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1. Reflections

Note: Make sure you check Section 2, part 2, each week. You'll typically find several articles that should prove of interest.

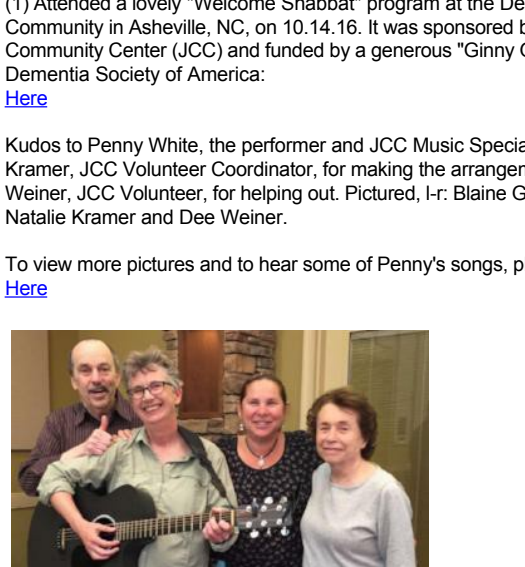
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A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

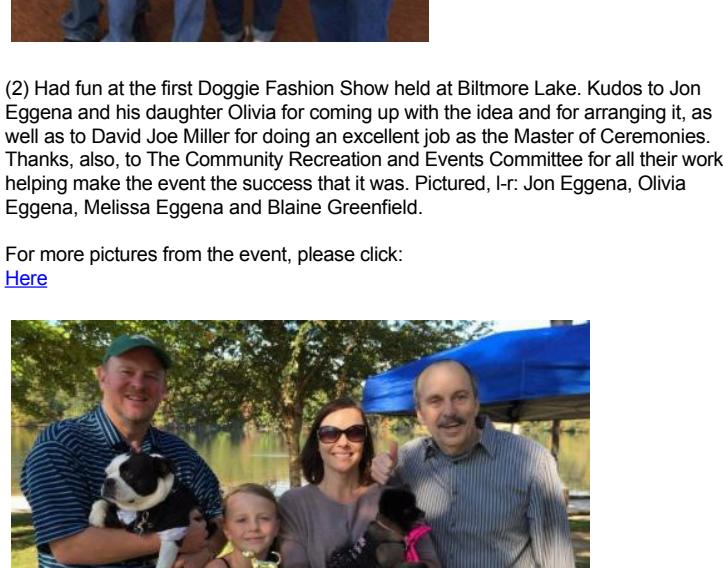
(1) Had a blast at the annual HardLox Festival in downtown Asheville that was sponsored by Beth Ha-Tephila Congregation. Kudos to Jordan Fried for his excellent job of chairing the event. For more pictures, please click: [Here](#)



B. Enjoyed a tasty dinner at Pacific Pagoda, the eatery that's rapidly becoming one of our favorite Chinese food restaurants. We received excellent service from Peggy.



C. Joined our neighbor and friend Dan Randall for a delicious dinner at Stone Ridge Tavern where Alexis was our friendly server.



B. During the week, I:

(1) Attended a lovely "Welcome Shabbat" program at the Deerfield Retirement Community in Asheville, NC, on 10.14.16. It was sponsored by the Asheville Jewish Community Center (JCC) and funded by a generous "Ginny Givens" grant from the Dementia Society of America: [Here](#)

