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**1. Reflections**

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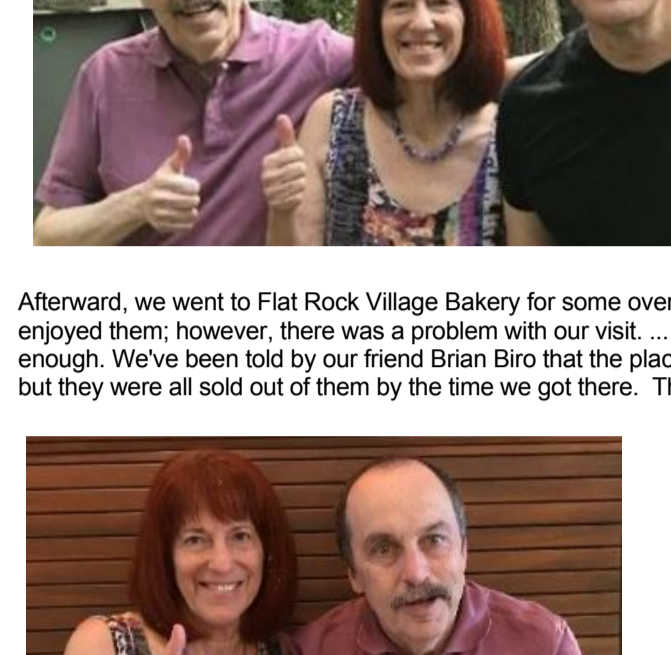
Note: Don't worry. Your eyes aren't deceiving you. Not all regular sections are included in this week's issue because of space limitations (and the fact that additional pictures have been included). They will return next week.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

- (1) Celebrated my birthday with friends, I-r: Will Redish, Padma Dyvine and Connor Ray. We first had a tasty dinner at Twisted Crepe.

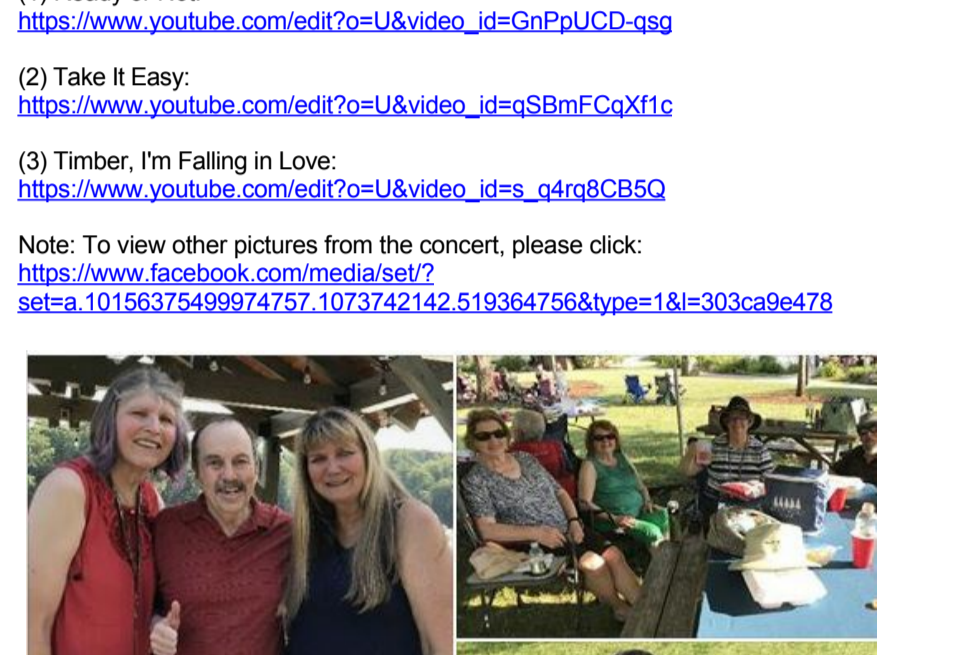


From there, we went with Will and Padma to see ELEMOSYNARY, the Different Strokes! production now at the Be Be Theatre through June 30. This is a funny play, make that a VERY FUNNY play, that will have you laughing from beginning to end. Scott Treadway and Preston Dyer are in their usual top form, Ryan Nixon is hysterical as Scott's ever-changing love interest, and Lisa Bryant's direction is spot on. ... Do yourself a favor and catch this show. You can get tickets by clicking: [Here](#)

