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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 and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Visited our friends Marcy and Tom Gallagher in their camper at Adventure Village and Lodgings in Brevard. It was pouring, so we roughed it with a dinner inside. Pictured, l-r: Brian Biro, Marcy Gallagher, Carole Biro, Blaine Greenfield, Cynthia Greenfield and Tom Gallagher.



Perhaps the high spot of the evening was having Cynthia read two stories to all of us. That's her with THE THREE QUESTIONS, written and illustrated by Jon J. Muth.



(2) We also joined our friend Connor Rae for a tasty dinner at Pomodoros Greek and Italian Cafe East.





(3) And we met Ivan who was out and about with my friend Liz Hohns.



B. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wed., November 1, 2017.

Guest (first half): Jodie Appel, Owner/Manager of Asheville Salt Cave; for more information:

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Guest (second half): Nicholas Andrea, 3rd Grade Teacher at Azalea Mountain School; for more information:

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Pictured, l-r: Jodie Appel, Blaine Greenfield and Nicholas Andrea.

To listen to the show, please click:

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C. During the week, I:

(1) Saw a terrific production RAPTURE, BLISTER, BURN at NC Stage, starring (pictured) Kay Galvin and Chris Allison, along with Chloe Babbes, Rebecca Morris and Kristin Reitter. Kudos, also, to Charlie Flynn-McIver for his spot-on direction. ... My hope is that y'all get to see this funny, clever play before its run ends on Nov. 19. To get tickets, please click:

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(2) Had a blast at ZOMBIE PROM, a tune-filled romp about life in the 1950s. I loved it and only regret that you won't be able to see it if you didn't do so already. Unfortunately, its successful run has ended at HART.



C. Presented a marketing seminar for Asheville SCORE, at which the following folks (and others) learned the difference between a left-handed and right-handed pencil, l-r: Ed Hackett, Tracy Hackett, Jeff Catanese, Blaine Greenfield, David Weiner, Judith Loniak, Peggy Shafer and Tom Shafter.

Note: if you don't know the difference between the two pencils ... or if you'd just like to learn the difference, send a stamped, self-return envelope with \$2 postage on the return envelope to: Blaine Greenfield, 19 N. Kaufmann Stone Way, Biltmore Lake, NC 28715.



D. Condolences to:

- (1) Jill Scisly Sharp and family on the passing of her dad.
- (2) Sarah Deborah Benoit on the passing of Ron Benoit, her cousin.
- (3) Mike Chadwick and family the passing of Don Elliott, Mike's cousin.

E. Congratulations to:

- (1) Margaret Montet on earning her Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from Cedar Crest College.
- (2) Rod Leigh on his marriage.

(3) Mark Sifiri on his interview on Hawaiian Public Radio. To listen to it, please click: [Here](#)

(4) Joe Scully on his appearance on WLOS. To view it, please click: [Here](#)

(5) Michael Trayford on being named Functional Neurologist of the Year by the IAFNIR.

(6) Trisha King for finishing second in the ZERO Prostate Cancer Run/Walk in her age category.

(7) David Bluth on becoming president of the Asheville Jewish Business Forum.

F. Reminder:

There's still time to enter ...

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

One lucky reader will win a print from Judith Loniak, my talented photographer friend. If you win, you can choose one of the two prints (below) or the one that ran in BLAINESWORLD #1100. To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #22 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, Nov. 6.



**** BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD ****

Thanks, Grant Randall, for the following nomination:

I want to tell you about Specialized Physical Therapy. I have 2 conditions that limit my mobility: Parkinson and CMT. ... I have been going to Specialized Physical Therapy for the past several months, and this is the best group I have worked with. ... Both Chris Power and Robert Conrad push me to my limit, but they keep it fun and always keep the sessions interesting. My strength and movement have both increased What is great about this group is they are willing to change the routine if I want to work on something different that day. ... The entire atmosphere is alive and upbeat. I enjoy going to this group all the staff makes you feel good. What is so special about this group is its knowledge on how to work with each person.

For more information about Specialized Physical Therapy, please click:

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2. FYI

A friend recently sent me an invitation to enter a contest to win a free trip to Dublin.

Here was my response:

I hope you win, but beware that most "free trips" are often a scam. And be prepared to be inundated with email as a result of entering. (Read the small print at the bottom of the entry form.) ... 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) Bill Lewis: Have you ever seen the movie Mirrors with Kiefer Sutherland? (2) Michael Lee: I like the idea of saying "Make it a great day." (3) Bray Creech: Great weekly email as usual. (4) Kier Klepzig: Shake Up Your Wardrobe With Crocheted Men's Shorts. (5) Mike Martinelli: LBJ *** 1/2.

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3. Joke 1

The seven-year old girl told her mom, "A boy in my class asked me to play doctor." ... "Oh, dear," the mother nervously sighed. "What happened, honey?" ... "Nothing, he made me wait 45 minutes and then double-billed the insurance company."

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4. Reviews

A. Saw MARSHALL, an engrossing courtroom drama based on the early career of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. Chadwick Boseman, so fine in the movie 42, is also excellent here. But the real surprise is Josh Gad. I've usually seen him in comic roles and though he has funny parts here, he is also good when having to be serious. In addition, I got a kick out of seeing Sterling K. Brown (one of my favorites from THIS IS US) on the big screen. Catch this one if you can. Rated PG-13.

