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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: bnjwc@bcaol.com and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Joined our friends Padma Dyvine and Will Redish for a delicious dinner at Carme's (left photo) where we received fine service from Liam. From there, we saw an outstanding Different Strokes! production, THE SUBMISSION. It starred Maxwell Koger and Kirby Gibson (right photo), along with Jon Stockdale and Travis Lowe. They were all outstanding, as was Stephanie Hickling-Beckman's direction. Nathan Singer, who served as assistant director, stage manager and designer. Deserves kudos for the informative discussion he led afterwards.



(2) Had fun at Karen Mazza's surprise birthday that was skillfully arranged by Jeff Baker. That's the fun at Karen Mazza's surprise birthday to our right. For more pictures from the evening, please click: [Here](#)



B. During the week, I:

(1) Attended an excellent production of THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD that was put on by The Asheville School Dramatic Society. Kathy Leiner and John Crawley co-directed with aplomb, and Mac Waters (right) was just one of many outstanding students in the cast.



(2) Saw Hendersonville Community Theatre's laugh-filled production of THE FOREIGNER, starring, Mr. Tater Albert Clay Gaskill and Jonathan Forrester. Not pictured were the other stars of the show: Henry Styron, Charlene Lightfoot Sprinks, Victoria Lamberth and Bryan Byrd. Beth Bristol and Colby Coren, director and assistant director respectively, provided spot on direction.

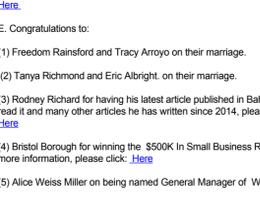


(3) Met my friend Carol Anders for lunch at Early Girl Eatery where we had a great lunch and discussed local theatre. Special thanks, Carol, for telling me about your radio show on WPMV--and then encouraging me to have my own show. See Section 7C for the rest of the story.



C. BREAKING NEWS! ... Forget about President Trump for the time being and focus on what's really important ... I'm using this space to announce my upcoming radio show on Wednesdays at 9 a. on WPMV, 103.7 FM out of Asheville. If you can't pick it up, it will also be available online at: [Here](#)

Thereafter, the show will be available via the station's archives. ... FYI: My guests this coming Wednesday are: 1. Brian Biro, Asheville's amazing motivational speaker, who will be speaking about his brand new book: THERE ARE NO OVERACHIEVERS; and 2. Emily Balcken who will be discussing Our Voice's upcoming Walk a Mile campaign, along with the Hop's Greg Garrison. ... And pictured: That's me, discussing the show with Davyne Dial, WPMV's president.



D. Condolences to:

- (1) Bruce Martin and family on the passing of Bruce's older sister.
- (2) Neal Appeal and family on the passing of Lucille Sibley, Neal's aunt.
- (3) Paula Simpson Orr and family on the passing of Patrick "Ople" Connolly, Paula's nephew.
- (4) Gene Grugan and family on the passing of Shirley Kennedy Grugan, Gene's wife. For her obituary, please click: [Here](#).

E. Congratulations to:

- (1) Freedom Rainsford and Tracy Arroyo on their marriage.
- (2) Tanya Richmond and Eric Albright, on their marriage.
- (3) Rodney Richard for having his latest article published in BahaiTeachings.org. To read it and many other articles he has written since 2014, please click: [Here](#)
- (4) Bristol Borough for winning the \$500K In Small Business Revolution Contest. For more information, please click: [Here](#)
- (5) Alice Weiss Miller on being named General Manager of WWFM.
- (6) Channah Mohler and family on the birth of Jonathan Gabriel Mohler, Channah's grandson.
- (7) Brian Biro on the upcoming release of his book, THERE ARE NO OVERACHIEVERS. Please read the following good news if you want to pre-order a copy: Free Gift With Book Pre-Order!

Pre-order your copy of There Are No Overachievers before its release date March 14 and receive your choice of one of my e-Books completely FREE!
All you need to do is purchase the book from Amazon (<http://amzn.to/2u2PIB>) or any retailer and fill out this quick form so we can send you the link to the book.

There Are No Overachievers will serve as an inspirational and practical guide you can apply in all areas of your life to unleash your true potential! To quote Brian, "I'm thrilled to offer this special gift and invite you to share this post with any of your friends who would benefit from this deal and the message of my new book!"

Note: I've already read the book. It's terrific!



