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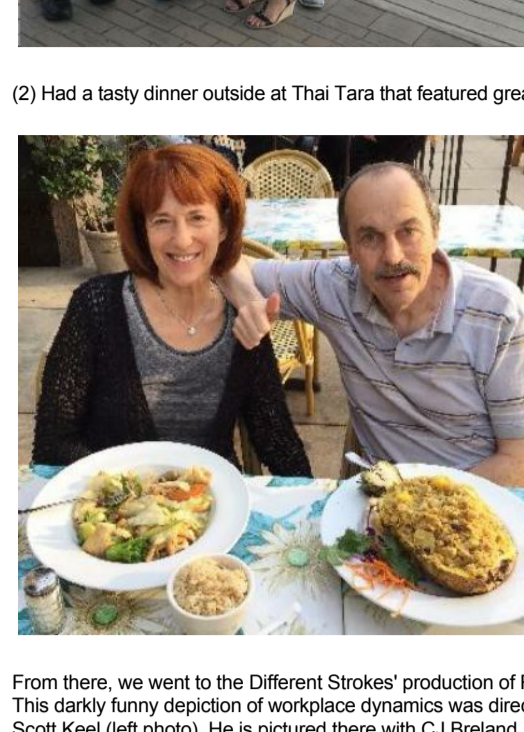
1. Reflections

Note: Please see Section 2 for the opportunity to see a film from the late, great Wayne Dyer at no charge.

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 blainc@aol.com and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

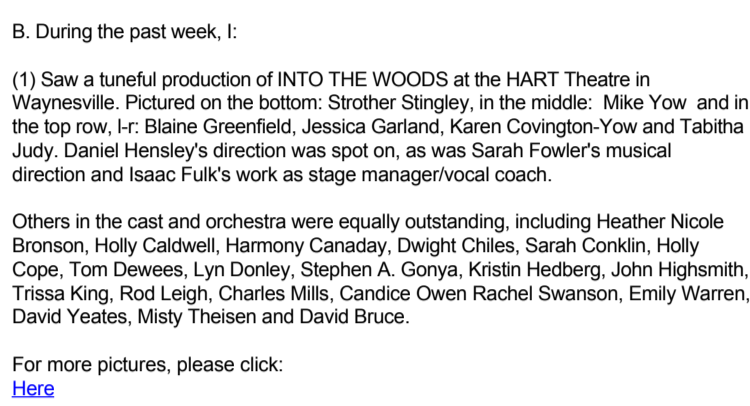
(1) Enjoyed a lovely evening at the Latin Festival in our Biltmore Lake community. That's us with Brury Lugo who did a fantastic job chairing the event, and her husband Orlando Nieves. Kudos, also, to Picante (the band that can be seen in the background of the picture below), Hector Diaz for his catering and all the members of the Community Recreation & Events Committee who helped make the event the success that it was.



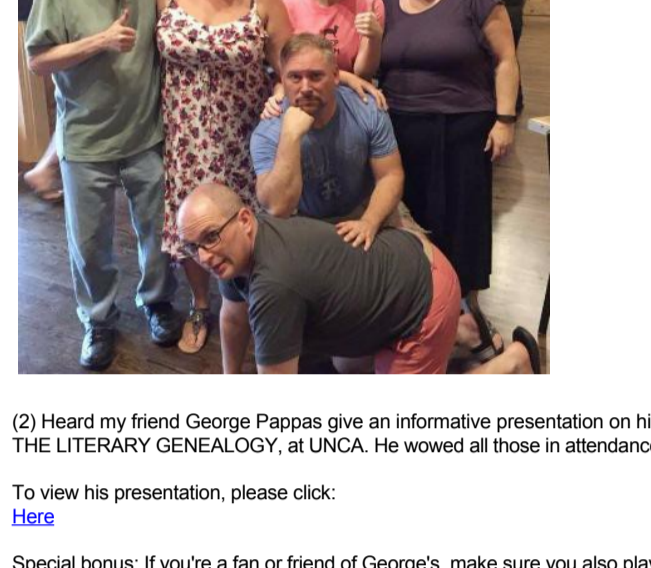
(2) Had a tasty dinner outside at Thai Tara that featured great service from Miami.



