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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](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

- (1) Had fun at Hop 'til You Drop, a fundraiser for Arms Around ASD. That's us with Michele Louzon, the organization's amazing founder and director, in her cool pooodle skirt.

Note: Arms Around ASD is a resource center providing therapies for people on the autism spectrum and their families, regardless of age, ability or income. To find out more or to obtain information on how you can donate (even if you missed the event), please click: [Here](#)



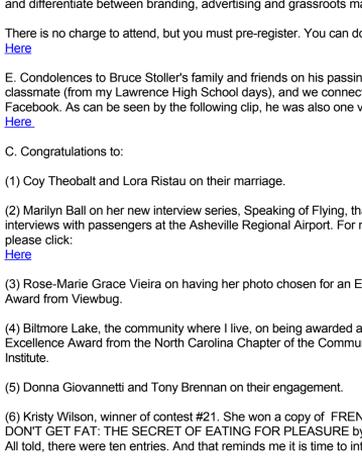
- (2) Joined our friends Padma Dyvine and Will Redish for a tasty dinner at Zoe's Kitchen.



From there, we all went to see the latest Different Strokes production, 12 ANGRY JURORS. FYI: The jury has reacted a verdict. It is a huge smash! This courtroom thriller features outstanding performances from all 13 members of the cast, as well as spot on direction from Stephanie Hitting Beckman. ... The show runs through October 20. You can purchase tickets by clicking: [Here](#)



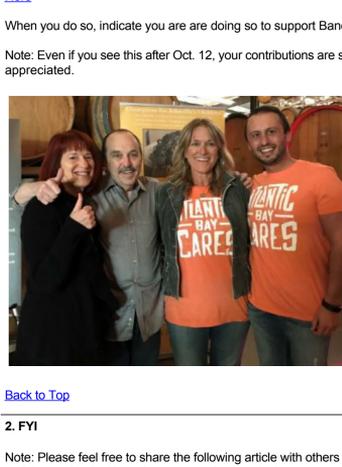
B. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wed., October 10, 2018. Guest (first half) Patti Digh, Founder and Director of The School of Inclusion and Activism; for more information: <https://www.pattidigh.com/> ...and (second half): Bob Hinkle (right), Owner Manager and Booker of White House Black Mountain; for more information: <http://www.whitehorseblackmountain.com/>. Pictured, l-r: Patti Digh, Blaine Greenfield and Bob Hinkle ... to listen to the show, click: [Here](#)



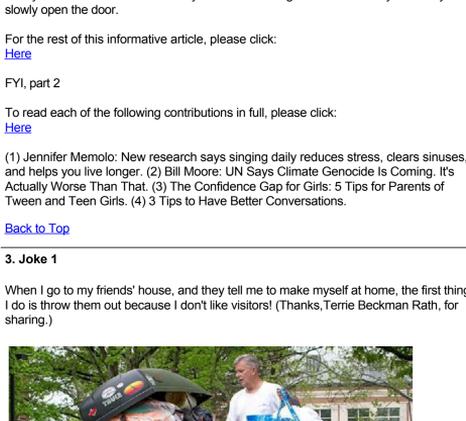
C. During the week, I:

- (1) Had the pleasure of seeing OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS, the sweet, funny play at HART that runs through Oct. 14. You'll absolutely love it! ... For tickets, please click: [Here](#)

Note: Unfortunately, Cynthia wasn't able to join me. Yet because I told her how much I liked it, she decided she wanted to also see it. So I'm again going on the 14th--this time with her. Come join us.

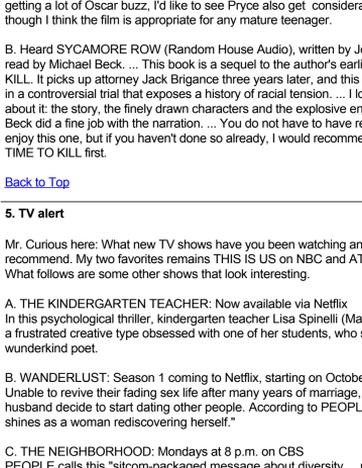


- (2) Attended Asheville SCORES's annual Member Appreciation Night at the Governor's Western Residence. For more pictures, please click: [Here](#)



D. Invitations:

- (1) I'm getting ready to have Walter Beals do a thumbs up cast for me. He will be doing so with Susannah Bew on Saturday, Oct. 20--sometime around 11:30 a.m. as part of the Asheville Art in the Park event at Pack Square. ... Come by to say "hello." ... You'll also find out about Walter and Susannah's business, BewBeals Lifestaging, and see some other great art.



- (2) My next public seminar, Marketing Your Business Fall 2018, takes place on Saturday, Nov. 3 at AB Tech Enka campus.

Here is a description for it: 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.

