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1. Reflections

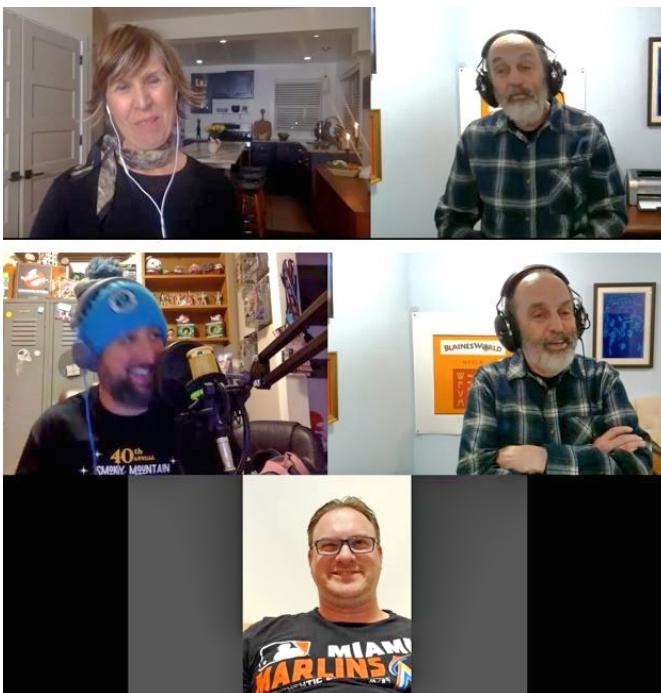
A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I continued to hunker down in Week 37 of the corona pandemic. Fortunately, that didn't prevent us from finding a new restaurant that's great for outdoor dining: Rye Knot, located at 868 Merimon Ave. in Asheville. Every patio table has its own heater, and the food is delicious. We'll be back!



B. I saw another fantastic virtual concert at White Horse Black Mountain. This one featured Franklin Keel on cello and Dr. Daniel Weiser on piano. To view it, please click: [Here](#).



C. This week's BLAINESWORLD radio/Facebook Live show featured the following terrific guests: (first half), Laurie Richardone, founder/developer, A taste for all Seasons; and (second half) Cory Miller, aka Dj RaZoR, and Paul Gerber. aka DJ Broadway--both DJs with 4Dreamerz Entertainment. ... To see it, please click: [Here](#).



