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

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Had a blast at HardLox, the annual Jewish Food and Heritage Festival held in downtown Asheville each year. We had great corned beef sandwiches, noodle kugel and Dr. Brown's celery soda (top photo). We also saw many friends, including Bradshaw Call (middle photo) and Marjorie Lefkowitz-Skwara (bottom photo).





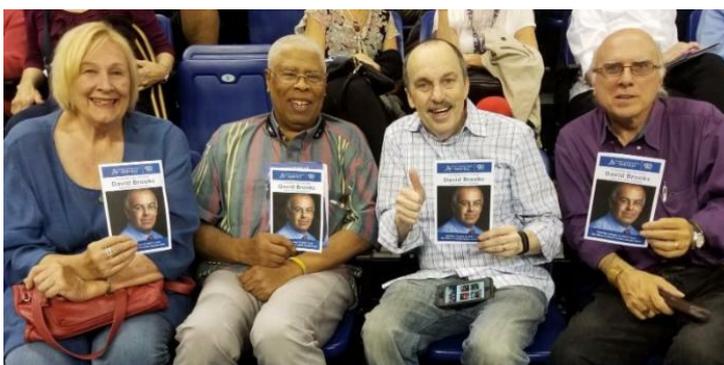
(2) Met our friend George Pappas for dinner at 5 Points Restaurant. The food was delicious, portions were large, and we received friendly service from Brenda. In addition, we enjoyed meeting with Louie Sellas--owner of the eatery.



B. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wed., October 18, 2017. ... Guest (first half): Lisa Neville, Senior Care Counselor at Arbor Terrace Assisted Living and Memory Care in Asheville; for more information: <http://www.at-asheville.com>. Guests (second half): Dr. Eric Howard, Director of Student Services for Asheville City Schools, and Kidada Wynn, Mental Health Liaison for Asheville City Schools; for more information: <http://www.ashevillecityschools.net/>. And to hear the show, please click: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/oeq3gtp7r2trm96/blainesworld-20171018.mp3?raw=1>. (If you see a window inviting to create a Dropbox account, click X.) ... Pictured, l-r: Lisa Neville, host Blaine Greenfield, Dr. Eric Howard and Kidada Wynn.



C. During the week, I heard David Brooks speak at University of North Carolina Asheville. I've long enjoyed his columns in THE NEW YORKS TIMES and so it was a real treat to get to hear him. Pictured, l-r: Carol Anders, Gary Gaines, Blaine Greenfield and George Pappas.



D. Thanks, David Joe Miller, for both this picture and the following caption:
Blaine Greenfield is branching out to Gatlinburg!





E. Condolences to Gladys Hamnett and family on the passing of Gladys' mother.

F. Congratulations to:

(1) North Carolina Stage Company for being named one of "The 50 Best Small Stage Theatres" in America." For more information, please click:

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(2) Emily Warren and Evan McCurry on their marriage.

(3) Mike Andrus on being named to the 2017 Line-up of Masters for his valuable contributions and dedication in the martial arts.

(4) Trinity Smith Keel on becoming a member of the Equity Membership Candidate Program.

(5) Chanda Calentine for being named to as one of THE BILTMORE BEACON'S 40 Under 40.

(6) Judith Loniak on having three images in a show currently hanging at The Green Sage in Westgate right off Patton Ave., next to Earth Fare. The title of the show is "Peaceful Appalachians, " and it will be at there from Oct 17-January 15, 2018.

(7) James E. Lee III on being named Executive Director at The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Clubs of Buncombe County.

(8) Donna Allen, Publisher & Editor of Times Publishing Newspapers, Inc., on being named the Lower Bucks County of Chamber recipient of its 2017 Entrepreneurial Spirit Champions of Commerce award.

G. Corrections: Last week's edition had two misspellings of names who helped make the reunion of my high school graduating class the success that it was. The corrected spellings follow: Mark Milberg and Toby Shakin Vandemark. Sorry 'bout that. ... Also, for some reason, the link I gave to the LHS website didn't seem to be working. This one should get you there:

[Here](#)

H. Reminders:

(1) There's still time to enter ...

