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1. Reflections

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 spent some rare time apart because I was on my annual Trek Up North.

(1) I first met my daughter for dinner at the Starlight Restaurant in the Wyndham Garden Hotel. Unfortunately, her husband JP could not join us because he had to work. He was missed! ... Risa even learned something from me; i.e., the best way to order a club sandwich. Ask for without the middle layer of bread. You save calories that way, and the taste is just as good.





(2) I next attended the fifth annual gala of the Dementia Society of America. Kudos to Kevin Jameson, head of the organization, for all his work in making the evening the success that it was. Spectacular entertainment was provided by Jeff Denton, Glen Campbell's bandleader, as well as by Justin Guarini (of AMERICAN IDOL fame). For more pictures, as well as a video clip of Guarini, please click:

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(3) On one morning, I met Steve "Dietz" Darter--a Lawrence High School classmate--for breakfast at what used to be my favorite diner when I lived in New Jersey: Mastori's. Both the food and conversation were great.



(4) Later that day, I met my friends Natalie Kaye and Ivan Winegar for a tasty dinner at China King in Hamilton Twp.



From there, we went to see an outstanding production of NEWSIES at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre. That's Jeff Dworkin, a guy I used to enjoy in shows when I lived in the area. It was a treat to again see him on stage.



Note: I'd someday love to have somebody bring this show to the Asheville area. I've heard that might be difficult to do because of the fact that many male dancers are needed. However, what they did at Kelsey was have many of the male roles played by females. This worked fine, too, in that there is no reason that a newsie can't be female.

(5) On another morning, I got to join Al Sternberg--my longtime friend and former professor from when I went to Rider University. We had breakfast at the Ewing Diner.





That evening, I met former students and friends from Bucks County at a party I hosted at the Sycamore Grill in Newtown. The food, as always, was excellent. ... Special thanks to Bill Lewis, John Strauss and Todd Siben for performing. ... For more pictures, please click:

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Note: Make sure when you click the above, you also play the YouTube clip that you'll find. It features yours truly, singing arguably the greatest rock song of all time.



(6) On another night, I gave a presentation to friends and former colleagues at Bucks County Community College. My topic was: "The Platinum Rule ... a Better Alternative to the Golden Rule. Thanks, Linda McCann, for taking care of all the arrangements.

For more pictures, as well as a video clip that was the basis for much of the the talk, please click:

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And from there, I went to a dinner meeting of the aforementioned Dementia Society of America at Piccolo Trattoria. The food there always used to be excellent. That was again the case with this meal.



(7) Phew! I'm getting tired just recapping the week. But it was a good one, and I look forward to a next visit to my old stomping grounds.

B. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018 ... Guests (first half): Kiesa Kay and Terra Curre, both talking about the play LOVE MAKES A HOME; for more information: Kiesa, kiesakay@gmail.com; Terra, Earthprism@gmail.com ... and (second half):

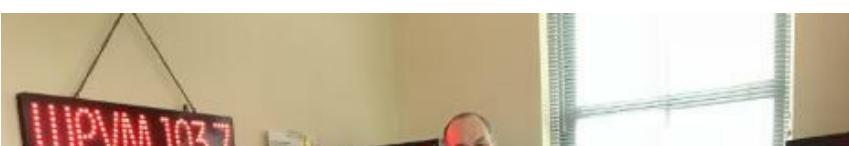
Jon Stockdale and Melon Wedick, both talking about the play HAMLET; for more information: Jon, jon.stockdale@gmail.com; Melon, melon.wedick@gmail.com ...

Pictured, l-r: in front: Kiesa Kay, Terra Curre, Jon Stockdale and Melon Wedick; in rear: Blaine Greenfield ... To view the show on Facebook Live, click:

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To listen to the show, click:

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C. Condolences to:

- (1) Willie Repoley and family on the passing of Bob Repoley, Willie's dad.
- (2) Sherri Goodman Clamper and family on the passing of Heather, Sherri's daughter.

D. Congratulations to:

- (1) Jay Ponton and Ashley Harwood on their wedding.
- (2) Tom Giraldi and family on the birth of Karla Marie Mottola, Tom's latest grandchild.
- (3) Clay MacCormac on starting his new company, NC Driveway, for complete repair or replacement of asphalt and concrete driveways. For more information, please click:
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- (4) Taryn Gresham and Kyle Gresham on the birth of their son Keaton.
- (5) Jessica Garland and Derek Lowe on their engagement.

