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1. Reflections

Note: See Section for 8 for a reason to be vigilant when using your computer.

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) Were joined by a friend Walela Dobroski (not pictured) for a delicious lunch at Soba Sushi and Noodles in Weaverville that featured fine service from Allen.

(2) Had a fun time when we joined our neighbors for pizza and wings. Pictured, l-r: Donna Ruesch, Grant Randall, Ginny Plaisted, Kevin Rausch, Cynthia Greenfield and Blaine Greenfield. In the very front, you can also somewhat see Molly!

(3) Saw a fun production of THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER at Asheville Community. Pictured with us: (top) Coy Theobalt, (bottom left) Garry Gaines and (bottom right) Kathy O'Connor. We not only enjoyed their work, but also the performances of Pat LaCorte, Badi Mirheli, Susan Mengel and Ariel Casale, among many others too numerous to name. Special kudos to Jeff Catanese, whose direction was spot on, . In addition, he stepped-in at the last minute when the person who had the leading role had to back out because of illness. He was excellent.

(4) Met with Kevin Jameson to discuss the Dementia Society of America's STEP2RAISE campaign. Stay tuned for more details. But in the meantime,
if you want to get more information or sign-up, you can do so by clicking:
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B. Reminders:

(1) As you may know, this blog has been nominated for recognition in the Best of WNC competition. I'd be very honored if you would submit your vote for it. To do so is easy. Just click the following link for instructions:
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(2) There's still time to register to join the BLAINESWORLD team in the Walk a Mile event on May 7 in Asheville. Or if you can't make it, we'd love to have you as a sponsor. All you need to know can be found by clicking this link:
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(3) Please do attend the next event of the Asheville Jewish Business Forum. (You don't need to be Jewish to do so.)
It will feature a presentation/tour of Deltec Homes.

Date: Monday, May 2

Time: 11:30 a.m., Registration and networking
12-1 p.m., Lunch and then presentation/tour
1-1:30 p.m., Additional discussion or networking

***** It is a brown bag lunch event, so bring your own lunch. ******

Location: 69 Bingham Road, Asheville, NC

To RSVP: Please RSVP by sending an email to ashevillejbf@aol.com and put MAY 2 in subject line. In the body of the email, just put down how many will be coming (in addition to yourself) and, also, your contact information in case we need to reach you.

(4) And see below for information on how to enter ...

***** CONTEST #8 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of EAT PRAY LOVE MADE ME DO IT: LIFE JOURNEYS INSPIRED BY THE BESTSELLING MEMOIR by various authors--including Asheville's very own Emily Shaules (who autographed the copy that will go to the winner).

It contains nearly 50 stories from readers of Elizabeth Gilbert's bestseller. I found many of these quite touching, and I think you will too. The book was reviewed favorably in BLAINESWORLD #1019.

To enter: Send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #8 in the subject line. In the body of the email, please include your name and snail mail address. All entries must be received on or before Monday, April 25, at 9 p.m.

C. Congratulations to:

(1) Mike Martinelli for having been chosen to be honored at the first
annual Senior Breakfast of Champions event to be held on Tuesday, May 3rd.

(2) George Pappas for his excellent guest column that was run in the CITIZEN-TIMES. To read it, please click:
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(3) Daniel Hensley for being named artistic director of Hendersonville Community Theatre.

(4) Daryl Slaton on the fact that Los Angeles-based animation studio, OddBot, Inc. has optioned "The Mighty Machines of Mackie McKeens" from his work, best known as Tails of Whimsy, to develop the property as an animated television series.

(5) Michael MacCauley and Callan White on being profiled in a blog entry from NC Stage. To read it, please click:
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Note: The play they are currently in, WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF? Runs through May 1st at the above theatre. If you haven't seen it yet, do so. You'll be blown away with their performances.

(6) The Hop for being named among the best places to find boozy ice cream. To read more, please click:
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(7) The Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce for being named Best Networking Organization by Bucks Happening.

(8) Howard Sabell and family on the birth of Ryker Daniel Laonardi, a new grandson.

D. Condolences to:

(1) Mike Chadwick and family on the passing of Mike's Aunt Jean.

(2) Clara Ray Burrus and family on the passing of Clara's grandmother.

(3) Family, friends and fans of Prince (1958-2016), R.I.P. He was an American singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, record producer and actor, renowned as an innovator and widely known for both his eclectic work and flamboyant stage presence.

