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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) Enjoyed our first visit to Haywood Common where we had excellent hamburgers and the BEST sweet potato fries we've ever had. We will be back.



(2) Had a terrific dinner at the Olive Garden in Arden where we received fine service from Steven.





B. I got to solve all the world's problems over two separate lunches with my friends Stephen Forbus (top photo at The Soda Fountain at Woolworth Walk) and Jim Meyer (bottom photo at Ziggy's Bakery & Deli). The food in both instances was even better than it looks in the pictures.



C. Cynthia recently encountered this Havanese that she just had to pick up and hold. There's a story behind the photo, but I'm sworn to secrecy. You'll have to ask her for the details.





D. View my BLAINESWORLD radio show to see guests: (first half) Charlie Wilson; and (second half) Thomsen Guth by clicking this link: [Here](#).

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



E. Congratulations to:

- (1) Jeff Messer on being appointed to the Board of Directors for Hendersonville Community Theatre.
- (2) Jennifer Sell on being accepted into the Graduate Program at Winthrop University
- (3) Joe Calderwood on the publication of MONEY FAUCET, the second book in THE CLINT KENNEDY CRIME SERIES.
- (4) Rob Bradley, WLOS Weekend Meteorologist, on his new job in Colorado.
- (5) Lisa DePriest, winner of Contest #24: a copy of BEAR AWARENESS: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON TAMING YOUR WILD MIND by Ajahn Brahm. All told, there were just two entries. And that reminds me it is now time to announce ...

***** CONTEST #25 *****

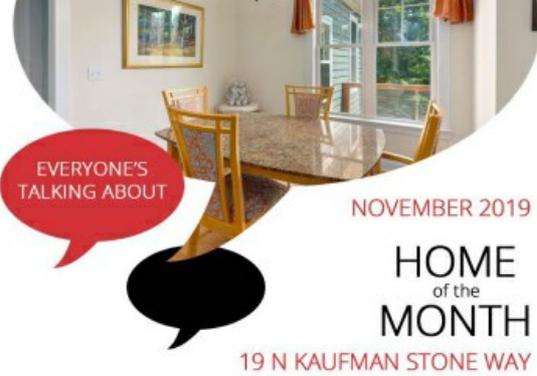
One lucky reader will win a copy of THE LONGEVITY PROJECT: SURPRISING DISCOVERIES FOR HEALTH AND LONG LIFE FROM THE LANDMARK EIGHT-DECADE STUDY by Howard S. Friedman and Leslie R. Martin. According to Malcolm Gladwell, author of The Tipping Point, "[It] uses one of the most famous studies in psychology to answer the question of who lives longest-- and why. The answers will surprise you. This is an important--and deeply fascinating--book."

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #25 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., December 9.

F. THANKS to y'all for making it possible for our previous home in Biltmore Lake to be named Beverly-Hanks Home of the Month! ... Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I appreciated all your votes and kind words. Please feel free to continue spreading the word about this property, in that it still has not been sold. ... And if you want to find out more and/or see pictures, please click: [Here](#).

Note: Stay tuned for details on the upcoming vote for Home of the Year. (Betcha can't wait!)





G. Last chance to join me in the following production:

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: bginbc@aol.com and put RETURN in the subject line.

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

This week, it goes to Harry's on the Hill in Asheville ... I purchased my Buick Encore there over a year ago and have enjoyed the car. And since then, I've very much appreciated the service I have received from this excellent dealership. Aside from the fact that my first two oil changes were free, I also liked that they were done in a timely fashion with very little waiting around on my part. One other time there was a factory recall, and Harry's even provided me a loaner vehicle for the day. .. On two separate occasions, I had minor body damage to my car. The first time, I stopped by and an employee (I'm sorry I did not get his name) popped a panel back at no charge. Most recently, somebody pulled up alongside my car and scratched the side area. I again stopped by, and this time, Wayne Sales--an estimator there--came out and buffed away the scratch. I was again impressed that there was no charge and, also, with the fact that the work was done without me having to wait around. ... I'm sold on Harry's on the Hill and think you will be, too. For more information, please click: [Here](#).

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2. FYI

FREE BOOK for BLAINESWORLD readers:

My friend Sunny Cook highly recommends the book, n of 1. In medical research, the number of subjects in a study is referred to as "n." Twenty-eight years ago, author Glenn Sabin, the former publisher of a successful jazz magazine, was stunned to be diagnosed with an incurable, fatal form of cancer: chronic lymphocytic leukemia. He elected to treat it with natural methods, but to also be continuously monitored and have his case fully documented by Harvard researchers. His experiment was an "n of 1"-an informal study of 1 subject: himself. His story reads like a thriller. "Must" reading for anyone given a hopeless diagnosis.

This free, complete book is a digital download. It is a Thanksgiving gift from the author and it expires December 3, 2019. To get your copy, all you need to do is click the following link: [Here](#).