There is no charge to attend, but you must pre-register. You can do so by clicking: [Here](#)

E. Condolences to Bruce Stoller's family and ours on his passing. Bruce was a classmate (from my Lawrence High School days), and we connected again via Facebook. As can be seen by the following clip, he was also one very talented guy: [Here](#)

C. Congratulations to:

- (1) Coy Theoball and Lora Ristau on their marriage.
- (2) Marilyn Ball on her new interview series, Speaking of Flying, that features random interviews with passengers at the Asheville Regional Airport. For more information, please click: [Here](#)
- (3) Rose-Marie Grace Vieira on having her photo chosen for an Editor's Choice Award from Viewbug.
- (4) Biltmore Lake, the community where I live, on being awarded a Community of Excellence Award from the North Carolina Chapter of the Community Association Institute.
- (5) Donna Giovannetti and Tony Brennan on their engagement.
- (6) Kristy Wilson, winner of contest #21. She won a copy of FRENCH WOMEN DON'T GET FAT: THE SECRET OF EATING FOR PLEASURE by Mireille Guiliano. All told, there were ten entries. And that reminds me it is time to introduce ...

\*\*\*\*\* CONTEST #22 \*\*\*\*\*

One lucky reader will get a copy of VITAL SIGNS: DISCOVERING AND SUSTAINING YOUR PASSION FOR LIFE by Greg Levey. Quoting one reviewer of the book, Jean Houston, Ph.D., "This magnificent work brimming with gorgeous prose and life enhancing stories and insights reveals how the cultivation of passion is key to the energy, love, creativity, health, and just about everything else that is good and true in our existence. Levey offers us a thrilling new map to the vital core of all our becoming. To read this book and follow its principles is to stop boring God!"

To enter the contest, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #22 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 22, 2018.

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

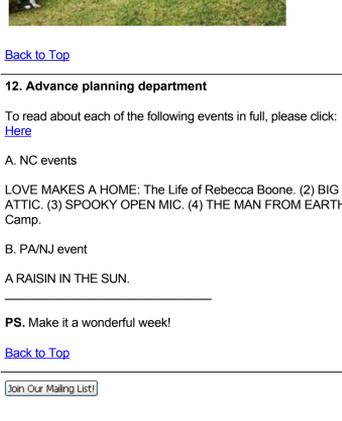
THIS week, it goes to Carol Duermit and Cody Fox--both with Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group. They saw a real need in the Asheville community, i.e., to provide a bus for the IRL (In Real Life) After School Program run by the Asheville Schools Foundation. This will provide middle school children opportunities they may not otherwise have to explore social development, career choices and life skills.

So over the past month, Carol and Cody have been raising funds for the above. In addition, they have put together a Bands for the Bus! event that will be held from 12-11 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12, at the wicked Weed Funkatorium. Kudos, also, to the following performers who have volunteered their time to provide entertainment: Aaron Price, Paul Edelman, lo trio, Cycles and Laura Blackley.

Though the event is free, you are responsible for your own food or drink. And perhaps most importantly: All donations are welcomed to support the children. Feel free to stop to find out how you can help. Or if you can't make it, you can contribute by clicking: [Here](#)

When you do so, indicate you are doing so to support Bands for the Bus!

Note: Even if you see this after Oct. 12, your contributions are still very much appreciated.



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**2. FYI**

Note: Please feel free to share the following article with others (both those who bike and those who don't)--and encourage them to do the same.

The Dutch Reach: A No-Tech Way to Save Bicyclists' Lives by Tanya Mohr

If Michael Charney has his way, more Americans would adopt a simple method to prevent "doorings," a type of collision when a driver or passenger in a parked car opens a door into the path of a cyclist.

He calls the maneuver the "Dutch Reach," and it works like this: When you are about to exit the car, you reach across your body for the door handle with your far or opposite hand. This action forces you to turn toward the side view mirror, out and then back over your shoulder to be sure a bicyclist is not coming from behind. Only then do you slowly open the door.

For the rest of this informative article, please click: [Here](#)

FYI, part 2

To read each of the following contributions in full, please click: [Here](#)

- (1) Jennifer Memolo: New research says singing daily reduces stress, clears sinuses, and helps you live longer.
- (2) Bill Moore: UN Says Climate Denial Is Coming. It's Actually Worse Than That.
- (3) The Confidence Gap for Girls: 5 Tips for Parents of Tween and Teen Girls.
- (4) 3 Tips to Have Better Conversations.

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**3. Joke 1**

When I go to my friends' house, and they tell me to make myself at home, the first thing I do is throw them out because I don't like visitors! (Thanks, Terrie Beckman Rath, for sharing.)



