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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) Were visited by Cynthia's first cousin once removed, Cheryl Fishman and her husband Migue. We first went to Champa (top photo) for a great dinner and then to Kilwin's (bottom photo) for some tasty ice cream.



(2) Joined a bunch of our neighbors for some hearty chili at the home of Ginny Plaisted and Grant Randall (both sitting at the far end of the table).





(3) Saw Scott Treadway (left) and Michael MacCauley (right) in DIAL M FOR MURDER at Flat Rock Playhouse They were terrific. Kudos to the rest of the cast, too: Peter Thomasson, Willie Repoley and Vivian Smith, as well as to Angie Flynn-McIver for her spot-on direction and to Bill Munoz for his fight choreography/stage management.



B. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wed., November 8, 2017. ... Guest (first half): Padma Dyvine, Owner and designer of Integral Nursing Solutions, PLLC; for more information: www.integralnursingsolutions.com ... Guest (second half) Cappy Tosetti, Owner of Happy with Cappy Pet Sitting, who will be discussing her volunteer work for Haywood Street Congregation--making sleeping mats for the homeless; for more information: cappyt@att.net ... Pictured, l-r: Padma Dyvine, Blaine Greenfield and Cappy Tosetti.

To listen to the show, please click:
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C. In case you haven't heard, my BLAINESWORLD radio show (hosted by yours truly) is on weekly on WPVM/FM, 103.7 on Wednesdays from 9-10 a.m. ... The news: It will now also focus on the Asheville theatre scene, as well as continue to feature positive news and information about both people and organizations in the area. ... I'm especially interested in helping publicize productions you will be in and/or direct in the coming months. As always, I will keep including them in my BLAINESWORLD blog and on Facebook. ... If you'd like to be scheduled as a guest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put SCHEDULE in the subject line. Give me name and date for the production, along with your phone number in the body of the email. ... Thanks! ... PS. To find out more about the radio show, please click:
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D. During the week, I:

(1) Had the pleasure of visiting my friends Jeff Miller and Alice Johnson at their beautiful home in Hendersonville where they both gave me some great photography tips To learn more about this place, as well as the business that Jeff runs, please click:
[Here](#)



(2) Joined my friend Laresa Griffin for an outstanding lunch at Dandelion and then a tour of Safelight, the non-profit organization in Hendersonville that provides assistance for adults and children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual abuse or child abuse. To learn more about Safelight, please click: [Here](#)



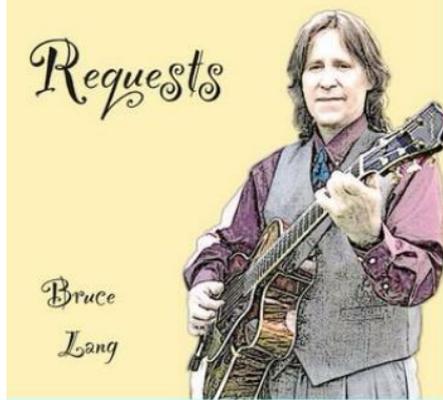
E. Congratulations to:

- (1) Kris Saucedo on placing second in North Carolina's NATS competition.
 - (2) Tom Heck, on the publication of the book he co-authored with Dave Baijer, FATHERS AND SONS TOGETHER - A MANUAL FOR GROWING YOUR BOYS THE F.A.S.T WAY.
 - (3) Dr. Fredric Weiss on his election as Lower Makefield Supervisor.
 - (4) Judith Loniak on the fact that her photographs will be included in the new book by Michelle Monet, "Creative People-And What Makes Them Tick."
- Note: Thanks, Judith, for providing the prize for Contest #22. See below for more information. To see some of her beautiful work and/or to order prints, please click: [Here](#)
- (5) Leah Wong Asheburn on her appearance on WLOS. For those who missed it, you can see her by clicking: [Here](#)
 - (6) Maria Medrano Armington on being named Diversity Specialist - Children's Programs at The Peace Center.
 - (7) Daniel Henry on being nominated for Best Actor in a Play (Drama) in the Charlotte Regional Awards for Broadway World. If you'd like to join me in voting for Daniel, please click: [Here](#)
 - (8) Rose-Marie Grace Vieira on being named one of Asheville's Top 13 Wedding Photographers.
 - (9) Evelyn Blau, winner of Contest #22--a copy of a print from Judith Loniak... And that reminds me that it's now time for:

***** CONTEST #23 *****

Three lucky readers will win an autographed copy of REQUESTS, my friend Bruce Lang's CD. There are 25 great songs on it, including "When I'm Sixty Four" that can be heard by clicking: [Here](#)

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #23 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. 20.



