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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: bjainbc@aol.com and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Celebrated her birthday over several delightful days. ... We began by meeting her brother Allen Rubin (who can be seen on the far left when you click the link below) for a tasty lunch at Twisted Crepe. We then got her birthday gift, an exquisite opalite pendant that can be seen around her neck, from the Crystal Roots Creations booth on Wall Street. ... On Saturday, we had a blast at her friend Judy Ray's 80 Years of Wisdom party. ... And yesterday, her actual birthday, we went for an enjoyable first visit to the new HomeGrown in West Asheville. ... Lastly, I had to share this picture of Cynthia in the gorgeous top that her sister Joyce Litchman gave her.

To see each picture at full size, click: [Here](#)

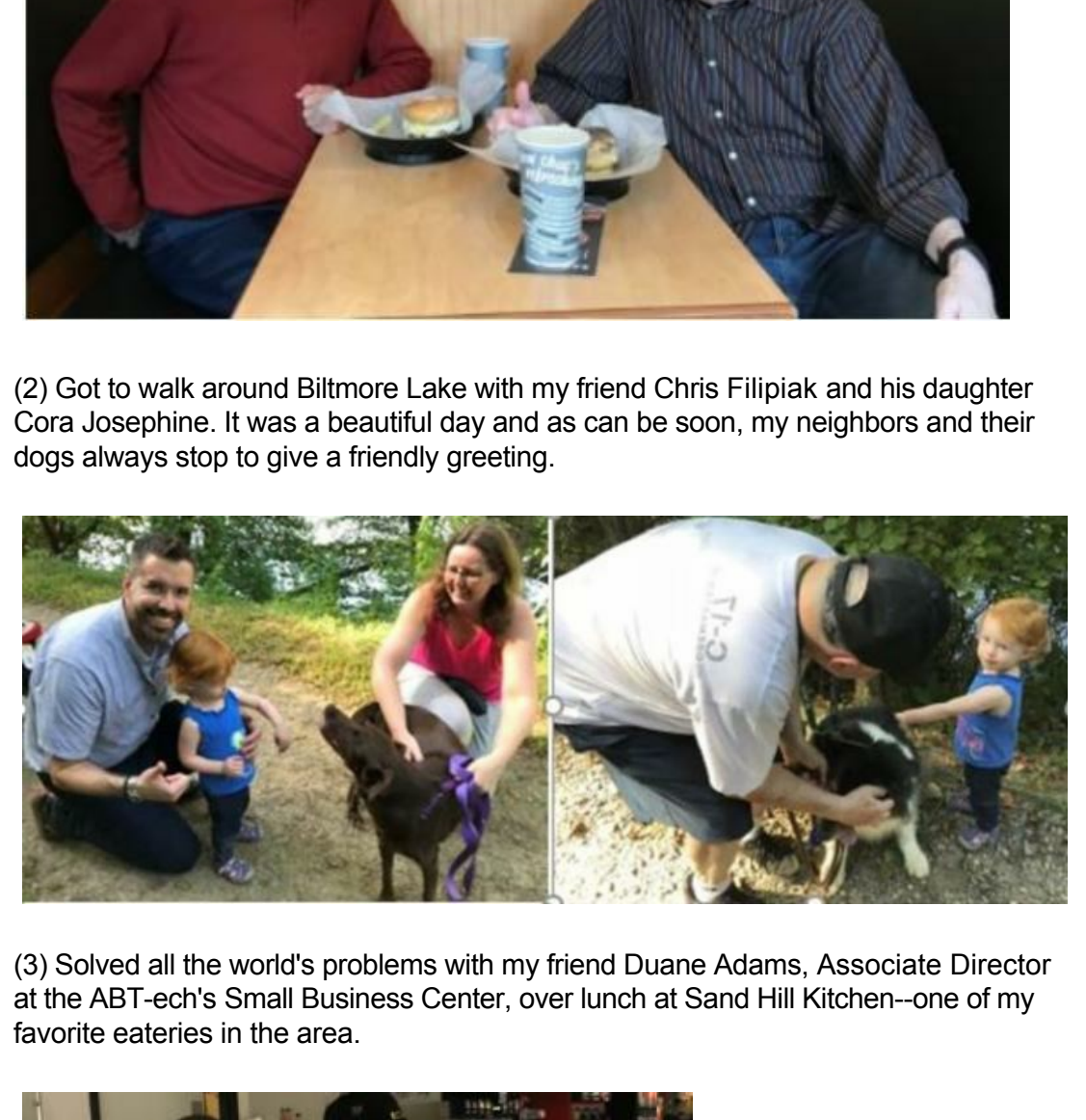