To see how great he was, click the following link for what's perhaps the greatest Super Bowl Halftime Show ever:
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For his obituary, please click:
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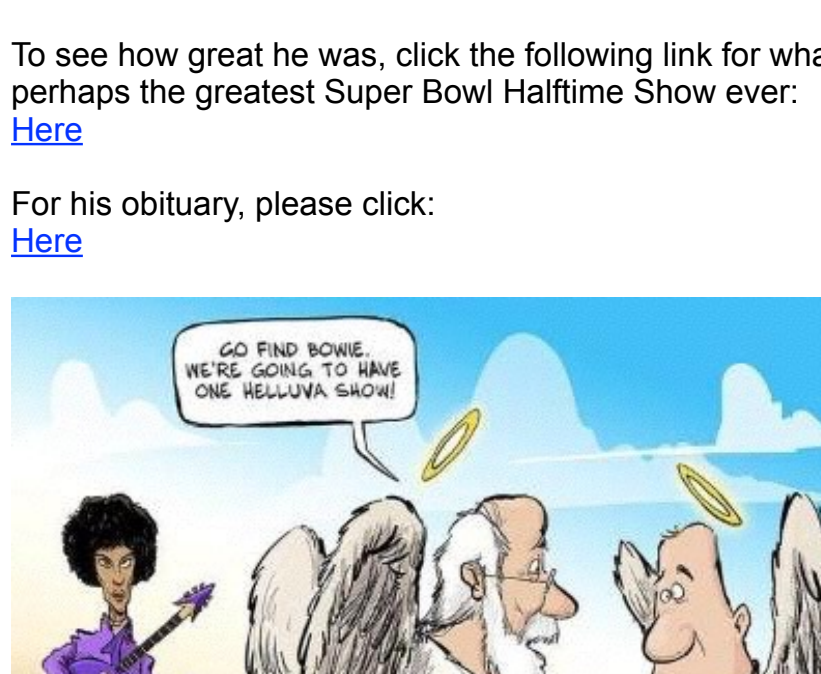
GO FIND BOWIE. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ONE HELLUVA SHOW!

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

This week, it goes to Ida Keeling--a runner. But she's not just any runner ... she's a 100-year-old woman who has the fastest time for American women ages 95 to 99 in the 60-meter dash: 29.86 seconds. And she hopes to establish a new standard for women over 100 years old in the 100-meter even at the upcoming Penn Relays in Philadelphia.

I love her words of wisdom: "Get up and do things, even if you don't feel like it. Sometimes you don't feel like doing this, that or the other. Do the thing that you don't like to do first, and get rid of it."

To read more about this remarkable woman and to see a video clip about her, please click:
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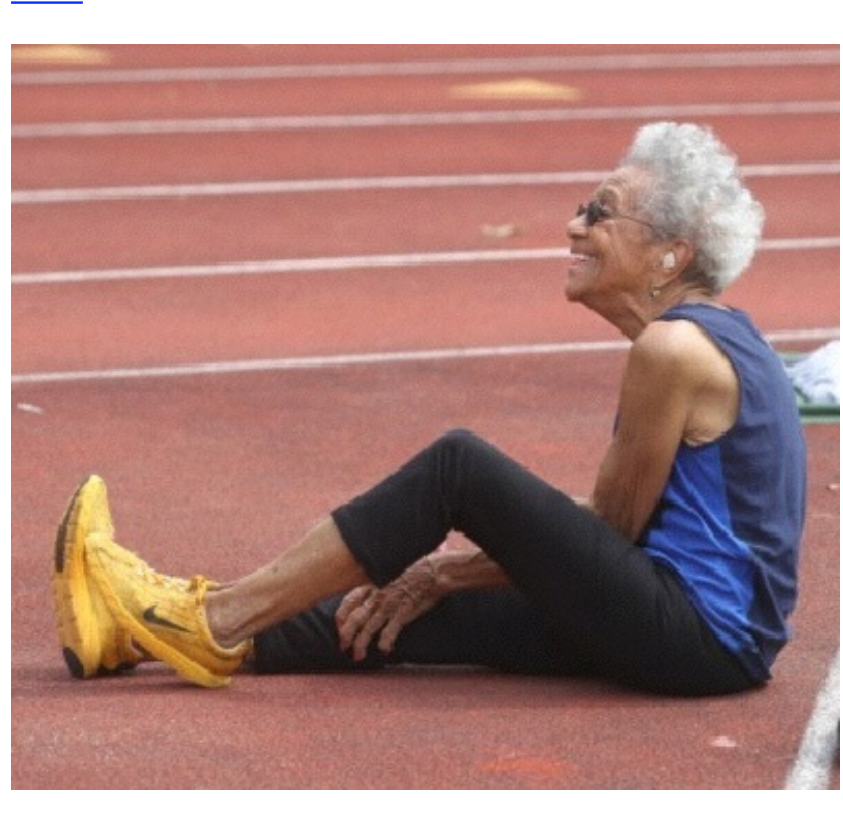

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2. FYI

The Science of Making Friends
by Elizabeth Bernstein

I've been going on a series of dates lately.