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

My wedding band is tight, and at times, my knuckle swells up as a result. So when visiting Pennsylvania not too long ago, I had the brilliant idea of seeing if I could get it off my finger. The only problem: I was in a car rental at the time and when I eventually got it off, the ring went flying deep into the space between the console and seat belt. . . I tried to find it, but could not. I even went to see Charles Leonard, my car guru (thecarcafe@gmail.com; 215.499.5364), but he couldn't find it either and thought that the seat might have to be disassembled. He also suggested that I go to the guy he uses for all repairs, Bob Frick, at Wrightstown Auto Repair at 2525 Bridgetown Pike in Langhorne; 215.750.5514. What a great recommendation that was. . . . Bob took me right away, searched the car and told me, I was out of luck--at least initially. He then disassembled one seat and still couldn't find the ring, so he did the same thing on the second seat. It was then that he found the ring. . . . He did all this work within 20 minutes. He was also very friendly and extremely reasonable with respect to what he charged me. . . . I hope I never have to go through this ordeal again, but I do know that if I was again in the Bucks County, PA, and needed my car repaired, I'd go to Wrightstown Auto Repair. I urge others in the area to do the same.

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2. FYI

I was having trouble with Netflix running smoothly. Too often, it would start and stop. . . . My computer guru, Jensen Gelfond (jensen@ashevilledigitalifestyle.com; 828.354.0371) checked my download speed . . . I only had 18 Mbps with AT&T, and he said that might well be the problem. . . . so I first checked Comcast to find out what it had to offer, then contacted AT&T with that information in hand.

The first representative I spoke with was a step above terrible. She also offered me 24 Mbps at the same price I was paying, but only for six months. I told her the truth; i.e., Comcast had a better deal. She then switched me to At&T's Loyalty Department.

They really want you stay with AT&T, so when I spoke to the representative there, she said I could get 50 Mbps--at \$25/month less than I had been paying. In addition, she said that I would be paying \$25 less for my TV service that was part of a bundle. Wow!

Lessons for y'all: 1. Check all your bills every so often, especially if you can compare and contrast them with the competition. 2. Ask to see if you can get a better deal than you currently have. (That's often the case.) 3. If not happy with what you are told, ask to speak to the company's Loyalty Department. Many companies have such departments, and they will often beat whatever deal is on the table because they want to keep your business.

FYI, part 2

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

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(1) Sharon Goodman: Can you resend your top 100 favorite movie list . . . please? (2) Scott Treadway: Actors say rude audiences are destroying Broadway. (3) How to Fulfill Your Dreams When the Magic-Wand Fairy is late. (4) Your Best Ways to Say 'Sorry, I'm Out of the Office.' (5) It's Your Fault People Always Misunderstand You. (6) This Is How to Be the Most Interesting Person in Any Conversation, According to Science. (7) What the Car Did--And What It Might Do. (8) Pope Francis: Mass Is for Lifting Hearts, Not Cellphones. (9) Delores Chalmers: Team In Training (TNT). Team In Training is the signature fundraising campaign for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) which is dedicated to battling blood cancers.

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3. Joke 1

My trainer said I can have 1 slice! (Thanks, Ed Nasta, for sharing.)





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4. Reviews

A. There aren't a lot of films out lately that I have been rushing to see, so I've taken to watching a bunch of stuff on TCM or via streaming; e.g., I recently saw GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT--and very much enjoyed it ... Gregory Peck stars as a widowed journalist who is invited by his publisher to write a series of articles on anti-Semitism. To do so, he decides to pose as a Jew. Gregory Peck is outstanding in the leading role, and so is Dorothy Mcguire as the woman he grows to love. ... The film won three Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Director (Elia Kazan) and Best Supporting Actress (Celeste Holm). ... Rated PG, but I wouldn't recommend it for any child under 11.

B. Read 100 WAYS TO MOTIVATE YOURSELF: CHANGE YOUR LIFE FOREVER, REVISED EDITION (Career Press) by Steve Chandler ... I've heard most if not all of these ideas before, but they're still a helpful reminder of things that can get anybody pumped up. ... I also liked the many examples that were used, including this one:

Perhaps the most memorable part of that day with Schwarzenegger [as his career was just beginning] occurred when he took an hour for lunch. I had my report's notebook out and was asking questions for the story while we ate. At one point I carefully asked him, "Now that you have retired from body-building, what are you going to do next?"