D. Congratulations to:

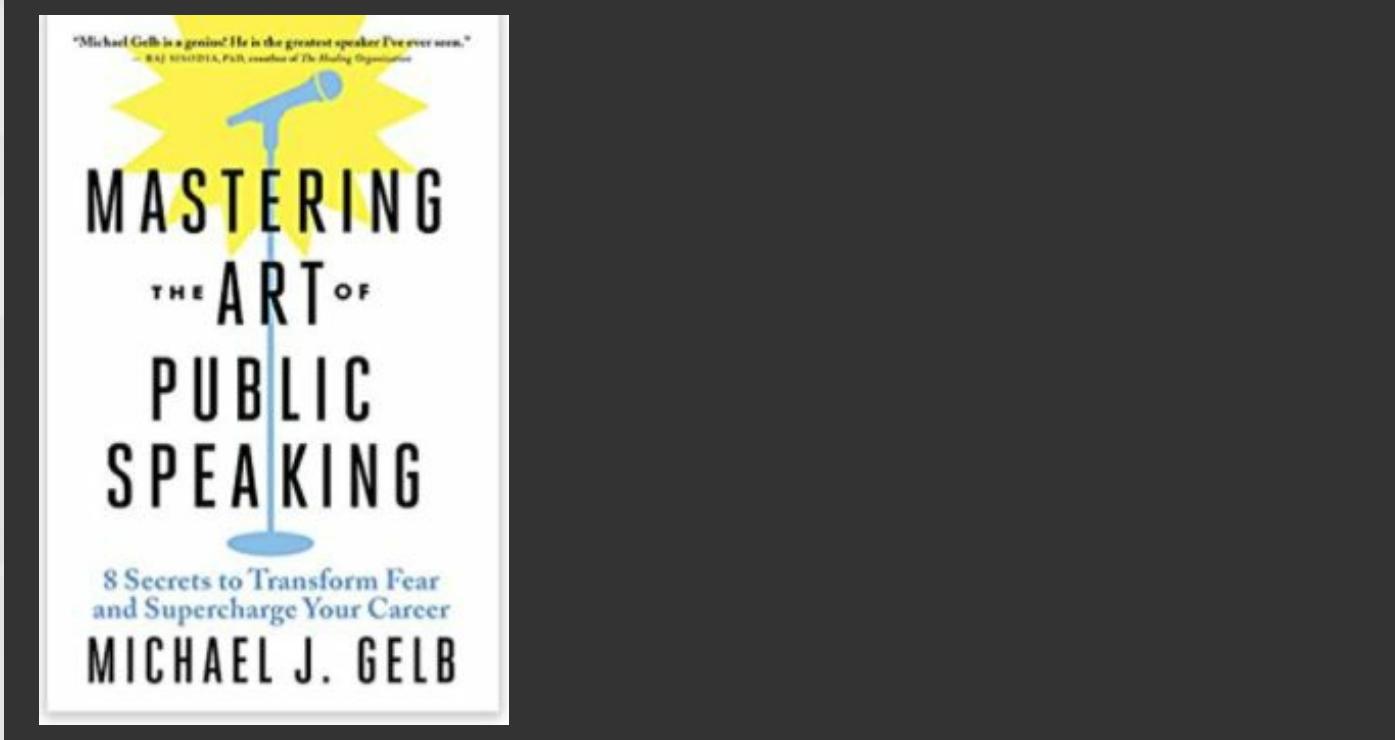
(1) Carol Duermit and family on the engagement of Carol's daughter, Lauren Few to Taylor Hollenkamp. It was even reported in a special article in THE NEW YORK TIMES that you can read by clicking: [Here](#).

(2) Susan Feinman, winner of Contest #23: a copy of GETTING INTO GUINNESS: ONE MAN'S LONGEST, FASTEST, HIGHEST JOURNEY INSIDE THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS RECORD BOOK by Larry Olmsted. All told, there were four entries. And that reminds me it is now time to introduce:

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

Two lucky readers will each win a copy of my friend Michael J. Gelb's latest book: MASTERING THE ART OF PUBLIC SPEAKING: 8 SECRETS TO TRANSFORM FEAR AND SUPERCHARGE YOUR CAREER. ... I'm presently reading it and loving it. ... To quote Mark Victor Hansen, cocreator of the CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL series, "My brilliant friend Michael J. Gelb has compressed the wisdom of our profession into a book that will help you get wherever you want to go, faster, easier, and smarter."

To enter, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #24 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include both your name and mailing address. All entries must be received on or before



E. Reminder: Join Cynthia in either of the two virtual courses she teaches for Arms Around ASD: Meditation on Mondays and Move Your Body on Wednesdays. To attend these and/or any of the others (that are open to the public), scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

F. Thanks, Ellen Pappas, for this week's nomination for the:

BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD WINNER

Nina Denninger has put up with me and remains my friend for over 50 years. That shows she has patience and is an eternal optimist.

Seriously though, I have been taking American Sign Language classes with Nina for two years. She has taught us much and she has shared her experiences of working with deaf students. She teaches this class out of the goodness of her heart ... just because.

She also supports the arts (especially theatre) in a BIG way, funding our Happy Together revues and makes sure she shows up to see her friend's performances. And again, she has put up with me for over 50 years ... so she is obviously patient and wise.