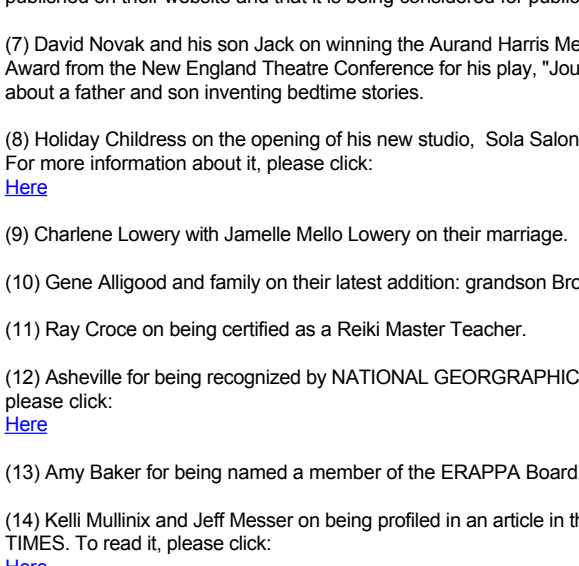
Kudos to Penny White, the performer and JCC Music Specialist, as well as to Natalie Kramer, JCC Volunteer Coordinator, for making the arrangements. And thanks to Dee Weiner, JCC Volunteer, for helping out. Pictured, l-r: Blaine Greenfield, Penny White, Natalie Kramer and Dee Weiner.

To view more pictures and to hear some of Penny's songs, please click: [Here](#)

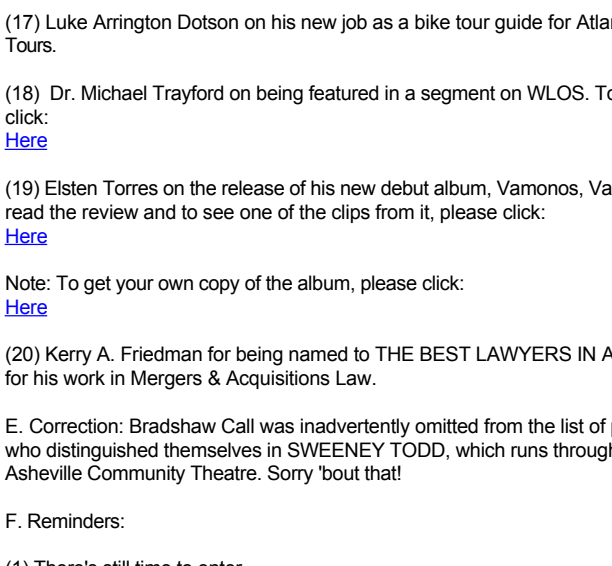


(2) Had fun at the first Doggie Fashion Show held at Biltmore Lake. Kudos to Jon Eggena and his daughter Olivia for coming up with the idea and for arranging it, as well as to David Joe Miller for doing an excellent job as the Master of Ceremonies. Thanks, also, to The Community Recreation and Events Committee for all their work in helping make the event the success that it was. Pictured, l-r: Jon Eggena, Olivia Eggena, Melissa Eggena and Blaine Greenfield.

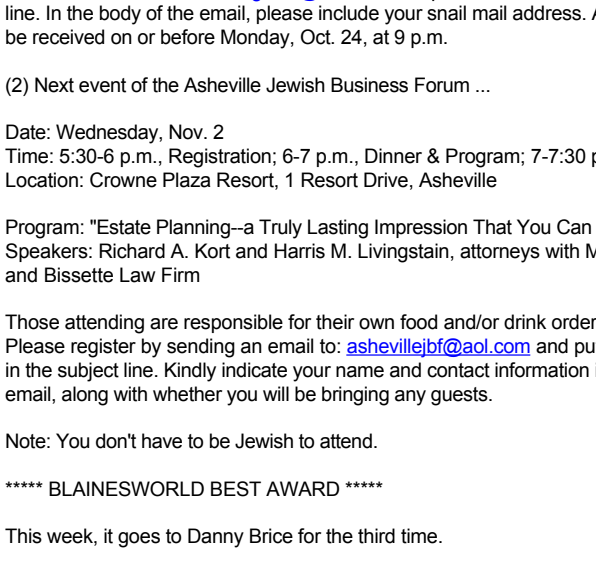
For more pictures from the event, please click: [Here](#)



(3) Attended my community's annual Fall Festival with the aforementioned Dan Randall.



(4) Joined my friend Steve Shulman for an excellent dinner at Packs Tavern. From there, we went to Asheville Community Theatre for Ann Randolph's LOVELAND.