I exchanged numbers with the person sitting next to me at a Cabernet tasting at my favorite wine bar and went for a coffee with a neighbor I met walking my dog. I reached out to people from my past I haven't seen in years, to see if they're newly available.

I'm trying to make new friends.

For the rest of this informative article, please click:
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FYI, part 2

To read each of the following contributions in full, please click:
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(1) Len E. in NC: I recommend reading Dark Money by Jane Mayer. (2) Ginger H. in NC: Why America's schools have a money problem. (3) You've been washing your hands wrong. (4) How to explain mansplaining. (5) Avoiding the dreaded middle seat may now cost you. (6) Choosing to Skip the Upgrade and Care for the Gadget You've Got. (7) Bruce R. in NJ: Do any of your readers know how to open one of those personal sentry home safes? (8) Debbie Hancock in PA: Today's Web Solutions: I help small and mid-size companies who are tired of all of the excessive high fees, long contracts and lack of personal service. (9) Paula L. in NY: Thanks so much for another great newsletter - I loved the popcorn - hood eating combination pic! (10) Debbie O. in NY: I am walking again in the Aids Walk NY this year, a 10k walk to raise funds and awareness about this disease.

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3. Joke 1

A man and a woman are sleeping together when suddenly there is a noise in the house, and the woman rolls over and says, "It's my husband, you have to leave!" ... The man jumps out of bed, jumps through the window, crawls through the bushes and out on the street when he realizes something. ... He goes back to the house and says to the woman, "Wait, I'm your husband!" ... She replies giving him a dirty look, "So why did you run?"

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4. Reviews

A. Saw WHISKEY TANGO FOXTROT, an adaptation of journalist Kim Barker's memoir : THE TALIBAN SHUFFLE: STRANGE DAYS IN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN. Tina Fey proves does well in a dramatic role, but overall, the film left me flat. I wouldn't even recommend that you rush out to see it when it is available via DVR or Netflix. Rated R.

B. THE REVENANT is now out on DVD ... my review from BLAINESWORLD #1012 follows:
Saw THE REVENANT, a drama inspired by true events about a hunter brutally attached by a bear and then left dead by members of his own hunting team. It is well done, and the cinematography is fantastic. But overall I found it a bit plodding. Leonardo DiCaprio might well win his first Oscar for his work here, but if so, I think it will be more to recognize the fine work he has done in many other films. I would like to see the special effects done with the bear get recognition from the Academy Awards. Rated R.

Note: For more information on how the bear shots were filmed, please click:
Here

C. Read IT TAKES MORE THAN A DONUT TO MAKE A MOVIE: THE ADVENTURES OF A HOLLYWOOD TEAMSTER (CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform) by David Marder.

The author tells about his 40-year career in Hollywood as a teamster in an engaging matter that gave me insight into the industry from a perspective that I knew very little about.

He shares tales involving such notables as Valerie Perrine, Edith Head, Glenn Ford, Rachel Ward and Richard Widmark. And he gives a behind-the-scenes account of what it was like on the set of such films as THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS, THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION, INNERSPACE and THE BIG EASY, among others.

I especially liked this "day in my life" example of what it was like being the transportation coordinator for DAYS OF THUNDER:
I hired and coordinated the movements of over 250 Teamsters, who were simultaneously working on 4 separate units and filming in 3 different states. I was responsible for the fabrication of 40 NASCAR stock cars and the movement of over 300 pieces of equipment. In the span of eight months, my operation cost Paramount Studios over $10 million, and that's in 1990 dollars.

The only thing missing from the book were some pictures. I would have liked to have at least seen some.

D. Heard WHY BE JEWISH?: A TESTAMENT (Hachette Audio), written by Edgar M. Bronfman and read by Rick Zieff.

The author, the longtime CEO of Seagram Company who also served for over twenty years as president of the World Jewish Congress, completed this book in December, 2013, just weeks before he died.

He reviews many of the tenets of Judaism, bringing in his many years of study with some of the top teachers in the world. He also outlines various ways to interpret both Jewish texts and holidays.