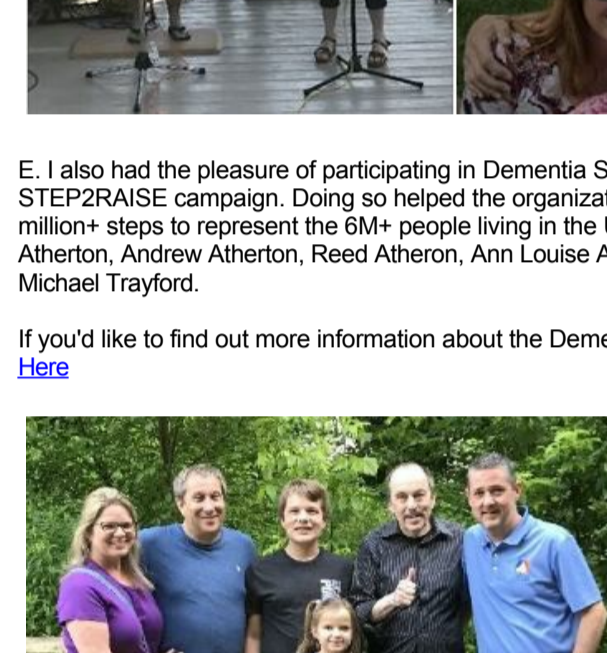


Note: Thank you to everybody who remembered my birthday and more importantly, thank you for being a friend. I'd sing that latter thought for you, but didn't want to ruin your day ... so being Mr. Considerate here. I'll let you instead listen to it by clicking this link: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/differentstrokesperformingartscollective/115588>

B. Be forewarned: If you're in a serious mood, don't see Norm Foster's THE LOVE LIST--now at Flat Rock Playhouse through June 30. This is a funny play, make that a VERY FUNNY play, that will have you laughing from beginning to end. Scott Treadway and Preston Dyer are in their usual top form, Ryan Nixon is hysterical as Scott's ever-changing love interest, and Lisa Bryant's direction is spot on. ... Do yourself a favor and catch this show. You can get tickets by clicking: [Here](#)

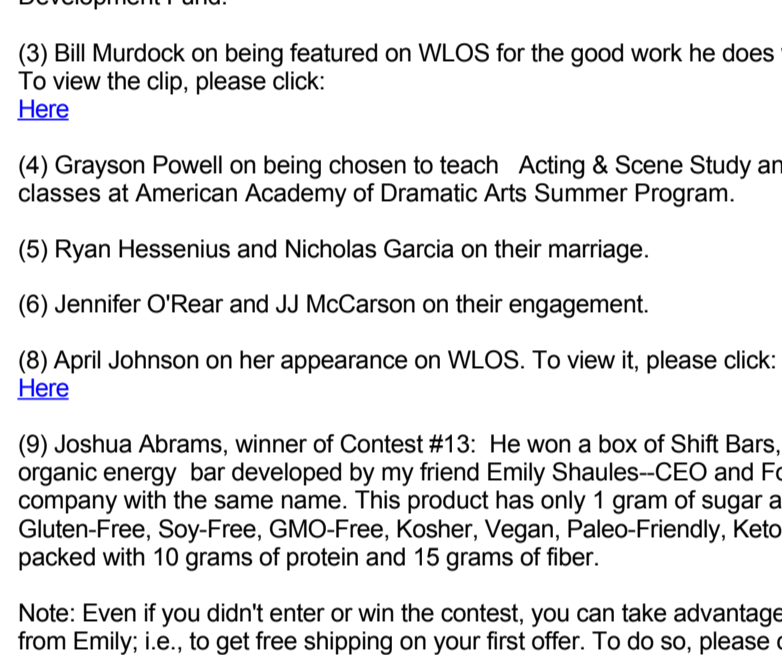


Afterward, we went to Flat Rock Village Bakery for some overstuffed sandwiches. We enjoyed them; however, there was a problem with our visit. ... we didn't get there early enough. We've been told by our friend Brian Biro that the place has the best cinnamon buns, but they were all sold out of them by the time we got there. They also had run out of bagels.



C. WPVMFM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wednesday, June 20, 2018 ... Guest (first half): River Guerguerian, director of Asheville Rhythm; for more information: <http://www.guerguerian.com>. Guest (second half): Mandy Bean, director and actor; for more information: [MandyDBean@gmail.com](mailto:MandyDBean@gmail.com) ... To view the show via Facebook Live, click: <https://youtu.be/STgtAz4CM0> ... to listen to the show, click: <https://tinyurl.com/y9ohfy89> ... Pictured, I-r: River Guerguerian, Blaine Greenfield and Mandy Bean.

