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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I celebrated her birthday with our friends Tom and Marcy Gallagher at La Rumba Restaurant Latino--an eatery that is rapidly becoming one of our favorites in Asheville. The food is always good there, as is the friendly service. And we also like the ambiance.



B. A few days later, Cynthia again got to celebrate her birthday ... this time with a delicious carrot cake made by her friend Sunny Ruble.



C. Joining her at Turgua Brewery were some of her other fiends. Pictured in the top photo with masks (courtesy of Walela Dobroski), l-r: Bonnie Sibner, Sunny, Marcy Gallagher, Cynthia and Walela. They're also in the bottom photo without masks.



D. We had a nice visit from Rui Taylor, our flower fairy friend, who was joined by her dog Leon. That's our newest addition to the front yard (to Leon's right): a wind spinner.



E. I got to solve all the world's problems with my friend Will Redish over a tasty lunch at Troyer's Country Blatz

in Fairview.



F. You'll love getting to know BEN & ANGELA, the two characters in the world premiere of David Brendan Hopes' terrific play now having its world premiere at the BeBe Theatre. ... Scott Fisher and Kirby Gibson have great chemistry together as Ben and Angela, respectively, and the direction from Steve Samuels is spot on. Kudos also to Kristi DeVille's choreography, Kayren McKnight's costuming, Jason Williams' lighting and Olivia Stuller's job as stage manager. ... The show runs through Oct. 21. For tickets, click: bit.ly/benandangela.



G. I hosted three BLAINESWORLD podcasts this past week. All can be seen and/or heard on the indicated dates at: [Here](#).

(1) Top: 10.2.2023 - Zachary Eden & Ashley Sandahl, actors in MARY POPPINS

(2) Middle: 10.3.2023 - Gillian Bellinger & Chris Martin, Misfit Improv & Acting School

(3) Bottom: 10.7.2023 - Jimmy Racioppi and Nichole Sumpter discuss DEATH OF A SALESMAN



H. Condolences to:

(1) The family and friends of Shari Azar, a talented dancer/actor friend of mine who I had the privilege of working with in YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN and HANDS ON A HARDBODY.

(2) The family and friends of Debra Hoey, a friend of mine from Bucks County, PA. For her obituary, click: [Here](#).

I. Congratulations to Erinn Death and Dan Beckman on their wedding.

J. Announcing this week's ...

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

It goes to Premier Protein cereals from Post.

They come in two flavors: Chocolate Almond with sliced almonds & chocolate flavored flakes and Mixed Berry Almond with strawberries, raspberries & sliced almonds.

Both are oh-so-tasty, and they each contain 20g of protein--the highest amount Cynthia and I have ever come across for cold cereal.

In addition, they each contain just 14g of total carbs and 5g of total sugars per serving.

The price is higher than most other cereals, but that's to be expected because of the added protein.

For more information, click: [Here](#).

2. Invites

A. The deadline for the following contest has been extended ...

***** **CONTEST #15** *****

This is the one you've been waiting for ... a lucky reader will win a book about arguably the greatest rock group of all time ...

SHELL SHOCKED; MY LIFE WITH THE TURTLES, FLO & EDDIE, AND FRANK ZAPPA, ETC. by Hoard Kaylan with Jeff Tamarkin

To quote Shindig Magazine:

It's a great book, and interesting all the way through. Kaylan knows everybody, remember, and he names names. Better even, he's still out there pounding the road into submission a hundred or so nights every year. This is a 262-page book. It could have been 500 and I still would have been sorry when it was over. With any luck, he's left something for [Mark] Volman to write about.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST 15 in the subject line. Include your name and mailing address in the body of the email. All entries must be received on or before the extended deadline of 9 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 9.

B. Want to be a guest on my BLAINESWORLD podcast, now seen on YouTube or you can listen to it on your favorite podcast player? If you have news you'd like to share and/or a story to tell, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put GUEST in the subject line. In the body of the email, include both your name and phone number.

Even if you've been a guest before, I'd welcome the opportunity to speak with you again. I now tape via Zoom, usually in the early evening.

For more information about the podcast, click: [Here](#).

C. Are you interested in shows, concerts, movies, TV, etc.? ... If so, I encourage you to join a group I've formed on Facebook that's called Entertainment. To do so, all you need to do is follow the instructions when you click: [Here](#).

D. Come join Cynthia for the course she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week:

Move Your Body on Wednesday via Zoom or in person.

To attend this course and/or any other that is being offered, scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

E. Join me at either or two upcoming Marketing seminars I'll be conducting for Asheville SCORE.

You can't beat the price; i.e., FREE!

Description: 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.

Instructor: Blaine Greenfield

Blaine Greenfield has 35 years of teaching experience as a Marketing Professor at the community college, university and graduate levels. At the same time, he operated his own consulting firm-providing marketing assistance to small and medium-sized businesses, as well as to non-profit organizations. Blaine has spoken to groups throughout the country, and he has served as a mediator and/or arbitrator in over 2,500 cases.

