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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I enjoyed our recent trip to Eastern Tennessee ... so much so, in fact, that I'm going to include details and pictures in a special extra edition that I'll try to get out sometime in the next few days.

B. In the meantime, we were honored to take part (along with a bunch of our friends) in the first reading of AT THE CAFE: A MUSICAL by Marcy Gallagher. We were impressed and think you will be, too!



C. We had a tasty dinner at the LongHorn Steakhouse in Asheville.



D. And Cynthia met Tokyo and quickly became friends with her.



E. Please catch this BLAINESWORLD podcast, featuring Dr. Ron Solomon, Lisa Fox and Clare Owensby by clicking: [Here](#) and looking for the one dated 9.7.2022. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



F. Please catch this BLAINESWORLD podcast, featuring Janice Vertuicci Schreiber and Madison Brightwell, by clicking: [Here](#) and looking for the one dated 9.10.2022. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



G. HOT OFF THE PRESS! Humor column that I write for THE FAIRVIEW TOWN CRIER. Click to see it at full size. ... Submissions are always welcome (see last item with my picture), especially if you live in the Fairview area.

Buffet (n.): A French word for 'get it yourself'

You can tell an ant's gender by
putting it in water.
If it sinks, girl ant
If it floats, buoyant.

Yesterday I saw a guy spill all his
Scrabble letters on the road.
I asked him, "What's the word on
the street?"

**"The only place success
comes before work is in
the dictionary."
—Vince Lombardi**

Dear Optimist, Pessimist
and Realist,

While you guys were busy arguing
about the glass of water, I drank it!
Sincerely, The Opportunist

Q: When is a door no longer
a door?
A: When it's ajar.

**"I always wanted to be
somebody, but now I realize
I should have been
more specific."
—Lily Tomlin**

Sarah Koors:

A man on a park bench is talking to a
woman, admiring the dog at her feet.

Man: Does your dog bite?

Woman: No.

The man pats the dog and is bitten.

Man: You said your dog didn't bite!

Woman: It's not my dog.

A guy tells his friend that he and his wife
had a serious argument the night before.
"But it ended when she came crawling to
me on her hands and knees."
"What did she say?" asked the friend.
The husband replies, "She said, 'Come
out from under that bed, you coward!'"



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WORLD blog and host of a
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H. Congratulations to:

(1) Norm Kent on stepping down as publisher of South Florida Gay News and for all the fine work he did for that paper. For more information, click: [Here](#).

(2) Karen Tessier and family on the birth of Atlas Shepherd Bridges, their grandson.

I. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Stephanie Hickling Beckman, Founder and Managing Artistic Director of Different Strokes! Performing Arts Collective.

This organization was founded in 2010 and since then, I have managed to view almost every show that has been produced.

Stephanie's leadership has been outstanding, and I've always been impressed by both her enthusiasm and her many appearances on my BLAINESWORLD podcast.

I don't think that I have been disappointed with any production she has put on.

The latest show was no exception. Here's what I had to say about it on Facebook:

WOW! ... It seems every time I see one of the productions from Different Strokes! Performing Arts Collective, I think it might be the best one ever--and that's certainly the case with BLOOD AT THE ROOT. This provocative drama examines the miscarriage of justice, racial double standards, and the crises in relations between men and women of all classes. All those in the ensemble cast were outstanding: Sharvis Smith, Melvin AC Howell (who also deserves kudos for his choreography), Loren Otis, Jamie Knox, Righteous Luster, Vianna Isbister

and Daniel Henry, and Stephanie Hickling Beckman's direction was spot on. ... Adding to my enjoyment of the show was Brittany Long's set design, Caroline Daniels' lighting design, Laura Lowe's technical direction and the post-show discussion led by Zakiya Bell-Rogers... The only bad thing to report is that BLOOD AT THE ROOT ends its run on Saturday, Sept. 10, and I believe that performance is sold out.



2. Invites

A. There's still time to enter ...

***** CONTEST #14 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of GOODBYE, FRIEND: HEALING WISDOM FOR ANYONE WHO HAS EVER LOST A PET by Gary Kowalski.

From the author: "As a parish minister, I often counsel those seeking comfort in times of loss. And as an animal lover myself (having accompanied two fine dogs to the end of the trail), I know the emotional roller coaster first hand. ... I will share the guideposts, beacons and spiritual practices that have helped others on the path toward resolution, acceptance, healing and peace."