2. FYI

HOMEMAKING TIP OF THE DAY ... Follow my approach for folding a fitted sheet: 1. Take it out of dryer exactly as pictured below. 2. Shove it back in the linen closet. ... Then also rejoice in all the time you've saved! (Thanks, Sharon Lewis, for sharing.)



FYI, part 2

To read the following articles, please click: [Here](#).

A. Ray Davies on 50 Years of 'Lola.' B. Barack and Michelle: Scenes From a Marriage. C. 128 Tricky Questions That Could Stand Between You and U.S. Citizenship.

3. Joke 1

Has me writing a note to myself: "Self, rethink the need for wearing a mask in front of the pooch."
(Thanks, Marsha Safian, for sharing.)



4. Reviews

- A. Enjoyed BECOMING JANE, a romantic period drama about a young Jane Austen. Though her parents expected her to marry the nephew of wealthy Lady Gresham, she knew that this would only destroy her creativity and sense of self-worth. So she instead became involved with a charming but penniless apprentice lawyer. Anne Hathaway and James McAvoy both excel in the leading roles. Rated PG.
- B. Saw PINKY on TCM, a thought-provoking drama about a fair-skinned black woman who passed as white throughout nursing school. A doctor, unaware of her true background, proposes to her, and not sure on how to react, she turns to her grandmother for advice. Jeanne Crain, Ethel Barrymore and Ethel Waters were all nominated for Oscars for their performance, though none of them won the coveted prize that year. Not rated, but I would say it would be appropriate for mature teenagers.

C. I thought you'd like to see the following two articles:

(1) Meryl Streep Isn't on Our List of Greatest Actors. Here's Why.: [Here](#).

(2) Here's the above list: The 25 Greatest Actors of the 21st Century (So Far).: [Here](#).

5. TV alert

A. STAR OF THE MONTH: LAUREL AND HARDY: Monday, Dec. 7, at 12:30 p.m. A monthlong marathon of the comedy duo's 1920s shorts leads into their 1931 full-length debut, PARDON US, at 8 p.m.

B. DR. SEUSS' THE GRINCH MUSICAL: Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m. on NBC
Matthew Morrison stars in the title role.

C. ONE NIGHT ONLY; THE BEST OF BROADWAY: Thursday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. on NBC
Tina Fey hosts this two-hour salute, which features performances from Kelly Clarkson, Patty LaBelle,

D. THE BEE GEES: HOW CAN YOU MEND A BROKEN HEART: Documentary premiere on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. on HBO

TV GUIDE asks, "How deep is your love for the Bee Gees? It's bound to grow after watching Frank Marshall's illuminating movie biography of the Brothers Gibb. ... Even when fads faded and their popularity as a group wanted, they kept writing songs--more than 1,000."

6. Joke 2

My first job was working in an orange juice factory, but I got canned. ... Couldn't concentrate!



7. Clips/Websites

A. The Turtles are arguably the greatest rock group of all time!

(1) As mentioned previously, this section will feature music by The Turtles--either their recordings and/or covers of their music by others.

I'd especially love to see any recording you may have done of "Happy Together."

Send it to: bginbc@aol.com and put THE TURTLES in the subject line.

Note: Even if you did not do a recording, I welcome anything done by others--not only of "Happy Together," but any other Turtles' song.

(2) For this week, please find this performance from Larry L: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

The Proposal, which shows the actual proposal made by Dan Beckmann to Erinn Dearth: [Here](#).

I'm soooo happy for my two talented friends and was glad to be part off the audience when it first aired on IT'S RILEY, their weekly show.



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

(1) The Best – Gloria Gaynor, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Ashleigh Phillips: Blue Christmas: [Here](#).

(3) Howard Smith: At Jesus' Feet: A Christmas Celebration, featuring performances by Ashleigh Phillips, as well as by Hope Hamby and Snapper Green: [Here](#)

and also:

Howard Smith: Christmas music: [Here](#).

