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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I have a request for you:

PLEASE DO YOURSELF A FAVOR ... and see the world premiere of THE SPARROW AND THE WHIPPOORWILL: A BLUEGRASS MUSICAL at The Magnetic Theatre through Sept. 25. ...You'll love the sweet story, beautifully written by Tom Godleski, about a nursing home resident and the nurse who helps him. ... Tom also performs in the play, along with these members of the talented cast: Lauren Otis Daniel Sandoval, Stephanie Nusbaum, Locksley Blanchard, Karl Knierim, Mike Yow, Karen Covington Yow, Brandi Andrade, Mark Moser and Brooks Butler. ... Kudos to Victoria Lamberth for her spot on direction, as well as to Dakota Mann for his work as both stage manager and actor (in several of the scenes). ... For tickets, click: [Here](#).



B. We had the pleasure of going to the above show with our friend Jenn Hartzog. She and her husband Paul then joined us for some delicious pizza at Fresh West.



C. We also had a delightful time at Tryon Little Theater's tuneful production of *I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE*. ... This musical revue about love, dating and marriage, has long been one of my favorite shows. You'll see why if you get to see it before the run ends on Sept. 26. ... Eight talented cast members make the many songs come alive. Kudos to them all: Lori Corda, Brenda Craig, Sam Craig, Cathy Jewell Fischer, Tena Greene-Porter, W. Lee Mangum, Jim Powell and Alex Tapp. ... Joel Perkin's direction was spot on, as was the musical direction from Pam McNeil. ... Pam, joined by Barbara Tilly, provided the live music--an added reason for seeing this show. (Nowadays, you'll often see soundtracks used to save money, but I much prefer the actual musicians.) ... For tickets, click: [Here](#).



D. Catch this past week's BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: Guests: Rich Nelson, Kevin Sprouls and Jeff Manson--all members of the Rich Nelson Band.



E. Condolences to Andi Block and family on the loss of Andi's husband David. For his obituary, click: [Here](#).

F. Congratulations to:

- (1) Scott Burnette, Asheville Fire Chief, on this appearance on WLOS. If you missed it, click: [Here](#).
- (2) Honor Moor on being named to the board of the Montford Park Players.
- (3) Barb Fiedler on being named Top Producer for the Asheville South Office of Preferred Properties.
- (4) Amy Baker on her new position with New Jersey Institute of Technology as Executive Assistant to the SVP of Real Estate Development and Capital Operations.
- (5) Michelle Kuhnen and Riley, the gym dog, on their performance in the recent 8k Hendersonville Apple Festival Races. Riley was given a #1 race bib and upon completion, he was handed a race medal with a cow bell. He also came in first place dog in the dog competition. Michelle came in fourth in the 30-39 female category, which is pretty amazing given the fact that Riley was running alongside her.



G. Correction: I'm blessed to have such thorough readers of this blog. In particular, thanks to both Dawn Westmoreland and Colleen Dunn for correcting the following mistake in last week's issue:

In talking about the BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD winner. I mentioned that we've had a bad meal at Wasabi. I left out the word never.

The sentence should have read as follows:
We've never had a bad meal at this eatery.

Sorry 'bout that!

H. Announcing this week's ...

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

The winner is Hilltop Ice Cream Shop, located just down the street from us on 520 Charlotte Highway in Fairview, NC.

The ice cream is always outstanding, as is the service from Emma Grace (pictured below), Kelsey, owner Spencer Hilgeman and all the other employees.

What really impresses us is that they always remember what we want before we even place our order. In fact, Emma Grace remembered our names after our very first visit.

Writing this is getting me in the mood for some peanut butter cup, my favorite flavor, which I think I'll get just as soon as I finish this issue. Cynthia loves the coffee hath bar..



2. Invites

A. Announcing

***** CONTEST #22 *****

One lucky reader will win a 12 MINUTES: AN EPIC JOURNEY BEYOND by Robert Akers.