From there, we went to the Different Strokes' production of RASHEEDA SPEAKING. This darkly funny depiction of workplace dynamics was distinguished by Scott Keel (left photo). He is pictured there with CJ Ireland, one of the stars in this well-acted play that also starred Steph Hicking-Beckman (right photo), Kristi DeVille and Eamon Martin.



(3) On another night, we went to BT's Burger Joint in Biltmore Park. I had this picture taken, so that I could enter a contest that was being run. (You had to show with of the hamburgers.) The pretzel bun that came with it made it especially delicious.



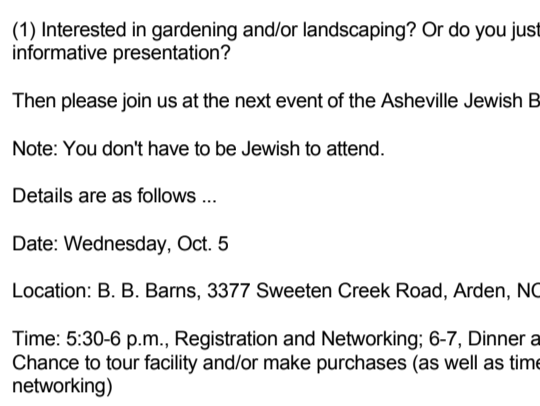
B. During the past week, I:

(1) Saw a beautiful production of INTO THE WOODS at the HART Theatre in Waynesville. Pictured on the bottom: Strother Garland, in the middle: Mike Yow and in the top row, l-r: Blaine Greenfield, Karen Covington-Yow and Tabitha Judy. Daniel Hershey's direction was spot on, as was Sarah Fowler's musical direction and Isaac Fuik's work as stage manager/vocal coach.

Others in the cast and orchestra were equally outstanding, including Heather Nicole Bronson, Holly Caldwell, Harmony Canaday, Dwight Chiles, Sarah Corkins, Holly Cope, Tom Dewees, Lyn Donley, Stephen A. Goryn, Kristin Hedberg, John Highsmith, Trissa King, Rod Leigh, Charles Mills, Candice Owen Rachel Swanson, Emily Warren, David Yeates, Misty Theisen and David Bruce.

For more pictures, please click:
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And good news: You can still catch this show through October 16. For tickets, please click:
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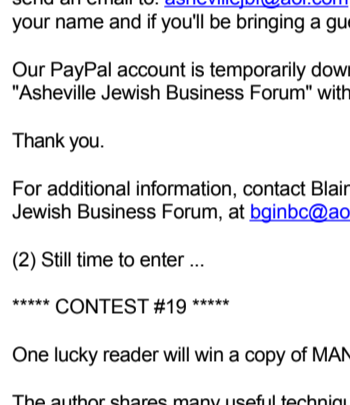


(2) Heard my friend George Pappas give an informative presentation on his book, THE LITERARY GENEALOGY, at UNCA. He wowed all those in attendance.

To view his presentation, please click:
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Special bonus: If you're a fan or friend of George's, make sure you also play the "Farewell Speech" he gave at the end. To view that, please click:
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C. CONDOLENCES to George Fleming, Joanie Lamb and family on the passing of George and Joanie's mother.

D. CONGRATULATIONS to Walter Beals and Keith Campbell on their appearance on WLOS. If you missed it, you can see it by clicking:
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E. INVITES:

(1) Interested in gardening and/or landscaping? Or do you just want to hear an informative presentation?
Then please join us at the next event of the Asheville Jewish Business Forum.

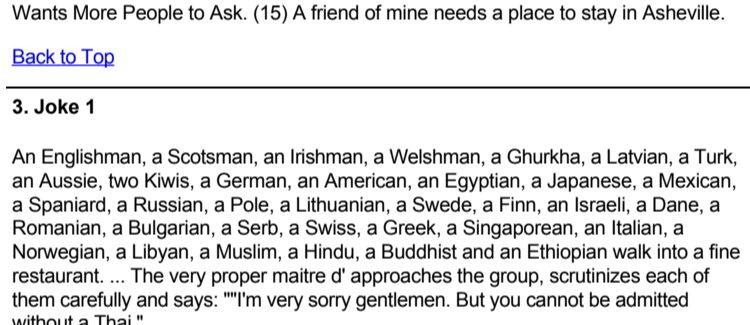
Note: You don't have to be Jewish to attend.

