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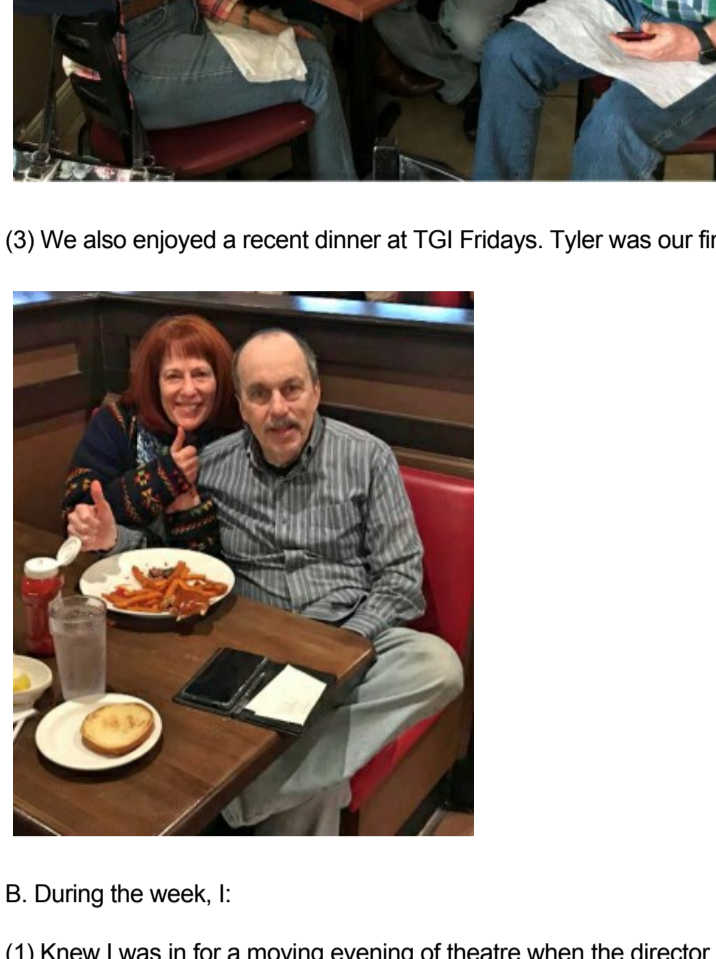
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1. Reflections

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: bginbo@aol.com and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Were all smiles after seeing THE MARVELOUS WONDERETTES!, the first production of SARTI's 2019 season. ... Pictured with us were the talented performers, l-r: Brad Curtloff, Natalie Brouwer-Wilson, Chelsey Lee Mirhele, Kathreen Watson and Shannon Dione. ... To view them in action, please click: [Here](#). ... Kudos to Amanda Sayles for her spot on direction, as well as to Rebecca O'Quinn for her outstanding choreography.



(2) From there, we met our friends Marcy and Tom Gallagher for some tasty Italian food at Favilla's New York Pizza where we received excellent service from Jill.

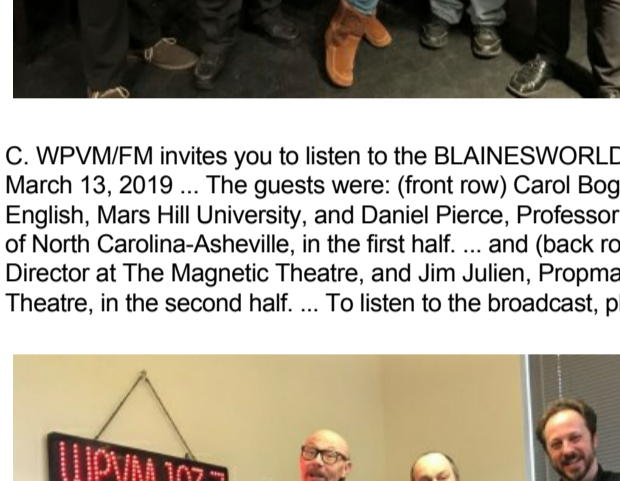


(3) We also enjoyed a recent dinner at TGI Fridays. Tyler was our fine server.