WHY BE JEWISH? is the perfect book for Jews who may consider themselves.
disaffected, and/or unaffiliated. It will get you thinking about your faith.

Non-Jewish readers will also gain a better understanding of a religion they may have known very little about.

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5. TV alert

Correction: THE NIGHT MANAGER, which runs on Tuesdays at 10 p.m., is on AMC--not on Sundance as was reported last week. Thanks, Ken G. in GA, for bringing this to my attention.

A. SPECIAL CORREPSPONDENTS: TV movie available via NETFLIX, starting on Fri., April 29
Ricky Gervais stars as a NYC radio journalist who fakes frontline war reports in an attempt to boost his struggling career.

B. WHITE HOUSE CORRESPNENTS' DINNER: Sat., April 30, at 6:30 p.m. on C-SPAN, CNN, FOX NEWS and MSNBC
THE NIGHTLY SHOW's Larry Wilmore hosts this show that's often dubbed as the "Nerd Prom."

C. 2016 ROCK & ROLL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION: Sat., April 30, at 8 p.m. on HBO
Cheap Trick, Chicago, Deep Purple, Steve Miller and N.W.A. are enshrined.

D. AMERICAN COUNTRY COUNTDOWN AWARDS: Sun., May 1, at 8 p.m. on FOX
Luke Bryan, Florida Georgia Line and Thomas Rhett are among the performers.

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6. Joke 2

My body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. It was intense! I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. . . . Unfortunately, by the time I got my leotard on, the class was over.

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Dan B. in PA: A Tribute to World War Two Veterans
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(2) Diana Ross: He Lives in You
Here

(3) Nelson S. Bill Maher New Rules - North Carolina is Going Ape Sh*t
Here

(4) Alyson M. in CO: Neil Young - Heart Of Gold
Here

B. Imagine taking almost 900 courses, including some from big name universities--all of them free and online. Among those that caught my attention were the following: Learning How to Learn, Introduction to Classical Music and Successful Negotiation..

To find out more, please click:
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C. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running . . . to view it, please click:
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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:
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8. Technology tip

To quote Sgt. Phil Esterhaus (Michael Conrad) from HILL STREET BLUES: "Let's be careful out there." ... I generally am when it comes to my computer, but even I was almost thrown by the warnings that can be seen below.

The top one looked "official" and so did the one on the bottom left, especially in that it gave a toll-free number for a Microsoft-certified technician. I realized that it was crap, at this point in time, but I was sure when I saw the screen on the bottom right. That took you to a repair service having nothing to do with Microsoft.

I also called, so as to be able to tell you about this, and found out that they wanted an email address. When I said "no" to that, they then requested to gain remote access to my computer. I then hung up.

When I checked into this further, I found out that it was a tech scam support, which is used by scammers to promote their paid online services. For more information, please click:
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Lastly, I checked with my technology guru (Jensen Gelfond). Here's what he had to say:
What you're seeing was a scam website. As long as you did not allow the person you called to remotely connect to your computer or give them any sensitive info, you should be ok. Running a virus and malware scan is definitely a good idea.