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #14 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include your name and mailing address. All entries must be received by the extended deadline of 9 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 12.

B. Want to be a guest on my BLAINESWORLD podcast, now seen on YouTube or you can listen to it on your favorite podcast player. If you have news you'd like to share and/or a story to tell, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put GUEST in the subject line. In the body of the email, include both your name and phone number.

Even if you've been a guest before, I'd welcome the opportunity to speak with you again. I now tape via Zoom, usually in the early evenings.

For more information about the show, click: [Here](#).

And please click "Like" when you do check out this link.

C. Are you interested in shows, concerts, movies, TV, etc.? ... If so, I encourage you to join a new group I've formed on Facebook that's called Entertainment. To do so, all you need to do is follow the instructions when you click: [Here](#).

D. Come join Cynthia for the one course she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week via Zoom: Meditation on Monday and Move Your Body on Wednesday (that you can also attend in person). To attend this and/or any of the other courses that are offered, scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

E. In the unlikely event we're not yet friends on Facebook, click here to send me a friend request: [Here](#).

Note: For others, see Sect.13 (at the bottom of this issue).

3. FYI

Do dogs get tired of barking? What dog breeds bark the most? Your pup's behavior explained by Anna Kautman in USA TODAY

Like many dog owners, you might find yourself wondering, especially after a particularly loud night, if your dog ever gets tired of barking. Surely, all that strain on the vocal cords must tire them out a little. They can't bark forever, right?

Unfortunately, the answer to that question is a bit more hazy than pup owners might like. Despite our close kinship, canines and humans are quite different, and their reasons for making a ruckus are not always easily explained.

To read the rest of this interesting article, click: [Here](#).

4. Joke 1

This is soooo deep! (Thanks, Jean Dolan, for sharing.)



5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I both enjoyed GIGI & NATE, the story of a young man whose life is turned upside down after he suffers a near-fatal illness and is left a quadriplegic. But his life is turned around when he meets an unlikely

service animal: a curious and intelligent capuchin monkey. ... Rated PG-13.

The film also drive home the point that we should rely less on critic reviews and more on the audience score when looking at ROTTEN TOMATOES. Critics only gave this 14%, while the audience score was 94%.

B. TCM made it possible for me to revisit THE DAMNED DON'T CRY, an engrossing 1950 melodrama starring Joan Crawford. She is trapped in an unhappy marriage, but breaks free when the death of her child changes her outlook on life. She eventually becomes a gangster's moll and discovers when it's too late that she took the wrong path. If you can find it, you'll like it. Not rated, but I'd call it a PG-13.

6. TV alert

A. COBRA KAI, Season 5: Now on Netflix

To quote ROTTEN TOMATOES, "Deftly managing an expanded roster of punchy personalities, Cobra Kai graduates to a black belt proficiency in heartfelt melodrama and sly humor." I've enjoyed Seasons 1-4 and am looking forward to this one.

B. RUNNING WITH THE DEVIL: THE WILD WORLD OF JOHN MCAFEE: Now on Netflix

Find out about this incredible booze-guzzling, hooker-marrying, \$100 million antivirus-software mogul, NASA scientist, presidential candidate and accused cryptocurrency criminal who went from luxury to a lice-infested bed in the Central American jungle, where he fled after being fingered for the murder of a neighbor.

C. MONARCH: Premieres on Sunday, Sept. 11, at 8 p.m. or whenever football is over (then on Tuesdays at 9 p.m., starting on Sept. 20)

Singer/actress Susan Sarandon portrays the reigning queen of country who is relinquishing her crown to her daughter — and her husband, the king of country, is played by an actual country star, Trace Adkins.

D. EMMY AWARDS: Monday, Sept. 12, at 8 p.m. on NBC

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE veteran Kenan Thompson is hosting this year for the first time, which should be a good thing given his ability to improve good material and save weak bits. For more information about the show, click: [Here](#).

E. Thanks, Ilene Logelin, for this recommendation: I just wanted to share with you that PBS will be showing a 3part series on the U.S. and the Holocaust from Sept. 18-20, starting at 8 p.m.

