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1. Reflections

Note: See Section 7B to test your biases.

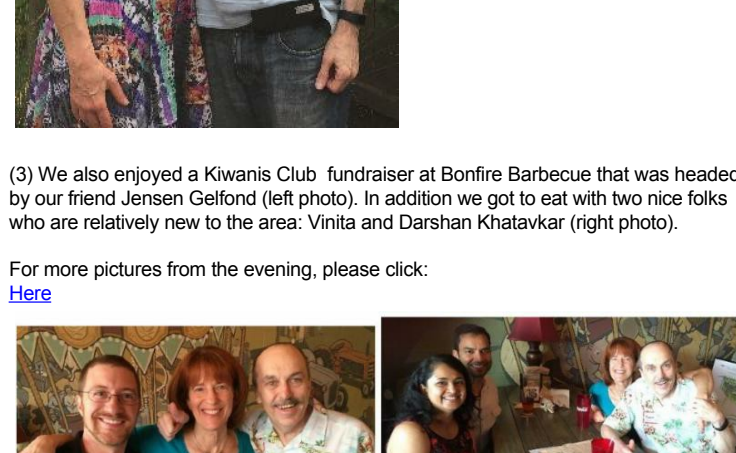
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A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Celebrated our friend Major John Madden's 70th birthday atop the old Battery Park Hotel. Major even wrote a poem for the evening to view it, please click:
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(2) Saw a production of THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK at Flat Rock Playhouse that featured fine performances from several actors, including Bill Munoz (next to Cynthia) and Preston Dyer in the left photo and Caline Bridges in the right photo. Tip-in--two Kudos to Angie Flynn McGiver for her spot on direction of this powerful play.



From there, we went to Lannucci's in Hendersonville for a delicious dinner outside on what was a beautiful evening.



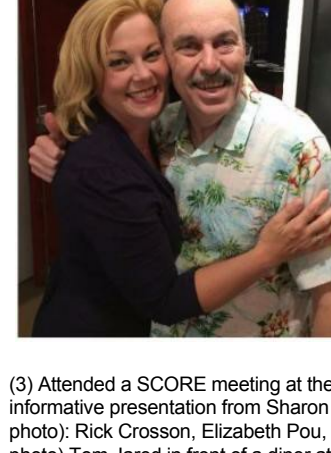
(3) We also enjoyed a Kiwanis Club fundraiser at Bonfire Barbecue that was headed by our friend Jensen Gelfond (left photo) and in addition we got to eat with two nice folks who are relatively new to the area. Vinita and Darshan Khatavkar (right photo).

For more pictures from the evening, please click:
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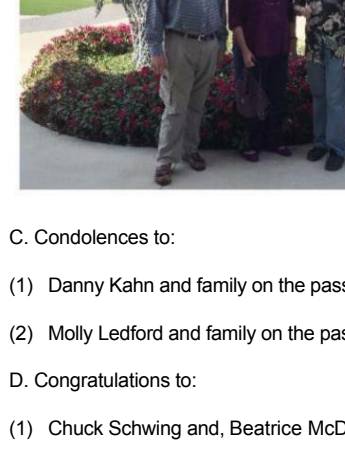
(4) In addition, we got to see MASTERMINDS (see review in Section 4A) at our favorite movie theatre: the Graff MOVIEHOUSE. We got a special kick out of our visit, in that I was asked to sign the poster that all the other extras did.

The film was shot in Asheville two years ago. I was an extra for two days, but alas, my scene never made the final cut!