(8) Phil Hendel, winner of Contest #4: copy of CREATIVITY & PROBLEM SOLVING by Brian Tracy. All told, there were four entries. And that reminds me that it is now time for: ***** CONTEST #5 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of the HEART OF HOSPITALITY: GREAT HOTELS AND RESTAURANT LEADERS SHARE THEIR SECRETS by Mich Solomon. Perhaps the best part about the book is that it can be read by anybody having to deal with customers, regardless of industry, and you'll find yourself with dozens of ideas that can be immediately put into practice. ... I reviewed it in BLAINESWORLD #1043 and very much enjoyed it. It is one of the best books on customer service that I have ever read. ... To enter the contest: Send an email to: bnjwc@bcaol.com and put CONTEST #5 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, March 13, at 9 p.m.

F. Reminders:

- (1) Please join me at the next event of Asheville Jewish Business Forum on Thursday, March 9, at Strada Asheville. David Block will be speaking on the following topic: "Is this the death knell for Obamacare?" ... For more information, please click: [Here](#)

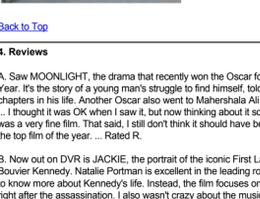
Note: You don't have to be Jewish to attend.

- (2) There's still time to register for Walk a Mile Asheville on Saturday, May 6. And even if you physically can't join us, you're welcome to make a contribution on our BLAINESWORLD's team behalf to support the efforts of our team. ... For more information, please click: [Here](#)

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

This week it goes to my friend Walter Beals--pictured below between Susannah Bew and Cynthia Greenfield. That's me to the far right. ... Walter just completed his trip to outer space, having reached his goal of going up 20,000 flights of stairs in the Buncombe County Courthouse. In the process, he also lost 175 pounds. ... When not getting into fantastic shape, Walter is a legal assistant for the Buncombe County Public Defender's Office, and he is a member of the Forty Fingers & A Missing Tooth juggling troupe. ... For more information, please click: [Here](#)

Note: You can also learn more about Walter's accomplishment by watching him on the news on WLOS, Channel 13, out of Asheville, on Monday, March 6, at 5:30 p.m. He'll be featured on a segment put together by John Lee.



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2. FYI

Free Pancake Day 2017: IHOP offering free short stack for charity by Debbie Lord, Cox Media Group National Content Desk

Have a hankering for a short stack of pancakes? The International House of Pancakes can hook you up, and they will even sweeten the deal.

On Tuesday, the chain will be celebrating its 12th annual National Pancake Day. From 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., participating IHOP restaurants will be giving away short stacks (three buttermilk pancakes) in the hopes that customers will donate to the company's charity fund.

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

FYI, part 2

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

- [Here](#)
- (1) In 'Walden' Video Game, the Challenge is Stillness. (2) Cappy Tosetti: You are the car's pajamas! (3) What Happens When Parents are Rude in the Hospital. (4) Steve Darter: No review this time? (5) Meredith and Bob Krollman: We have joined your walk a mile team! (6) Tom Swyers: My book is available for free.

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3. Joke 1

I could have seen my Mom doing this! Coincidentally, I just bought a real one the other day from the fine folks at Charlotte Street Computers. Too bad it wasn't the same price. (Thanks, Susanne Steele, for posting.)



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4. Reviews

A. Saw MOONLIGHT, the drama that recently won the Oscar for Best Picture of the Year. It's the story of a young man's struggle to find himself, told across three defining chapters in his life. Another Oscar also went to Mahershala Ali Best Supporting Actor. ... I thought it was OK when I saw it, but now thinking about it some more, I realize that it was a very fine film. That said, I still don't think it should have beat LA LA LAND for the top film of the year. ... Rated R.

B. Now out on DVR is JACKIE, the portrait of the iconic First Lady--then Jacqueline Kennedy. Natalie Portman is excellent in the leading role, but overall, I wanted to know more about Kennedy's life. Instead, the film focuses on her life just before and right after the assassination. I also wasn't crazy about the music. Rated R, though methinks it would be appropriate for any mature teenager.

C. Read PAUL NEWMAN: A LIFE (Three Rivers Press) by Shawn Levy. I really enjoyed this book, probably in large part because I have seen just about all of the actor's films--and enjoyed most of them. ... I got a real behind-the-scenes view of his life, both on movie sets but also as an entrepreneur and philanthropist. ... In addition, I enjoyed reading about his long marriage to Joanne Woodward. This one passage perhaps sums it best:

For his part, Newman spoke of her in genuinely fond terms that meant to empathize her congeniality and allure but perhaps too often sounded laddish or indelicate. "She's the last of the great broads," he was fond of saying early in their marriage and then a few years later, famously and to his regret, he reasserted his monogamy by declaring, "I have steak at home; why should I go out for a hamburger?" (Chastened by Joanne for comparing her, in effect, to a piece of meat, he tried another metaphor. "She's like a classy '82 Bordeaux," he told a female interviewer. "No, make it '59. That's a year that ages well in the bottle. Will I get in trouble for that?")