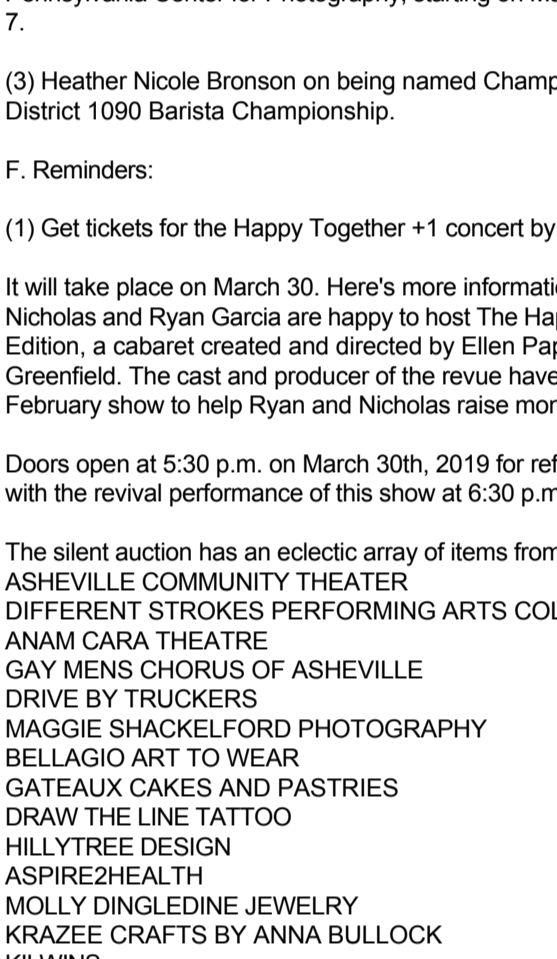


B. During the week, I:

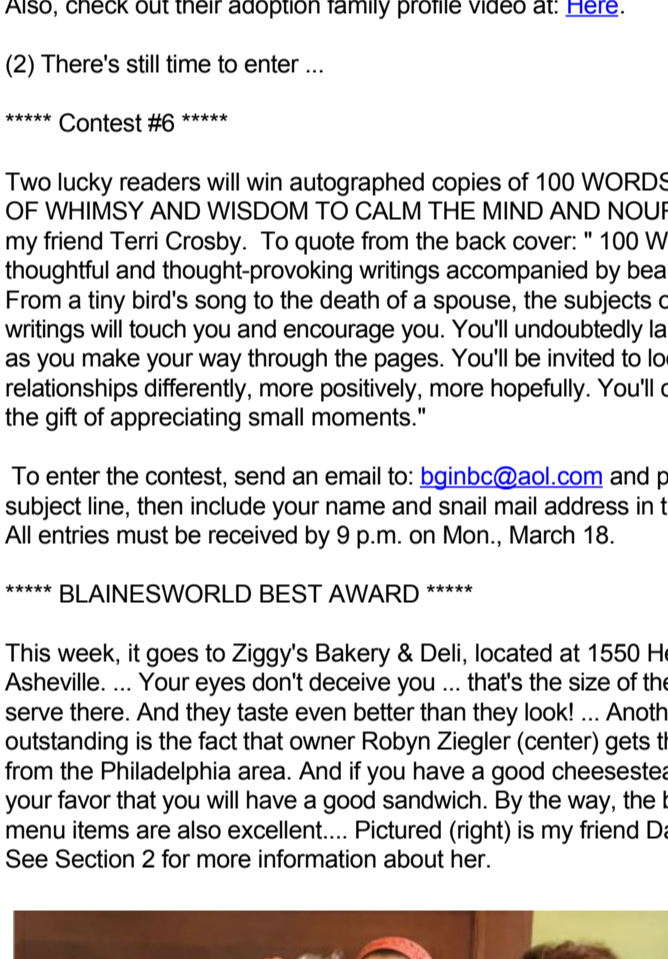
(1) Knew I was in for a moving evening of theatre when the curtain (the talented Jonathan Forrester in the top photo) leaped up during the curtain speech of STEEL MAGNOLIAS at Hendersonville Community Theatre. ... I followed suit while watching the show—and laughed a lot, too. This was due in large part because of the outstanding performances of all in the cast (on couch in the bottom photo, l-r: Mattilyn Hill, Carrie Kimbrell Kimzey and Jennifer Memo; standing to the left of yours truly, Molly Carlin-Folk, and to my right, Jorja Ursin and Lyn Morton).