FYI, part 2

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

(1) Maria Porambo: I read the article about close friends. (2) Nina Hart: Dearest friends - I'm having my biggest sale of the year - the self-paced Writing from the Top of Your Head 8-module Online Course. (3) Lori Hansen: Thanks for the info about pets the safety sticker and thinking about who takes care of her if something happens to me. (4) Broadway Shows: What to See and How to Get Cheap Tickets. (5) Eating After You Exercise May Provide Added Fat-Burning Benefits. (6) Man with autism starts his own business after no one else would hire him. (7) Ken Greenfield: See FIRST MAN again (fast forward) till you get the scene where there's a gathering at the White House.

3. Joke 1

You heard it here first! (Thanks Carole Biro, for sharing.)

Uber is now available in rural Western North Carolina.



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4. Reviews

A. Saw JOJO RABBIT, a World War II dramedy about a lonely German boy who discovers his world is turned upside down when he discovers his single mother is hiding a young Jewish girl in their attic. This film is up there on my list of 2019's best films. In particular, I was blown away by the performance of Roman Griffin Davis as Jojo. I also liked the direction of Taika Waititi who wrote the screenplay and who plays an imaginary, idiotic Adolf Hitler. And Sam Rockwell, as always, was terrific. Rated PG-13.

Thanks, Michael Dequina, for sending this Q&A with the cast that will provide you with more information about the film: [Here](#).

Note: JOJO RABBIT has been added to my list of favorite films. If you'd like to get a copy of this list, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

B. Ivan Winegar: A [See] KNIVES OUT. It has a great cast and is very funny. And the plot is more convoluted than Agatha Christie's. We loved it!

C. Read PURPLE GOLDFISH 2.0: 10 WAYS TO ATTRACT RAVING CUSTOMERS (9 INCH Marketing) by Stan Phelps and Evan Carroll and can't stop talking about it to both students and clients.

It shows them how to use the Purple Goldfish concept, which is defined as any time a business purposely goes above and beyond to provide a little something extra to differentiate the experience and honor the relationship.

What I liked most about the book were the many real-life examples given by the author, including these:

Zappos.com provides free shipping both ways, along with a 365-day return policy.
Kimpoton Inns used to offer lonesome guests the opportunity to check out a goldfish companion during their stay.
Complimentary spa services and an indoor driving range at a Lexus dealership.

And perhaps best of all: My beloved city of Asheville was also given as an example.

I now can't wait to read other books written by the authors!

Note: The above review was based on a complimentary copy of the book that I received from Stan Phelps, one of the authors. I was under no obligation as to what to write or even whether to review it.

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5. TV alert

A. Candace Mullett: Check out BROKEN on Netflix: [Here](#).

This investigative docuseries shows how negligence and deceit in the production and marketing of popular consumer items can result in dire outcomes.

B. THE KACEY MUSGRAVES CHRISTMAS SHOW: Now available via Amazon Prime Video

Musgraves welcomes an eclectic lineup of guests: Lana Del Rey ("I'll Be Home for Christmas"), James Corden ("Let It Snow"), Camila Cabello ("Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree"), Fred Armisen ("Silent Night") and the Radio City Rockettes for a night of classic and new holiday songs.

C. GARTH BROOKS: THE ROAD I'M ON: Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 2 and 3, at 9 p.m. on A&E

A two-part BIOGRAPHY special profiles the bestselling solo artist of all time, focusing on his legendary musical career and his devotion to family, including an almost 14-year hiatus starting in 2000 to raise his daughters.

D. THE MOODYS: Premieres on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 9 p.m. on Fox

An unconventional limited-run comedy series has back-to-back episodes and then continues on Monday, Dec. 9, and Tuesday, Dec. 10. Denis Leary and Elizabeth Perkins star as the parents of an unruly brood of young adults whose reunion is fraught with broken relationships, bad decisions and dark secrets.

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6. Joke 2

MR. HELPFUL here ... great gift idea for all your camping friends. (Thanks, Mike Martinelli, for sharing.)



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7. Clips/Websites

A. Video of the week

Carol Duermit: I'm a lucky girl. I must've done something right in life because this guy lets me do concerts with him. You really should watch this documentary on him: Pollination, Ep. 2: David Troy Francis: [Here](#)

My two cents: I agree. David rocks--and so does Carol!

B. And also check out these other clips at your convenience:

(1) Del Shannon: "Runaway," one of my all-time favorite songs: [Here](#).

(2) Jean Dolan: WKRP "As God as my witness, I thought turkeys could fly"

Thanksgiving: [Here](#).

(3) Pentatonix Tries To Sing 100 Pop Songs In 10 Minutes Challenge: [Here](#).

C. GIPHY houses the most popular GIFs, which are circulated over million times on the internet. They are a way of expressing yourself in a funny and inoffensive manner. To view them, please click: GIPHY houses the most popular GIFs, which are circulated over million times on the internet. To view them, please click: [Here](#).