E. Invitations:

- (1) Be my guest at this free seminar that I'm presenting:
Marketing Your Business Fall 2018 Madison Campus

Monday, September 24
9 a.m.-12 noon
AB Tech Madison campus
4646 Us 25/70 Hwy, Marshall, NC

Marketing for the 21st Century small business is more dynamic and challenging than ever. Discover how to effectively and efficiently use marketing tools. Gain insights to understand and reach your customer, analyze your industry and business environment and differentiate between branding, advertising, and grassroots marketing techniques.

Instructor: Blaine Greenfield has 35 years of teaching experience as a Marketing Professor at the community college, university and graduate levels. At the same time, he operated his own consulting firm-providing marketing assistance to small and medium-sized businesses, as well as to non-profit organizations. Blaine has spoken to groups throughout the country, and he has served as a mediator and/or arbitrator in over 2,500 cases.

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Note: If you can't make the above, I'll be repeating it on November 3 at the Candler campus. To register for that workshop, please click:
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(2) There's still time to enter ...

**** CONTEST #20 ****

One lucky reader will get a copy of Jeff Dayton's CD, THE GLEN CONNECTION. ... It features 11 fantastic songs that Glen Campbell made famous that have been performed by Dayton, Campbell's longtime band leader and friend. As indicated in Section 1A (2), I just had the pleasure of seeing him perform. ... To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #20 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 24, 2018.

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

This week, it goes to John and Julie Stehling--owners of King Daddy's Chicken and Waffle in West Asheville. Previously, they had owned Early Girl Eatery.

Both establishments had been among my favorites in the area. The food was always excellent, as was the service. It was also a pleasure to be greeted by John and /or Julie.

I just heard that that they recently sold King Daddy's.

They both deserve a well-deserved rest for all their hard work

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2. FYI

Note: Consider getting in the habit or reading this section. The articles, as well as emails, will often provide you with useful information. I think that's certainly case this week.

Low-Dose Aspirin Late in Life? Healthy People May Not Need It

Image

by Denise Grady

Sept. 16, 2018

Should older people in good health start taking aspirin to prevent heart attacks, strokes, dementia and cancer?

No, according to a study of more than 19,000 people, including whites 70 and older, and blacks and Hispanics 65 and older. They took low-dose aspirin - 100 milligrams - or a placebo every day for a median of 4.7 years. Aspirin did not help them - and may have done harm.

To read the rest of this informative article that you might want to ask your doctor about, please click:

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FYI, part 2

To read each of the following contributions in full, please click:

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(1) Retire? These Graying 'Encore Entrepreneurs' Are Just Starting Up. (2) Freezing Credit Will Now Be Free. Here's Why You Should Go for It. (3) New iPhones Are

Coming. Here's How to Save on an Upgrade. (4) Should I Flush It/ Most Often, the Answer is No.

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3. Joke 1

Hopefully, if you observe Yom Kippur and fast starting Tuesday night, Sept. 18, and ending Wednesday night, Sept. 19, you'll keep dinner away from whatever pets you may have. ... And when you do, G'MAR CHATIMAH TOVAH, which translates as follows: "May you be inscribed for good in the Book of Life." (Thanks, Carol Duermit, for sharing.)



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4. Reviews

A. Saw THE MUSIC OF SILENCE on Netflix. It is a 2018 biopic about how Andrea Bocelli, a blind boy, defied all odds to become one of the most world renowned opera singers. ... The critics hated it, but I liked it. And so did many other audience members. There's pretty scenery, and though I would have liked more music, what's included is beautiful. ... Rated NR, but appropriate for young children and up.

B. Read MY UNCLE GLORIA: A MEMOIR (Amazon Digital Services) by my friend Steven Shulman. It is his gritty life story from his tough childhood through his drugged-out years from when he was a teenager until he completed a rehab program in 1987 at the age of 35--and then how he turned his life around to become a successful insurance broker/real estate investor. ... Parts of his story had me laughing, other parts had me in tears. He uses rough language, but that made the book even more realistic when he talked about how drugs consumed his life that eventually led to a 2-year stint in jail. ... In reading, I felt like Steven was right in front of me telling about his life, as well as his dysfunctional family. I also enjoyed reading about his Uncle Gloria and the role that this person played in Shulman's life. ... I'm particularly impressed that 80% of the net profits from the sale of his book will be donated to Animal Care Now, a non-profit organization that the author started.

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5. TV alert

A. MANIAC: Now available via Netflix

This new, darkly comic Netflix miniseries stars Emma Stone and Jonah Hill. To read one very positive review, please click:

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B. SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS: Now available via Facebook Watch
The premise sounds interesting: A woman becomes a widow after her husband unexpectedly dies. She must process the grief while also learning she didn't know her spouse as well as she thought she did. Her heart, mind and body slowly allow her to move on. ... For more information, please click:

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Mr. Curious here: I haven't used Facebook Watch yet, have you? If so, please give me me your opinion of it.