Details are as follows ...

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 5
Location: B. B. Barns, 3377 Sweeten Creek Road, Arden, NC
Time: 5:30-6 p.m., Registration and Networking, 6-7. Dinner and Presentation: 7-7:30. Chance to tour facility and/or make purchases as well as time for some additional networking.

Topic: The story behind B.B. Barns, Asheville's premier garden center and landscaping services

Speaker: Ned Gibson, co-owner (with Barney Bryant) of B.B. Barns for 28 years. He is pictured below on the right.



Cost (that includes dinner): \$5 for members if you are a member of the Asheville Jewish Business Forum and another \$5 if you want to bring a guest; \$15 for non-members. If you're not yet a member, the \$15 dollars can be applied to your dues for the remainder of the year. So instead of paying \$25 to become a member, you would only have to pay an additional \$10.

Please pre-register, so we can order an appropriate amount of food. To do so, please send an email to: ashevjebf@aol.com with in the body of the email, please include your name and if you'll be bringing a guest or guests and, if so, how many.

Our PayPal account is temporarily down, so please bring a check payable to the "Asheville Jewish Business Forum" with you on Oct. 5 or pay with cash.

Thank you.

For additional information, contact Blaine Greenfield, president of the Asheville Jewish Business Forum, at blainc@aol.com or via phone: 828.633.1049

(2) Still time to enter ...

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

One lucky reader will win a copy of MANAGEMENT by Brian Tracy.

The author shares many useful techniques, including this one: THE SWAN Formula for selecting the best people:
Look for those who are smart, work hard, ambitious and nice.

I reviewed this book in BLAINESWORLD #1006 and enjoyed it.

To enter: Send an email to: blainc@aol.com and put CONTEST #19 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. 26, at 9 p.m.

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

This week, it goes to Tori Bailey and Vadim Ostapovich—both employees with Jewels That Dance, a fine jewelry & design studio in Asheville.

Recently, I went into the store because I could no longer get my engagement ring to fit over my knuckle.

Tori, a friendly salesperson, showed me how Windex could be used to help me get the ring off. She also measured its size and recommended that I let Vadim, a helpful jeweler, see if he could make it fit better.

He did just that, and I was pleasantly surprised that I wasn't charged anything for the work that was done.

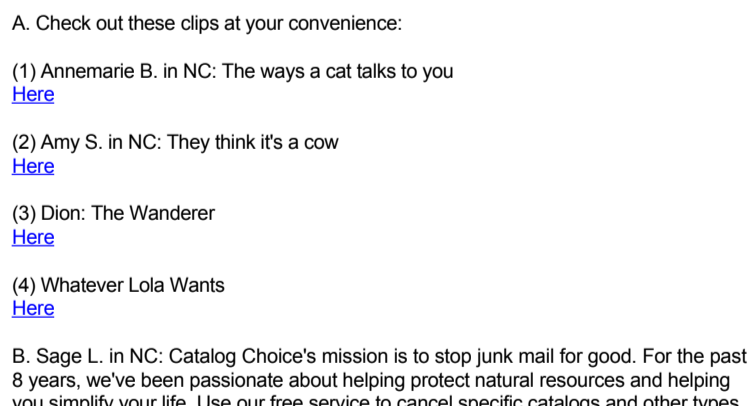
Perhaps the only negative part about this visit was that Cynthia was with me. She got too looking around and was very impressed with what she saw in the studio. Consequently, I got the distinct impression that we'll be coming back sometime in the near future.

For more information about Jewels That Dance, please click:
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2. FYI

WAYNE DYER FANS (past, present or future) ... the following film is a winner. You can catch it for free until Friday, Sept. 30. All you have to do is click:
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Wayne had a dream to get 3 million people to watch *The Shift* during his lifetime so that people could really learn how to go from Ambition to Meaning in their life and then share what they learned with others. So far, over a million people have watched *The Shift* since its release. His House would like to give those of you haven't seen it yet and those of you who would like to watch it again the chance by offering *The Shift* for FREE to help us reach 3 million in celebration of Wayne's life and legacy.