And with a voice as calm as if he were telling me about some mundane travel plans, he said, "I'm going to be the number-one box-office star in all of Hollywood." ...

"It's the same process I used in bodybuilding," he explained. "What you do is crate a vision of who you want to be, and then live into that picture as if it were already true."

While many adults would find 100 WAYS useful, I think it would be an especially good gift for any high school or college student.

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5. TV alert

A. WAR DOG: A SOLDIER'S BEST FRIEND: Monday, Nov. 13, at 8 p.m. on HBO Veterans Day salute to the loyal canines who risk their lives on missions.

B. MYTH BUSTERS: Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 9 p.m. on the Science Channel Returning to a new network after 14 seasons on Discovery, this reality series sets out to find out the such things as the risk of riding with one's foot on the dashboard.

C. NIGHT OF TOO MANY STARS: Saturday, Nov. 18, at 8 p.m. on HBO Jon Stewart hosts this annual charity event live from NYC's Madison Square Garden that benefits the nonprofit Next for Autism.

D. AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS: Sunday, Nov. 19, at 8 p.m. on ABC I'll tune to see a rare performance by Lifetime Achievement recipient Diana Ross.

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6. Joke 2

Today's parenting tip ...



"You said I should spend more time with our children, so I turned their faces into icons."

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Scuba Soldier - Back From Afghanistan Early - Surprises Family
[Here](#)

For more information about the above clip, please click:
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(2) Ed Hackett: Led Zeppelin - Stairway To Heaven Live
[Here](#)

(3) Milton singing "The Man Song" by Sean Morey
[Here](#)

(4) Conan Drives with Tom Cruise
[Here](#)

For the background behind the above clip, please read:
[Here](#)

B. Check out MINI, a magazine for the modern parent:
[Here](#)

There seem to be some good articles here, including:
What Age Should You Buy Your Kids a Smartphone?
Gwyneth Paltrow Made a Vitamin Just for Moms
How Do You know If You're Lactose Intolerant?
3 Kid-Friendly Spots for Your Summer Vacation

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

Here's How to Fix This Major Glitch On Your Updated iPhone
by Jennifer Calfas

If you're trying to type the letter "i" to a friend on your iPhone and instead get the letter "a" and some weird symbol, don't worry. You are not alone.

Along with the addition of a few new emojis, the latest iPhone iOS update - iOS 11.1 - brought along a major glitch that has some users struggling to type coherent sentences. The glitch has impacted a number of iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch devices with the updated software - and has not yet been resolved by Apple.

For the rest of this informative article, along with an accompanying video clip, please click:
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Note: This article points out the reason I'm typically not in a rush to get a new phone or any other device when it comes out. Plus, in the case of the iPhone, I'm not going to pay \$1,000 when what I have works just fine.

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9. Joke 3

BREAKING NEWS ... The NFL announced today that for financial reasons, they had to eliminate one team from the league. They've decided to combine the Green Bay Packers and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and form one team, causing many layoffs but saving millions of dollars in costs. They will be known as the TAMPACKS. ... Unfortunately, they're only good for one period and have no second string. (Thanks, Carole Biro, for sharing.)



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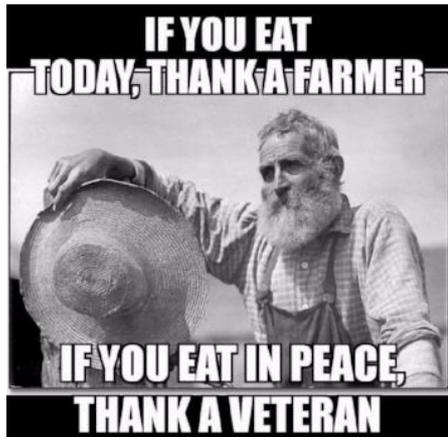
10. A quote I like

"Before you judge a man, walk a mile in his shoes. After that, who cares? He's a mile away, and you've got his shoes!"--Billy Connolly, Scottish comedian

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11. Thought for the day

What I'll do on Veterans Day--and also try to do every day of the year! (Thanks, Melissa ML Collins-Arnder, for sharing.)



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12. Advance planning department

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A. NC events

(1) Mike Martinelli: IRVING BERLIN'S HOLIDAY INN. (2) Stephen A. Gonya: LOVE LETTERS. (3) Marci Bernstein: Fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters of WNC and the Attic Salt Theatre Company.

B. PA/NJ events(1) At Kelsey Theatre at Mercer County Community College: IRVING BERLIN'S WHITE CHRISTMAS. (2) At Actors' Net of Bucks County: THE CHARITABLE CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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