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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: [bjgibbc@aol.com](mailto:bjgibbc@aol.com) and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Send our regards from Vancouver where we'll be when you are reading this. We will return soon, so in our absence, check my Facebook page for both pictures and updates. ... Due to space limitations, some regular sections have been cut from this week's blog. Look for them all to return in BLAINESWORLD #1081.

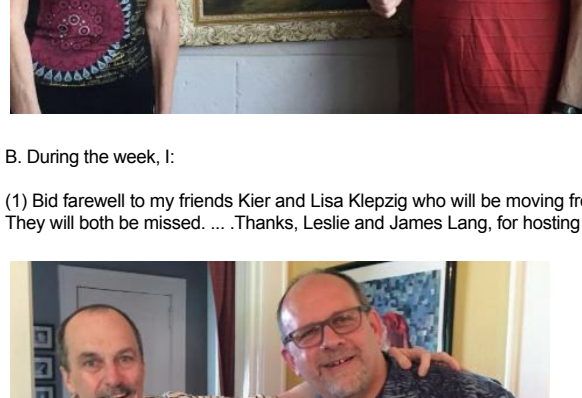
(2) Celebrated my "Almost 62" Birthday at the Well Played Board Game Cafe in Asheville, NC. ... Kudos to Nathan Lilly, general manager. Corey Delmonte, event coordinator, and the rest of the staff for helping make the party the success that it was. ... To see more pictures from the bash, please click: [Here](#)



(3) Then went down the street to continue the festivities at Early Girl Eatery. ... Kudos to Ali, our server, and all the other members of the staff who helped make the evening memorable. ... To see more pictures from this part of the celebration, please click: [Here](#)



(4) Joined our friend and his sheep for pizza at Standard Pizza in West Asheville, an eatery that is rapidly becoming one of our favorites.



B. During the week, I:

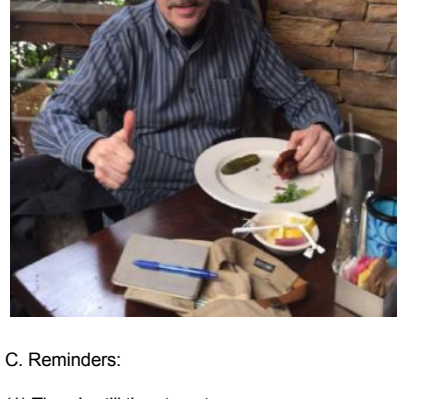
(1) Bid farewell to my friends Kier and Lisa Klepzig who will be moving from the area. They will both be missed. ... Thanks, Leslie and James Lang, for hosting the party.



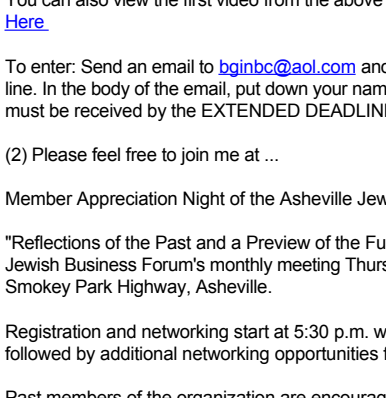
(2) Attended the opening of The Maureen Project Show at Jubilee Community Church. ... At it, my friend Maureen Simon showcased her love of architecture, colors, metal, wood and the abstract, along with her volunteer photography work at Haywood Street Congregation ... If you haven't yet seen this exhibit, you're in luck. It runs through the end of June.



(3) Was joined at the above by my friend Susan Richard who was visiting from Bucks County, Pennsylvania. We next went to The Bier Garden for a tasty dinner (top photo) and then to 35below (bottom photo) where I attempted to answer the following question: Is it possible to lick your elbow? ... Come see CONSTELLATIONS, before June 18, and find out! ... This two character play, brilliantly acted by Melon Wedick ad Jon Stockdale, is both entertaining and touching. Kudos, also, to Jason Williams and Mandy Bean for their work, respectively, as director and stage manager. ... To obtain tickets, please click: [Here](#)



(4) Met my friend Chuck Fink (not pictured) for some corned beef sandwiches at the Stony Knob Cafe. The company was great, as was the food, and we received terrific service from Madison.



C. Reminders:

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

\*\*\*\*\* CONTEST #11 \*\*\*\*\*

One lucky reader will win an autographed copy of BJ, BJ Leiderman's CD. It's fantastic, as can be heard by listening to some song samples when you click: [Here](#)

You can also view the first video from the above by clicking: [Here](#).

To enter: Send an email to [bjgibbc@aol.com](mailto:bjgibbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #11 in the subject line. In the body of the email, put down your name and snail mail address. All entries must be received by the EXTENDED DEADLINE of 9 p.m. on Monday, June 12.

(2) Please feel free to join me at ...

Member Appreciation Night of the Asheville Jewish Business Forum

"Reflections of the Past and a Preview of the Future" is the topic for the Asheville Jewish Business Forum's monthly meeting Thursday, June 22, at Yao Buffet, 153 Smokey Park Highway, Asheville.

Registration and networking start at 5:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 6 p.m., followed by additional networking opportunities from 7-7:30 p.m.

Past members of the organization are encouraged to attend and to share their stories at the Member Appreciation Night program. Attendees will participate in a special focus group to help determine the future direction of the organization.