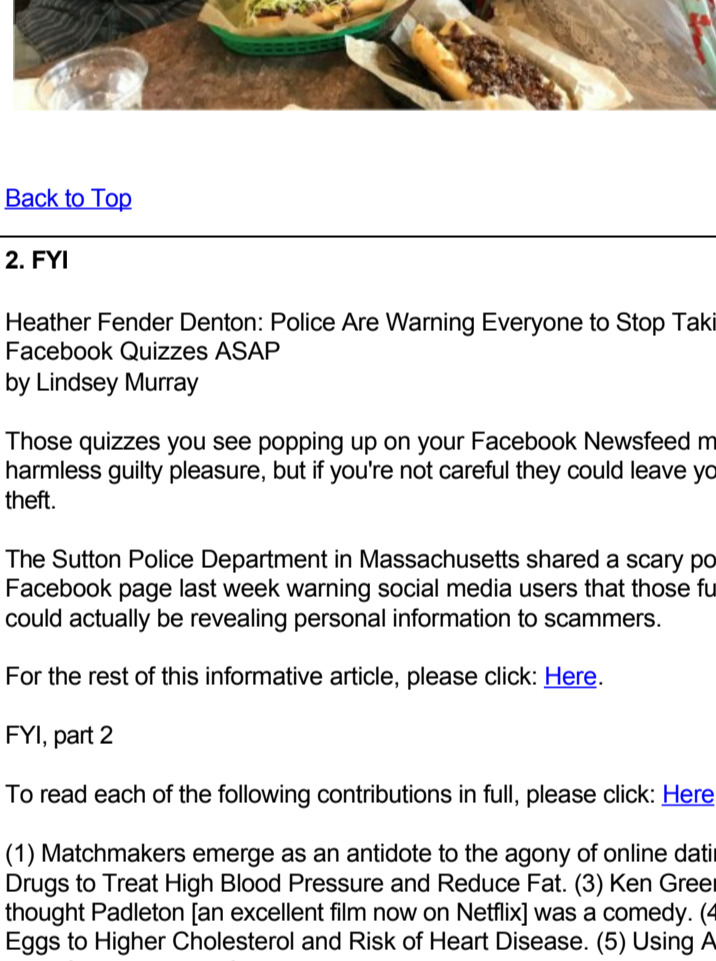
(2) At the show, I was thrilled to see this beautiful artwork in the lobby of Hendersonville Community Theatre. I even got to purchase something! ... By the time the evening ended, several more pieces had been sold. ... I imagine that the rest will go soon, so if you want to get this artwork from Chelsey Lee Mirhele and her son Cyrus for your home or office, your best bet is to contact Chelsey via Facebook or click: [Here](#).



(3) Was blown away by LOBBY HERO, now at 35below (at Asheville Community Theatre) through March 24. It is a thought-provoking play about a murder investigation that features an outstanding ensemble cast, l-r: Daniel Henry, Badi Gaddy Mirhele, Devyn Ray Villarreal and to the right of me, Eugene Jones, along with taut direction from Devyn. You can purchase tickets by clicking: [Here](#).



C. WPMVFM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wednesday, March 13, 2019 ... The guests were: (front row) Carol Boggess, Professor Emeritus, English, Mars Hill University, and Daniel Pierce, Professor of History at the University of North Carolina-Asheville, in the first half. ... and (back row): Andrew Gall, Artistic Director at The Magnetic Theatre, and Jim Julien, Propmaker for The Magnetic Theatre, in the second half. ... To listen to the broadcast, please click: [Here](#).



D. Condolences to:

(1) Kim Richardson and family on the passing of Kim's dad.

(2) Jenni Robinson and family on the passing of Barbara Diane Foster, Jenni's mother. For more information, please click: [Here](#).