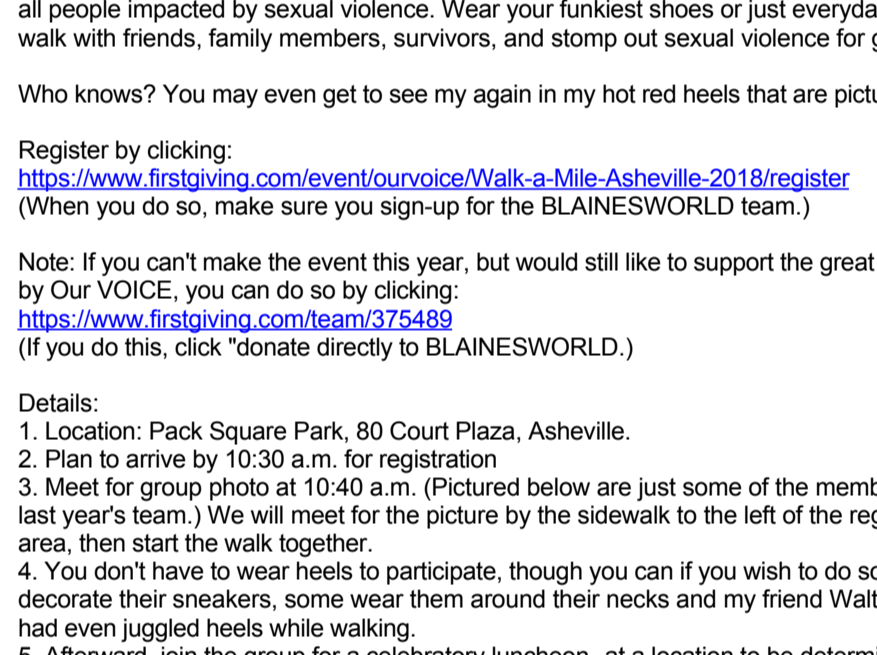
Note: Listen careful to the first part for directions on how to win a free ticket to the upcoming Asheville Percussion Festival.



D. I had the pleasure of seeing Deep River in concert on Jun 15, 2018, at Biltmore Lake. ... Featured: Sharon Lewis, bass guitar and vocals; Sandy Howard, acoustic guitar and vocals; Nita Smith, vocals; Justin Watt, drums; Gerry Brown, pedal steel and acoustic guitars; and Alec Fehl, lead guitar. ... To view three of the songs they performed, please click the links that follow:

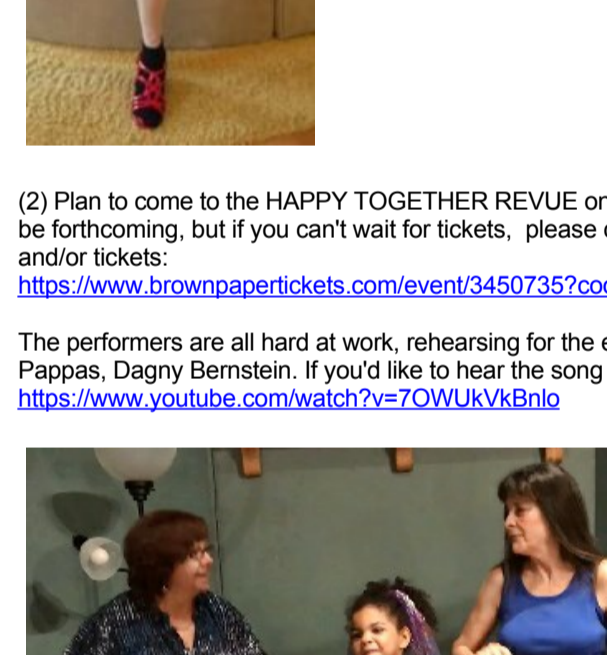
- (1) Ready or Not: [https://www.youtube.com/edit?o=U&video\\_id=GnPpLCD-qsq](https://www.youtube.com/edit?o=U&video_id=GnPpLCD-qsq)
- (2) Take It Easy: [https://www.youtube.com/edit?o=U&video\\_id=5pS8mFCqX1fc](https://www.youtube.com/edit?o=U&video_id=5pS8mFCqX1fc)
- (3) Timber, I'm Falling in Love: [https://www.youtube.com/edit?o=U&video\\_id=5s\\_qfqr8CB9G](https://www.youtube.com/edit?o=U&video_id=5s_qfqr8CB9G)

