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1. Reflections

Note: Please excuse the lateness off this week's issue, but my modem went down for a day and when it got back up, I found that my PC was not working. So as I wait for that to be repaired, I'm using my laptop and attempting to get this done as quickly as possible. In addition, I've been busy putting together the pictures and clips for that short play about me that was performed. (Kindly see the first part of Section 1A for more information.)

Note: Due to the fact that there are so many pictures this week, some regular sections have had to be eliminated. They will return next week.

Also, 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) Had a blast at the World Premiere of MR. POSITIVITY, the short play that Sunny Cook wrote about my life. In case you missed it or you want to see it again, please click:
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Pictured, l-r: (front row) Sunny Cook, Blaine Greenfield and Rodney Smith; and (back row) Steph Hickman Beckman, Badi Mirheli, Ellen Pappas, Dan Clancy, Emily Shaules, Chelsey Lee Mirheli, Taylor Aldrich, Ariel Cassale, Jeff Messer and Carol Duermit.

We then got to pose with the actors who played us: Emily Shaules and Dan Clancy.

The incomparable Rhoda Weaver was the featured entertainer before the show. To see two of her songs from that evening, please click:
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For more pictures from the evening, please click:
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And to listen to an interview on the Jeff Messer Show about the show, please go to the 43-minute mark when you click:
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(2) Enjoyed seeing our friend Sunny Ruble (far left) sing in a Womansong concert. Kudos, also, to other friends in the group, including Lytingale on the piano and Terri Crosby. For pictures from the performance, please click:
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Afterward, a bunch of friends celebrated Sunny's performance at what's quickly becoming one of our favorite restaurants in the area: the Smoky Park Supper Club. Our dinners were great, as was the service we received from Lena. Pictured, l-r: John Kreamer, Sunny Ruble, Carolyn Page, Carole Biro, Lynn Villa, Brian Biro, Cynthia Greenfield, Blaine Greenfield, Annemarie Brown and Marvin Sadovsky

(3) Saw our first movie at the newest theatre in town, the Grail Moviehouse. We loved the parking, seats and concessions, as well as the friendly greeting we received form Steve White and Davida Horwitz--the owners. It was also nice to see another friendly face, the manager Francis. We had both known and liked him when he was a manager at the Carolina Cinemas.

Dinner was very convenient--and tasty, too--at Little Bee Thai. It's located right next door.

B. During the week, I:

(1) Attended the Asheville SCORE Recognition Event at Creperie Bouchon. Pictured (left)) Bill Mance and Wes Morgan; and (right) Ken Cooper and Bob Bond. For more pictures, please click:
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(2) Had fun at my community's Independence Day celebration, featuring music by Westsound and ice cream from The Hop (thanks to the generosity of Jamie Turner with Beverly-Hanks). Thanks, also, to Sheldon and Janet Harnash who hosted the event, as well as all the other members of the Community Recreation and Events Committee who helped make the day the success that it was. Pictured: Me with friends Maggie and Jim McMains.

(3) Saw an interesting mix of short pieces that were part of SIDESHOW at the North Carolina Stage Company, Pictured (left) Kelly Christianson and (right) Strother Stingley. Aside from the always excellent performances form Kelly and Strother, I also liked the work of both Darren Marshall and Scott Bean.

C. Condolences to:

(1) Tracy Lynn Juvenois and family on the passing of Dewitt C. Guin, her father.

(2) Majo John Madden and family on the passing of Majo's brother.

(3) The family of Ken Hanke, film critic for the MOUNTAIN XPRESS. To read more about his passing, please click:
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D. Congratulations to:

(1) JoAnn Calabria Johnson and family on the birth of Celine Elise Bondy, JoAnn's granddaughter.

(2) Asheville for being named the "cesspool of sin." To see why, please click: Here

(3) Robert Dale Walker for booking a co-starring role on an episode of TNT's GOOD BEHAVIOR.

(4) Britt Lippard on her engagement to Chris Fusting.

(5) Andrew Berkow on his retirement from Radiology Group PCSC.

(6) Maria Posiwnycz for having won the Community Champion Award from the Women and Family Resources Centre.