D. Heard HARRIET TUBMAN: THE ROAD TO FREEDOM (Hachette Audio), written by Catherine Clinton and narrated by Shayna Small. The author did an excellent job of telling the story of this remarkable woman's life, particularly since there were so few written records. I found out that she had many reputations: to John Brown, leader of the Harpers Ferry slave uprising, she was General Tubman; for the many slaves she led to freedom, she was Moses; to the slaveholders who sought her capture, she was a thief; and to abolitionists, she was a prophet. ... I felt history truly coming alive as I learned about Tubman. And now I find myself wanting to know more about the Underground Railroad that Tubman used to help so many slaves.

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5. TV alert

A. MAKING HISTORY: Sundays at 8:30 p.m. on Fox
A Massachusetts college figure figures how to jump back in time to the Colonial.

B. TIME AFTER TIME: Sundays at 9 p.m. on ABC
Based on the novel and 1979 movie of the same name, this show follows the adventures of famed science fiction writer H. G. Wells as he pursues one of history's most well-known serial killers, Jack the Ripper.

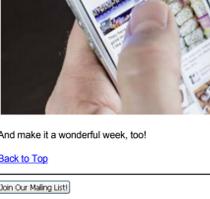
C. FEUD: BETTE AND JOAN: Series premieres on Sun., March 5, at 10 p.m. on FX
Susan Sarandon plays Bette Davis and Jessica Lange has the role of Joan Crawford in this 8-hour project that deals with the making of WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO BABY JANE?, the 1962 classic that launched an entire horror genre but found older actresses acting demented.

D. JERROD CARMICHAEL: Saturday, March 11, at 10 p.m. on HBO
This is the second HOBO special from the comedian, creator and star of NBC's THE CARMICHAEL SHOW.

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6. Joke 2

I saw a sign that said "watch for children" and I thought, "That sounds like a fair trade." (Thanks, Janeen Ravkin, for sharing.)



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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

- (1) 'La La Land' Audition: James Corden's Ode to the Oscars [Here](#)
- (2) Steven Sphulman ...Kitten Therapy [Here](#)
- (3) Bonnie Sibner: They think it's a cow [Here](#)
- (4) Spring training catch of the year (see clip that spot of accompanying article) [Here](#)

B. I rarely answer my phone unless I know who is calling me. Here's an excellent website to identify who is calling you before you pick up the phone: [Here](#)

I recently used it to investigate the following number that seemed vaguely familiar: 215.845.9018. Turns out it was from a student loan scammer who offered to reduce loan rates, but who actually phish for you credit card numbers.

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

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: [Here](#)

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8. Technology tip

The next time, you need to scan something, take a picture of what you want to scan instead. Then use the picture instead of the scan. I find doing this is both quicker and easier.

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9. Joke 3

I don't have gray hair. I have "wisdom highlights." I'm just very wise. (My dermatologist extraordinaire, Dr. Todd Wilkinson, told me something similar when I asked him about my old age spots. He said they were "wisdom spots.")

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10. A quote I like

I've adopted the guideline of Warren Buffett's partner, Charlie Munger, who says, "I wanna know where I'll be when I die--so I never go there."--Tom Brokaw (born 1940), American television journalist and author, in A LUCKY LIFE INTERRUPTED: A MEMOIR OF HOPE:

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11. Thought for the day

Always go the funeral

by Deirdre Sullivan

I believe in always going to the funeral. My father taught me that.

The first time he said it directly to me, I was 16 and trying to get out of going to calling hours for Miss Emerson, my old fifth grade math teacher. I did not want to go. My father was unequivocal. "Dee," he said, "you're going. Always go to the funeral. Do it for the family."

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12. Advance planning department

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A. NC events

- (1) TERRY TEMPEST: THE FINAL INTERVIEW. (2) Technology to Empower You At Home, On the Go, and in Your Community.

B. Nationwide

Donna Allen: Kentucky's Climate March (Moms Clean Air Force).

PS. To all my friends giving up Facebook for Lent, hurry back soon. Things just won't be the same without 'ch'da. ... In the meantime, I'm glad that you will now have more time for your Pinterest addiction!



And make it a wonderful week, too!

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