Note: To view other pictures from the concert, please click: [https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?seta.10156375499974757\\_10743742142\\_5193647568&type=1&f=303ca9e478](https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?seta.10156375499974757_10743742142_5193647568&type=1&f=303ca9e478)



E. I also had the pleasure of participating in Dementia Society of America's annual STEP2RAISE campaign. Doing so helped the organization reach its nationwide goal of 6 million+ steps to represent the 6M+ people living in the U.S. ... Pictured, I-r: Mary Beth Althorn, Andrew Althorn, Reed Adheron, Ann Louise Althorn, Blaine Greenfield and Michael Trayford.

If you'd like to find out more information about the Dementia Society of America, please click: [Here](#)



**F. Congratulations to:**

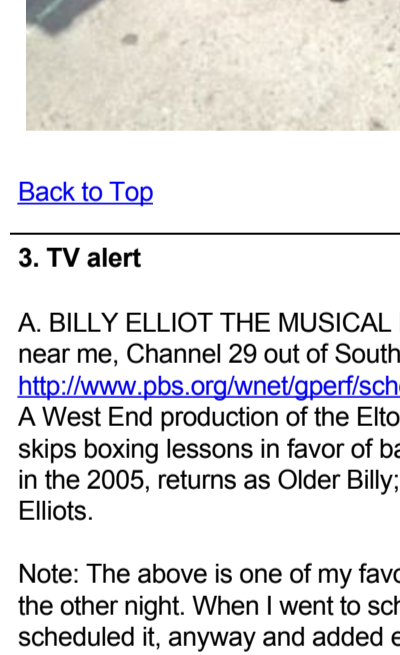
- (1) Rose-Marie Grace Vieira and Dawn Westmoreland for having their stories published in STAND UP: SPEAK OUT AGAINST WORKPLACE BULLYING: YOUR GUIDE TO SURVIVAL AND RECOVERY. Guest (second half): Mandy Bean, director and actor; for more information: [MandyDBean@gmail.com](mailto:MandyDBean@gmail.com) ... To view the show via Facebook Live, click: <https://youtu.be/STgtAz4CM0> ... to listen to the show, click: <https://tinyurl.com/y9ohfy89> ... Pictured, I-r: River Guerguerian, Blaine Greenfield and Mandy Bean.
- (2) Rose-Marie Viera on winning the Extra Effort Award from the Carolina Small Development Fund.
- (3) Bill Murdock on being featured on WLOS for the good work he does with Eblen Charities. To view the clip, please click: [Here](#)
- (4) Grayson Powell on being chosen to teach Acting & Scene Study and Improvisation classes at American Academy of Dramatic Arts Summer Program.
- (5) Ryan Hesseus and Nicholas Garcia on their marriage.
- (6) Jennifer O'Rear and JJ McCarrson on their engagement.
- (8) April Johnson on her appearance on WLOS. To view it, please click: [Here](#)
- (9) Joshua Abrams, winner of Contest #13: He won a box of Shift Bars, the delicious organic energy bar developed by my friend Emily Shaules--CEO and Founder of the company with the same name. This product has only 1 gram of sugar and is Organic, Gluten-Free, Soy-free, GMO-Free, Kosher, Vegan, Paleo-Friendly, Keto-Friendly, and is packed with 10 grams of protein and 15 grams of fiber.

Note: Even if you didn't enter or win the contest, you can take advantage of a generous offer from Emily, i.e., to get free shipping on your first order. To do so, please click: [Here](#)

All told, there were a record-breaking 17 entries (the most who have entered any contest). And that reminds me that it's now time to introduce ...

\*\*\*\*\* CONTEST #14 \*\*\*\*\*

Steve Darter, my friend and high school classmate, is offering one lucky reader a copy of his latest book LESSONS FROM LIFE: FOUR KEYS TO LIVING WITH MORE MEANING, PURPOSE, AND SUCCESS. ... I recently read this and really enjoyed it. (See my review in BLAINESWORLD #1132.) ... You will, too, especially if you lived in the Five Towns, went to school sometime between 1960 and 1980 or want to hear a bunch of stories that you will be able to relate to in your own life. ... To enter the contest, send an email to: [bjgibc@aol.com](mailto:bjgibc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #14 in the subject line, then include your name, snail mail address in the body of the email. ... All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Mon. July 2, 2018.