E. Congratulations to:

(1) Connie Regan-Blake on being featured in a terrific article in the ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES. To read it, please click: [Here](#).

(2) Liz Sette on having one of her images chosen for The Odyssey Exhibition at The Pennsylvania Center for Photography, starting on March 22 and running through April 7.

(3) Heather Nicole Bronson on being named Champion competed in the Starbucks District 1090 Barista Championship.

F. Reminders:

(1) Get tickets for the Happy Together +1 concert by clicking: [Here](#).

It will take place on March 30. Here's more information about it: Nicholas and Ryan Garcia are happy to host The Happy Together Revue: The Love Edition, a cabaret created and directed by Ellen Pappas and produced by Blaine Greenfield. The cast and producer of the revue have graciously agreed to reprise the February show to help Ryan and Nicholas raise money for their adoption!

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on March 30th, 2019 for refreshments and the Silent Auction with the revival performance of this show at 6:30 p.m.

The silent auction has an eclectic array of items from some AMAZING DONORS:
 ASHEVILLE COMMUNITY THEATER
 DIFFERENT STROKES PERFORMING ARTS COLLECTIVE
 ANAM CARA THEATRE
 GAY MENS CHORUS OF ASHEVILLE
 DRIVE BY TRUCKERS
 MAGGIE SHACKELFORD PHOTOGRAPHY
 BELLAGIO ART TO WEAR
 GATEAUX CAKES AND PASTRIES
 DRAW THE LINE TATTOO
 HILLYTREE DESIGN
 ASPIRE2HEALTH
 MOLLY DINGLEDINE JEWELRY
 KRAZEE CRAFTS BY ANNA BULLOCK
 KILWINS

You can see ALL of the items at our website: [Here](#).

This celebration of LOVE and music through the ages stars Ellen Pappas, Carole Duermit, Jessica Clarke Johnson, Jay Ponton and Ryan Garcia with special guest Walter Goodrich and music direction by Richard Shulman.

You will be singing in your seat and dancing in the aisles!

Check out Nicholas and Ryan's website to learn a little about them and the show!! [Here](#).

Also, check out their adoption family profile video at: [Here](#).

(2) There's still time to enter ...

