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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) Joined our friends Davyne Dial and Herb Johnson at the world premiere of IN THE NICK OF TIME - MOUNTAIN POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETS AGAIN at The Magnetic. Playwright Honor Moor has come up with another winner in this hilarious follow-up to last year's MOUNTAIN POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE. ... All the local Democrats return, but they now have to take on a Team Party group to stop threats of fascism. ... All members of the ensemble cast shine whenever they are on stage: John Baldwin, Scott Cameron, Paul Clark, Delina Hensley, Tabitha Judy, Michael Lilly, Jennifer Memolo, Tim Plaut, Doug Shaw, Tara Theodossis and Mike Yow. ... Special kudos to Lilly, who also handled directing duties with aplomb, as well as to Moor for her play that features a terrific ending. ... You're in luck, in that you have until Nov. 24 to catch this show. For tickets, please click: [Here](#).



(2) From there, we went down the street for a tasty dinner at Fresh Wood Fired Pizza West.





(3) Had a terrific dinner at Iannucci's Pizzeria & Restaurant. The portions were huge, and the food was excellent--and so was the service we received from Sky.



B. HEADS UP ... be prepared to laugh, make that laugh a lot, when you see ESCANABA IN DA MOONLIGHT--now at Hendersonville Community Theatre through Nov. 24. ... This comedy, written by Jeff Daniels, is about hunting and is set in the Escanaba, Michigan area. But even if you're not a fan of hunting, you'll love the performances from Doug Sparks, Cody Pero, Jay Mitchell, Jack McConnell, Brent Schlueter and Jan Robbins, as well as Zachary Eden's spot on direction. ... For tickets, please click: [Here](#).



C. Cynthia was fortunate to have Roberta Anderson come visit our new home for a most helpful Feng Shui consultation. To find out more about the work that Roberta does in both this field and as a professional organizer, please click: [Here](#).





D. View my most recent BLAINESWORLD show on WPVM, featuring (first half) Steve Samuels; and (second half) Zachary Eden and Jay Mitchell by clicking: [Here](#).

Note: Special thanks to Grail Moviehouse for sponsoring the above. To find out what's currently playing there, please click: [Here](#).



E. Congratulations to:

(1) Scott Treadway on being named Best of Blue Ridge 2019 by BlueRidgeNow.com.

(2) Tobi Bruhn on his new position as executive director of the Foundations Community Partnership, as of April.

(3) Madeline Elizabeth Delp on placing in the Top 10 in the Miss NC USA Pageant and for winning Miss Congeniality.

(4) Judy Chadwick, winner of Contest #23: a copy of THE COACHING HABIT: SAY LESS, ASK MORE & CHANGE THE WAY YOU LEAD FOREVER by Michael Bungay Stanier. All told, there were just two entries. ... And that reminds me that it is now time to introduce:

***** CONTEST #24 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of BEAR AWARENESS: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON TAMING YOUR WILD MIND by Ajahn Brahm. To quote from the book's back cover: " In Bear Awareness English monk Ajahn Brahm answers actual questions from his meditation students--questions you may have had as well. While most mindfulness meditation teachers praise the benefits of bare awareness, he teaches bear awareness. He helps us make friends with the scary things that come up on the cushion, and he knows how to lift the mood with a well-placed stuffed teddy--or a well-timed pun."

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #24 in the subject line. Include your name and mailing address in the body of the email. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Mon., Nov. 25.

F. Invitations:

(1) PLEASE VOTE if you haven't done so already ... it will help sell our Biltmore Lake home if it wins this competition ... very simple to do: 1. Just click this link: [Here](#). ... And then 2. Click "Vote Now" on the bottom left photo (19 N. Kaufmann Stone Way) ... You have until Nov. 22 . Feel free to share this with 437 of your closest friends and relatives--and ask them to also vote. ... PS. If you want more information and/or pictures about this home, please click: [Here](#).

We think our home is looking pretty damn good, as it presently is, but somebody made the suggestion that we should consider updating one of our chandeliers. See below. I think it would certainly get some attention, but Cynthia thinks it might be just a tad much. What do you think?

Note: This is a real chandelier. For more information about it, please click: [Here](#).



(2) Care to join me at this gig? ... Come experience the marketplace as it might have been when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Be a part of the story ... that came true! ... It is not a paid gig, but one that should be a lot of fun. There are no rehearsals. You just show up, and they tell you what to do. It runs from Dec. 5-8, but you can choose to do any one, two, three or four performances. ... For more information or to register, please click: [Here](#).