Date, time & location: Thursday, Oct. 19 from 2-5 p.m. at A-Tech Madison Campus, Room: Ramsey 103, 4646 IS 25-70, Madison, NC

To register, click: [Here](#).

and/or

Date, time & location: Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m.-12 noon at A-B Teach Enka Campus, Room 2046, 1465 Sand Hill Road, Candler, NC

To register, click: [Here](#).

F. Join me in the the Dementia Society of America's 60-mile Challenge. Support those living with Dementia, caregivers and the community.

Find out more by clicking: [Here](#).

Note: You don't have to make a monetary contribution to participate.

3. FYI

The No. 1 phrase people who are good at small talk always use, says Stanford public speaking expert by Matt Abrahams

Small talk might seem trivial, but it can deliver big results.

It can help us forge new or deeper connections with others by allowing us to discover unexpected areas of common interest. It can enable us to establish or reinforce our personal reputations, giving us an opportunity to demonstrate warmth and empathy.

I'm a Stanford lecturer, podcast host and communication expert, and I was always so inspired by my mother-in-law's manners and impressive interpersonal skills.

Her favorite phrase was "Tell me more," and it happens to be one that people who are good at small talk always use.

For the rest of this insightful article, click: [Here](#).

4. Joke 1

If that guy had a beard, he'd be my doppelganger. (Thanks, Janeen Ravkin, for sharing.)



5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I saw *SHE CAME TO ME* at Cinemark. It is an off-kilter romantic comedy about a composer suffering from creative block who meets an unusual woman. Throw in a couple of bright teenagers and a successful therapist, and you'll have a film that will grow on you by the end. (We almost walked out after the first 30 minutes.) Pete Dinklage and Marisa Tomei are both outstanding, and we also liked the work of Anne Hathaway, Brian d'Arcy James and Evan Ellison. Rated R.

B. We both really liked *FORGOTTEN LOVE* on Netflix, a period drama about a father and daughter separated over decades who find their way back to one another. It felt like a page-turning novel (no surprise since it was based on *ZNACHOR*, a popular Polish title from the 1930s). We especially liked the settings, brought to life through real-life locations and excellent production design. Rated age 13+ by Common Sense Media.

Note: I've added *FORGOTTEN LOVE* to my list of favorite films. If you'd like to get a copy of that list, send an email to: bjinbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

6. TV alert

A. *LUPIN*, Season 3: Now on Netflix

In 2021, this jaunty thriller about a gentleman thief and master of disguise was the second-most-popular Netflix Original ever (after *Bridgerton*). It's as clever as ever this season.

B. *BECKHAM*: Now on Netflix

The British soccer megastar gets the biopic treatment in a four-part docuseries that uses previously unseen archival footage.

C. *TOTALLY KILLER*: Now on Prime Video

Back to the Future meets Friday the 13th! Kiernan Shipka (*Mad Men*) plays a modern teenager who's magically transported back to 1987, where she meets the high school version of her own mom and tries to stop the "Sweet 16 Killer" who slayed her mom's three besties.

D. *THE BURIAL*: On Prime Video, starting Oct. 13

Tommy Lee Jones plays Jeremiah O'Keefe, a Mississippi patriarch deep in debt and struggling to preserve his

family's burial business from Canada's predatory Loewen Funeral Company, which buys low, sells high, and fleeces poor — frequently Black — clients. In 1995, as a last-ditch effort, he hires showboating Black Florida ambulance chaser Willie Gary (Jamie Foxx) to defend his company in a shady contractual dispute.

7. Joke 2

Methinks ...



8. Clips/Websites

A. The Turtles are arguably the greatest rock group of all time!

(1) As mentioned previously, this section will feature music by The Turtles--either their recordings and/or covers of their music by others.

I'd especially love to see any recording you may have done of "Happy Together."

Send it to: bginbc@aol.com and put THE TURTLES in the subject line.

Note: Even if you did not do a recording, I welcome anything done by others--not only of "Happy Together," but any other Turtles' song.

(2) For this week, please view this cover done by my friend Katie Oates, singer-songwriter extraordinaire: [Here](#).

And to see some of Katie's other videos, click: [Here](#).



B. Video of the week

Be prepared to be delighted, especially if you don't know the following musical ...

Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris (full version). To see it, click: [Here](#).

This is an outstanding co-production between ACT Theatre and 5th Avenue Theatre in Seattle Washington (2015). The cast: Kendra Kassebaum, Louis Hobson, Eric Ankrim, Cayman Ilika and Timothy McCuen Piggee.

C. And also check out these other clips at your convenience:

(1) Chris Montez, "The More I See You," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns (10.8.2023): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Ben E. King: [Here](#).

(4) In the above, Neil cites King's classic "Stand By Me." To see or listen to that song, click: [Here](#).

(5) Dad and daughter dancing: [Here](#). (Thanks, Bea McDonald, for sharing.)