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

One lucky reader will win a copy of LEADERSHIP AND SOFT SKILLS FOR STUDENTS; EMPOWERED TO SUCCEED IN HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND BEYOND by Cary J. Green. I reviewed this book in BLAINESWORLD #1011 and enjoyed it. Methinks it would be useful for anybody you know who would fit any the categories mentioned in the title; e.g., a child, grandchild, niece or nephew, etc. ...To enter the contest, send an email to: bjinbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #21 in the subject line, then include your snail mail address in the body of the email. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 23.

(2) LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER ... I hope you can join me at the Marketing seminar I'm conducting for Asheville SCORE on Saturday, October 28, from 9 a.m.- Noon at ABTech's Candler campus. It's free, but you must pre-register by clicking: [Here](#)

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

Thanks, Cynthia Greenfield, for this week's nomination:

Michael Watkins is often the worker that checks me out at the register at the CVS at 505 Smokey Park Highway, Asheville. He is always very friendly, warm and helpful. ... Recently, when I went into the store, I noticed him patiently helping an elderly woman. When he met my husband Blaine, he was just as friendly to him. ... When you go to stores like CVS, it often feels impersonal. But Michael makes it feel like he is your friend. He always seems happy to see me (and others) and to be of help.

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2. FYI

Looking for a meal replacement bar and/or quick snack? Try the one from Nugo Dark. ... My favorite is the chocolate pretzel with sea salt bar. To quote from the website, "It is dipped decadent, antioxidant-rich, REAL dark chocolate that melts in your mouth with delectable flavor. It is also certified gluten-free, vegan, OU kosher pareve and non-

GMO. ... In addition, it has 10g of protein. ... There are a total of 7 flavors. For more information, 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) Sharon Lewis: I love the Netflix sitcom 'Schitts Creek.' (2) Sunny Ruble: So glad you had such a phenomenal time at your 50th! (3) Jack Bowen: Thank you for posting about the advanced directive. (4) Linda McClean: I had my 50th high school reunion last October. (5) Ange Maffei: Still a handsome man. (6) Mark Beloyan: Silly thought. (7) For Your Brain's Sake, Keep Moving. (8) An Internet-Famous Cookie Worthy of Baking in Real Life.

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3. Joke 1

PLANS JUST ANNOUNCED for the new I-26/I-40/I-240 interchange in Asheville. Here is the artist's rendering of what they hope to accomplish by the year 2027. ... Betcha can't wait! (Thanks, David Joe Miller, for sharing.)



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4. Reviews

A. Saw VICTORIA & ABDUL, a film "based on real events--mostly," that tells the story of the unexpected friendship in the later years of Queen Victoria's life. It is then that she meets a young clerk from India, and they quickly become friends with each other. Judy Dench is excellent in the leading role, but overall, I wasn't blown away by this flick as some of my friends were. Wait until it becomes available via Netflix. Rated PG-13.

B. Read: GALLERY: A COLLECTION OF PICTURES AND WORDS (Scarlet Leaf Publishing House) by Howard Richard Debs. This eclectic collection of poems, essays and pictures made me appreciate Debs' world and gave me some insight into what makes him tick. I especially liked how many of them left me feeling like I was at a specific locale with him; e.g., "The Yankee Diner." (His description of the food there has me hungry just writing about it.) ...I was also moved by the inclusion of his work in progress, "Terezin: Trilogy Of Names." ... My only disappointment in the book has to do with the fact that it wasn't longer. But I guess that's a good thing, in that it left me wanting to see what's next from him.

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5. TV alert

A. AMERICAN VANDAL: Now available via Netflix

This send-up of documentary crime shows asks whether a high school senior was railroaded into expulsion by his Spanish teacher. TV GUIDE calls it "funny" and "an instant binge hit."

B. JERRY BEFORE SEINFELD: Now available via Netflix

Jerry Seinfeld returns to New York City's Comic Strip, the location of his breakthrough movement in 1976.

Note: I just saw this and enjoyed it--a lot.

C. SNOOP DOG PRESENTS THE JOKER'S WILD: Premieres on Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 10 p.m. on TBS

According to executive-producer Michael Strahan, "Usually the game is the star and the host conducts traffic, but he has an expanded role," nothing that Snoops will be integrated into the competition.