There is no charge for current members of the Jewish Business Forum to attend but registration is required. Guests are always welcome.

To pre-register, send an email to: [AshevilleJBF@aol.com](mailto:AshevilleJBF@aol.com) and put June 22 in the subject line and in the body of the email, include your name and if you'll be bringing any guests. (If so, please advise how many).

For additional information, contact Blaine Greenfield, AJBF president, [atbjgibbc@aol.com](mailto:atbjgibbc@aol.com) or 828.633.1049.

\*\*\*\*\* Please RSVP \*\*\*\*\*

So we can have an idea on count. To do so, just hit REPLY to this email and include your name, as well as the number of guests you will be bringing. If you are reading this invitation via Facebook, please send an email to: [ashevillejbf@aol.com](mailto:ashevillejbf@aol.com) and include your name, as well as the number of guests you will be bringing. Guests are ALWAYS welcome. And you don't have to be Jewish to attend.

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

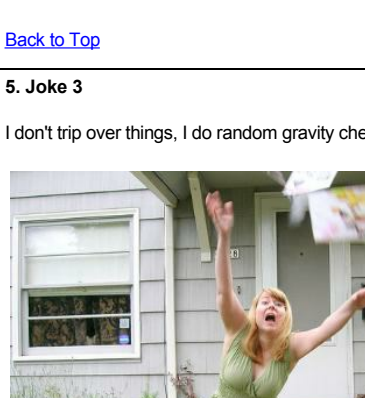
This week, it goes to Jason Pryor, president of Pryor Insurance in Hendersonville, NC. ... His company has been our insurance company since we moved to the Asheville area over eight years ago, and we've been extremely pleased with the service we have received. Our questions have always been answered quickly, and we've been impressed not only with the help we have received from Jason but also from Carlene Stepp, account manager, and all the others in the office. ... I had actually never met Jason, in person, until recently, but when I was in the area to see a show at Flat Rock Playhouse, I just had to stop by. (See below.) ... Should you have any auto, home, business or life insurance needs, I strongly recommend that you contact Jason. He can be reached at [jason@pryorins.com](mailto:jason@pryorins.com); 828.489.3574.



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**2. FYI**

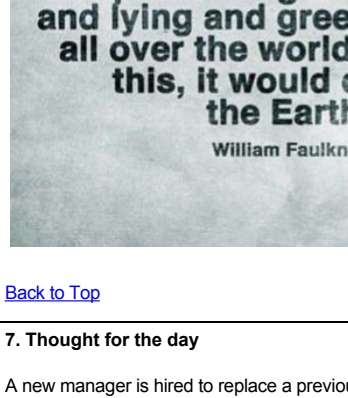
I think this is a good idea! I'm making three to keep in my car. ... "This is what my daughter and I have started doing.: We are keeping a 'Blessing bag' in our car in case we find someone in need. You can make these up with items from the Dollar Tree such as gloves, thermal socks, beef sticks, crackers, candy bars, toothpaste, toothbrush, wipes, deodorant, snacks and other items that may help someone who is homeless or in a bad way. It is just a thoughtful, inspiring thing to do. This is something we are going to start doing from now on. Thank you to the ones that did this long before us, for being such a giving, loving, caring person! Random acts of kindness take very little to change the life of just one person." (Thanks, Ms. Charlie, for sharing.)



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**3. Joke 1**

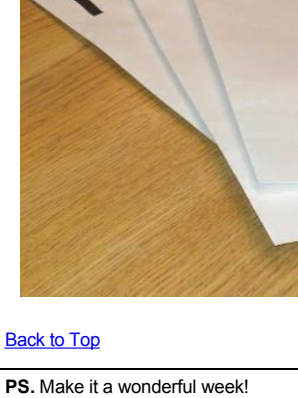
I recently went horseback riding for the first time since I was a kid. All was going well until the horse started bouncing out of control. I tried with all my might to hang on, but was thrown off. Just when things could not possibly get worse, my foot got caught in the stirrup. When this happened, I fell head first to the ground. My head continued to bounce harder as the horse did not stop or even slow down. As I was giving up hope and losing consciousness ... the Walmart manager then came and unplugged it!



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**4. Joke 2**

Reminds me of all the wild and crazy guys at the school where I used to teach! (Thanks, Ginger Heskett, for sharing.)



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**5. Joke 3**

I don't trip over things, I do random gravity checks! (Thanks, Ivan Winegar, for sharing.)



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**6. A quote I like**

William Faulkner (1897-1962) was an American writer and Nobel Prize laureate. He wrote novels, short stories, a play, poetry, essays and screenplays. (Thanks, Robin Sanchez, for sharing.)



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**7. Thought for the day**

A new manager is hired to replace a previous one. On his way out, the outgoing manager hands the new guy three envelopes and says, "When things get tough, open these one at a time." ... After three months, things start to get rough. The manager opens his envelope #1 and reads: "Blaine your predecessor." He does, and it works like a charm. ... Another three months passes and things are growing difficult again so the manger takes out #2. It reads: "Reorganize." Again, his predecessor's advice works like magic. ... Finally, after nine months on the job, things are getting really sticky. The manager figures it worked before, why not try again. He opens the envelope drawer one last time and takes out #3. It reads: "Prepare three envelopes."



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PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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