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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:

(1) Loved WIT, a Pulitzer Prize-winning drama that is running at Hendersonville Community Theatre through October 1. Kathy O'Conner (left) was magnificent in the leading role, and Lora Ristau and Coy Thobolt (right) were also excellent, as were all the others in the talented cast. In addition, Jim Walker's direction was on target, and Carole Saich handled her stage manager duties with aplomb. ... For tickets, please click: [Here](#)



(B) Each gave a thumbs up to our sandwiches at Edna's of Asheville.



B. During the week, I:

(1) Had the pleasure of hosting the following two individuals on my radio show on WPVM: My guest in the first half: Jonathan Freedberg, president, Aberdeen Funding; for more information: <http://www.aberdeenfunding.com/> ... and my

guest in the second half: Connor Rae, massage therapist. For more information: 828.298.7138. Pictured, l-r: Jonathan Freedberg, Blaine Greenfield and Connor Rae. To hear what you missed, please go down to the 9.20.2017 show when you click: [Here](#)



(2) Saw a preview performance of BETTER STRANGERS, LUCIA DEL Vecchio's new play, and was blown away by how good the performances were from Emily Tynan McDaniel (making her stage debut) and Andrew Gall. Kudos to all three of these individuals, as well as to Callan White for her spot-on direction and to Nathan Singer for his work as scenic designer. If you're looking for a powerful drama, you're in luck, in that the show runs through Oct. 7 at The Magnetic Theatre. For tickets, please click: [Here](#)



(3) Met my friend George Pappas for pizza at Manicomio Pizza & Food, a welcome addition to the Asheville's downtown food scene. It is located at 27 Biltmore Ave, and I like the fact that you can get individual New York slices if you want them. (As can be seen, we didn't do so that day.)



C. Condolences to Ricky Boone and family on the passing of Nellie Hensley Thomas, Ricky's aunt.

D. Congratulations to:

(1) Sage Linden for receiving her Masters diploma from her Health & Wellness Coaching program. If you need affordable coaching in Health & Nutrition, Organizing & Productivity and Habit change, visit her website for more information by clicking: [Here](#)

(2) Edie Weinstein on becoming a certified Laughter Yoga Leader.

(3) Kelly McKibben on attaining certification as a Yoga Therapist with the International Association of Yoga Therapists.

(4) David Joe Miller on being featured in THE LOAFER ONLINE. To read the article, please click:
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(5) Barrie Barton on being hired as a Dance Educator at Owen High School, beginning this coming December.

(6) Walter Beals, Keith Campbell and Bekah Smith on their appearance on WLOS. To view it, please click:
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E. Correction: I misspelled the name of one of the many excellent performers in UNNECESSARY FARCE at HART. Here is his correct spelling: Chase Wells. Sorry 'bout that!

F. Reminder: There's still time to enter ...

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

One lucky reader will win a copy of NEGOTIATION by Brian Tracy. The author, a popular motivational speaker, believes that, "Negotiations should be seen as an ongoing process. No negotiation is ever final. If you get new information that changes your perspective on the situation, go back and ask to reopen the negotiation." ... I reviewed this book in BLAINESWORLD #981 and enjoyed it. ... To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #19 in the subject line, then include your snail mail address in the body of the email. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 25.

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

This week, it goes to Geraldine's Bakery--located on 840 Merimon Ave. in Asheville. ... The bagels are great (but they sell out quickly, so get there early), as are the New York deli-style breakfast sandwiches ... The doughnuts are made from scratch, and they are incredibly tasty--and so is everything else there. ... Geraldine's is also an active member in the community, often helping out many of the area's non-profits. ... If you'd like to know more about this old-fashioned bakery where everything is made using ingredients bought from local distributors and sources, please click:
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2. FYI

FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT HEALTH CARE? ... If so, make a comment about the proposed Graham-Cassidy bill that will affect 1/6 of the nation's economy. ... First, please skim the following:

1. How the AMA & other groups feel about it:

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2. How governors feel about it:

[Here](#)

3-6. Analysis from four different sources:

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4. What these leading Republicans had to say about the subject:

Sen. Graham on March 24 at a Town Hall event:

"I think the President should reach out to Democrats, I should reach out to Democrats, and we should say, 'Let's take a shot at doing this together because it ain't working doing it by ourselves.'