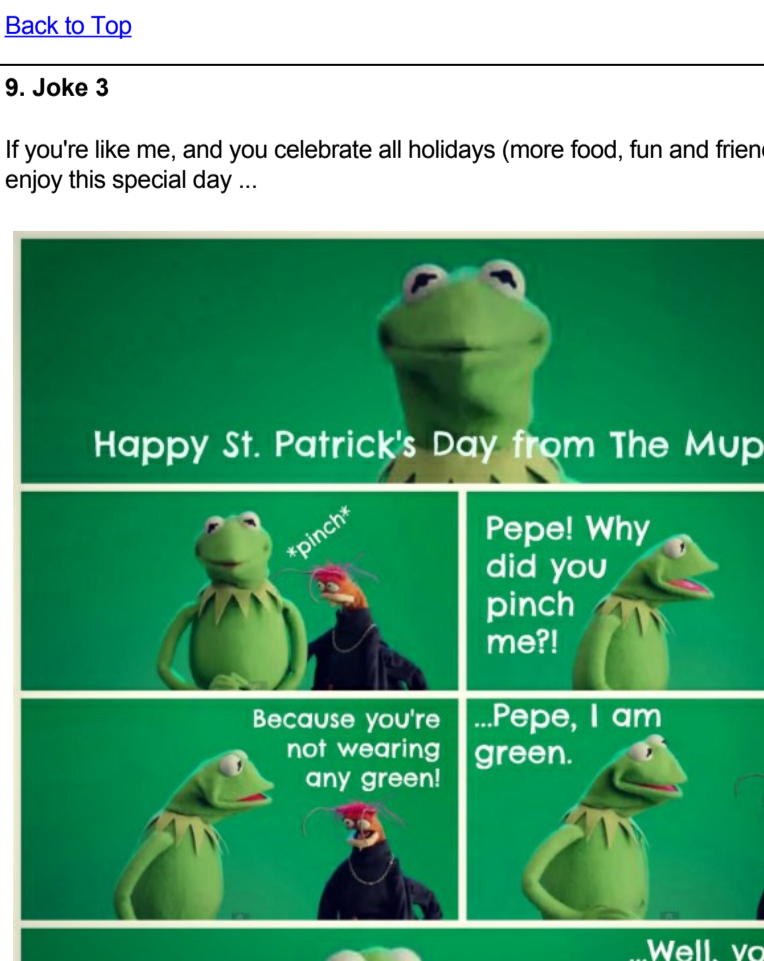
***** Contest #6 *****

Two lucky readers will win autographed copies of 100 WORDS: SMALL SERVINGS OF WHIMSY AND WISDOM TO CALM THE MIND AND NOURISH THE HEART by my friend Terri Crosby. To quote from the back cover: "100 Words is a collection of thoughtful and thought-provoking writings accompanied by beautiful photography. From a tiny bird's song to the death of a spouse, the subjects of these poems and writings will touch you and encourage you. You'll undoubtedly laugh, and probably cry, as you make your way through the pages. You'll be invited to look at life, nature, and relationships differently, more positively, more hopefully. You'll certainly be reminded of the gift of appreciating small moments."

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbo@aol.com and put CONTEST #6 in the subject line, then include your name and small mail address in the body of the email. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Mon., March 18.

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

This week, it goes to Ziggy's Bakery & Deli, located at 1550 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville. ... Your eyes don't deceive you ... that's the size of the cheesesteaks they serve there. And they taste even better than they look! ... Another reason they are so outstanding is the fact that owner Robyn Ziegler (center) gets the rolls shipped to her from the Philadelphia area. And if you have a good cheesesteak roll, the odds are in your favor that you will have a good sandwich. By the way, the bagels and all other menu items are also excellent.... Pictured (right) is my friend Dawn Westmoreland. See Section 2 for more information about her.



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2. FYI

Heather Fender Denton: Police Are Warning Everyone to Stop Taking Those Facebook Quizzes ASAP
 by Lindsey Murray

Those quizzes you see popping up on your Facebook Newsfeed may seem like a harmless guilty pleasure, but if you're not careful they could leave you victim of identity theft.

The Sutton Police Department in Massachusetts shared a scary post on their Facebook page last week warning social media users that those fun questionnaires could actually be revealing personal information to scammers.

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

FYI, part 2

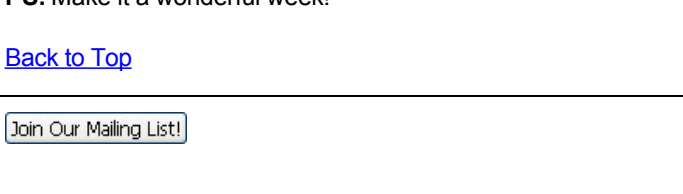
To read each of the following contributions in full, please click: [Here](#).

(1) Matchmakers emerge as an antidote to the agony of online dating. (2) Exercise vs. Drugs to Treat High Blood Pressure and Reduce Fat. (3) Ken Greenfield: If you thought Padleton [an excellent film now on Netflix] was a comedy. (4) Study Links Eggs to Higher Cholesterol and Risk of Heart Disease. (5) Using Arts Education to Help Other Lessons Stick.

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3. Joke 1

Even better news ... getting a colonoscopy could save your life! For more information, please click: [Here](#). (Thanks, Steve Byas, for sharing.)



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4. Reviews

A. Saw FREE SOLO, last year's Academy Award winner for Best Documentary. It is a breathtaking portrait of free soloist Alex Honnold as he prepared to achieve his lifelong dream: climbing the face of the world's most famous rock (the 3,000ft El Capitan in Yosemite National Park) without a rope. The RGB photography is incredible, as is the story. Rated PG-13.

Note: As much as I liked the above film, I still think RGB about Ruth Bader Ginsburg should have beaten it out for Best Documentary. And I'm still shaking my head that the documentary about Fred Rodgers, WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?, didn't even get a nomination.