C. Condolences to:

- (1) Roberta Gurwood, Mindy Gurwood and family on the passing of Dr. Joseph Gurwood, Roberta's husband and Mindy's father. For his obituary, please click: [Here](#)
- (2) Rhoda Weaver and family on the passing of Rhoda's aunt.
- (3) Carol Flax and family on the passing of Carol's father.

D. Congratulations to:

- (1) Maureen Simon on having her work chosen to be exhibited at Hayward Art Regional Theatre's Rodwell Gallery from October 18-November 1.
- (2) Bob Maley on his retirement from Bucks County Community College.
- (3) Asheville for being featured in THE NEW YORK TIMES. To read the article, please click: [Here](#)
- (4) Jim Freeman on the publication of his latest book that he co-authored with Tom Gage: Biblical Time Out of Mind: Myths, Maps, and Memories.
- (5) Waylon Wood on having an article he wrote published in the Oct/Nov issue of Smoky Mountain Living.
- (6) Rose-Marie Grace Vieira on receiving notice that her story about bullying has just been published on the website for the National Coalition Against Bullying is being published on their website and that it is being considered for publication in a book.
- (7) David Novak and his son Jack on winning the Aurand Harris Memorial Playwriting Award from the New England Theatre Conference for his play, "Journeying Jack," about a father and son inventing bedtime stories.
- (8) Holiday Childress on the opening of his new studio, Solo Salon Studios Asheville. For more information about it, please click: [Here](#)
- (9) Charlene Lowery with Jamele Mello Lowery on their marriage.
- (10) Gene Allgood and family on their latest addition: grandson Brody.
- (11) Ray Croce on being certified as a Reiki Master Teacher.
- (12) Asheville for being recognized by NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC. To read more, please click: [Here](#)
- (13) Amy Baker for being named a member of the ERAPPA Board.
- (14) Kelli Mullinix and Jeff Messer on being profiled in an article in the CITIZEN-TIMES. To read it, please click: [Here](#)
- (15) Natalie Kaye for being featured in BUCKS HAPPENING. To read the article, please click: [Here](#)
- (16) Norm Kent for his outstanding work on filing a lawsuit against the Broward County Supervisor of Elections, saying a statewide amendment on medical marijuana was omitted from some voters' absentee ballots. To read more, please click: [Here](#)
- (17) Luke Arrington Dotson on his new job as a bike tour guide for Atlanta Graffiti Bike Tours.
- (18) Dr. Michael Trayford on being featured in a segment on WLOS. To view it, please click: [Here](#)
- (19) Elsten Torres on the release of his new debut album, Vamonos, Vamonos. To read the review and to see one of the clips from it, please click: [Here](#)

Note: To get your own copy of the album, please click: [Here](#)

(20) Kerry A. Friedman for being named to THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA 2017 for his work in Mergers & Acquisitions Law.

E. Correction: Bradshaw Call was inadvertently omitted from the list of performers who distinguished themselves in SWEENEY 'TODD, which runs through October 30 at Asheville Community Theatre. Sorry 'bout that!

F. Reminders:

- (1) There's still time to enter ...
- ***** CONTEST #21 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of IT TAKES MORE THAN A DONUT TO MAKE A MOVIE: THE ADVENTURES OF A HOLLYWOOD TEAMSTER by David Mangler. The author tells about his 40-year career in Hollywood as a teamster in an engaging matter that gave me insight into the industry from a perspective that I knew very little about.

I reviewed this book in BLAINESWORLD #1021 and enjoyed it.

To enter: Send an email to bjnlbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #21 in the subject line. In the body of the email, please include your email address. All entries must be received on or before Monday, Oct. 24, at 9 p.m.

(2) Next event of the Asheville Jewish Business Forum ...