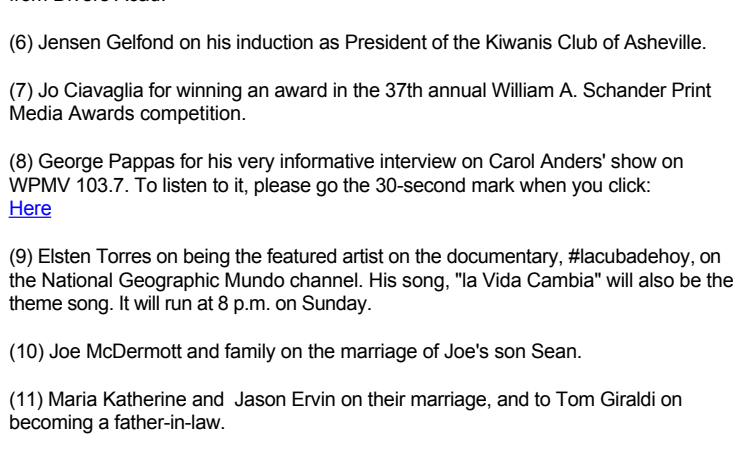


B. During the week, I:

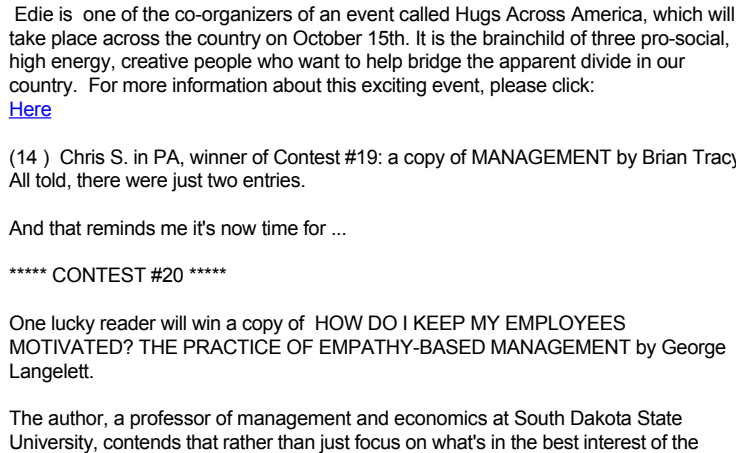
(1) Got a haircut from one of my favorite barbers at Courtesy Barber Shop: Danny Pileasant. (Bruce Morgan and Chas Hyde are my other two favorites there). In addition, I gave Danny a balloon to celebrate the birth of Layken--his daughter.



(2) Saw OFF THE RAILS, Laura Del Vecchio's rollicking farce at the Magnetic Theatre. Pictured (left photo) Tracy Johnson-Cum and (right photo) Tip-in--two members of the very talented cast that also included James Meador, Scott Bean, Scott Fisher, Cody Magourik, Meg Hale Brunton and Christine Eide. Steven Samuels' direction was excellent.



(3) Attended a SCORE meeting at the Tryon Equestrian Center where we heard an interesting presentation from Sharon Decker, chief operating officer. Pictured (left photo) Rick Croston, Elizabeth Poir, Blaine Greenfield and Bill Mancini, and (right photo) Tom Jared in front of a diner at the facility that I'm going to have to go back to check out.



C. Condolences to:

- (1) Danny Kahn and family on the passing of Danny's Aunt Flo.
- (2) Molly Ledford and family on the passing of Molly's mother.

D. Congratulations to:

- (1) Chuck Schwing and, Beatrice McDonald on their wedding.
- (2) Avi Dobbler on the birth of his family's latest addition, a baby granddaughter.
- (3) Vicki Gaddy and Chelsey Lee Mitchell on the birth of Peyton, their grandson and nephew, respectively.
- (4) Taylor Africh and Kurt Alan Henderson on their engagement.
- (5) David Fishman on his graduation and certification as Commercial Diver from Divers Acad.
- (6) Jensen Gelfond on his induction as President of the Kiwanis Club of Asheville.
- (7) Jo Cataviaia for winning an award in the 37th annual William A. Schander Print Media Awards competition.
- (8) George Pappas for his very informative interview on Carol Anders' show on WXPX 103.7. To listen to it, please go to the 30-second mark when you click:
[Here](#)
- (9) Elsten Torres on being the featured artist on the documentary, #Macubadeohy, on the National Geographic Mundo channel. His song, "a Vida Cambiar" will also be the theme song. It will run at 8 p.m. on Sunday.
- (10) Joe McDermott and family on the marriage of Joe's son Sean.
- (11) Maria Katherine and Jason Ervin on their marriage, and to Tom Giraldi on becoming a father-in-law.
- (12) Mountain BizWorks (and Patrick Fitzsimons, its executive director) on winning a \$900,000 from the Department of Treasury's DCFI Fund.
- (13) Edie Weinstein for her informative interview on WXPX. To listen to it, please click:
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Note:

Edie is one of the co-organizers of an event called Hugs Across America, which will take place across the country on October 15th. It is the brainchild of three pro-social, high energy, creative people who want to help bridge the apparent divide in our country. For more information about this exciting event, please click:
[Here](#)

- (14) Chris S. in PA, winner of Contest #19: a copy of MANAGEMENT by Brian Tracy. All told, there were just two entries.