7. Joke 2

My guardian angel was young and energetic when we first met. ... All those years of looking after me have taken their toll. (Thanks, Joe Hodgson, for sharing.)



8. Clips/Websites

A. The Turtles are arguably the greatest rock group of all time!

(1) As mentioned previously, this section will feature music by The Turtles--either their recordings and/or covers of their music by others.

I'd especially love to see any recording you may have done of "Happy Together."

Send it to: bginbc@aol.com and put THE TURTLES in the subject line.

Note: Even if you did not do a recording, I welcome anything done by others--not only of "Happy Together," but any other Turtles' song.

(2) For this week, please view cover from Hello Clyde: [Here](#).

Mr. Curious here: What's your opinion of the above? It is definitely not one of my favorites.

B. Video of the week

This is perhaps the most amazing tennis shot I've ever seen:
Carlos Alcaraz's Absurd Behind-The-Back Tennis Shot Leaves U.S. Open In Awe

To see if for yourself and for more information, click: [Here](#).

C. And also check out these other clips at your convenience:

(1) I Believe In You - Robert Morse, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing this clip. To quote him:
Robert Morse died this week at 90. His signature role was in "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying" – both on Broadway (where he won a Tony Award for Best Actor) and in the movie. He "owned" this song. I've always loved it.

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns (9.11.2022): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: With a story about Roy Orbison: [Here](#).

(4) And here's the version of "Pretty Woman" mentioned in the above clip: [Here](#).

(5) Pianist SHOCKS Audience With Moonlight Sonata Dubstep Remix: [Here](#). (Thanks, Denise Frey, for sharing.)

D. Here's a website that you might want to check out:

If you want to check out something you've read but that doesn't quite sound legitimate, take a look at Wikipedia's List of Conspiracy Theories by clicking: [Here](#).

In principle, conspiracy theories are not always false by default and their validity depends on evidence just as in any theory.

Yet for the most part, most of these are "out there" and should be taken with a grain of salt, including those about Sandy Hook, Michelle Obama, etc.

E. BLAINESWORLD, the website, has now been updated and is better than ever . . . to view it, please click: [Here](#).

F. 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](#).

9. Technology tip

5 router settings to keep hackers off your cameras, smart speakers and network
by Kim Komando, Komando.com

Most of us don't give a second thought to the router that manages our home internet. We assume it's working fine, just like the day we installed it, which is why hackers can break into your network and wreak havoc without you even realizing it.

It may have happened already. Tap or click here for a free test to see if your router has been hacked. Remember, every device in your network is at stake.

For the rest of the above article and to get the link to test your router, click: [Here](#).

10. Joke 3

A woman goes to a NYC bank before going on vacation and requests a \$5,000 loan for two weeks. The banker asks, "Is there anything you would like to use as collateral?"

The woman replies, "I'll use my Ferrari."

The banker, stunned, inquires, "A \$250,000 Ferrari. Really?"

The woman is completely positive. She hands over the keys and title. An employee then parks the car in the underground garage. When she comes back, she pays off the \$5,000 loan, plus \$15.41 in interest.

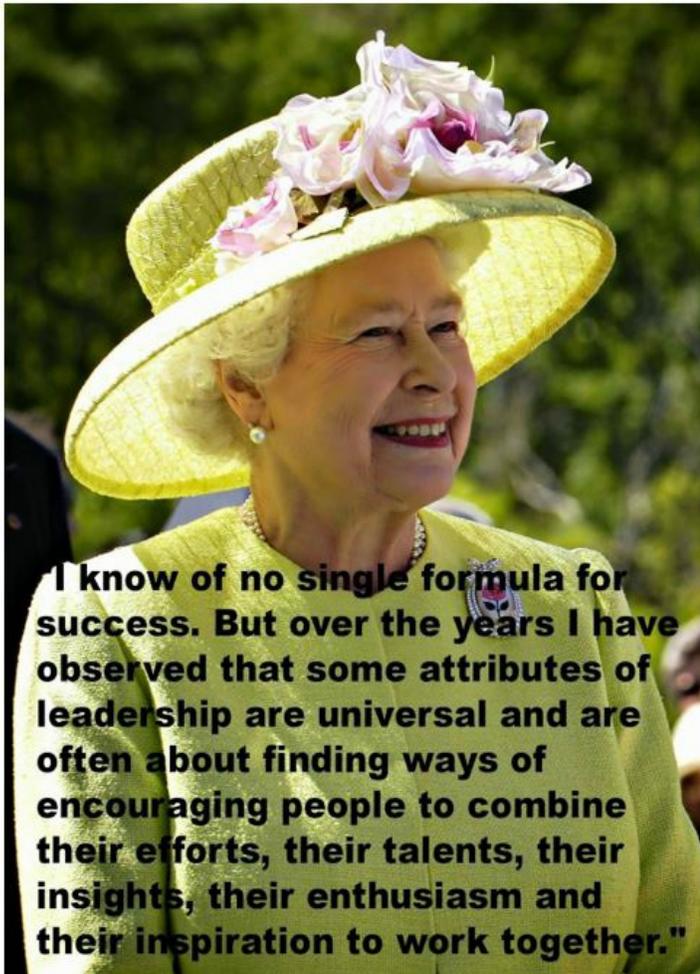
The banker says, "Ma'am, we appreciate your business with us, but when we looked you up, we found that you are a multi-millionaire. Why would you need to borrow \$5,000?"