(2) Had a blast at our friend Judy Ray's 80 Years of Wisdom Birthday. To view all the pictures, please click: [Here](#)

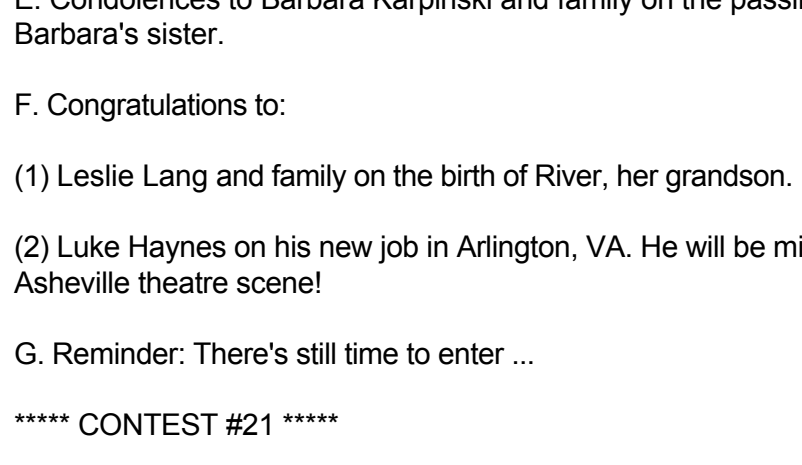


C. Attended the latest Happy Together Revue at Biltmore Lake. To see more pictures, as well as clips from some of the songs that were performed, please click: [Here](#)

Note: Whatever you do, make sure you don't miss this rendition of what's arguably the greatest rock song of all time: [Here](#)

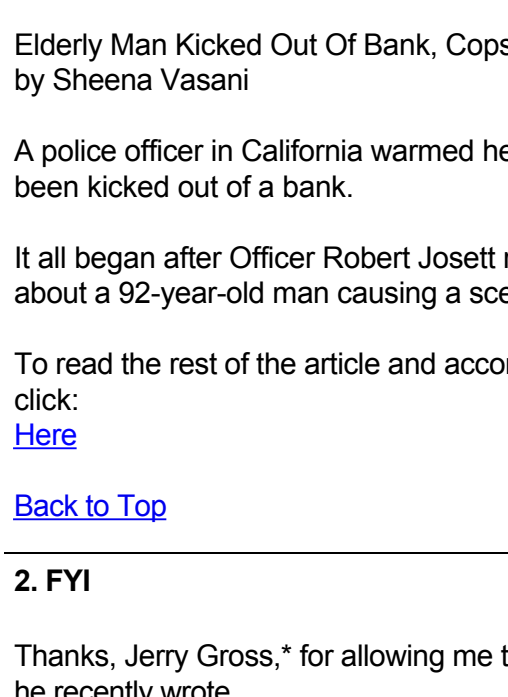


D. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wednesday, October 3, 2018 ... Guest (first half): Carol Leslie Duermitt, Mortgage Banker at Atlantic Bay Mortgage Company; for more information: carolduermitt@atlantcibay.com ... and (second half): Grant Randall, Owner of Proper Manners Canine Academy; for more information: randall46grant@hotmail.com ... Pictured, L-R: Grant Randall, Blaine Greenfield and Carol Duermitt ... To listen to the show, click: [Here](#)