(7) Samantha Healy on having her article about her business published in WNC WOMAN. To read it, please click:
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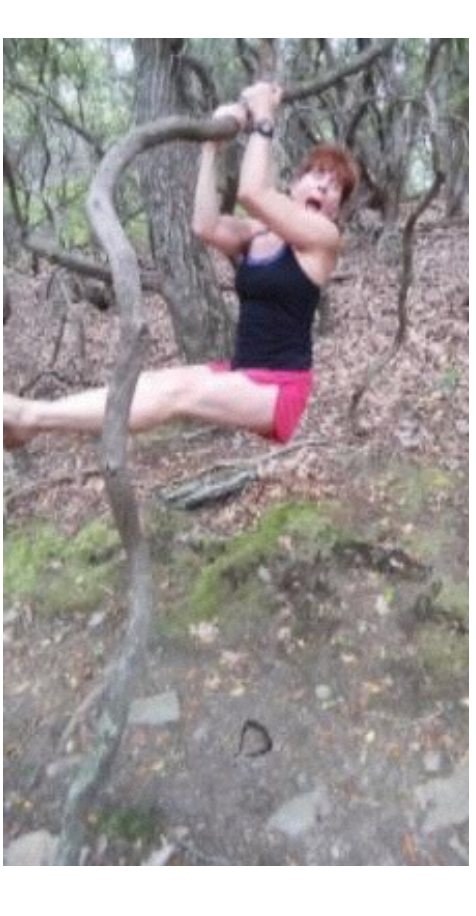
(8) Congratulations to Jason I. in NC, winner of Contest #13: a copy of TIME MANAGEMENT by Brian Tracy. All told, there were just three entries. And that has me wondering: Do y'all want me to keep running these contests?

Please share your feedback. In the meantime, I'll at least continue with:

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

One lucky reader will win a copy of SMILE AT YOUR CHALLENGES: IT TAKES MORE THAN JUST GOING GLUTEN FREE, DRINKING GREEN JUICE, AND PRACTICING YOGA TO SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS by Danielle Pashko. The author, a certified yoga instructor, licensed massage therapist and nutritional consultant, uses this book to show readers how to lead healthier, more fulfilling lives. I reviewed it in BLAINESWORLD #929 and enjoyed it.

To enter: Take a look at the picture (below) of my Trissa King, my talented actress friend who is also an expert on living a barefooted life. It needs a caption. Come up with something funny and/or serious, then send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #14 in the subject line. In the body of the email, please include your caption and, also, your name and snail mail address. All entries must be received on or before Monday, July 11, at 9 p.m.



E. Correction: Last week, I mentioned a recent visit to Tupelo Honey South, one of our favorite restaurants in the area. I omitted the fact that we received excellent service from Maddy.

F. Reminder: An overview of House Bill 2, beyond the restroom issue, and an informative Transgender 101 session will be the topic for a community event hosted by the Asheville Jewish Business Forum at its monthly meeting Wednesday, July 6, at Crowne Plaza, 1 Resort Drive, Asheville

Registration and networking will be at 5:30 p.m. with the program starting at 6 o'clock with additional networking at 7 p.m.

Ezekiel Christopoulos, a local banker, will lead the discussion and address how House Bill 2 has effected businesses and families in North Carolina.
He is a leader in the transgender movement and has presented informational sessions at national, state and local levels for the past 15 years. Mr. Christopoulos had addressed various public policy boards, legislative bodies, institutions of higher learning, non-profits and faith leaders and congregations. His interviews have been seen in the Washington Post, New York Times and on BBC.

Attendees will be responsible for their own meal.

Guests are always welcomed to attend the Jewish Business Forum meetings. To register for the event, please send an email to: AshevilleJBF@aol.com and put RESERVATION: July meeting in the subject line. In the body of the email, include your name, along with a phone number where you can be reached in case registration is closed. Let us know if you will be bringing anybody with you.

For additional information, contact Blaine Greenfield, president of the Asheville Jewish Business Forum, at bginbc@aol.com or via phone: 828.633.1049.

***** SPECIAL BONUS FOR THOSE ATTENDING ******

One lucky member of the Asheville Jewish Business Forum will receive this lovely painting (below) that was a gift from Brad Morris, the group's former president. You must attend both the meeting and, also, be a dues-paid member prior to a drawing that will take place.

Personally, I miss Brad. He now lives in Florida. But I was glad to catch up with him on his recent visit to the area. We tried out Blaze Pizza, 1840 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, for the first time. We enjoyed it, along with the fact that you get to put any topping or toppings you want on a pizza that they then fire up for you in their brick ovens.

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

This week, it goes to Steven Liebenhaut, R.I.P.--a guy I'm proud to have called my friend.

He headed SteveNYou Presents, an organization he founded that was dedicated to helping make the Asheville community a better one.

He was also a member of the Asheville Jewish Business Federation and, in fact, that's a picture of him (below) at our May meeting.

In addition, Steve was a member of my BLAINESWORLD team at two of the Walk a Mile events that benefitted Our VOICE.

And we shared a mutual interest in both ice cream and eating out, having gotten together several times over the past few years.

Steve always had a smile, and he rarely complained about anything--even when his health was failing him.