Date: Wednesday, Nov. 2
Time: 5:30-6 p.m., Registration: 6-7 p.m., Dinner & Program: 7-7:30 p.m., Networking Location: Crowne Plaza Resort, 1 Resort Drive, Asheville
Program: "Estate Planning—a Truly Lasting Impression That You Can Control"
Speakers: Richard A. Kort and Harris M. Livings坦, attorneys with McGuire, Wood and Bisette Law Firm

Those attending are responsible for their own food and/or drink orders. Please register by sending an email to: ashevillejbb@aol.com and put NOVEMBER 2 in the subject line. Kindly indicate your name and contact information in the body of the email, along with whether you will be bringing any guests.

Note: You don't have to be Jewish to attend.

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

This week, it goes to Danny Brice for the third time.

Danny was one of the first individuals I met when I moved to Asheville. At the time, he worked for a company that installed both my computer and phone systems. I was impressed with his knowledge, as well as his helpfulness. We soon became friends. We have stayed in touch ever since, and he has assisted me on several projects.

In fact, he was the guy I turned to when I needed to mount my new TV (see also Section 2). He came over right away and within an hour, I was up and running.

Had I needed to figure this out myself, methinks I would still be working on it.

Thanks, Danny, You rock!

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2. FYI

Size DOES matter—at least when it comes to TVs. We recently purchased a 2016 Samsung UN65KS8000 65-inch UK Ultra HD Smart LED TV, and we're loving it. The picture quality is incredible. Even when watching an old movie (see also Section 4B) on TV recently, it appeared as if we were watching a live production of it.

Note: We priced the above at Best Buy, but then found out that we could get it for a few dollars less via Amazon Prime. But even better: Delivery was free.

FYI, part 2

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

- (1) The 8 health habits experts say you need in your 20s. (2) Lucas S. in NC: 5 tips for intuitive types who can't explain their vision. (3) Rosemary and time: Does this Italian hamlet have a recipe for long life? (4) How taking a gap year can shape your life. (5) A traveler's guide to customs: When to shake hands, hug or kiss. (6) 'Yes! Foods may fight acne.' (7) How to write a cover letter people will actually read.

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3. Joke 1

A Buddhist monk approaches a hot dog stand and says, "Make me one with everything." ... The vendor has heard this one before, and without a word, he simply makes the hot dog and hands it to the Buddhist monk, who pays with a \$20 bill. The vendor puts the bill in the cash box and closes it. ... "Excuse me, but where's my change?" asks the Buddhist monk. ... The vendor replies, "Change must come from within."

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4. Reviews

A. Saw DENIAL, the true story about a woman's legal battle when she is accused of libel after accusing an author of being a Holocaust denier. Rachel Weisz is fine in the leading role, but Timothy Spall is outstanding as the denier. The trial scene at the end is particularly riveting. It will also remind you of what Americans are going through with the candidacy of Donald Trump. Rated PG-13.

B. Out on DVD and possibly via a streaming service is MURPHY'S ROMANCE, a delightful 1985 romantic comedy starring Sally Field as a newly divorced woman who moves into a small Arizona town and meets James Garner, the town's most eligible bachelor. They maintain a platonic relationship, largely because Field's ex-husband has moved back in with her. There's one very funny dance scene, and overall, you'll both enjoy the film and see why it earned Garner his one Oscar nomination. Rated PG-13.

Note: I've just added MURPHY'S ROMANCE to my list of all-time favorite films. If you'd like to get a copy of that list, send an email to: bjnlbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

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5. TV alert

A. BLACK MIRROR: Starting on Friday, Oct. 21, via NETFLIX According to TV GUIDE, this program features "six new darkly entertaining cautionary tales about our obsession with technology."

B. MAN WITH A PLAN: Debuts Monday, Oct. 24, at 8:30 p.m. on CBS Matt LeBlanc returns to network comedy as a guy suddenly in charge of the cooking, cleaning and child-rearing for his family.

C. NORMAN LEAR: JUST ANOTHER VERSION OF YOU: Tuesday, Oct. 25, on PBS at 9 p.m. (PBS dates and times often vary, so check local listings.) The program profiles Lear, creator of such hits as ALL IN THE FAMILY, MAUDE and THE JEFFERSONS.