B. Heard CONSCIENCE OF A CONSERVATIVE: A REJECTION OF DESTRUCTIVE POLITICS AND A RETURN TO PRINCIPLE (Penguin Random House), written by Jeff Flake and read by Milton Jeffers ... The book was written before Flake announced his intention to step down from the Senate. Too bad, in that as I was reading it, I kept thinking to myself, "Self, this guy makes a lot of sense." ... And regardless of your political affiliation, I think you'll agree. And join me in hoping that this is not the last we've heard of Flake. ... My only disappointment: I wish he had done the narration.

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5. TV alert

A. THE LONG ROAD HOME: Begins Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 9 p.m. on National Geographic

According to TV GUIDE, "This harrowing and heartbreaking eight-part docudrama (airing through Dec. 19) rises "above the tide of this season's generic new military dramas."

B. DAMNATION: Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 10 p.m. on USA

A fable set in Depression-era Iowa about the holy war waged between the haves and have nots.

C. GET OUT: Thursday, Nov. 9, at 8 p.m. on HBO

A thriller that became an instant classic. I missed it in the theatres, but plan to catch it now.

D. WISDOM OF THE CROWD: Sunday, Nov. 12, at 8 p.m. on CBS

The premise is interesting: a California Congresswoman is forced to live with the fact that her tech-billionaire is on a very public crusade to use his new crime-fighting phone app to find the man he thinks murdered their daughter. The always watchable Jeremy Piven stars.

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6. Joke 2

By the time you read this, my hope is that you've remembered to set your clocks back one hour--and enjoyed your extra hour of sleep!



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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Stephen L. Dreyfuss: Fluctuations, for violin, bass clarinet, and marimba
[Here](#)

(2) Mark Belyan: Never celebrate too early on a soccer penalty shot
[Here](#)

(3) Pat Hannigan: Our drummer in our band back in the 1970s used to use this song as an example to show us of how a song stayed in time the entire song.
SHE'D RATHER BE WITH ME, THE TURTLES at EALING DRUM STUDIOS
[Here](#)

(4) Lois Rosenthal: Anti-bullying song on Britain's Go Talent
[Here](#)

(5) And here's my favorite song on the above topic:
[Here](#)

B. At Cardboard Box Office, you'll find homemade creations of some of your favorite scenes from film and TV built from some domestic junk. To quote the website:

The project began after finding that we had accumulated both a lot of cardboard boxes (due to moving to a new country) and a baby (due to giving birth). With our social lives drastically altered we decided to find a way to make some of those housebound weekends a little more fun.

To view these creations, please click:

[Home](#)

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

Did you know you can send an email directly to a cell phone number? This wikiHow teaches you how to send an email to someone's cell phone number when you don't know the person's email address. After sending the email, it is converted to a text message and sent directly to the person's cell phone.

To find out how to do this, please click:

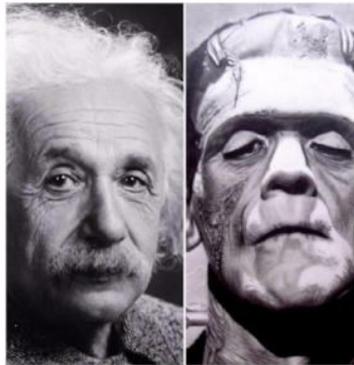
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This is also a great way to send text messages from your computer; e.g., if you don't like typing them out on your cellphone.

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9. Joke 3

The things you learn online! (Thanks, Bill Kormos, for sharing.)

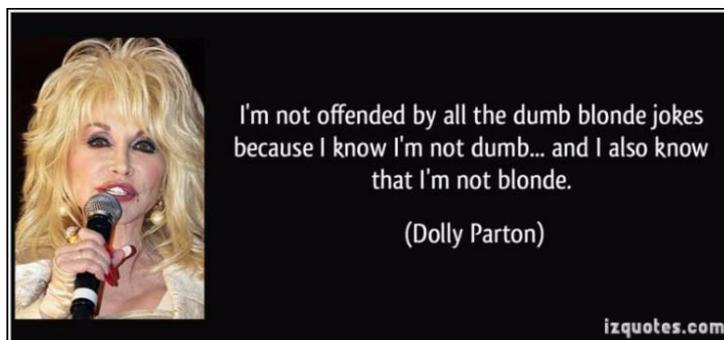


We all know Albert Einstein was a genius, but did you know his brother Frank was a monster?

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10. A quote I like

I wish I could say that same thing about bald jokes, but the reality is that I no longer have very much hair. ... Yet that said, bald jokes don't really offend me, so feel free to keep sending them--and all other jokes.



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11. Thought for the day

Imagine if there could be peace in the Middle East! ... This video got me thinking that it could be happen if folks would just talk to each other:

Thousands of Israeli, Palestinian women march for peace:

[Here](#)

Thanks, Lois Rosenthal, for sharing the above.

I then felt compelled to do more research on the topic. Here's what I found out:

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12. Advance planning department

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

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A. NC events

(1) Lora Ristau: Coffee Shop Cabaret. (2) Judith Loniak: 11th Annual Autumn Members' Juried Group Exhibit & Sale.

B. PA/NJ event

Gaylel Crist: How to BE O.K. Alone

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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