FYI, part 2

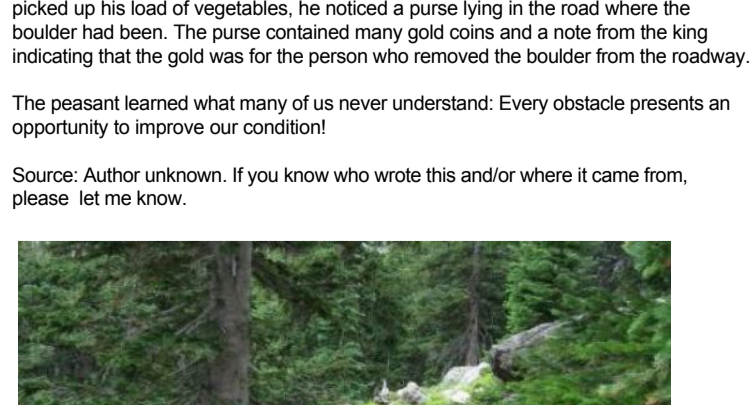
To read each of the following contributions in full, please click:
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(1) Emily S. in NC: How to Make Morning Routines a Habit for All-Day Productivity. (2) Mary Jo L. in NC: Thanks for the TV review. (3) Carole S. in NJ: Tom and I saw SULLY last night. (4) Irene P. in NC: Thank you for sharing the incredibly inspirational story of the schoolteacher in Louisville, KY. (6) Want to find fulfillment at last? Lasting relationships from high school sweethearts. (8) Bev C. in PA: Have you watched the new TV series on FOX called *Fitch*? (9) Jeff M. in NC: This school replaced detention with meditation. The results are stunning. (10) Lisa Z. in PA (with a REQUEST FOR HELP). (11) Am I introverted or just rude? (12) How to pay for college with less stress. (13) Mike M. in NC: BRIDGET JONES BABY *** 12. (14) Could It Be Sepias' C.D.C. Wants More People to Ask. (15) A friend of mine needs a place to stay in Asheville.

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3. Joke 1

An Englishman, a Scotsman, a Lithuanian, a Welshman, a Churkha, a Latvian, a Turk, an Aussie, two Kiwis, a German, an American, an Egyptian, a Japanese, a Mexican, a Spaniard, a Russian, a Pole, an Irishman, a Swede, a Finn, an Israeli, a Dane, a Romanian, a Bulgarian, a Serb, a Swiss, a Greek, a Singaporean, an Italian, a Norwegian, a Libyan, a Muslim, a Hindu, a Buddhist and an Ethiopian walk into a fine restaurant.... The very proper maître d' approaches the group, scrutinizes each of them carefully and says: "I'm very sorry gentlemen. But you cannot be admitted without a Thai."



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4. Reviews

A. Saw BRIDGET JONES'S BABY, the third film in the comedy series about a single woman played by Renée Zellweger who becomes unexpectedly pregnant. The only problem: She's not sure if Colin Firth or Patrick Dempsey is the father. The film dragged for me, though I did manage to come alive in the last 15 minutes. A large part of my problem was the fact that I had already seen most of the best scenes too many times via trailers before other films. Rated R, though methinks it would appropriate for any mature teenager.

B. Saw THE FUNDAMENTALS OF CARING, a dramedy via Netflix about an 18-year-old with muscular dystrophy (Craig Roberts) who goes on a road trip with his caregiver (Paul Rudd). The story is both quirky and enjoyable, and the acting is excellent. Put this film on your radar screen. Rated NR, but certainly appropriate for anybody over the age of 12.

C. Read THE HEART OF HOSPITALITY: GREAT HOTEL AND RESTAURANT LEADERS SHARE THEIR SECRETS (SelectBooks) by Micah Solomon. Solomon, named the "new guru of customer service" by the FINANCIAL POST, is also a best-selling author and regular contributor to Forbes.com.

In this book, he shares not only the secrets he has learned, but also brings in his own personal experiences. In particular, I liked his discussion on the BUBL method of serving customers, wherein every guest is surrounded by an individual, invisible bubble that suggests the following:
Un- code (decode) the guest's messages and pacing.
Break your schedule--be flexible and take advantage of opportunities for interaction. Leave room for additional interaction before ending the service interaction.

I also liked this recommendation about the search for senior leadership to lead any orientation:
Herve Hunter personally opens the first day or orientation of each new Ritz-Carlton hotel and resort that opens worldwide, a tradition that was started by the founding OO and that has continued without exception, to this day. So I say to any business leader, regardless of the size of the organization; unless your leg is broken or you have norovirus, get out office, stop reading my book, and go talk to your new employees. They will only be new once.