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**4. Reviews**

A. Saw THE WIFE, a powerful drama about a couple married nearly 40 years. I liked how the film interweaved the couple's past and present. Glenn Close and Jonathan Pryce are both outstanding in the leading roles. And though Close deservedly is getting a lot of Oscar buzz, I'd like to see Pryce also get consideration. Rated R, though I think the film is appropriate for any mature teenager.

B. Heard SYCAMORE ROW (Random House Audio), the author's earlier work, A TIME TO KILL. It controls up attorney Jack Brigrance three years later, and this time he is involved in a controversial trial that exposes a history of racial tension. ... I loved everything about it: the story, the finely drawn characters and the explosive ending. In addition, Beck did a fine job with the narration. ... You do not have to have read the first book to enjoy this one, but if you haven't done so already, I would recommend that you read A TIME TO KILL first.

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**5. TV alert**

Mr. Curious here: What new TV shows have you been watching and/or do you recommend. My two favorites remains THIS IS US on NBC and ATYPICAL via Netflix. What follows are some other shows that look interesting.

A. THE KINDERGARTEN TEACHER: Now available via Netflix  
In this psychological thriller, kindergarten teacher Lisa Spinelli (Maggie Gyllenhaal) is a frustrated creative type obsessed with one of her students, who she thinks is a wunderkind poet.

B. WANDERLUST: Season 1 coming to Netflix, starting on October 19  
Unable to revive the fading sex life after many years of marriage, a travel writer and her husband decide to start dating other people. According to PEOPLE, "[Toni] Collette shines as a woman rediscovering herself."

C. THE NEIGHBORHOOD: Mondays at 8 p.m. on CBS  
PEOPLE calls this "sitcom-packaged message about diversity ... relevant." It also notes that Cedric the Entertainer "is enjoyably surly--king of the slow burn."

D. THE ALEC BALDWIN SHOW: Sundays at 10 p.m. on ABC  
The Emmy-winning actor will be in conversation with Robert De Niro, Kim Kardashian West, Christy Christie and The Who's Roger Daltrey, among others.

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**6. Joke 2**

A middle-aged woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While being operated on, she had a near-death experience. Seeing God, she asked, "Is my time up?" ... God said, "No, you have another 43 years, 2 months and 8 days to live." Upon recovery, the woman decided that since she had extra time to live, she might as well look even better. So she got a facelift, liposuction and tummy tuck. ... After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street, she was killed by an ambulance. ... Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 40+ years? How come you didn't pull me out of the path of that ambulance?" ... God replied, "I didn't recognize you."



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**7. Clips/Websites**

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

- (1) Ryan Albinus: I Don't Care Much [Here](#)
  - (2) Lucille Eckert: A couple married 79 years will make you believe in true love [Here](#)
  - (3) Mark Jones: Lisa Simpson Teaches You Simpsons Slang [Here](#)
  - (4) Sheléa Pays Tribute To Tina Turner On 'GRAMMY Salute To Music Legends' [Here](#)
- B. To find out the hidden stories behind the popular happenings in the world, check out Mental Floss by clicking: [Here](#)

You'll find out such tidbits of information as the following:  
15 Secrets of Courtroom Sketch Artists  
The Right Way to Pronounce 'Dachshund'  
10 Unexpected Ways for Students to Pick Up Extra Money  
26 Punny Halloween Costume Ideas From a Pun Champion

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**

The New iPhones Look Fine. But My Old One Is Better Than Ever. by Jeff Sommer

Apple's new offerings are so good that I'm not buying a new iPhone.

I expect to save hundreds of dollars this year and enjoy what I've already got, because, thanks to Apple, my old iPhone 6 is performing better than ever.

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**9. Joke 3**

"It's just too hot to wear clothes today," Jack says as he stepped out of the shower. "Honey, what do you think the neighbors would think if I mowed the lawn like this?" ... "Probably that I married you for your money," she replied.



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**10. A quote I like**

"I follow three rules: Do the right thing, do the best you can and always show people you care." --Lou Holtz (born 1937), former American football coach, player and analyst

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**11. Thought for the day**

GOOD NEWS, STARTING TOMORROW ... you won't have to wait in such a long line if you're planning to vote in North Carolina because early voting starts and runs through Nov. 3. ... To find locations and hours, click: [Here](#)

If you want to find out more about the 33 other states (plus the District of Columbia) who allow early voting, click: [Here](#)

Incredibly, Pennsylvania still does not allow such early voting. That fact brings back memories of 2000 when I had to wait in line for 3.5 hours in Bucks County to vote in the Gore-Bush election.



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**12. Advance planning department**

To read about each of the following events in full, please click: [Here](#)

A. NC events

LOVE MAKES A HOME: The Life of Rebecca Boone. (2) BIG STORIES FROM THE ATTIC. (3) SPOOKY OPEN MIC. (4) THE MAN FROM EARTH. (5) Life is a Verb Camp.

B. PA/NJ event

A RAISIN IN THE SUN.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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