor of quality products that are built to last? If so, check out the website below. It features only products that can demonstrate longevity—meaning lifetime guarantees and high-quality materials that ideally can be repaired when they do break. [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

When I'm Mistakenly Put on an Email Chain, Should I Hit Reply All? Asking to Be Removed? by Daniel Victor

No.

O.K., here's a little more context, for those of you who need it.

For the rest of this informative article, please click: [Here](#)

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9. Joke 3

SO NOW Y'ALL KNOW ... what I have been up to in retirement. I've started this business with three of my friends ... and I've also to be working with a personal trainer, which has me looking good—if I do say so myself!

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10. A quote I like

Gene Wilder (1993-2016), R.I.P. He was an American stage and screen comic actor, screenwriter, film director and author best known for such classics as "YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN, THE PRODUCERS, BLAZING SADDLES and WILLIE WONKA & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY. ... To read more about his life, please click: [Here](#)

And to see some clips from his films, please click: [Here](#)

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11. Thought for the day

Food for thought ...

Buying a Class or Service
6 Months Lease

When you purchase a Class or a Service someone is providing you aren't just buying an hour or more of their time

You're purchasing:
-The dozens of books they've read
-The thousands of hours they've studied
-The many courses and classes they've used to learn
-The years of life experience they've had in practical application

The hundreds of mistakes they've made to help you not have to make the same mistakes
-The thousands of dollars they've invested in various trainings, certifications, degree mistakes
-The work they put into the marketing, videos or space rental to create an environment you can feel safe in.

Consider carefully before you tell a teacher, a coach, a speaker or healer that their service or product isn't worth the price you're paying... you don't know the price they've paid to offer it to you.

www.RichardandNamaste.com

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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) Israeli Film Series at Grill Movie House. (2) OFF THE RAILS. (3) Open Poetry Reading.

B. PA/NJ event

Children's Opera 'Beloved Prey' Has Local Premiere at MCCC's Kelsey Theatre Sept. 24.

PS. My hope is that y'all don't labor a lot this coming Labor Day weekend. In fact, instead think about the following Q Question:

And make it a wonderful rest of the week, too!

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