C. JANE FONDA IN FIVE ACTS: Monday, Sept. 24, at 8 p.m. on HBO
A look at the life, work, activism and controversies of actress and fitness tycoon Jane Fonda. According to Dorothy Rabinowitz in THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, "It's hard to overstate the pleasures of this film or, more precisely, this encounter with its subject."

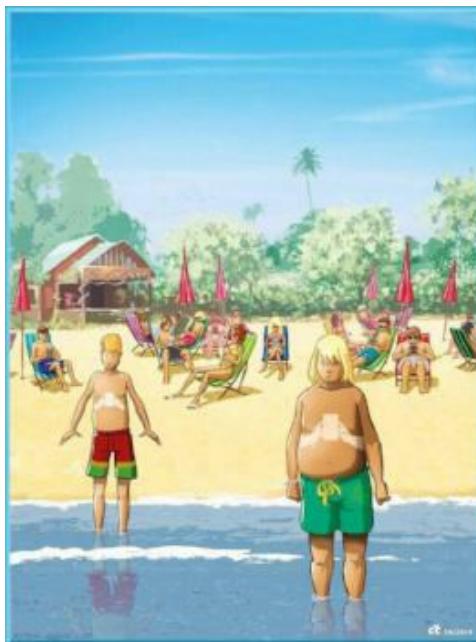
D. MANIFEST: Premieres Monday, Sept. 24, at 20 p.m. on NBC
A plane takes off from an airport in the Caribbean one afternoon and, despite a little rough weather, arrives seemingly intact in New York ... five and a half years later. This one critic, Glenn Garvin, liked it. To read his review, please click:

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6. Joke 2

Tan lines of the next generation! (Thanks, Bonnie Sibner, for sharing.)



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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Cynthia Greenfield: Michael Dameski Shines to Ruelle's "Madness" - World of Dance 2018 (Full Performance)

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(2) Ed Hackett: Ducklings Accomplish Grueling Task Of Climbing Stairs

[Here](#)

(3) Paul Marks: Sarah MacLachlan & Pink:In the arms of an angel

[Here](#)

(4) Does your chewing gum lose its flavor?

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B. If you're a Disney fan (or have a child or grandchild who is), check out Oh My Disney by clicking here:

[Here](#)

You'll find quizzes, news, art, video and nostalgia.

In particular, I got a kick out this one: Which Winnie the Pooh Quote should be your motto today? If you'd like to find out the answer, please click:

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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

What does it mean to see first [on Facebook]?

When you select a person or page to see first, their posts appear at the top of News Feed. The person or Page won't know you selected them.

To find out how to do set this up, please click:

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9. Joke 3

Check text messages before you send them. (Thanks, Vickie Gaddy, for sharing.)

First text message:

Hi, Fred, this is Richard, next door. I've got a confession to make. I've been riddled with guilt for a few months and have been trying to get up the courage to tell you face-to-face At least I'm telling you in this text and I can't live with myself a minute longer without you knowing about this. The truth is that when you're not around I've been sharing your wife, day and night. In fact, probably much more than you. I haven't been getting it at home recently and I know that that's no excuse. The temptation was just too great. I can't live with the guilt and hope you'll accept my sincere apology and forgive me. Please suggest a fee for usage and I'll pay you. Regards, Richard

Neighbor's response:

Fred, feeling so angered and betrayed, grabbed his gun and shot Richard, killing him. He went back home and poured himself a stiff drink and sat down on the sofa. Fred then looked at his phone and discovered a second text message from Richard.

Second text message:

Hi, Fred. Richard here again. Sorry about the typo on my last text. I expect you figured it out and noticed that the damned Auto-Correct had changed "wi-fi" to "wife." Technology, huh? It'll be the death of us all. Regards, Richard

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10. A quote I like

"Anyone who does anything to help a child in his life is a hero to me."--Fred Rogers
(Thanks, Jean Dolan, for sharing.)

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11. Thought for the day

Thanks, Linda Jameson, for sharing this piece:
Might Be Best Internet Comment Of All Time
by Adam Albright-Hanna

Upvoted, an online publication from Reddit featuring the most compelling content from their site, recently republished this "classic" piece originally posted around 2011. The beautiful piece of writing was done by a commenter in response to a poster asking for advice on grief.

The original post simply read: "My friend just died. I don't know what to do."

For redditor GSnow's moving advice, please click:
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12. Advance planning department

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

(1) SPECIAL NEEDS at The Magnetic Theatre. (2) Over the River and Through the Woods at HART.

B. PA/NJ events

(1) Career Management at Bucks County Community College. (2) Is He Dead at ActorsNET.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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