G. Correction: Dr. Dan Lunsford was omitted from the list of the Board of Directors for SART in last week's issue. Sorry about that.

**H. Invitations:**

- (1) Please join the BLAINESWORLD team in this year's Our VOICE's Walk a Mile Asheville! on Sat., June 30. We will leisurely march a mile through downtown Asheville in solidarity with all people impacted by sexual violence. Wear your funkiest shoes or just everyday kicks to walk with friends, family members, survivors, and stomp out sexual violence for good!

Who knows? You may even get to see my again in a hot red heels that are pictured below.

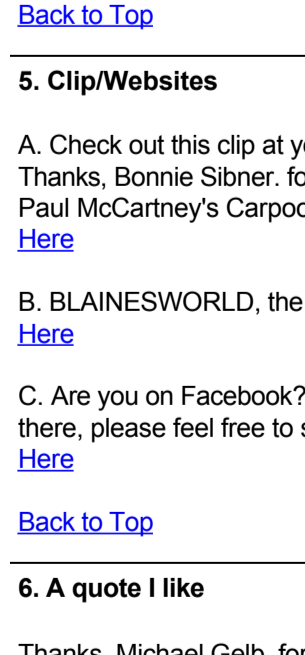
Register by clicking: <https://www.firstgiving.com/event/ourvoice/Walk-a-Mile-Asheville-2018/register> (When you do so, make sure you sign-up for the BLAINESWORLD team.)

Note: If you can't make the event this year, but would still like to support the great work done by Our VOICE, you can do so by clicking: <https://www.firstgiving.com/team/375489> (If you do this, click "donate directly to BLAINESWORLD.")

- Details:
- 1. Location: Park Square Park, 80 Court Plaza, Asheville, Asheville.
- 2. Plan to arrive by 10:30 a.m. for registration
- 3. Meet for group photo at 10:40 a.m. (Pictured below are just some of the members from last year's team) We will meet for the picture by the sidewalk to the left of the registration area, then start the walk together.
- 4. You don't have to wear heels to participate, though you can if you wish to do so. Others decorate their sneakers, some wear them around their necks and my friend Walter Beals had even juggled heels while walking.
- 5. Afterward, join the group for a celebratory luncheon--at a location to be determined. That will start around 12 noon.

Hope to see you!

PS. Questions: Send an email to me, Blaine Greenfield, at: [bjgibc@aol.com](mailto:bjgibc@aol.com) or message me via Facebook.



- (2) Plan to come to the HAPPY TOGETHER REVUE on July 22 or July 29. More details will be forthcoming, but if you can't wait for tickets, please click this link for more information and/or tickets: [https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2450735?cookie\\_header=1](https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2450735?cookie_header=1)

The performers are all hard at work, rehearsing for the evening. Pictured below, I-r: Ellen Pappas, Dagny Bernstein. If you'd like to hear the song they were singing, please click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70WUkVbNto>



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

This week, it goes to you for reading BLAINESWORLD--this week and throughout the year. As a result of your doing so, I received an All Star Award from Constant Contact (the company that mails out this missive).

To quote from part of the letter I received from the company: Last year, your efforts to manage your clients' accounts and engage with your customers were exemplary. Stellar. We certainly noticed. So we are thrilled to name you to our roster of 2017 All Stars based on your performance.

This annual designation is something that only 10% of Constant Contact customers receive for their excellence in building better customer relationships.

Note: Special thanks to Aaron Means, owner of ACTIVATE Internet Marketing Service. He is the person who taught me much of what I know about email marketing and here, he has remained a big help to me.

He can be reached via email at: [aaron@helpwithmarketing.com](mailto:aaron@helpwithmarketing.com) and live chat! Contact all of you you want to use Constant Contact (and I strongly recommend that you do if you do any email marketing), best of Aaron directly. You'll get a discount when you do, as well as about \$400 in free, getting services marketing services.

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**2. Joke 1**

My hope is that you got to enjoy this day with your dad, if you're fortunate to still have him around, if you didn't, you got to enjoy this day with your mom. As you know, I celebrate ALL holidays because there is more food, fun and friends that way. (Thanks, Bettina Yiannakourou, for sharing.)