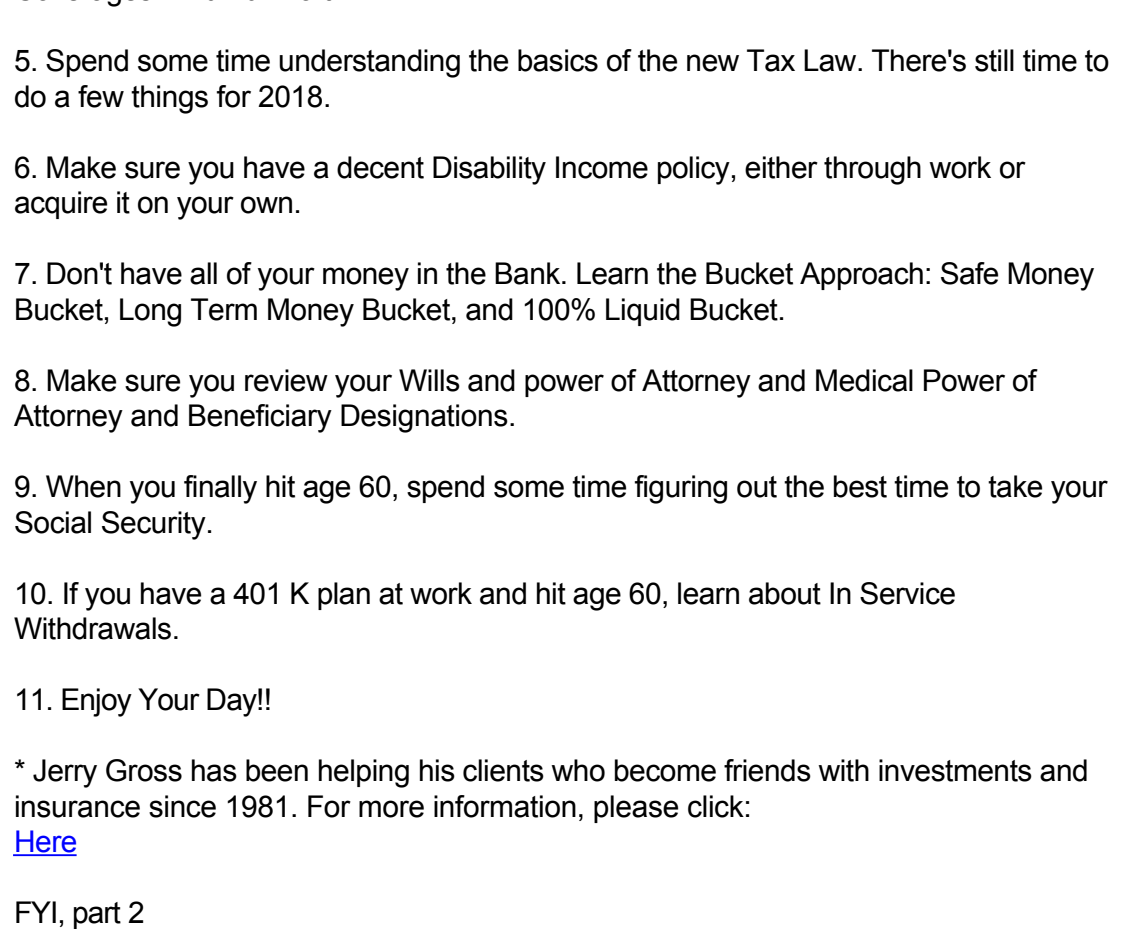


E. During the week, I:

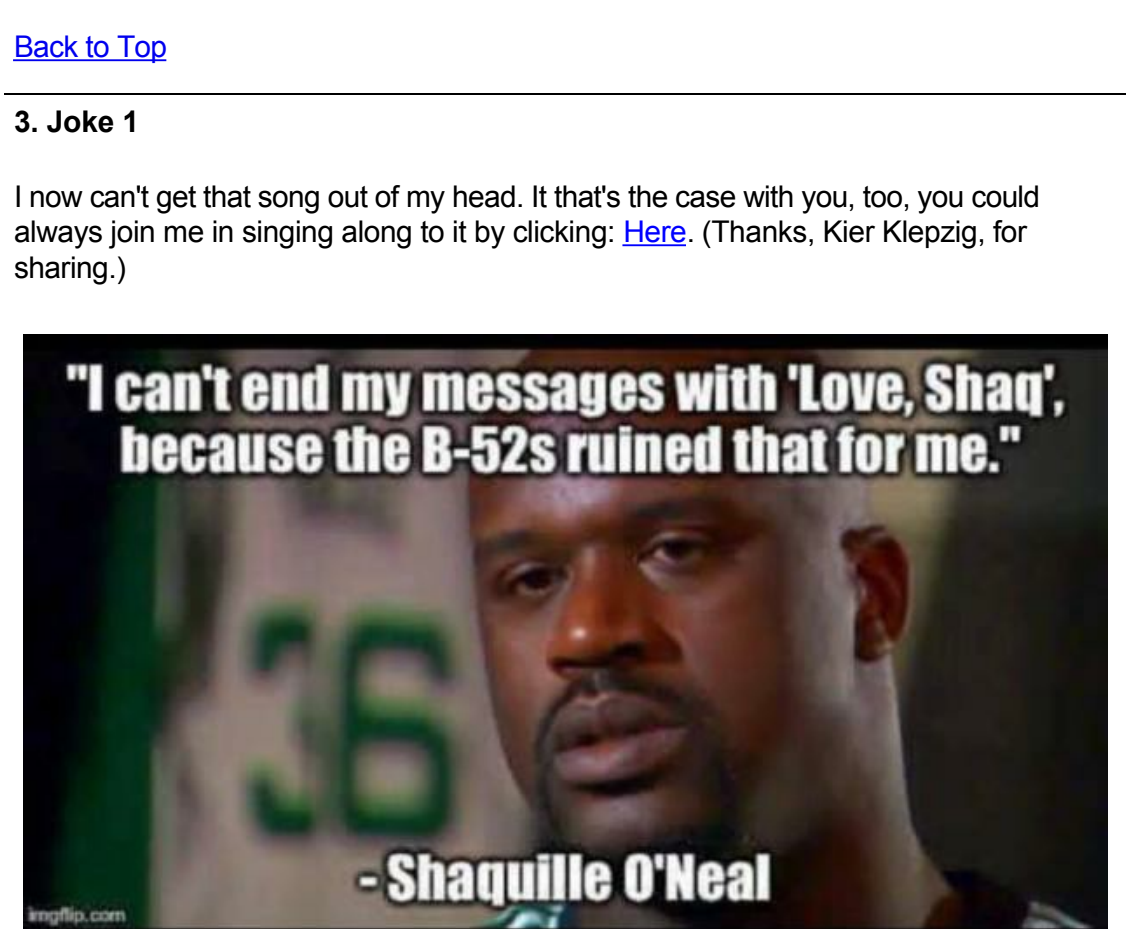
(1) Got to see THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED) [REVISED] at Parkway Playhouse. What a great way to see all 37 of his plays in just 97 minutes. I laughed a lot, thanks to hilarious performances from Strother Singlety, Dwight Chiles and Graham Livengood and taut direction from Taotha Judy.