And that reminds me it's now time for ...

***** CONTEST #20 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of HOW DO I KEEP MY EMPLOYEES MOTIVATED? THE PRACTICE OF EMPATHY-BASED MANAGEMENT by George Langelaet.

The author, a professor of management and economics at South Dakota State University, contends that rather than just focus on what's in the "best interest of the organization," managers should work to help "each employee and his or her family" be successful through professional development and that the "best investments any organization can make."

I reviewed this book in BLAINESWORLD #1034 and enjoyed it.

To enter: Send an email to: hgblnc@aol.com and put CONTEST #20 in the subject line. In the body of the email, please include your snail mail address. All entries must be received on or before Monday, Oct. 10, at 9 p.m.

E. Invites to next event of the Asheville Jewish Business Forum on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at B.B. Barns at 5:30 p.m. If you're interested in gardening and/or landscaping, you won't want to miss this one.

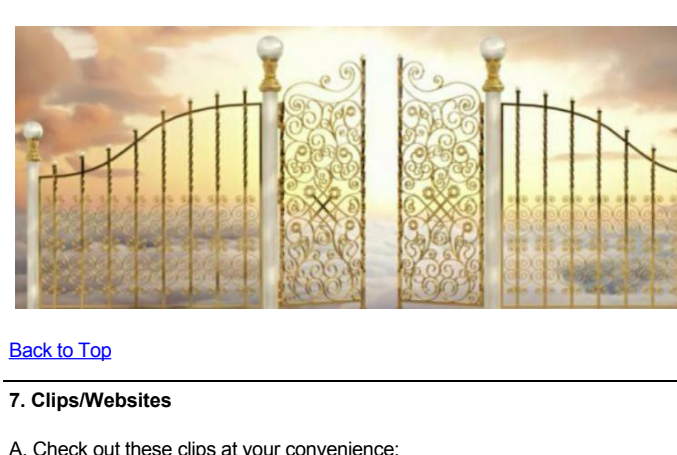
Note: You don't have to be Jewish to attend. For complete information, please click:
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***** BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD *****

Thanks, Kevin Jameson in PA, for submitting the following nomination of Bowman's Tavern and Restaurant:
The Dementia Society of America is presented a contribution to continue our work providing and promoting music and the arts to those living with Dementia. It was all part of a Monday's Matter benefit hosted by Bowman's Tavern and Restaurant. Thank you to Maggie, Candace and the entire team! (See picture below.)

Note: Bowman's Restaurant and Tavern gave a portion of its proceeds to the Dementia Society of America for a month to all who dined at their restaurant. I even got there once, during the month, and very much enjoyed the food. For more information about this estery, please click:
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2. FYI

What I learned from a stroke at 26: Make time to untangle by Jonas Koffler

As an idealistic, knowledge-hungry college graduate and aspiring writer, I had grown tired of hopping from one office gig to the next. It was 2000 and technology was in full bloom. I wanted to cash in on the digital gold rush. Like many of my friends in Austin, Tex., I figured, why not join the Internet economy?

I answered an ad for a job at a venture-backed start-up company with a focus on education. More than just offering stock options, the job promised a creative launching pad that I would have been foolish to ignore. After interviewing for the position, I happily accepted the company's offer.

For the rest of this informative article, 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) Anita S. in FL: 25 Comments You Might Not Realize Are In PA: Thanks for the tip on charging phones.
- (2) Who Gets to Write What? (3) Maria P. in PA: But can be a taxi driver... NC: I know you are "the knowledgeable man" related to Asheville-area restaurants.
- (4) Lana C. in OH: Loved the butterfly story.
- (5) Lisa Z. in PA: Great newsletter.
- (6) The 4 traits that put kids at risk for addiction.
- (7) The one question you should ask about every new job.
- (8) Carnegie Deli, just 3 month of pastasms to go.
- (9) Irene P. in NC: Thank you for sharing so much joy.
- (10) Mark M. in NC: I know you are "the knowledgeable man" related to Asheville-area restaurants.

- (11) About lemons from war and peace. In war", he replied, "the old bury the young. In peace, the young bury the old." I ask that if I can, what year it is. Very few will know the answer: 5777. To me, it seems like just yesterday it was 5776! ... And to get you in the mood for the holiday, click the following link for a beautiful song:
[Here](#)
- (12) George P. in NC: I ESP like [part] the about teachers.(13) Tee G. in WV: Nice issue!
- (14) Brad M. in FL: I just saw the movie "Masterminds."