Perhaps the best part about THE HEART OF HOSPITALITY is that it can be read by anybody having to deal with customers, regardless of industry, and you'll find yourself wit dozens of ideas that can be immediately put into practice.

D. Heard THE MATCHMAKER (Hachette Audio), written by Elin Hilderbrand and read by Erin Bennett.

The book, the author's 13th novel, tells the story of a woman who has always had a gift for matchmaking; in fact, she had helped 42 happy couples get together--and all of them were still together.

But when it comes to both her daughter and her own life, things hadn't gone quite as smoothly.

THE MATCHMAKER started slowly, but by the time I was halfway through it, I couldn't wait to see what happened next. It's a sweet, heart-breaking book that is perfect for reading on the beach or any other locale.

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5. TV alert

A. 2016 PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE #1: Monday, Sept. 26, at 9 p.m. on CBS, NBC and ABC
Lest you forget: This is the night!

Note: Also check out THE CHOICE on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 9 p.m. on PBS
FRONT LINE delivers a dual investigative biography of two of the most polarizing candidates ever to run for the highest office: Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.

Note: PBS times and dates often vary. To view local listings, please click:
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B. LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT: Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 9 p.m. on NBC
Vice President Joe Biden appears in an episode that illuminates a cause dear to him and to series star Mariska Hargitay: the national backlog of untested rape kits.

C. GENE WILDER TRIBUTE: Thursday, Sept. 29, starting at 8 p.m. on TCM
If Gene Wilder's passing last month still leaves you sad, here's your chance to revisit YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN, THE FRISCO KID and START THE REVOLUTION WITHOUT ME.

D. THE GOOD PLACE: Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. on NBC
Kristen Bell stars as a woman who gets sent to Heaven by mistake where encounters Ted Danson as guide. TV GUIDE calls it "clever and quirky" ... Note: I saw the first episode and enjoyed it.

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6. Joke 2

PROOF: You can have a sense of humor, no matter how tough your job is!

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Annemarie B. in NC: The ways a cat talks to you
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(2) Amy S. in NC: They think it's a cow
[Here](#)

(3) Dion: The Wanderer
[Here](#)

(4) Whatever Lola Wants
[Here](#)

B. Sage L. in NC: Catalog Choice's mission is to stop junk mail for good. For the past 8 years, we've been passionate about helping protect natural resources and helping you simplify your life. Use our free service to cancel specific catalogs and other types of paper mail you no longer wish to receive. ... To find out more, 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

Should you charge your cellphones overnight?
by Jonah Engel Bromwich

Chances are, you plug in your phone before you go to bed at night, thinking it's best to greet the morning with a fully charged device.

Is this a good idea?

For the answer (and the rest of this informative article), please click:
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9. Joke 3

DEAR TIDE: I'm writing to say what an excellent product you have. About a month ago, I spilled some red wine on my new white blouse. My unfeeling husband began to berate me about how times I was and generally started becoming a pain in the neck.... I soon ended up with a lot of his blood on my blouse. I tried to get the stain out using a bargain detergent, but it didn't work. So I went and got a some Tide. It did the job.... In fact, detectives just told me that the DNA tests were negative and then my attorney said that I'm no longer a suspect.... Well, gotta go. I now have to write a letter to the Heffy bag people.... Signed, A relieved menopausal wife

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10. A quote I like

"Join us in our commitment to create exceptional theatre that makes us think harder, feel more deeply, laugh more joyfully and reflect on ourselves and the world us"--Part of a fundraising piece used by Flat Rock Playhouse (and other theatres, too)

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11. Thought for the day

In ancient times, a king had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the king for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the king indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway.

The peasant learned what many of us never understand: Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition!

Source: Author unknown. If you know who wrote this and/or where it came from, please let me know.

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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) Minority Enterprise Development Week (2) Asheville Quilt Show. (3) (3) Annual Fall Fete of Asheville Creative Arts.

B. PA/NJ events

(1) Fantasy and Reality Collide in 'Lute's Women' at MCC's Kelsey Theatre. (2) Get Set to Soar 'In the Heights' at MCC's Kelsey Theatre.

PS: Make it a wonderful week!

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