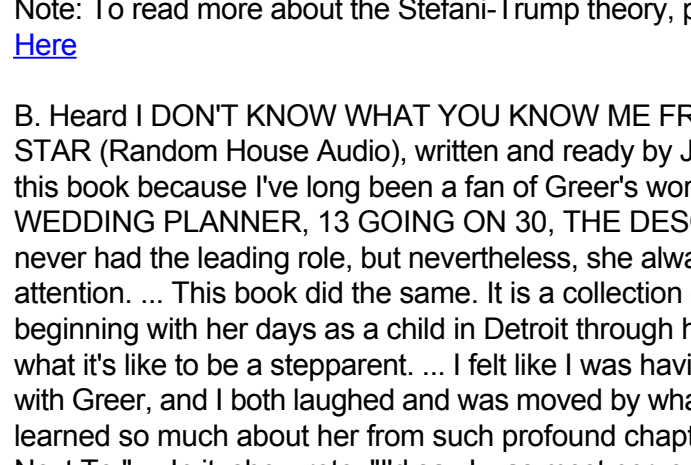
(2) Met my friend Eric Weinberger for some tasty bagel sandwiches at Bruegger's Bagels. It was a bitersweet get together, though, in that Eric and his wife Frankie will soon be moving to Wisconsin. Life in Asheville just won't be the same!



(2) Got to walk around Biltmore Lake with my friend Chris Filiipiak and his daughter Cora Josephine. It was a beautiful day and as can be seen, my neighbors and their dogs always stop to give a friendly greeting.



(3) Solved the world's problems with my friend Duane Adams, Associate Director at the ABT-ech's Small Business Center, over lunch at Sand Hill Kitchen--one of my favorite eateries in the area.



E. Condolences to Barbara Karpinski and family on the passing of Marianne, Barbara's sister.

F. Congratulations to:

- (1) Leslie Lang and family on the birth of River, her grandson.
- (2) Luke Haynes on his new job in Arlington, VA. He will be missed, big time, from the Asheville theatre scene!

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

***** CONTEST #21 *****

One lucky reader will get a copy of FRENCH WOMEN DON'T GET FAT: THE SECRET OF EATING FOR PLEASURE by Mireille Guiliano. ... From the inside flap: French women don't get fat, but they do eat bread and pastry, drink wine, and regularly enjoy three-course meals. In her delightful tale, Mireille Guiliano unlocks the simple secrets of this "French paradox"--how to enjoy food and stay slim and healthy. Hers is a charming, sensible, and powerfully life-affirming view of health and eating for our times. ... 76% of all readers gave it a 4- or 5-star rating on Amazon. ... And this edition has new recipes.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bjainbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #21 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., October 8, 2018.

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

Thanks, Charlie Ianni, for sharing this beautiful story about an elderly man who got kicked out of a bank--and how this one cop helped him.

For his efforts, Officer Robert Josett deserves this week's award.

Elderly Man Kicked Out Of Bank, Cops Help by Sheena Vasani

A police officer in California warmed hearts after he helped an elderly man who had been kicked out of a bank.

It all began after Officer Robert Josett received a call from a local Bank of America about a 92-year-old man causing a scene, reports Shareably.

To read the rest of the article and accompanying picture, I encourage you to please click: [Here](#)

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2. FYI

Thanks, Jerry Gross, for allowing me to run the following insightful Facebook post that he recently wrote.

I got my Presidential alert at 2:18 PM today. So at 4:55 p.m., here is your Gross Financial Alert:

1. Don't have all of your money in the Stock Market.
2. Make sure you have enough Life Insurance and the right type.
3. If you have assets, and are over age 50, start consider Long Term Care Planning. This does not always mean Long Term Care Insurance.
4. Makes sure you have Full Auto coverage, including Underinsured and Uninsured Coverages. And Full Tort.
5. Spend some time understanding the basics of the new Tax Law. There's still time to do a few things for 2018.
6. Make sure you have a decent Disability Income policy, either through work or acquire it on your own.
7. Don't have all of your money in the Bank. Learn the Bucket Approach: Safe Money Bucket, Long Term Money Bucket, and 100% Liquid Bucket.
8. Make sure you review your Wills and power of Attorney and Medical Power of Attorney and Beneficiary Designations.
9. When you finally hit age 60, spend some time figuring out the best time to take your Social Security.
10. If you have a 401 K plan at work and hit age 60, learn about In Service Withdrawals.
11. Enjoy Your Day!!