(6) Wives always find out: [Here](#). (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

D. Here's a website that you might want to check out:

Remember the game, Capture the Flag? Now you can play with friends or friends you haven't met with TagPro: [Here](#).

This is a great way to waste time, especially if you're stuck inside.

Before beginning, make sure you click "How to Play" at the top.

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

F. 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](#).

9. Technology tip

Why You Shouldn't Hit 'Copy and Paste' on the Viral Facebook Privacy Scam

The Facebook privacy hoax is making its way back onto social media feeds... again.

There's one thing you have to remember before you click "copy and paste" on yet another Facebook message warning about photo privacy—it's completely fake.

The hackneyed post scam has made the rounds for years, popping up every few months or so with a version of a message that urges users to share it as their Facebook status to ban the social media giant from "using or sharing any personal data or photos."

If you've been on Facebook for a while, you've probably seen this scam—which reads like a chain mail hoax—picking up steam every so often. And there's a reason it spreads like wildfire, as people will go above and beyond to protect their personal information.

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

10. Joke 3

Jack Benny and George Burns met as young performers on the vaudeville circuit and remained friends for life.

One day at lunch, Benny wrestled with the problem of whether or not to butter his bread. "I like butter on my bread," he said. "But my diet strictly forbids butter. Maybe I should call Mary and ask her what to do."

"Jack," Burns said, "don't be ridiculous. You're a grown man. You should be able to decide, without your wife's help, whether or not to butter your own bread."

"You're right," Benny said. "I'll just have the butter, that's all."

When the waiter arrived with the check, Burns pointed to Benny and said, "He's paying."

"What?" Benny said. "Why should I have to pay the whole bill?"

"Because if you don't," Burns said, "I'll tell Mary about the butter."

(Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing.)

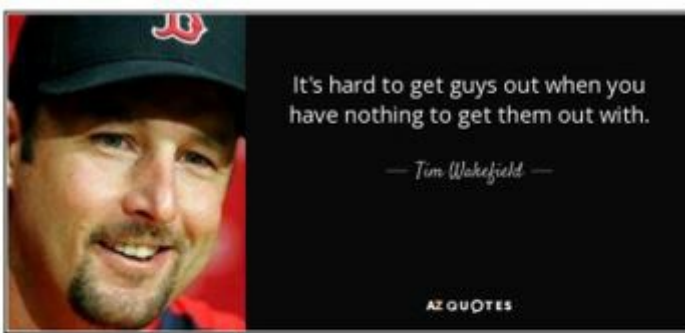


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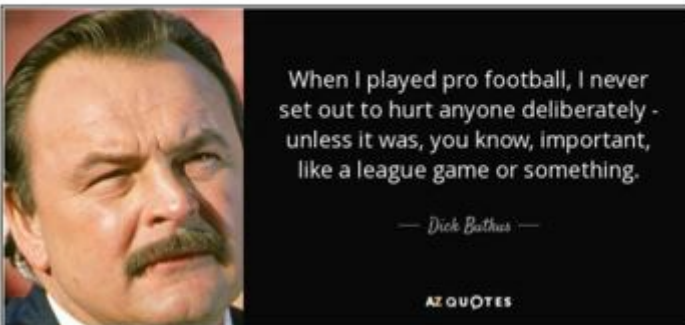
A. Top: Thanks, Tim Wakefield (1966-2023) for your career as an American professional baseball knuckleball pitcher--most remembered for his 17-year tenure with the Boston Red Sox. He also served as a studio analyst for NESN for Red Sox coverage, and he became known for his philanthropic work. For more information about this life, click: [Here](#).

B. Middle: Thanks, Terry Kirkman (1939-2023), for your career as an American musician and songwriter best known as a vocalist for the pop group The Association. He was also the writer of several of the band's hit songs such as "Cherish", "Everything That Touches You" and "Six Man Band." For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).

C. Bottom: Thanks, Dick Butkus (1942-2023), for your career as an American football linebacker, sports commentator and actor. He played for the Chicago Bears of the National Football League from 1965 to 1973, and he inducted into both the College Football Hall of Fame and the Prof Football Hall of Fame. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).



"Another strange aspect of the 'Cherish' story — one that has particularly baffled me — was that it became such a huge favorite for weddings. Couples by the thousands called it 'their song,' in spite of the fact it is so very much about love lost, not victorious love."—Terry Kirkman



12. Thought for the day

The one question that always works
Especially when facing challenges, problems and difficult situations
by Jim Donovan

There is a simple questioning technique you can use that will work for you every time, regardless of your circumstances at the moment.

This is something I've written about before and a practice my wife, Georgia, and I have been using for years. Tony Robbins taught to ask "What's great about this?" as a way to deal with a challenging situation.

In order to solve the problem you need to "flip" your focus 180 degrees away from it. You cannot be focused on a problem and expect to see the solution. That's an uphill climb.

A big mistake a lot of people make is to continually focus on the problem. As they say in New England, "You can't get there from here."

The question we use is, "What's working?"

For the rest of this thought-provoking article, click: [Here](#).

PS. Make it a great week!

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