To quote from the back cover of the book:

What if there were a place where you could travel through time for answers to life's eternal questions, a place where you could spend time with the greatest men and women of history?

In Jack Stone's amazing adventure he finds just such a mystical place full of inventions that boggle the mind and quirky characters that challenge the very limit of what is possible. There are doors—portals across the frontiers of time and space—that bring you face-to-face with the great minds of the past. This profound and moving story transports you deep into the uncharted territory of the "soular system," where impossibilities materialize and what you need most waits just beyond the door.

To enter this contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #22 in the subject line. Include your name, email address and mailing address in the body of the email. All entries must be received before the EXTENDED DEADLINE of Monday, Sept. 27, at 9 p.m.

B. Updates on previous contest:

(1) Michelle Kuhnen was the winner of Contest #21, a pair of tickets to THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK that runs at HART from Sept. 22 to Oct. 10. All told, there were three entries in this contest. (Thanks, HART, for providing this prize.)

(2) Len Ennis, Joe Knowles, MaryEllen Murphy, Steve Rizzo and Howard Smith were all winners of Contest #20, a pair of suspenders. All told, there were five entries and since I'm trying to spread the word about wearing suspenders, I named all these folks as winners. Stay tuned for their pictures as new members of my Suspender Club.

C. I'll be doing a Zoom seminar on Marketing for Asheville SCORE on Saturday, Oct. 9, at 10 a.m. Details will soon be out. There is no charge for this event, but you must pre-register.

D. 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 click: [Here](#).

E. Come join Cynthia for the two courses she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week via Zoom: Meditation on Monday and Move Your Body on Wednesday. To attend these and/or any of the other courses, scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

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

3. FYI

Note: When you click any of the following articles, you may see an ad. Click the ad (in the upper right hand), and you should be able to read the article. If you can't, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put NAME OF THE ARTICLE (you saw in the link) in the subject line, and I'll be glad to send it to you.

Methinks you'll find this first article fascinating. Most Americans have very little knowledge about his information. And also that the Supreme Court resolved the issue of mandatory vaccinations in 1905, ruling 7-2 in *Jacobson v. Massachusetts* that they were constitutional. ... EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT IS THIS ADDITIONAL FACT: It is emphatically true that the large majority of hospitalizations and the vast majority of deaths at Mission Hospital are occurring in unvaccinated people." (Source: [Here](#).)

Vaccination Mandates Are an American Tradition. So Is the Backlash.
by Maggie Astor

As disease and death reigned around them, some Americans declared that they would never get vaccinated and raged at government efforts to compel them. Anti-vaccination groups spread propaganda about terrible side effects and corrupt doctors. State officials tried to ban mandates, and people made fake vaccination certificates to evade inoculation rules already in place.

The years were 1898 to 1903, and the disease was smallpox. News articles and health board reports describe crowds of parents marching to schoolhouses to demand that their unvaccinated children be allowed in, said Michael Willrich, a professor of history at Brandeis University, with some even burning their own arms with nitric acid to mimic the characteristic scar left by the smallpox vaccine.

For the rest of this eye-opening article, click: [Here](#).

FYI, part 2

To read the following articles, please click: [Here](#).

A. How Jessica Chastain Became Tammy Faye. B. Regular Exercise May Keep Your Body 30 Years 'Younger.' C. Is Carbonated Water Just as Healthy as Still Water? D. How a Question on Sign Language Lead to a Deeper Look at Deaf Culture.

4. Joke 1

Such problems! (Thanks, Judy Chadwick, for sharing.)



5. Reviews

A. I saw *NEWS OF THE WORLD* on HBO. It is the charming tale of a Civil War captain who returns a 10-year-old girl back to her aunt and uncle. Tom Hanks is excellent in the leading role, and his performance is matched by a young actor (Helena Zengel) I had never seen before. There's gorgeous photography. Rated PG-13.