D. TRACY ULLMAN'S SHOW: Premieres on Friday, Oct. 28, on HBO This is a 6-episode series that's a BBC love letter to her U.K. homeland and modern life.

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6. Joke 2

Some guys were sitting in a bar having a conversation. One of them says, "What do you want people to say about you at your funeral?" They think about it for a while and the first answers, "I want them to say I was a good guy, and that I would probably go to heaven." ... The second guy nods and says, "Yeah, I want them to say that I didn't deserve to die, and that I had a lot of friends." ... The third guy looks up and replies, "At my funeral, I want everyone to point and say 'Look! His moving!'"

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

- (1) "Weird AI" Yankovic, the third debate [Here](#)
- (2) Michael G. in Germany: The mystery of the basket [Here](#)
- (3) Herb S. in NJ: Send in the clowns [Here](#)
- (4) Linda H. in NC: Breathing exercises: 4-7-8 breaths [Here](#)
- (5) One-Liners Abound at the AI Smith Dinner (fast forward to the :1:21 mark for the introductions, then Trump followed by Clinton) [Here](#)

B. Creative Mornings is a lecture series for creative types, run by volunteers, and hosted at the cite. But the talks are also taped.

Each month, there's a new theme and speakers in different cities.

For example, some recent topics included: 8 lessons in love; Be funny, change the world; and to the top 19 times I wish I knew when I graduated.

For more information and to see the lectures, please click: [Here](#)

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 Top 10 Personalized Start Pages for Your Web Browser by Daniel Nations

A personalized start page is a web page that you can customize to show certain RSS feeds, websites, bookmarks, apps, tools or other information. You can use it to kickstart your web browsing by automatically opening up a new window or tab to this page that's been designed by you and with your interests in mind.

There are lots of different options out there, each with its own unique set of features. Have a look through the list below to see which one might give you the customizable options that you're really looking for.

To do so, please click: [Here](#)

***** MR. CURIOUS HERE *****

I used to use iGoogle and loved it, but for some reason, Google stopped offering it. I then switched to MyYahoo (described in the article above), but lately, it has become terrible. I get far too many "sponsored" pieces, which are just ads, and also, much of the stuff there is outdated.

Consequently, I'm seeking something else to use. Might you have any recommendation(s)? If so, please advise.

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9. Joke 3

A father and father were visiting their grown children for an overnight stay. When the father found a bottle of Viagra in his son's medicine cabinet, he asked about using one of the pills. The son said, "I don't think you should take one. Dad, they're very strong and very expensive." ... "How much?" asked the father. "\$10 for each pill," answered his son. ... "I don't care. I'd still like to try one before we leave in the morning. I'll put the money under the pillow." ... (4) Later the next morning, his son found \$110 under the pillow. He called his father and said, "I told you, Dad, each pill was \$10, not \$110." ... "I know. The hundred is from your mother!"



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10. A quote I like

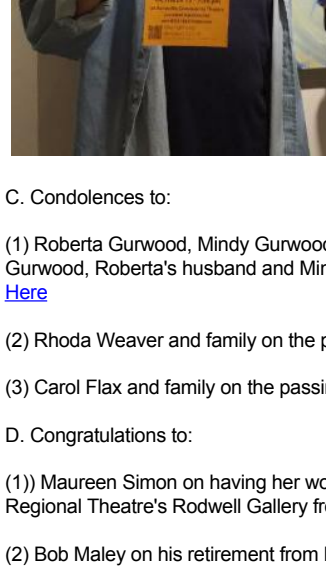
Isaac Asimov (1920-1992) was a prolific American writer who wrote an estimated 500+ books.



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11. Thought for the day

The fact that there's a highway to hell and only a stairway to heaven says a lot about anticipated traffic members!



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12. Advance planning department

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

A. NC events
(1) Catch Paula Hanke in two upcoming gigs. (2) Montford Park Players presents All-Female Cast of Julius Caesar. (3) 4th Annual Faerie Arts Festival. (4) HOW I LEARNED TO DRIVE.

B. PA/NJ event

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PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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