(4) Brian Biro: CELEBRATE WHAT'S RIGHT WITH THE WORLD! | Dewitt Jones: [Here](#).

D. Here's a website that you will want to check out:

Bullying is a huge topic and the Bully Project has the goal of ending bullying in the next generation. To check it out, please click: [Here](#).

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

F. 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](#).

8. Technology tip

To get someone's attention in a group chat when using your iPhone, mention him or her directly by typing the @ symbol followed by the name. Then hit the space bar or add punctuation to bold the person's name and make the @ symbol disappear. After you send the message, the mentioned person will receive a notification. The best thing: Your message won't get lost in a long thread.

9. Joke 3

A mother was teaching her child about the side effects of alcohol. She gets two shot glasses, filling one with water and the other with whiskey. She says, "I want you to see this." ... She puts a worm in the water, and it swims around. She puts a worm in the whiskey, and the worm dies immediately. She then asks, feeling that she has clearly made her point, "What do you have to say about this experiment?" ... The child responds by saying, "If I drink whiskey, I won't get worms!"



10. A quote I like

Thanks, Rafer Johnson (1935-2020), for your memorable career as a decathlon career, actor and goodwill ambassador for the United States. For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#).

"I tell them how what matters is becoming the best you can be at whatever you're doing."--Rafer Johnson



11. Thought for the day

The Group of Frogs

As a group of frogs was traveling through the woods, two of them fell into a deep pit. When the other frogs crowded around the pit and saw how deep it was, they told the two frogs that there was no hope left for them.

However, the two frogs decided to ignore what the others were saying and they proceeded to try and jump out of the pit.

Despite their efforts, the group of frogs at the top of the pit were still saying that they should just give up. That they would never make it out.

Eventually, one of the frogs took heed to what the others were saying and he gave up, falling down to his death. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just die.

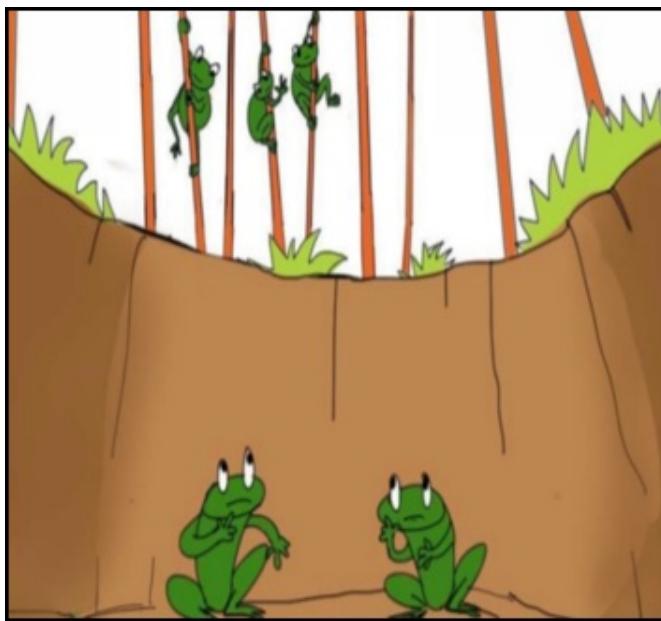
He jumped even harder and finally made it out. When he got out, the other frogs said, "Did you not hear us?"

The frog explained to them that he was deaf. He thought they were encouraging him the entire time.

Moral of the story:

People's words can have a big effect on other's lives. Think about what you say before it comes out of your mouth. It might just be the difference between life and death.

Source: [Here](#).



12. Advance planning department

To find out more about the following events, please click: [Here](#).

A. Mark Jones: TOGETHER. B. John Adams: A CHRISTMAS CAROL. C. Willie Repoley: IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE 2020. D. Ana-Alicia Carroll: Join us for Getting Through the HoliDaze. E. Sunny Ruble: WOMANSONG REIMAGINED.

PS. Make it a great day!