* Jerry Gross has been helping his clients who become friends with investments and insurance since 1981. For more information, please click: [Here](#)

FYI, part 2

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

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(1) Mike Martinelli: What can I say about A Star Is Born (****) other than its one of the best remakes of a movie ever. (2) Mark Bennett: Re: Joke #2 about Einstein ... I thought it sounds just crazy enough to be a true story. (3) Barbara Firestone: When did you find "the 25th hour"? (4) Deborah Belcher: Love the Einstein joke. (5) Ken Greenfield: If you enjoy the 25th hour and think it appropriate for teenagers, you might really enjoy the suicide in Sophie's choice. (6) Arlene Ditzer: I just watched your presentation [on the Platinum Rule]. (7) Pat Achilles: Blaine, thanks so much - it has been a great couple of weeks with friends' good wishes, and your newsletter is the icing on the cake!!

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3. Joke 1

I now can't get that song out of my head. It that's the case with you, too, you could always join me in singing along to it by clicking: [Here](#). (Thanks, Kier Klepzig, for sharing.)

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4. Reviews

A. Saw FAHRENHEIT 11/9, Michael Moore's latest documentary. It is a comedic, provocative view of the times we now live in that attempts to get viewers to consider how can we get out of them. I found it interesting, but also thought it was choppy. And definitely not as good as Moore's other films. ... One part stood out: His theory that it was Gwen Stefani's fault that Trump ran from president ... Rated R, but I think appropriate for any teenager.

Note: To read more about the Stefani-Trump theory, please click: [Here](#)

B. HEARD I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW ME FROM: CONFESSIONS OF A CO-STAR (Random House Audio), written and read by Judy Greer ... I just had to listen to this book because I've long been a fan of Greer's work in such films as THE WEDDING PLANNER, 13 GOING ON 30, THE DESCENDANTS, etc. ... She has never had the leading role, but nevertheless, she always managed to catch my attention. ... This book did the same. It is a collection of essays about her life, beginning with her days as a child in Detroit through her entry into acting and including what it's like to be a stepparent. ... I felt like I was having a one-on-one conversation with Greer, and I both laughed and was moved by what she had to say. ... I even learned so much about her from such profound chapters as: "Celebrities I've Peed Next To" ... In it, she wrote: "I'd say I was most nervous peeing next to J. Lo. Heidi Klum didn't make me nervous, because I didn't realize it was her until we came out of our stalls at the same time. Debra Messing made me a little nervous, but mostly because the bathroom was really quiet and I was feeling a little gassy that day."

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5. TV alert

A. PRIVATE LIFE: Now on Netflix
PRIVATE LIFE is the bracingly funny and moving story of Richard (Academy Award-nominee Paul Giamatti) and Rachel (Kathryn Hahn), a couple in the throes of infertility who try to maintain their marriage as they descend deeper and deeper into the insular world of assisted reproduction and domestic adoption. According to Michael O'Sullivan in the WASHINGTON POST, "Private Life" earns its laughs, to be sure. But more important, it earns the tears of recognition that fill, gently and warmly, between the yucks."

B. GIZMO!: Tuesday, Oct. 9, at 5 p.m. on TCM
ROTTEN TOMATOES has this to say about the film: "Gizmo! is an irresistible collection of newsreel footage chronicling the inventive spirit in America. We are treated to some of the strangest inventions ever concocted by man, as well as a few forgotten contraptions that seem to make a great deal of sense."

C. ADAM: Thursday, Oct. 11, at 1:05 p.m. on HBOE
Sweet film about a young man (Hugh Dancy) with Asperger syndrome and a new neighbor (Rose Byrne). I saw this and liked it a lot. Methinks you will, too.

D. THE GOOD PLACE: Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. on NBC
To quote TV GUIDE, "In its third year--and second reinvention--reformed demon Michael (a giddy Ted Danson) sends his four test subjects back to Earth from the afterlife. ... This is comic fantasy operating on the highest level." Kristen Bell also stars.