Sen. Graham's in a tweet on May 4:

"I appreciate the apparent progress on health care reform in the House. I will admit that I am concerned about the process. A bill -- finalized yesterday, has not been scored, amendments not allowed, and 3 hours final debate -- should be viewed with caution."

And Sen Chuck Grassy of Iowa on September 20:

"You know, I could maybe give you 10 reasons why this bill shouldn't be considered. But Republicans campaigned on this so often that you have a responsibility to carry out what you said in the campaign. That's pretty much as much of a reason as the

substance of the bill."

Then call the number below to give your opinion. It's easy to use, and if you call during the day, there's even the possibility that you might get a live person to listen to you. ... I called yesterday and was easily able to reach the offices of my two NC senators. You can do the same for your state. ... Thank you!



FYI, part 2

To read each of the following contributions in full, please click:
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(1) Len Ennis: Enjoyed The Producers too and liked the new seats but hated the cup holders at ACT. (2) Thanks, Jeff Baumeister, for sharing this reaction to the picture (of us eating black-and-white cookies) in last week's issue. (3) The most sought-after job in America pays \$110,000 a year, (4) How to Work From Home.

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3. Joke 1

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY AT ITS FINEST ... Croc spotted at Enka Lake in my Biltmore Lake Community. (Thanks, David Jo Miller, for sharing.)



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4. Reviews

A. Now available via on disc/streaming is THE HERO. Here's my review from BLAINESWORLD #1083:
Saw THE HERO, a drama about an aging Western icon with a golden voice whose performances are way behind him. But then a cancer diagnosis changes his priorities. ... Sam Elliott is superb in the leading role, but overall, the film left me somewhat flat. I wouldn't recommend that you rush out to see it, but methinks it would be worthwhile when it becomes available via disc/streaming. ... Rated R.

B. Read A FRIEND LIKE HENRY: THE REMARKABLE TRUE STORY OF AN AUTISTIC BOY AND THE DOG THAT UNLOCKED HIS WORLD (Sourcebooks) by Nuala Gardner, a community nurse and qualified midwife and mother of Dale and Amy, both of whom have autism. ... This excellent book tells of how the author and her husband fought the authorities in England to have the condition of their children recognized before there was sufficient understanding of it. Fortunately, their job was made easier when an amazing dog named Henry became a part of the family and then helped Dale communicate with the rest of the world. ... According to the author, "Dale and I tried to find the words to describe his wonderful pet and couldn't, until I found this quote by Hermione Gingold, and Dale agreed it was the most suitable to remember him by: 'To call him a dog hardly seems to do him justice, though in as much as he had four legs, a tail, and barked, I admit he was, to all outward appearances. But to those of us who knew him well, he was a perfect gentleman.' " ... You'll enjoy this book even if you don't have pets or children.

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5. TV alert

A. YOUNG SHELDON: Monday, Sept. 25, on CBS at 8:30 for the pilot and then the show returns on Nov. 2
Narrator Jim Parsons of THE BIG BAND THEORY introduces his younger self as a 9-year-old prodigy entering high school in East Texas in 1989.

Note: If you're a BIG BAND THEORY, watch that show at 8 p.m. on Sept. 25 to find out if Amy says yes to Sheldon's proposal from last season.

B. THE GOOD DOCTOR: Premieres on Monday, Sept. 25, at 10 p.m. on ABC
Freddie Highmore plays an autistic savant and gifted surgeon.

C. THIS IS US: Returns on Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 26, at 9 p.m. on NBC
This was my favorite show from last year. I can't wait for the new season.

D. WILL & GRACE: Returns on Thursdays at 9 p.m. on NBC
I'll be curious if the show will still be funny after its 10-year absence from network TV.

