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### 1. Reflections

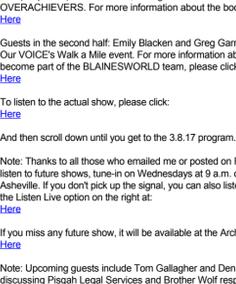
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A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Had fun at a hand casting party with our friends, I-r: Dave Blumbo, Marcy Gallagher, Tom Gallagher and Judy Blumbo. That's Cynthia and me on the right with our hands that had been done previously. (See BLAINESWORLD #1063.) ... Kuboo to Walter Beals for the magnificent work he did in making these works of art. ... For more pictures, as well as contact information for Walter, please click: [Here](#)



(2) Enjoyed a tasty dinner at 131 Main.



B. During the week, I:

(1) Did my first BLAINESWORLD radio show on WPVN in Asheville. It featured Brian Biro (left picture) in the first half, talking about his new book: THERE ARE NO OVERACHIEVERS. For more information about the book, PLEASE click: [Here](#)

Guests in the second half: Emily Blacken and Greg Garrison (right picture) discussed Our VOICES Walk a Mile event. For more information about the event and/or to become part of the BLAINESWORLD team, please click: [Here](#)

To listen to the actual show, please click: [Here](#)

And then scroll down until you get to the 3.8.17 program.

Note: Thanks to all those who emailed me or posted on Facebook about the show. To listen to future shows, tune-in on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. on WPVM 103.7 in Asheville. If you don't pick up the signal, you can also listen to it on the Internet via the Listen Live option on the right at: [Here](#)

If you miss any future show, it will be available at the Archives at the top of this link: [Here](#)

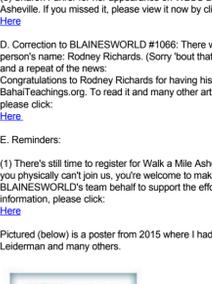
Note: Upcoming guests include Tom Gallagher and Denise Bitz on Wed. March 15, discussing Pisgah Legal Services and Brother Wolf respectively.



(2) Had pizza at Four Brothers Pizza with my neighbors, I-r: Andrew Zimnicki, Tracy Hackett, Ed Hackett and next to me, Grant Randall. The best part at least for me: I can go there and get a pineapple topping—even by the slice. Now as everybody knows, that is arguably the best topping you can get on pizza. ... Incredibly, they don't agree with that assessment in Iceland. The president of that country would ban it if he could. To read more, please click: [Here](#)



(3) Found out that I no longer have a forehead. I now have a fivehead! ... In case you're wondering, that's defined as follows: ... Fivehead (n): The bit of your head that's normally called the forehead, but when it's so big it can fit five fingers on it instead of four. ... I'm in good company, too ... Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hanks, Neil Patrick Harris and Ryan Reynolds, among others, have similar fiveheads. ... To find out more, please click: [Here](#)



C. Congratulations to:

(1) Justin Belleme on his engagement to Jill.

(2) Walter Beals on his appearance on a great segment put together by John Le on WLOS. To view it, please click: [Here](#)

(3) Sharon Fahner for her appearance on WLOS about history repeating itself in Asheville. If you missed it, please view it now by clicking: [Here](#)

D. Correction to BLAINESWORLD #1066: There was a misspelling on the following person's name: Rodney Richards. (Sorry 'bout that, Rod.) Here is the correct spelling and a repeat of the news: Congratulations to Rodney Richards for having his latest article published in BahaiTeachings.org. To read it and many other articles he has written since 2014, please click: [Here](#)

E. Reminders:

(1) There's still time to register for Walk a Mile Asheville on Sat., 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](#)

Pictured (below) is a poster from 2015 where I had the honor of walking with BJ Lederman and many others.



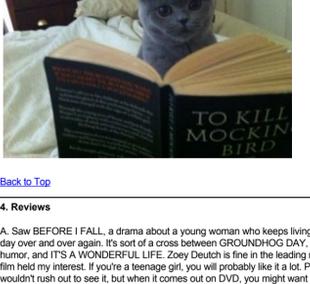
(2) Don't forget to enter ...