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6. Joke 2

A father told his 3 sons when he sent them to college: "I feel it's my duty to provide you with the best possible education, and you don't owe me anything. However, as a token, please each put \$1,000 into my coffin when I die." ... And so it happened. His sons became a doctor, a lawyer and a financial planner--each very successful. When their father's time had come, they remembered his wish. ... First, it was the doctor who put 10 newly printed crisp \$100 bills onto the chest of the deceased. Then, came the financial planner who also put \$1,000 there. ... Finally, it was the heartbroken lawyer's turn. He dipped into his pocket, took out his checkbook, wrote a check for \$3,000, put it into his father's coffin and took the \$2,000 cash. (Thanks, Janeen Ravkin, for sharing.)

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

- (1) Marilynnne Herbet: SNL's spin on Kavanaugh hearing (a clip not to be missed if you have not seen it yet) [Here](#)
- (2) Roy Orbison: You got it [Here](#)
- (3) Faith Creech: She Used to Be Mine [Here](#)

Note: I'm trying to track down the name of the person singing the above, so if you know, please tell me know. That way, I can give him appropriate credit.

(4) I also couldn't get the song out of my mind, so I asked my Broadway expert, Mark Jones, if he was familiar with it. He was and even sent me the following version: Jessie Mueller and Sara Bareilles performing She Used To Be Mine at the 2016 Tonys. [Here](#)

(5) Josh Gordon amazing touchdown catch [Here](#)

B. For cool stuff and awesome entertainment, check out Unique Hunters by clicking: [Here](#)

Here's just a small sampling of what you will find:
Sony SRS-XB41 Bluetooth Speaker Is A Portable, Powerful Party Enhancing Machine
American Celebrities Photoshopped As Chinese Farmers Is The Perfect Afternoon Pick Me Up To Your Workplace
Blue YetiCaster Microphone Brings The Best Recording Studio To Your Desktop
HyperWhistle, The World's Loudest Whistle Makes You Heard From Over 2 Miles Away

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: [Here](#)

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8. Technology tip

Thanks, Joyce Berger, for being the first person to share this warning with me: Heads-up!! Almost every account is being cloned. Your picture and your name are used to create a new Facebook account (they don't need your password to do this thing). They want your friends to add them to their Facebook account. Your friends will think that it's you and accept your request. From that point on they can write what they want under your name. I have NO plans to open a new account. Please DO NOT accept a 2nd friend request from "me." Please forward to all your contacts.

Response:
Alas, I have been getting a lot of the above message. So per your suggestion, I NEVER accept a second friend request. And at the same time, I also alert the person who I got it from.

In addition, if this happens to you, it might be a good time to change your password.

Update:
A better way to handle such a message is to ignore it. The warnings (and similar ones) are a SCAM. For more information, please click: [Here](#)

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9. Joke 3

An Amish farmer won \$43 million in the lottery. So to celebrate, he took his wife and kids to see the NYC Labor Day parade. ... Clem, the farmer, went into a fancy hotel with his son Luke to register. While waiting, they were mesmerized by a shiny box with silver walls in the lobby. They'd never come across doors that could move apart and then automatically close again, in that neither had seen an elevator before. So they were totally amazed when a little old lady entered the shiny box and the doors closed. The lights on the wall by the doors flashed, then the doors opened and out stepped a beautiful young woman. ... Clem turned to Luke and said, "Son, go get your mother."

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10. A quote I like

"If a book about all failures doesn't sell, is it a success?"--Jerry Seinfeld, American stand-up comedian, actor, writer, producer and director

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11. Thought for the day

Now you know! Thanks, Kathy Byers, for sharing.)

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12. Advance planning department

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

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A. The HardLox Jewish Food and Heritage Festival. B. Big Stories from the Attic fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters and Attic Salt Theatre Company. C. GHOST LULLABY at The Magnetic Theatre.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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