E. NATHAN FOR YOU: Returns on Thursdays at 10 p.m. on Comedy Central, beginning on Sept. 28
I love this show about Nathan Fielder, a business advisor who implements strategies that no traditional consultant would dare attempt. Whether it's creating a coffee shop called Dumb Starbucks, inventing a poo-flavored yogurt or staging an elaborate video where a pig saves a goat, no idea is too daring.

If you'd like to see some of the people Nathan has helped so far, please click:
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6. Joke 2

I'm also going to give them the name of my favorite teacher just to be sure this has not happened to me.



"To find out if your Equifax data has been compromised, log on to our Web site and enter your e-mail address, date of birth, Social Security number, credit-card number, and mother's maiden name."

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Terry Coleman Toporek: Y-Studs: Evolution of Jewish Music
[Here](#)

(2) Doug Snipes: Tina Turner Elton John & Cher--"Proud Mary"
[Here](#)

(3) Freddie Cannon: "Palisades Park"
[Here](#)

(4) Lucille Eckert: Josh Cantrell - Prodigal Son
[Here](#)

(5) Mark Beloyan: DadBag: A Dad-Bod Fanny-Pack
[Here](#)

B. To view transformative technologies maximizing human potential, please click:
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You can read about such developments as the following:
The Beginning of Robots Taking Over
You Can Adjust These Tires to Match the Weather Using an iPhone App
Engineers Have Found a Way to 3D Print Super Strong Aluminum
Don't Even Try Lying to This Polygraph Test

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

The Phones We Love Too Much
by Lesley Alerman

We have an intimate relationship with our phones. We sleep with them, eat with them and carry them in our pockets. We check them, on average, 47 times a day - 82 times if you're between 18 and 24 years old, according to recent data.

And we love them for good reason: They tell the weather, the time of day and the steps we've taken. They find us dates (and sex), entertain us with music and connect us to friends and family. They answer our questions and quell feelings of loneliness and anxiety.

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

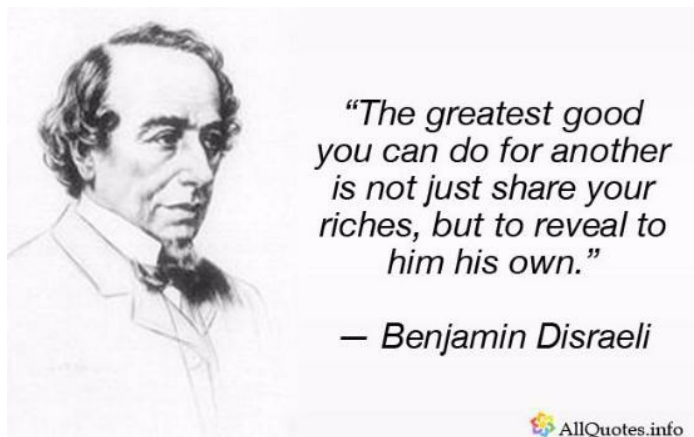
At the doctor, my regular guy was not in and since I was sick, I opted to see the new guy. He goes through the regular checkup stuff, then tells me I have another 25 -30 years to go. ... In absolute shock, I ask, "Do you REALLY think I have 25-30 years?" ... He replies, "Sure, you're only 50, right?" ... As a result, I know 2 things: 1. He never looked at my chart. 2. I love this new guy. (Thanks, Barbra Rubin-Perry, for sharing.)



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10. A quote I like

Benjamin Disraeli(1804-1881) was a British statesman of the Conservative Party who twice served as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, and who was also a novelist. (Thanks, Sam Uhl, for sharing.)



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11. Thought for the day

A Muslim, a Jew, a Christian, a Hindu, a Pagan and an Atheist all walk into a coffee shop. And they talk, laugh, do henna on each other and become good friends. ... It's not a joke. It's what happens when you're not an asshole. (Thanks, Amy Suben, for sharing.)



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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) Jeff Messer: *The Mousetrap* at Parkway Playhouse. (2) David Joe Miller: *SCARY WORD* with David Novak.

B. PA/NJ events

(1) *SLEUTH* at MCCCC's Kelsey Theatre. (2) Christina McGinley: 10th annual Women's Scholarship Tea at Bucks County Community College.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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