They come in the following categories: Reactions, Entertainment, Sports, Stickers and Artist.

And here's an example of one you'll know why I like just by clicking this link: [Here](#).

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

How To Spot a Fake Website Or Phishing Attempt This Holiday Season
by Patrick Hearn

The holidays are almost upon us. Black Friday and Cyber Monday are less than two weeks away. For retailers, it's the most wonderful time of year-revenue goes up as shoppers scramble to snag the best deals and finish their Christmas shopping early (like they always say they're going to do, but somehow never succeed in doing).

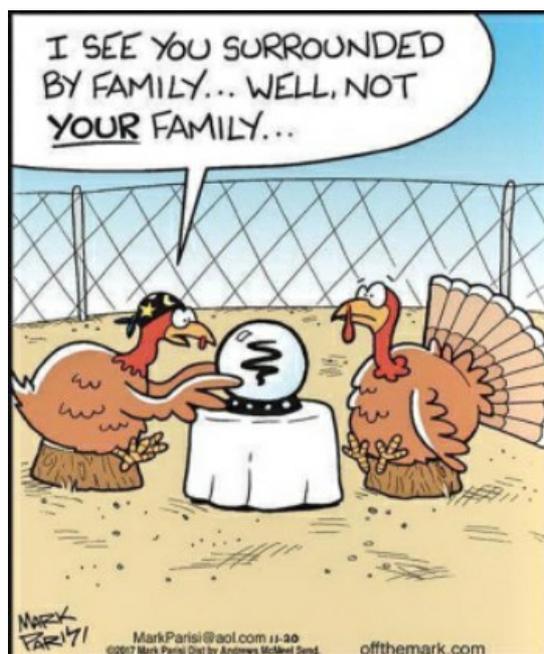
Unfortunately, this time of year is also a favorite of scammers. When there is a great deal and a finite number of products, consumers might not look too closely at whether a website is the real deal or not.

For the rest of this informative article, please click: [Here](#).

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9. Joke 3

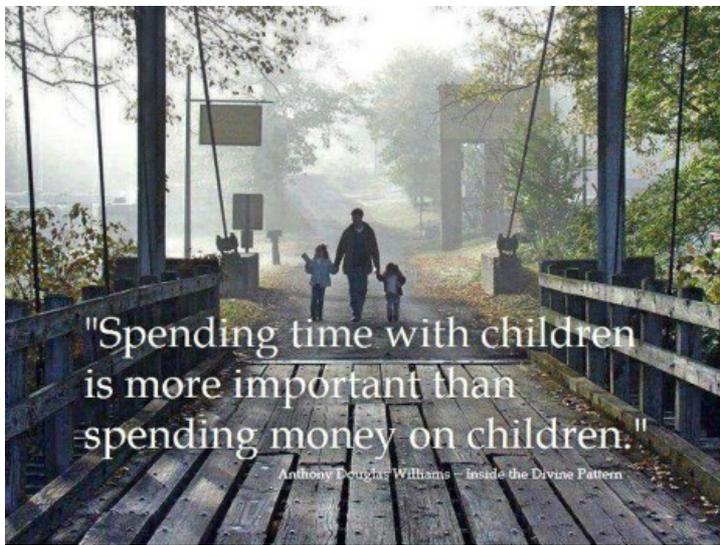
If you are like me, and you celebrate all holidays because there's more food, fun and friendship that way, my hope is that you had a HAPPY THANKSGIVING! ... And if you're a vegan, what follows are 44 recipes so good you won't feel like you missed anything: [Here](#). (Thanks, Ellen Pappas, for sharing.)



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10. A quote I like

Soooo true ...



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11. Thought for the day

Methinks I'll start doing this todayso if you're reading this, I'd like to tell you that you are very intelligent ... and I know that's true because you have chosen to be a BLAINESWORLD reader! (Thanks,Rebecca OQuinn , for sharing.)

People wonder why I give so many compliments to strangers.
I'm not being fake, & I'm certainly not looking for people to like me.
But, if I pass someone and I like something,
I say it:
"Love those shoes,"
"Great hair" or
"Your eyes are beautiful!"
...Why?
Because life is hard, and this world can be a shitty place.
Some people are just plain mean.
You never know how much those few words could mean to someone.
You never know what hell they may be going through.
And when you put positive vibes out in the universe, YOU become a happier person.
So, random compliment giving will change your life, and more importantly, it may change someone else's as well.

Pieces of Soul

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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) Jason Scholder: Not Quite Kosher Comedy Night at Ambrose West. (2) READERS THEATRE SHOWCASE: CHAGALL AND MRS. BELMONT. (3) CHRISTMAS BELLES at The Brevard Little Theatre. (4) THE 10TH ANNUAL BERNSTEIN FAMILY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR at The Magnetic Theatre.

B. PA/NJ event

Tom Orr: MARY POPPINS.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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