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3. Joke 1

An elderly couple had just settled down for bed when they heard voices. Three men had broken into the greenhouse. Scared, they called the police. ... The dispatcher replied he would send an officer as soon as one became available as they were all out on calls. The old man waited for a few minutes and called dispatch again. He said, "Don't worry about sending an officer, I shot the robbers and now the dogs are eating their bodies!" In no time at all, police were all over the place and captured the robbers tied-handcuffed! One of the cops asked the old man, "I thought you said you shot the robber and your dogs were eating them." ... The old man replied, "I thought you said, there weren't any officers available."

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4. Reviews

A. Saw MASTERMINDS, an action comedy based on true events. It's about a guy stuck in a monotonous life who gets lured by his flirtatious work crush to steal \$17 million in cash. He somehow manages to succeed, but is soon in trouble because of the fact that he has been accused. Zach Galifianakis and Kristen Wiig were both funny in the leading roles, but overall, the film was flat. It did hold my interest, though, because of the fact that much of it was shot in Asheville. Rated PG-13.

Note: For more information about the filming in Asheville, please click:
[Here](#)

B. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE is now out in DVD format. ... my review from BLAINESWORLD #1034 follows:
Saw CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE, a predictable but occasionally funny comedy that pairs Dwayne Johnson and Kevin Hart as two high school classmates whose lives took different turns upon graduation. The action scenes aren't very well done, but the film was appreciated by the great chemistry between the two stars. You'll also enjoy the cameo appearances by unbillied actors, as well as the sweet ending. Don't rush out to see it in the theatres, but mention you might enjoy the old man. The angel replies, "Up here, we judge on results. All of your people slept through your seminars. In his tax, they prayed."

C. Read DECLUTTER YOUR MIND: HOW TO STOP WORRYING, RELIEVE ANXIETY AND ELIMINATE NEGATIVE THINKING (Oxtown Publishing) by S.J. Scott and Bernie Davenport.

Both the authors have written several other books designed to help readers change a specific aspect of their lives.

This book is no exception. It is for anyone who recognizes how their untamed thoughts are interfering with their focus, productivity, happiness and peace of mind.

The four parts deal with, respectively, decluttering your thoughts, life obligations, relationships and surroundings.

What I liked most about the book were the many useful suggestions that can easily be implemented, such as this idea on setting a worry-time:
Get a bet with almost any Jewels and allow ... ask him or her what year it is. Very few will know the answer: 5777. To me, it seems like just yesterday it was 5776! ... And to get you in the mood for the holiday, click the following link for a beautiful song:
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I also liked how the authors used themselves as real-life examples on what you need to do, for instance, when writing a vision:
I am in a relationship that is loving, respectful and mutually supportive with a smart, creative, funny, kind, and ethical man. I have a network of close and supportive friends and family with whom I regularly spend time, and I have a loving positive relationship with each of my three young adult children. I frequently spend time in nature, and travel to new locations several times a year. I remain active, energetic, and health conscious with ever passing year, and I remain open to new opportunities and possibilities for my life.

If you often find yourself with a cluttered mind, this is a book that you will find most valuable.

Note: I was given a free copy of DECLUTTER YOUR MIND in exchange for this review, but that fact did not affect my opinion.

D. Heard THE KINGDOM OF SPEECH (Hachette Audio), written by Tom Wolfe and read by Robert Petkoff.

The author, one of my favorite novelists, has returned to his journalistic ways and turned his attention in this book to the mystery of the creation of language.

He makes the argument that speech--not evolution--is responsible for humanity's complex societies and achievements. In doing so, he analyzes the work of such individuals as Alfred Russell Wallace, Charles Darwin, Daniel Everett and Noam Chomsky.

Learning about them was somewhat interesting, but overall, the book came across as gossipy.

It left me wanting to read Wolfe's next book, but only if it's a novel.

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5. TV alert

A. MARVEL'S LUKE CAGE: Available Friday, Sept. 30, via Netflix. Luke (Mike Colter) is a physical marvel forced to emerge from self-imposed exile in Harlem to combat local political and police corruption.

B. WESTWORLD: Sunday, Oct. 2, at 9 p.m. on HBO. This adaptation of the 1973 movie about artificial creations turning on humans is, according to TV GUIDE, "a unique twist on the Frankenstein creation myth, and great sci-fi TV."