For more information or to find out about the memorial service taking place on July 4, please click:
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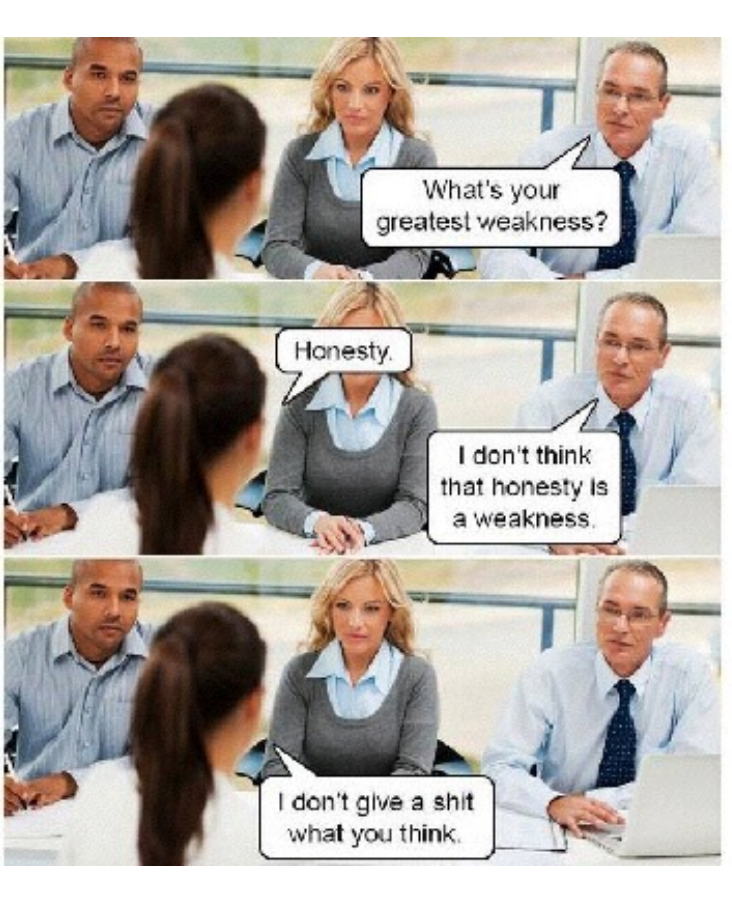
2. Joke 1

This reminds me of my favorite quotes about honesty from Twain--Mark, not Shania: "If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything."



What's your greatest weakness?
Honesty.
I don't think that honesty is a weakness.
I don't give a shit what you think.

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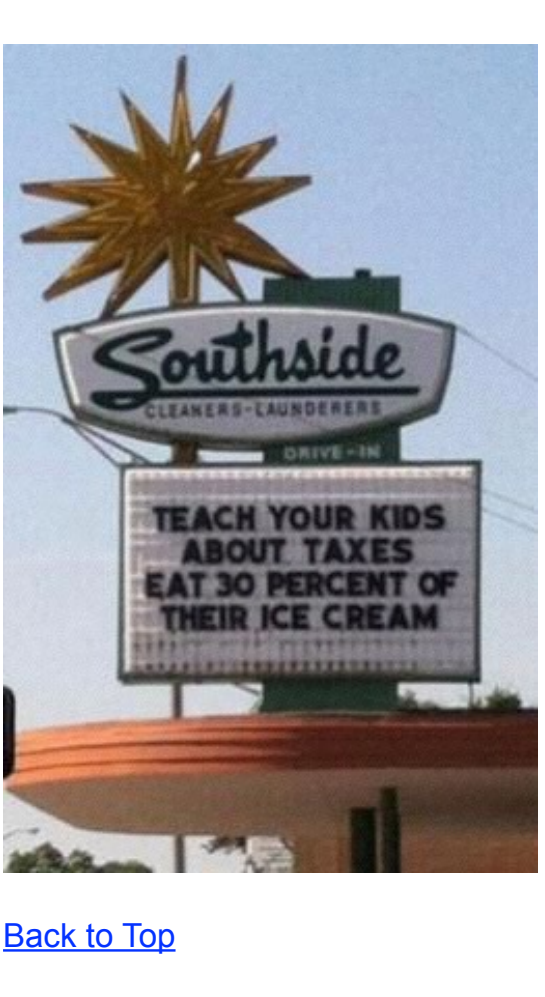
3. Joke 2

That would do it!



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4. Joke 3

A man and his wife were sitting in the living room, and he said to her, "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." . . . His wife got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all his beer.