B. In contrast, there's *TAKEN 2*--a sequel that doesn't match the thrills of the original film. Yet Liam Neeson is again quite watchable as a now-retired CIA agent, and the fight scenes will hold your attention. Quite violent, I'm surprised that it got a PG-13 rating.

6. TV alert

A. **73RD PRIMETIME EMMY AWARDS:** Sunday, Sept. 19, at 8 p.m. on CBS

Cedric the Entertainer should prove to be an entertaining host for this annual gala that will be televised live from the Event Deck in downtown Los Angeles,

B. **CRY MACHO:** On HBO Max.

Clint Eastwood, at the age of 91, directs and stars as an over-the-hill Texas rodeo cowboy whose old boss (Dwight Yoakam) sends him to bring back his estranged son Rafael from Mexico.

C. I strongly recommend that you catch *THE CHAIR* on Netflix. It is a dramedy about a woman trying to save a failing university's English department. Sandra Oh is terrific in the leading role, and the rest of the cast is

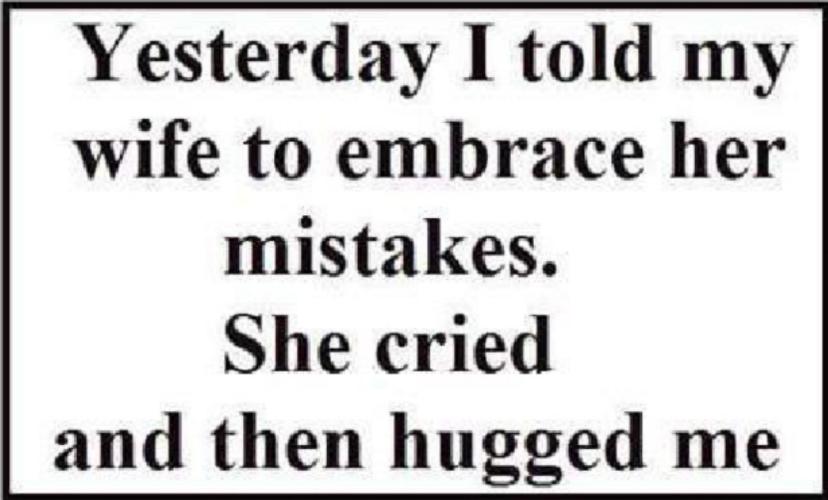
equally outstanding: Jay Duplass, Holland Taylor, Nana Mensah, Bob Balaban and Everly Carganilla. ... If you're involved in education at any level, you'll love this series. Others will, too. ... I'm really hoping that it returns for a second season!

D. Mike Martinelli: Prime to the rescue. When Disney bought 20th Century Fox, they scrapped this amazing Coming of age coming out story [EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT JAMIE]. . It's a wonderful film based on the West End hit musical. I love this film. It has a great score and great characters. The mother has this amazing song titled "He's My Boy." This is truly a surprise hit. The story is true with a musical twist added.

E. Chelsey Gaddy: I am so thrilled to honor the memory of one of my favorite people, Kenny Rogers Watch the tribute, KENNY ROGERS: ALL IN FOR THE GAMBLER, Sept. 23 at 9:00-10:00 PM, ET/PT on CBS.

7. Joke 2

This has me writing a note to myself: "Self, be careful about what you ask for." (Thanks, Joseph Hodgson, for sharing.)



**Yesterday I told my
wife to embrace her
mistakes.
She cried
and then hugged me**

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: bjinbc@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 this cover With Don Halverson and Mike Bestul: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Sofia Vergara Gets Her Revenge On Simon Cowell With Epic Prank - America's Got Talent 2021: [Here](#).

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

(1) Berlin - Take My Breath Away, one of my favorite songs: [Here](#)

(2) Cynthia Greenfield: Preacher Lawson's OUTRAGEOUS comedy routine | BGT: The Champions: [Here](#).