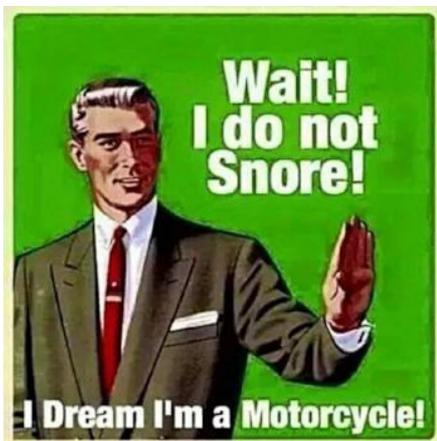
D. FLINT: Movie premiere on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 8 p.m. on Lifetime

A retelling of the crisis that shook the nation.

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6. Joke 2

And this explains the pain my wife feels when she gets walloped in the leg ... I'm just



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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Evelyn Blau: I don't snore, I dream of being a motorcycle

[Here](#)

(2) Judges Suspect She Lip Sync & Demand her to Stop. What She Did Shock The Judges.

[Here](#)

(3) Naked Man in Hotel

[Here](#)

(4) Animals Can Be Jerks

[Here](#)

B. Futurism, a website where you can view transformative technologies that maximize human potential. To view it, please click:

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You'll find information about such topics as the following:

One Nation Is Single-Handedly Inventing the Future of Transportation

Scientists Have Discovered a Drug That Fixes Cavities

The Next Sexual Revolution Is Going to be All About Technology

Can We Create an Artificial Intelligence Without Losing Control of it?

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

Thanks, Paul Marks, for sharing:

How to spot a credit card skimmer at the gas pump or ATM

by Dante Renzulli

It's happening a lot more often than people are catching it.

For the rest of this informative article and/or to see the accompanying video clip, please click:

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9. Joke 3

CareerBuilder asked employers to cite the most absurd excuses they've heard from employers calling in, and the following was one on the list: "Employee was stuck under the bed." ... (Little did the company know that this actually happened to a guy on Season 4 of WALKING DEAD.) ... My favorite excuse was: "Employee said the meal he cooked for a department potluck didn't turn out well." ... For the rest of the list, please click:

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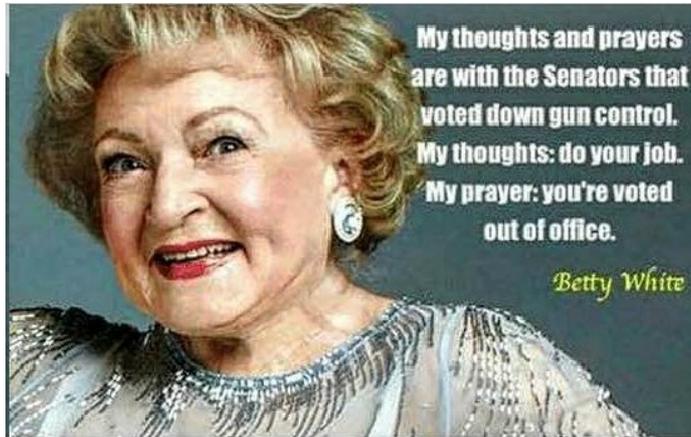




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10. A quote I like

Amen--and awomen, too. (Thanks, Gil Calderwood, for sharing.)



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11. Thought for the day

Thanks to my friend Edie Weinstein (a true Renaissance woman who wears many hats) for graciously allowing me to run the following:

59 Glorious Gratitudes
by Edie Weinstein

Tomorrow is my 59th birthday. It not only doesn't freak me out to be getting closer to 60, but it delights me to consider all the blessings that have come along with nearly six decades on the planet (this time around, at least) and maybe a wee bit of wisdom. I made a list of 59 things I am grateful for.

Fifty-Nine Glorious Gratitudes

1. Family
2. Friends
3. Health
4. A beautiful cozy home
5. The Muse who inspires me
6. My Jeep that gets me where I need to go
7. Work that I love
8. Cuddle Party
9. Free Hugs
10. Laughter Yoga

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12. Advance planning department

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A. NC events

(1) STAGE KISS at Hendersonville Community Theatre. (2) Dakota Mann: THE MINDNIGHT ARENA at The Magnetic Theatre. (3) Henry Stryon: A CONNECTICUT YANKEE IN KING ARTHUR'S COURT at Brevard Little Theatre.

B. PA/NJ events

(1) Amy McKenna: Savor Bucks County. (2) Joe Doyle: IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE at ActorsNET.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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