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5. A quote I like

Pat Summitt (1952-2016), R.I.P. was an American women's college basketball head coach whose 1,098 career wins are the most in NCAA basketball history. For more information about her life, please click:
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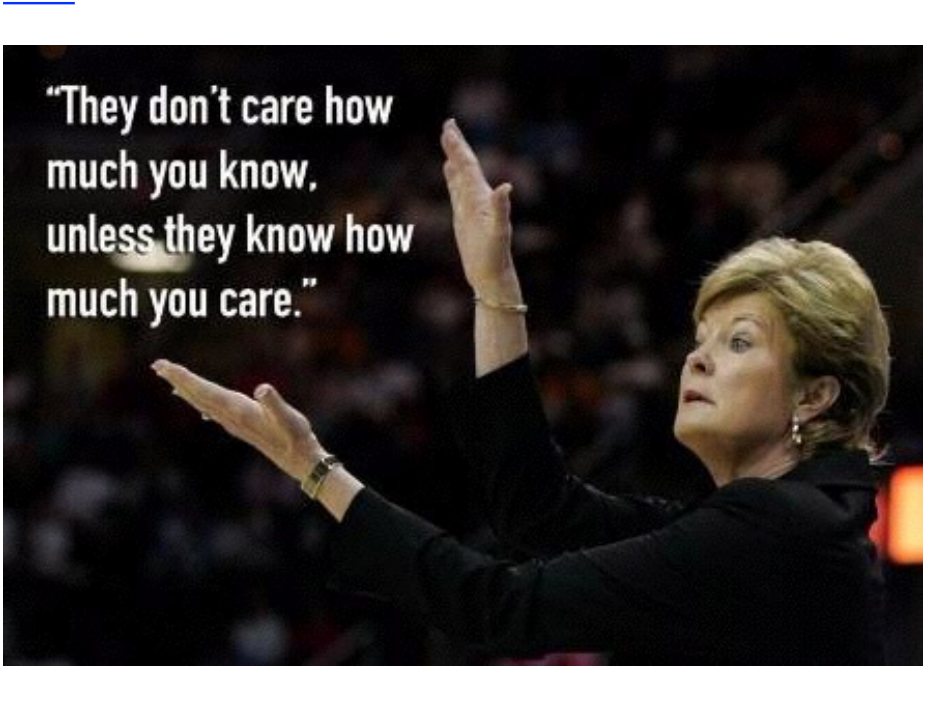

"They don't care how much you know, unless they know how much you care."

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6. Advance planning department

To read about each of the following events in full, please click:
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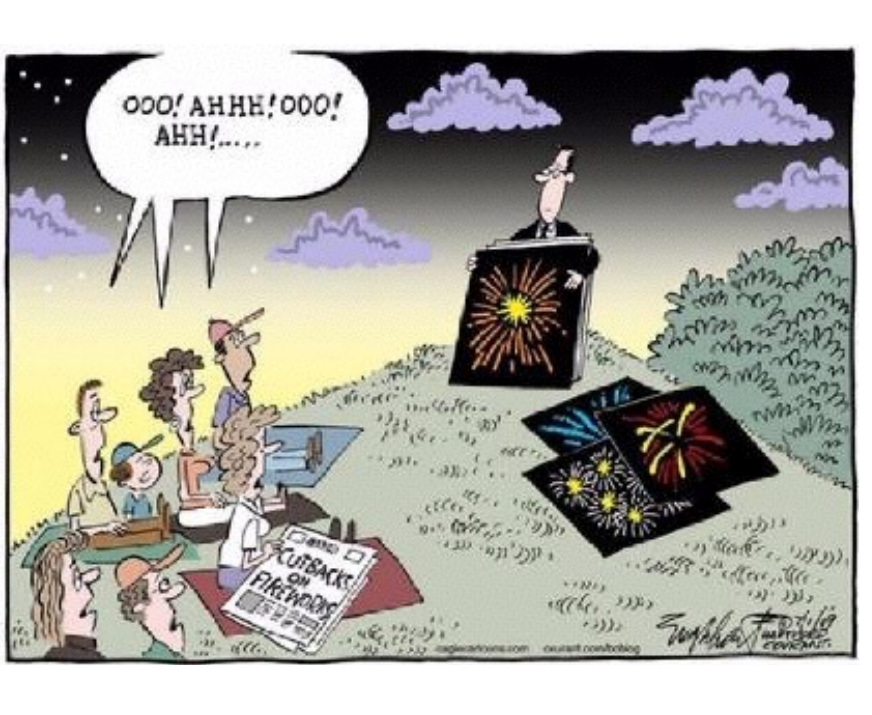
A. NC events

(1) David Joe Millelr presents Abby "The Spoon Lady." (2) Pink Floyd Tribute. (3) Deep River at Isis Restaurant. (4) How I Became a Pirate.

B. PA/NJ events

Note: If you're in either of the above areas and want me to mention an upcoming event, please send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put MENTION IN BLOG in subject line. Then include what information you want me to run in the body of the email.

PS. If you're like me and you celebrate ALL holidays (more food, fun and friends that way), HAPPY 4TH OF JULY! My hope is that times aren't soooo tight where you are, and that you get to also see some fireworks.



And make it a wonderful week, too!

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