The woman replies, "Where else in New York can I park my car for two weeks for less than \$15?"



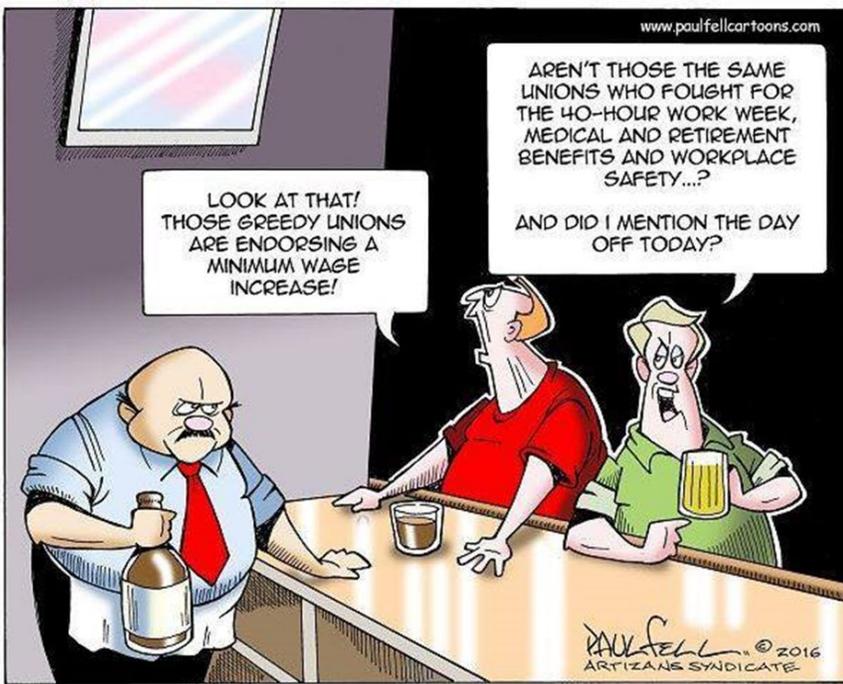
11. A quote I like

Thanks, Queen Elizabeth II (1926-2022), for your service as Queen of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms from 1952 until her death in 2022. Her reign of 70 years and 214 days is the longest of any British monarch and the longest recorded of any female head of state in history. For more information about her life, click: [Here](#).



12. Thought for the day

If you're like me, and you celebrate all holidays (more food, fun and friends that way), I hope you had a HAPPY LABOR DAY. And that you got to enjoy all the benefits in the cartoon below, along with over 30 more ways that unions have gained for you. For a full list of these, please click: [Here](#).



13. Advance planning department

For more information about the following events, please click: [Here](#).

A. Jeff Catanese: Attic Salt Theatre Company presents the Poignant Comedy "Cry It Out." B. Jimmy Ferraro: "MY BIG FAT ITALIAN WEDDING MURDER!" C. Jeff Catanese: Montford Park Players Brings the Action with The Three Musketeers. D. Katie Jones: BEAUTIFUL CAGES. E. Chelsey Lee Gaddy: Seasons Auditions at Mars Hill University.

PS. Make it a great week!

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