\*\*\*\*\* CONTEST #5 \*\*\*\*\*

One lucky reader will win a copy of THE HEART OF HOSPITALITY: GREAT HOTELS AND RESTAURANT LEADERS SHARE THEIR SECRETS by Micah Solomon. Perhaps the best part about the book is that it can be read by anybody having to deal with customers, regardless of the industry, and you'll find yourself with dozens of ideas that can be immediately put into practice. ... I reviewed it on 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: [lgibnc@aol.com](mailto:lgibnc@aol.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.

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

This week, it goes to Jim Meyer—the producer/liner extraordinaire for all new program hosts on WPVM. He did a fantastic job of showing me how to work the board, and he has since been available to answer my many questions. He also handles the board and does weather during the morning "Democracy Now" show, and in the afternoons, he produces "The Jeff Messer" show on 880 the Revolution. In addition, I have had the pleasure of seeing Jim act in several local theatrical productions.



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### 2. FYI

Wouldn't it be cool if new employees were greeted with some degree of enthusiasm? Personally, I love the approach followed by this one company: [Here](#)

FYI, part 2

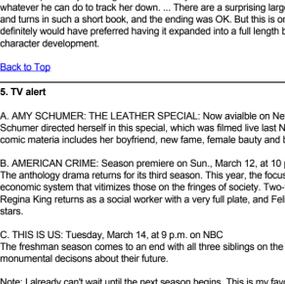
To read each of the following contributions in full, please click: [Here](#)

(1) The Pope on Panhandling; Give Without Worry. (2) Linda Kanner: My hairdresser calls my gray hairs, "stress highlights." (3) Herb Spiegel: My philosophy is be in the back of all funeral processions. (4) 5 ways decluttering can benefit your health. (5) Carol Seufert ... Why a Silent Book Club Might Save Your Life. (6) 25 songs that tell us where music is going. (7) Librarians develop new fact-checking system.

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### 3. Joke 1

What's even worse .... I wasted a whole day reading the book to find that out.



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### 4. Reviews

A. Saw BEFORE I FALL, a drama about a young woman who keeps living the same day over and over again. It's sort of a cross between GROUNDHOG DAY, without the humor, and IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE. Zoey Deutch is fine in the leading role, and the film held my interest. If you're a teenage girl, you will probably like it a lot. Personally, I wouldn't rush out to see it, but when it comes out on DVD, you might want to give it a shot. Rated PG-13.

B. See if you can find A MAJORITY OF ONE on Netflix or TCM. It's a sweet love story that was unusual at the time because it probed the nature of prejudice, and it also was one of the rare 60s films that was geared to the older set. Rosalind Russell plays a Jewish widow who meets Alex Guinness, a suave, Japanese businessman. Though the film could well have been cast differently (e.g., with both a real Jewish woman and an Asian man), it nevertheless works. Not rated, but certainly appropriate for any teenager.

C. Read A LUCKY LIFE INTERRUPTED: A MEMOIR OF HOPE (Random House) by Tom Brokaw, the acclaimed newscaster. ... He had led a fortunate life until the summer of 2013 when back pain led him to the Mayo Clinics. Doctors there told him he had multiple myeloma, a treatable but incurable blood cancer. ... All of a sudden, the "lucky star" that friends referred to now "has a dimmer switch," according to the author. ... The book made me feel like I was in a one-on-one conversation with Brokaw. I learned how he dealt with facing his condition, as well as how he helped others. Also, I liked how he reflected on some of the most important moments in his career, including memories of Nelson Mandela, the Dalai Lama, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the morning of September 11, 2001 and more. ... I got a special kick out of the stories about his family, such as when his Dad would say, "I always told you, Tom, stick with me and you'll go places." And then we'd both have a big laugh. His other great line, when I was doing NBC NIGHTLY NEWS, was "You're doing pretty well but you're no Paul Harvey." ... he also quoted his Mother's standard line when he was dressed for award events. When he asked her how he looked, she would inevitably say, "Nice dear, but what makes you think everyone will be looking only at you?" ... Although I very much enjoyed reading LUCKY LIFE INTERRUPTED, this is one book that I would have perhaps even enjoyed more had I listened to Brokaw read it aloud.

D. heard HIDDEN: A MITCHUM STORY (Hachette Audio) by James Patterson with James O. Born and read by Wayne Pyle. ... This short novel deals with a small town's unofficial private eye having his beloved 14-year-old abducted. He then does whatever he can do to track her down. ... There are a surprising large number of twists and turns in such a short book, and the ending was OK. But this is one story that I definitely would have preferred having it expanded into a full length book with more character development.