C. INDEPENDENT LENS: Monday, Oct. 3, at 9 p.m. on PBS (check local listings). A documentary about the Buckley-Vidal debates that has aired previously. It is excellent.

D. DOCUMENTARY NOW! Wednesdays at 10 p.m. on IFC. Documentary series from Bill Hader and Fred Armisen. Not all of the episodes are funny, but some will have you laughing.

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6. Joke 2

A minister has died and is standing in line, waiting to be judged. He strikes up a conversation with the man in front of him and finds out that the guy was a taxi driver. ... Suddenly, the angel standing at the gate calls "next," and the cabote steps up. The angel hands him a golden staff and a cornucopia of fruits, cheeses and wine, and the guy proceeds into heaven. When it is the minister's turn, the angel gives him a wooden staff and some bread and water. ... "I don't get it," says the minister. "Why did he get all those riches, and I get next to nothing. What gives?" ... The angel replies, "Up here, we judge on results. All of your people slept through your seminars. In his tax, they prayed."

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

- (1) Linda P. in NC: Love Creates a Family, Connected Across the World
[Here](#)
- (2) Can you hear a lullaby?
[Here](#)
- (3) Penn & Teller Fool Us Rob Zabrecky
[Here](#)
- (4) Trump vs. Clinton (SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE)
[Here](#)

B. Nicholas Kristof, an op-ed columnist and winner of two Pulitzer Prizes, recently tweeted:
Clinton is right in talking about implicit bias. We all have biases. Test yourself after the debate:
[Here](#)

Methinks you'll find these various tests very interesting. They came from Project Implicit, which is a non-profit organization and international collaboration between researchers who are interested in implicit social cognition - thoughts and feelings outside of conscious awareness and control. The goal of the organization is to educate the public about hidden biases and to provide a "virtual laboratory" for collecting data on the Internet.

C. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running. ... to view it, please click:
[Here](#)

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

You've most probably read about the Yahoo attack by now. Hackers in 2014 stole the account information of at least 500 million users, including names, email addresses, telephone numbers, birth dates, passwords and, in some cases, security questions.

Even if you don't have a Yahoo account, the following article contains useful information for your everyday computing. Please read it, then share with anybody who does have an account. To do so, please click:
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9. Joke 3

Two boys are talking, and the one says to the other: "There is a easy way to get what you want ..." The other boy asks, "How?" ... The first boy replies, "I tell people you know their secret." ... The boy jumps up and runs to his dad. "I know your secret!" ... The dad replies, "Please don't tell your mom. Here's \$10." ... The boy then runs to his mom. "I know your secret!" ... The mom says, "Please don't tell your dad. Here's \$15." ... The boy then decides to try it on the mail man and tells him, "I know your secret!": ... The mail man opens his arms and says, "Come, give your dad a hug!"

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10. A quote I like

Arnold Palmer (1929-2016), R.I.P., was the first golfer I ever followed. He sparked my interest in the sport, and I always admired his enthusiasm for the game. To find out more about this amazing athlete, please read his obituary by clicking:
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11. Thought for the day

Shimon Peres (1913-2016), R.I.P., was former Israeli prime minister and president. He frequently drew on historical allusions and thought of himself as a philosopher more than a politician. When asked about the 1953 Oslo Accords, he said: "There was no alternative. We had to do it." He added, "An ancient Greek philosopher was asked what is the difference between war and peace. In war", he replied, "the old bury the young. In peace, the young bury the old." I ask that if I can, what year it is. Very few will know the answer: 5777. To me, it seems like just yesterday it was 5776! ... And to get you in the mood for the holiday, click the following link for a beautiful song:
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For more information about this remarkable man's life, please click:
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12. Advance planning department

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A. NC events
(1) SWEENEY TODD at Asheville Community Theatre. (2) Green Side Up Foundation presents Barbara Corday. (3) GROUNDED at NC Stage.

B. PANJ event
JAKE'S WOMEN at Kelsey Theatre.

PS. If you're like me and you celebrate all holidays (more food, fun and friends that way), SHANAH TOVAH. That's the Hebrew greeting on Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, which begins tonight, Oct. 2. It means "have a good year." ... If you want to win a bet with almost any Jewels and allow ... ask him or her what year it is. Very few will know the answer: 5777. To me, it seems like just yesterday it was 5776! ... And to get you in the mood for the holiday, click the following link for a beautiful song:
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And make it a wonderful week, too!

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