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**3. TV alert**

A. BILLY ELLIOT THE MUSICAL LIVE: Sun., June 24, at 9 p.m. on PBS (on the station near me, Channel 29 out of South Carolina; and check for other performances at: <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/gper/schedule/>) (you can view your local channel if need be) A West End production of the Elton John-Lee Hall musical about an English lad who skips boxing lessons in favor of ballet class. Liam Howler, the first to play Elliot on stage in the 2005, returns as Older Billy; and the finale features 25 current and former Billy Elliots.

Note: The above is one of my favorite musicals. I saw it advertised when watching PBS the other night. When I went to schedule it on my DVR, I saw another program listed. I scheduled it, anyway and added extra time to the program that was listed (since the program is slated to run some three hours). I've also written Channel 29 for clarification, so if I hear anything soon, I'll let you know.

B. BELIEVER: Mon, June 25, at 8 p.m. on HBO This documentary features Imagine Dragons' Dan Reynolds, challenging his Mormon church to open its heart to L.G.B.T.O. members. He does so by organizing a Love and Festival to promote tolerance and inclusivity, even as church leadership doubles down on anti-gay rhetoric.

C. Tuesday, June 26, 8/7c | TCM A month-long salute to great movie musicals (on Tuesdays and Thursdays) continues with MY FAIR LADY AT 8 p.m. and THE MUSIC MAN at 11 p.m. 5c).

D. GLOW: Season premiere on Friday, June 29, on Netflix The second season of this backstage comedy about the women of TV wrestling returns for its second season. I watched the first season and got a kick out of it. According to GUIDE, "The exuberant lady wrestlers are never down for the count."

Note: You don't have to be wrestling fan to enjoy this show.

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**4. Joke 2**

I'm not saying that my Biltmore Lake hood is rough. But when you see crows with ankle monitors and knives, you know that Bob Dylan had it right when he sang "The Times They Are A-Changin'." (Thanks, David Joe Miller, for sharing.)



**Joke 3**

A lawyer is in a bar. He is bored, so he turns to the woman next to him and offers to play a game. He says, "If you can't answer my question, you give me \$5. If I can't answer your question, I'll give you \$50." ... The woman says OK and is asked: "What's the distance between the Earth and Mars?" Without saying a word, the woman hands him \$5. ... The woman then asks: "What goes up a hill with 3 legs and comes down with 4 legs?" The lawyer, having no idea, gives the woman \$50. ... The woman puts the \$50 into her purse. The lawyer is peeved and asks, "Well, what's the answer?" ... The woman glances at him with a smirk on her face and hands him a \$5 bill.



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**5. Clip/Websites**

A. Check out this clip at your convenience: Thanks, Bonnie Sibrer, for sharing the following clip. It's one of best I have seen lately. Paul McCartney's Carpool Karaoke Leaves James Corden In Tears [Here](#)

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

C. 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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**6. A quote I like**

Thanks, Michael Gelb, for sharing this quote: "You always have a choice to put a space between the stimulus you are encountering and your habitual response, to take a moment to choose how you want to react. This place of inner freedom is the source of peace, joy and genuine self-expression. Learning to access that place is the greatest gift you can give yourself."--Deborah Domanski

Note: The above quote was taken from an article, "From Opera To Improv: How Deborah Domanski Found Her True Voice," that I think you'll find very interesting. You'll also get to hear Deborah sing if you do so. The link is: [Here](#)



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**7. Thought for the day**

Using "The Bible To Contradict Jesus by Guy Sayles"

No, Attorney General Sessions, you may not use Paul's words in Romans 13:1 to justify the heinous separation of children from their parents. That text was abused by church officials who ordered the brutal Crusades against Muslims, by southern preachers who sought to prop-up the Confederacy's shameful claim that slavery was consistent with God's will, and by German Christians who cravenly legitimated Nazism.

Like them, Sessions has made the Bible a tool of propaganda. He has attempted to clothe naked cruelty with scripture, and he has failed.

To read the rest of this insightful post, please click: <https://mp.me/p1gg9c/v-2C6b>

\* Reprinted with Guy's gracious permission from his Facebook post of June 16, 2018.



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PS. Might you be able to help Terry Crosby? Female writer looking for a new living situation in the Asheville area, starting August 1st. A quiet, country-ish spot with calm views (not a city apartment or condo), fenced back yard or safely away from traffic for my small dog (10 lbs) and cat who goes outside. 2 BR, 2 bath with a good kitchen in a back house, cabin in the woods, or small, light filled country house. Also willing to share a larger space with another writer or similar. Terri Crosby 714-240-4889.

And whatever you do, make it a wonderful week!

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