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### 5. TV alert

A. AMY SCHUMER: THE LEATHER SPECIAL: Now available on Netflix  
Schumer directed herself in this special, which was filmed live last November. Her comic materia includes her boyfriend, new fame, female beauty and binge drinking.

B. AMERICAN CRIME: Season premiere on Sun., March 12, at 10 p.m. on ABC  
The anthology drama returns for its third season. This year, the focus is on an economic system that victimizes those on the fringes of society. Two-time Emmy winner Regina King returns as a social worker with a very full plate, and Felicity Huffman also stars.

C. THIS IS US: Tuesday, March 14, at 9 p.m. on NBC  
The freshman season comes to an end with all three siblings on the cusp of making monumental decisions about their future.

Note: I already can't wait until the next season begins. This is my favorite show on TV. Even if you've missed every episode so far, check it out and then see if you can find earlier episodes on Demand and/or via Hulu.

D. LTRIAL & ERROR: Murder premiere on Tues., March 14 at 10 p.m. on NBC  
John Lithgow plays a surgeon presides on three inappropriate statements and actions make him look quibbler by the minute. TV GUIDE calls it a "deeply silly sitcom."

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### 6. Joke 2

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees. (Thanks, Ivan Winegar, for sharing.)



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### 7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Gil Calderwood ... "No Thanks" Best DHS Checkpoint Refusals EVER!  
[Here](#)

(2) Samuel L. Jackson Acts Out His Film Career with James Corden  
[Here](#)

(3) Pentatonix & Dolly Parton - Jolene  
[Here](#)

(4) Jim Chewning: Why a Man Should Never Complain  
[Here](#)

(5) Children interrupt BBC News interview  
[Here](#)

Note: To read more about the above, please click: [Here](#)

B. Thanks, Tom Swyers, for referring me to this great website for over 890,000 free stock photos, vectors and art illustrations:  
[Here](#)

To quote from the website: "All images and videos on Pixabay are released free of copyrights under Creative Commons CC0. You may download, modify, distribute, and use them royalty free for anything you like, even in commercial applications. Attribution is not required."

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

With Claims of C.I.A. Hacking, How to Protect Your Devices  
by Brian X. Chen

WikiLeaks this week published a trove of documents that appears to detail how the Central Intelligence Agency successfully hacked a wide variety of tech products, including iPhones, Android devices, Wi-Fi routers and Samsung televisions.

That's just about every major category of consumer electronics. So what does that mean for you if you own one—or several—of these gadgets?

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

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### 9. Joke 3

A woman goes to the doctor for help with her sex life. He says, "Give your husband some Viagra." She replies, "I can't. He hates pills." Doctor: "Just put some in his coffee." The next week, she returns unhappy. The doctor asks, "Did it work?" Woman: "It was the worst sex I ever had. He sipped his coffee, then he pushed everything off the table and made mad passionate love to me right then and there." Doctor: "So what's wrong with that?" ... "I'll never be able to show my face in Starbucks again."



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### 10. A quote I like

Jack Warner (1892-1978) was a Canadian-American film executive who was the president and driving force behind the Warner Bros. Studios in Burbank, CA.



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### 11. Thought for the day

You May Want to Marry My Husband  
by Amy Krause Rosenthal

I have been trying to write this for a while, but the morphine and lack of juicy cheeseburgers (what has it been now, five weeks without real food?) had drained my energy and interfered with whatever prose prowess remains. Additionally, the intermittent micropaps that keep whisking me away missendence are clearly not propelling my work forward as quickly as I would like. But they are, admittedly, a bit of trippy fun.

Still, I have to stick with it, because I'm facing a deadline. In this case, a pressing one. I need to say this (and say it right) while I have a) your attention, and b) a pulse.

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

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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) Magical Moments of Asheville. (2) Unit 50 Special Throwdown Rivalry. (3) Richard Shulman & Jacob Rodriguez in Concert.

B. PANJL events

(1) Twelfth Night. (2) To Kill a Mockingbird.

PS. DON'T FORGET ... put your clocks ahead one hour because Daylight Savings Time begins on Sun., March 12, at 2 a.m. ... My take: I'm bummed, in that the one hour we lose was the one when I was planning to go to the gym!



And make it a wonderful rest of the week, too!

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