B. Enjoyed the 2002 version of THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO, the classic swashbuckling tale about an honest sailor who is framed for a crime he didn't commit. James Caviezel is fine in the leading role, and I thought Guy Pearce made for a most dastardly villain. I also liked the work of Luis Guzman as Caviezel's sidekick. Rated PG-13.

Note: While I liked the above, I believe the 1934 version is even better. It stars Robert Donat, and if you can find it, do so.

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5. TV alert

A. DATING AROUND: Now available via Netflix
 In each episode, one real-life single navigates five blind dates. The mission: Find one match worthy of a second date. According to THE NEW YORK TIMES, "The show is as awkward as New York dating really is."

B. Ken Greenfield: If you haven't yet seen AFTER LIFE—really quite fun.

Note: AFTER LIFE is a British dark comedy web television series created, executive produced, and directed by Ricky Gervais that premiered on 8 March 2019, on Netflix.

C. THE INVENTOR: OUT FOR BLOOD IN SILICON VALLEY: Mon., March 18, on HBO at 9 p.m.
 This documentary features Elizabeth Holmes, a self-styled wonderkid who dropped out of Stanford at 19 to found a company promoting a cheaper, quicker way of blood testing that attracted billions of investor dollars. Only problem: It didn't work.

D. AMY SCHUMER GROWING: Available on Tues., March 19, via Netflix

A very expectant Schumer relates bawdy tales of her difficult pregnancy and eccentric marriage.

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Spring in the air. The trees already have buds on them! (Thanks, Elaine Blik, for sharing.)

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

- (1) Roberta Gurwood: New song alert (granddaughter Melanie): [Here](#).
- (2) Tee Gerardi: Clothing Drive: [Here](#).
- (3) Paul Marks: When food = life: [Here](#).
- (4) Lois Rosenthal: Esther Perel | Modern Love and Relationships: [Here](#).
- (5) Candance Mullett: Leonard Cohen - Democracy: [Here](#).

B. Lynn Doyle: When your children use the internet to search for images or projects or anything related to school work, please encourage them to use Kidzie instead of Google. ... Kidzie is a child-specific search engine supported by Google, which prevents the appearance of things that are not suitable for them.

To access it, please click: [Here](#).

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

When sending email (especially if you want a response), mention that fact in the subject line. It is also a good idea to put your name in the subject line, in that your email address quite frequently is not familiar to the person to whom you're writing.

For example, I recently got the following email from a friend Kiesa Kay: Two Charlies for the orchard's 25th anniversary

I had no idea who was sending it or what what was wanted. Another problem: Such emails frequently wind up in my spam folder.

Here's a much better way to send the same email:

Interview idea for your radio show?from Kiesa

Or:

What about an interview on this show?from Kiesa

A final thought: If you don't get a response to your initial email, wait 2 or 3 days and then write again—using a different subject line. If you still don't get a response, then make a call—to the person you're trying to reach.

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If you're like me, and you celebrate all holidays (more food, fun and friends that way), enjoy this special day ...

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10. A quote I like

Thanks, Kathryn Helmond (1929-2019), for your memorable roles indicated below. But in thinking about your career, methinks that we were the ones both lucky and blessed to have seen you perform. For more information about her life, please click: [Here](#).

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11. Thought for the day

Serving Coca Cola to my Bully in the Legal Office
 by Dawn Westmoreland

Michael (not his real name) had no idea I was waiting in my attorney's office ready to witness my attorney depose him and his female bully accomplice. The legal conference was on the second floor and I was already sitting comfortably in the waiting room.

When Michael saw me after he got off the elevator he looked shocked and rivers of perspiration were streaming down his face. I just smiled at him and politely said, "hello". For nearly two years, I was harassed to the point of exhaustion. I had spoken up about perceived nepotism and other prohibited personnel practices that were occurring in my former government agency.

For the rest of this informative article, 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) Sophia Energy Center: The Music of the Rings Project. (2) Jason Scholder: Gallery Bar Comedy Showcase.

B. PANJ events

- (1) Glenn Burd: The Plumstead Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting. (2) Actors' Net of Bucks County: THE CRIMES OF DIANA EASTLAKE.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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