(3) Bald Guy: [Here](#).

(4) Elvis Presley Gets The Polio Vaccine On The Ed Sullivan Show: [Here](#).

(5) Howard Smith: Hymns (9.18.2021): [Here](#).

(6) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Buddy Miles: [Here](#).

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

Fine-tune your workout with this fun website: MuscleWiki. It not only gives you a full diagram of the muscles in your body but how to stretch and work them out! To check it out, click: [Here](#).

E. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running . . . to view it, 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

Note: You may have missed the following, in that it didn't automatically show up with a warning that an Apple update was needed—or at least it didn't show up for me. If that be the case with you and/or if you missed this information, please read it now.

You Really, Really Need to Update Your iPhone and Other Apple Devices

by Josephine Wolff

On Monday, Apple announced that it was releasing emergency security updates for its iOS and MacOS operating systems after the company discovered a new zero-click vulnerability with help from researchers at the University of Toronto's Citizen Lab. The Citizen Lab researchers released a report that same day detailing how they had come across the exploit Apple patched by examining the phone of a Saudi activist who had been targeted using NSO Group's controversial Pegasus spyware.

While the news that NSO Group is helping governments infiltrate smartphones and computers using sophisticated exploits and vulnerabilities is not surprising, the reach and ease of this latest exploit, dubbed FORCEDENTRY by Citizen Lab, is still pretty stunning. It could be used to compromise all Apple phones, tablets, computers, and watches—and worse, since it could be used to infect those devices without a person actively clicking on anything to download malicious code, it was all but impossible to protect against. (Until Monday! Go update all your Apple devices immediately!

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

10. Joke 3

My cousin is a jailhouse singer ... he's always behind a few bars, and he can never find the key.



11. Two quotes I like

A. Thanks, Norm Macdonald (1959-2021), for your career as a stand-up comedian, writer and actor. I always enjoyed how you anchored the Weekend Update segment on SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, as well as your work in numerous TV comedies, talk shows and films. For more information about his life, as well as clip of him, click: [Here](#).

“There are two things which a man should scrupulously avoid: giving advice that he would not follow, and asking advice when he is determined to pursue his own opinion.”--Norm Macdonald



B. Thanks, Ed Asner (1929-2021), for your work as an American actor and president of the Screen Actors Guild. I enjoyed just about everything you were in, including THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW, LOU GRANT, ROOTS and RICH MAN, POOR MAN. I also was appreciative of the fact you were the most honored male performer in the history of the Primetime Emmy Awards, having won seven. ... For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).

“Never stand still. Only stand still enough to learn, and once you stop learning in that stance, move off. Always keep yourself engaged, in theater, in whatever job you can get. If you can't get an acting job, then go backstage. Or take tickets. But be around actors because that is where you will primarily learn.”—Ed Asner



12. Thought for the day

ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Remember Dan Price, the CEO who took a pay cut so he could pay all his employees a minimum wage of \$70,000? Here's what happened next.

Six years later after the decision that others said would destroy his business, Dan reports that revenue has tripled, the customer base has doubled, 70% of his employees have paid down debt, many bought homes for the first time, 401(k) contributions grew by 155% and turnover dropped in half. His business is now a Harvard Business School case study.

In his own words:

“Six years ago today, I raised my company's min wage to \$70k. Fox News called me a socialist whose employees would be on bread lines. Since then our revenue tripled, we're a Harvard Business School case study and our employees had a 10x boom in homes bought. ... Always invest in people.”

For more information about Price and his company, along with an accompanying video, click: [Here](#).

(Thanks, Pam McNeil, for sharing the above.)



13. Advance planning department

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

A. James Nave: Artist's Way Course. B. Anthony R Mikolojeski: Love Never Dies! C. Jeff Catanese: Free Shakespeare! Macbeth! D. Cheyenne Dancy: A Good Day.

PS. Make it a great week!