Note: If you can join me on Thursday night, put down in the comments section: "If possible, team us with Blaine Greenfield and his group." Let me know if you'll be able to make it then and/or some other day. To do so, send an email to: bjinbc@aol.com and put RETURN in the subject line.



**** BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD ****

This week, it goes to Sherry Gaddis Dewees--box office manager at HART (Haywood

Arts Regional Theatre). ... She is always most helpful whenever I call to order tickets, and her friendliness is one of the reasons I typically call my order in vs. just ordering online. ... In addition, I even got the chance to see her perform on stage this summer in OLIVER. She probably needed roller skates that evening, having to run back and forth between the box office and getting into costume. ... And lest I forget, Sherry's husband Tom is another of my many favorite folks at this theatre. He serves as facility manager and shop carpenter, and he also acts in many of the shows. ... HART is lucky to have them both!

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2. FYI

Scott Treadway, my friend and actor/photographer extraordinaire, recently had one of his two cats escape. It did so on the coldest night of the year. Fortunately, the cat was found under the house.

But Scott's experience got me wanting to share these three reminders for owners of all dogs and cats.

A. Make sure your pet is microchipped (even if it is an indoor pet) because if it becomes lost, you are far more likely to be reunited if you get this done. For more information, please click: [Here](#).

B. Put a sign on the front door of your home, indicating how many pets are in your home. You might even indicate where they typically hang out. That way, if there's ever a fire or some other reason that would require folks to get into the house, they would know that animals were present. For information on some signs to get, please click: [Here](#).

C. Consider what would happen to your pet if you were gone, then plan accordingly. According to the American Pet Products Association, only 9 percent of people with wills have made provisions for their pets. For more information about this important topic please click: [Here](#).

FYI, part 2

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

(1) Mike Martinelli: SCAM ALERT. (2) Tony Medlin: New Leonard Cohen album of previously unreleased songs coming November. (3) The Basics of Caring for Your Sneakers. (4) Let's Wage a War on Loneliness. (5) How Walking Might Affect Our Sleep.

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3. Joke 1

The teacher asked little Larry if he knew his numbers. "Yes," he said, "I do. My father taught me." ... "Good. What comes after three?" ... "Four," answers the boy. ... "What comes after six?" ... "Seven." ... "Very good," says the teacher. "Your dad did a fine job. What comes after ten?" ... "A jack."



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4. Reviews

A. Saw HARRIET, the thrilling story of Harriet Tubman's escape from slavery and transformation into one of America's greatest heroes. Cynthia Erivo's performance in the leading role is Oscar-worthy, as is the entire film. Though rated PG-13, be aware that there is a good deal of violence, as well as language that contains racial epithets.

B. Heard THE BRIDGE TO BRILLIANCE: HOW ONE PRINCIPAL IN A TOUGH COMMUNITY IS INSPIRING THE WORLD (Penguin Audio), written by Rebecca Paley and narrated by Adenrele Ojo. ... This engrossing book tells the true story of how Paley went from being on the verge of quitting to forming Mott Hall Bridges Academy in one of New York City's most underprivileged communities. ... This amazing teacher tells the kids every day that they're extraordinary and that she loves them. When trouble stirs, she asks, "Would I have been proud to see what happened in that classroom? No? Then why did it happen?" She tells her teachers, "Don't tell me our scholars can't learn, because if you can't teach them, then I'll come teach your class for a couple of weeks." ... This book is a MUST read for all teachers and administrators. Parents and grandparents of children in school will also want to read it.

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5. TV alert

Note: You can get paid \$1,000 for watching TV. CenturyLink is looking to hire someone willing to watch 24 Hallmark Christmas movies in the 12 days before the holiday.

The company is accepting applications through Dec. 6. For more information, please click: [Here](#).

And if you're ready to apply, please click: [Here](#).

A. JEFF GARLIN: OUR MAN IN CHICAGO: via Netflix

If you're a fan of CURB YOUR ENTHUSIASM and/or THE GOLDBERGS, you'll want to catch Garlin this funny special. I've already seen it and do recommend it.

B. THIS IS US: Tuesday, Nov., 19, at 9 p.m. on NBC

I'm looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving with Randall and Beth as they plan to host adopted daughter Deja's birth mother as well as the ever-unpredictable Uncle Nicky.

C. MAD ABOUT YOU: Wednesday, Nov. 20, via Spectrum Originals

Paul Reiser and four-time Emmy winner Helen Hunt are back as Paul and Jamie Buchman in a 12-episode reboot of the romantic '90s sitcom (six episodes now, six episodes more on Dec. 18).

D. MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING: Friday, Nov. 22, at 9 p.m. on PBS (check local listings [Here](#))

All-black cast features Danielle Brooks and Grantham Coleman and is directed by Tony Award winner Kenny Leon

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6. Joke 2

This has my writing a note to myself for our cat Lovey's education: "Self, get her enrolled to become a technician for such equipment." (Thanks, Carol Duermit, for posting.)





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7. Clips/Websites

A. Something new ... each week, I'm going to run a Video of the Week. This is a favorite of mine and/or one that you will want to share with others.

This will surely be the case when you see:

ADORABLE ALERT: Kid gives his Halloween candy to house who ran out

To view it, please click: [Here](#).

And afterward, methinks you'll then want to visit Sect. 7B.

B. Check out these other clips at your convenience:

(1) You know what I want for Christmas: [Here](#).

(2) Flash mob Italian style: [Here](#).

(3) Nelson Sartoris: SET FIRE | DUBSTEP: [Here](#).

C. Last week, I mentioned BuzzFeed as a fun website to check out. Here's another one that is similar: theCHIVE.

According to its website, "TheCHIVE brings you the funniest, the most outrageous, and the best photos and videos. You will never be bored at school or work again. Ever." To view it, please click: [Here](#).

I'm not sure about the best designation, but I did find some interesting stuff here--including:

Real life Iron Man bad*ss breaks flight speed world record

People who slept with porn stars *off camera* reveal what it was like

Times people laughed at the most inappropriate of times

Professor hires juggles so students would attend class

D. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running . . . to view it, please click: [Here](#)

E. 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

Do you snip when using Microsoft Windows? If you don't ... or you have no idea what the term means, here is the definition:

Snipping Tool is a Microsoft Windows screenshot utility included in Windows Vista and later. It can take still screenshots of an open window, rectangular areas, a free-form area, or the entire screen. Snips can then be annotated using a mouse or a tablet, stored as an image file or an MHTML file, or e-mailed.

It is both amazing and free--and once you start using it, you'll be blown away by how often you will use it thereafter.

For more information about how to find it on your computer (it is already there), as well as how to use it, please click: [Here](#).

When you open this tool, you'll also see an invitation and keyboard shortcut to Snip & Sketch. For more info on this app, see How to take and annotate screenshots on Windows 10. More information on this can be obtained by clicking: [Here](#).

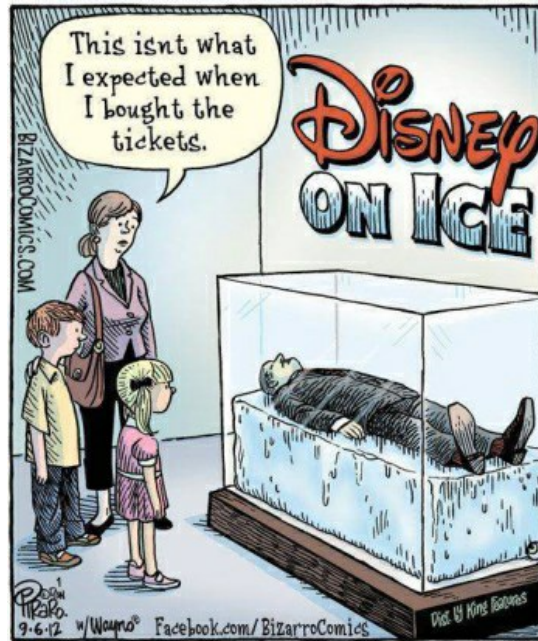
Mr. Curious here: I have not yet used Snip & Sketch. If you have, please share any

feedback you may have about it.

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9. Joke 3

I wouldn't be happy, either. But if I could get the chance to see the frozen Ted Williams, I would buy a ticket for that! (Thanks, Garry James, for sharing.)



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10. A quote I like

Thanks, Warren Friel, for sharing the following:

A "successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him."--David Brinkley (1920-2003), American journalist for both NBC and ABC in a career lasting from 1943 to 1997

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11. Thought for the day

If you are like me, and you celebrate all holidays because there's more food, fun and friendship that way, HAPPY VETERANS DAY. (Thanks, Ellen Pappas, for sharing.)



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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) Petty Ratusz: OPEN MIC NIGHT. (2) Damon Goldman: An Evening with Somewhat Petty. (3) Majo Madden: Thursday night gatherings.

B. PA/NJ event

Joe Doyle: ActorsNet auditions and next show.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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