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1. Reflections

Note: Some regular sections are not included in this week's issue because of the fact that there are extra pictures and, also, due to the fact I don't have access to my PC (being I'm in New Jersey with Cynthia, visiting her niece's new twin babies). Everything will be back to normal in BLAINESWORLD #1050; in addition, look for some great pictures from our trip.

Also, 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) Participated in early voting the other day and were glad to be able to vote for such outstanding Buncombe County politicians as Brian M. Turner and Terry Van Duynt!



(2) Loved HART's production of THE MYSTERY OF IRMA VEP, featuring fantastic performances from Strother Stingley (right of Cynthia) and Dwight Chiles (far right). Julie Kinter's direction was spot on, and credit also goes to others who helped make the production the success that it was—including among others: Holly Caldwell, hair; Holly Cope, dresser/crew; Jessica Garland, dresser/crew; and Tabitha Judy, dresser/crew.



(3) Enjoyed our dinner at Copper Crown with Marcy and Tom Gallagher. It was the first time we ate at that restaurant. It won't be the last!



(4) Tried out a new place, the Brysh Haus, with our friends Grant Randall and Ginny Plaisted. The food was good, as was the service we received from Aaron.



B. During the week, I:

(1) Saw an Amazing performance from The Artist Chuck Beattie (aka "Dr. Blues") at the Billmore Lake Clubhouse in Billmore Lake, NC, on 10.28.15, superbly accompanied by Marcel Anton (on the left). To see more pictures from the evening, please click: [Here](#)



(2) Enjoyed the performances of Peter Thomasson (left) and Chris Allison(right) in VINTAGE HITCHCOCK, A LIVE RADIO PLAY at Flat Rock Playhouse Downtown. The rest of the cast was great, too: Maria Buchanan, Paige Posey and Scott Treadway. ... David Hensley Caldwell did a fine job with the direction, and lest I forget, Caitri Swann deserves mention for his excellent work as the stage manager who also has a pivotal role on stage. ... If you're a Hitchcock fan or you just want to have fun, catch this play before its run ends on November 6.



C. Meanwhile, Cynthia (in the back row) has been kept busy rehearsing for her upcoming performance at the Our Voice Survivors Art Show on Thursday, Nov. 10 at YMI at 7 p.m. Stop by to see her and the others. There's no charge.



D. Congratulations to:

(1) Pat Achilles for having two of illustrations accepted into Phillustration 8 at the Philadelphia Sketch Club. For more information about this honor, please click: [Here](#)

(2) Carol Dietrich Mikulski and family on the birth of Madeleine, Carol's granddaughter.

(3) Mary McGahren on her role on HOMICIDE HUNTER. If you missed it, look for it to be repeated on Sunday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m. on the INVESTIGATION DISCOVERY channel. You can also catch it ON DEMAND.

(4) Elsten Torres for the fact that his video, "TRUMPETA - Fulano De Tal," is rapidly approaching 200,000 views on YouTube. To view it, please click: [Here](#)

E. Reminder: There's still time to enter ...

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

One lucky reader will win an autographed copy of A BRIDGE OF STORIES: RISKING IT ALL TO CONNECT CLASSROOMS AND CULTURES IN BELIZE by Kristin Pedemonti.

This is the true story of a woman who left her full-time job to become a cause-focused storyteller. Within 30 days, she chose to sell her home and most of her possessions to both create and facilitate a volunteer project that became known as Literacy Outreach Belize. The results were spectacular.

I reviewed this book in BLAINESWORLD #1046 and enjoyed it.

To enter: Send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #22 in the subject line. In the body of the email, please include your snail mail address. All entries must be received on or before Monday, Nov. 7, at 9 p.m.

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2. FYI

Need to organize your jewelry? Cynthia was interested in doing so, in that her stuff was all over the place. ... I looked online and found one item that it seemed would do the trick, but it cost over \$150. ... I then found this for her at Bed Bath & Beyond. The cost was just \$59.99, less 20% with a coupon or \$47.

It provides easy access to all earrings, bracelets, watches, rings, pins and necklaces. She loves it!



FYI, part 2

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

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(1) Nudges that help struggling students succeed. (2) Andrew A. in NC: Great picture of Reed, Katie, and you from the fall fete in Blainesworld! (3) Julien in MD: Blaine, this story (Thought for the Day) gave me chills. (4) Forget drinking: This debate calls for yoga. (5) An 80-year-old model reshapes China's Views on aging.

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3. Joke 1

The secret to a clean kitchen is simple. Don't cook!



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4. Joke 2

This has me writing a note to myself: "Self, take up yoga. It's easier than you thought, and you've had practice with this pose!"



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5. Joke 3

A little old lady went to buy cat food. She picked up three cans, but was told by the clerk, "I'm sorry, but we can't sell this to you without proof you have a cat. Too many seniors are buying cat food to eat. Management wants proof that you are buying this for your cat." So the lady went home, brought in her cat and was sold the cat food. ... The next day, she tried to buy two cans of dog food and was again told she couldn't buy them without proof. So the lady went home, brought in her dog and was sold the dog food. ... One day later, she brought in a box with a hole in the lid and asked the cashier to stick her finger in the hole. The cashier said, "No, you might have a snake in there." The lady assured her that there was nothing in the box that would harm her. So the cashier put her finger into the box, quickly pulled it out and exclaimed, "That smells like crap." ... The lady replied, "It is. I want to buy two rolls of toilet paper."



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6. A quote I like

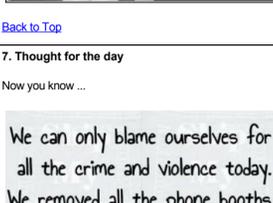
Dorothy Parker (1893-1967) was an American poet, short story writer, critic and satirist, best known for her wit, wisecracks and eye for 20th-century urban foibles.



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7. Thought for the day

Now you know ...



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8. Advance planning department

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A. NC events

(1) Community Choreography Projects Presents OUR STUFF: TRINKETS, TREASURES OR TIME TO LET GO. (2) Paula Hanke appearances.

B. PA/NJ event

Crime of the Century Explored in MCCC Theatre Program's Production of 'Never The Sinner.'

PS. Lest you forget, do this now if you haven't already done so ... and while you're at it, please join me in singing her classic song:

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Make it a wonderful week, too!

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