Note: Should you want more information about Jensen, please click:
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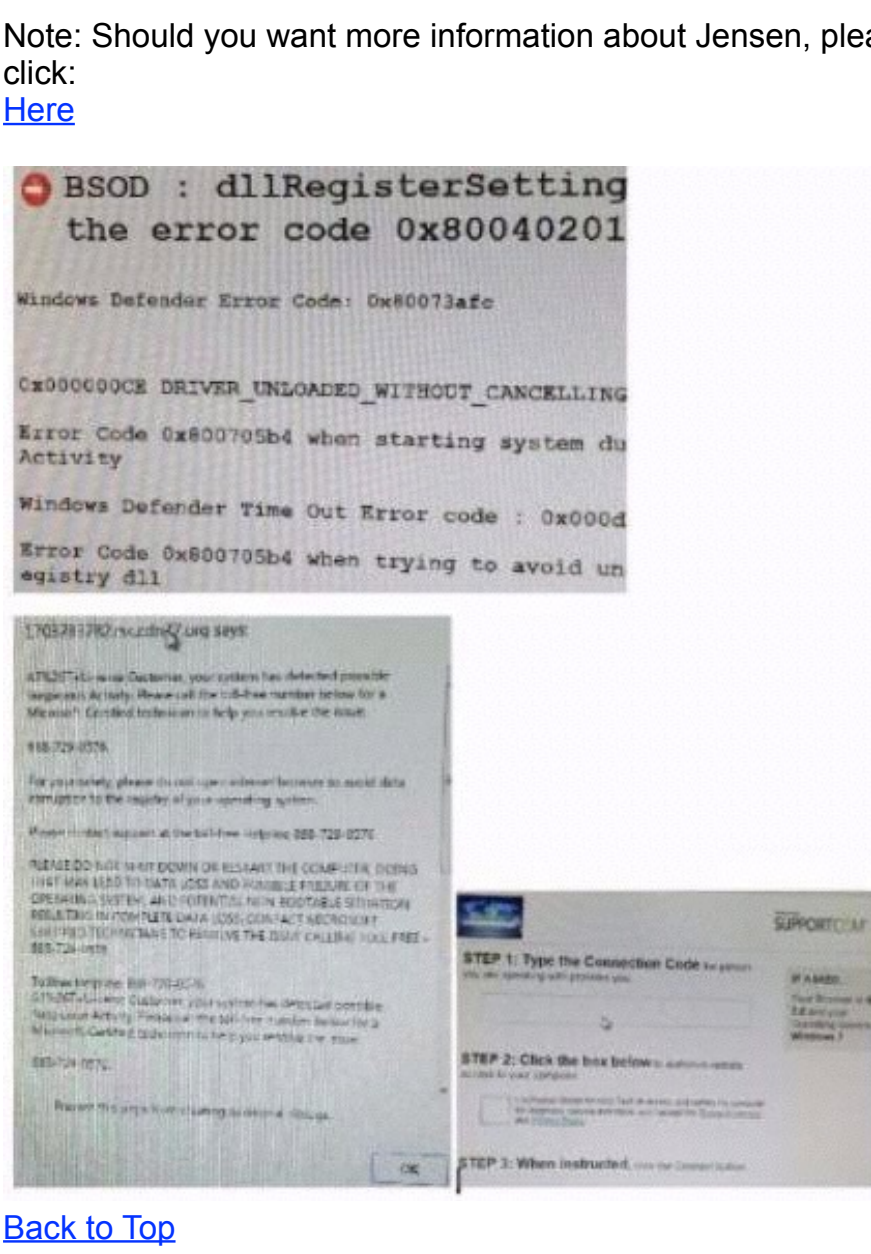

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registry dll

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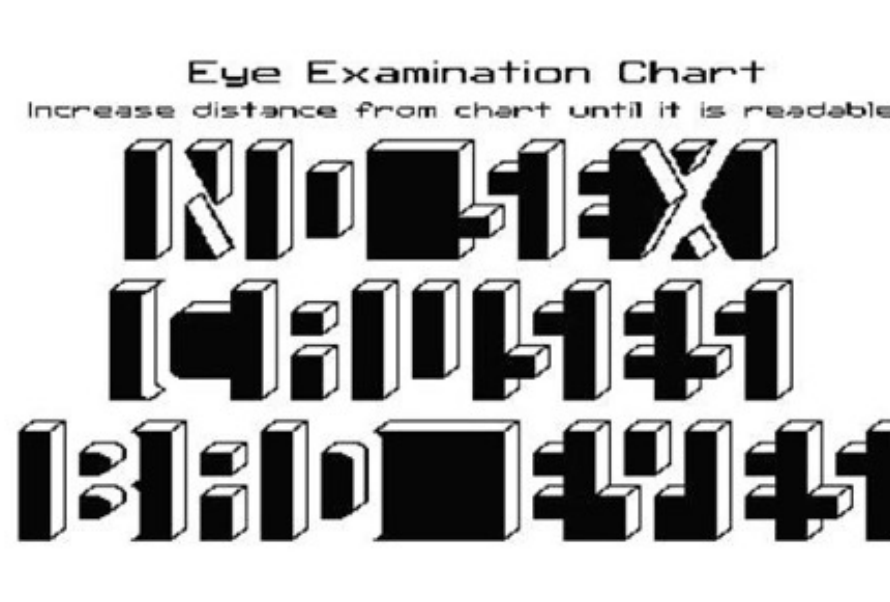
9. Joke 3

If you are can't read this, get thee to an eye doctor soon! If you're looking for one, I strongly recommend mine: Dr. Doug Hauschild in Weaverville, NC; 828.658.0564. He is excellent.


Eye Examination Chart
Increase distance from chart until it is readable
NO SEX
CAUSES
BAD EYES

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10. A quote I like

"I think women are taught to ask permission about everything. We don't realize that we are entitled, and we do have a say in our lives.."--Doris Roberts (1925-2016) , R.I.P. She was an American actress who received five Emmy Awards and was perhaps best known for her role as Raymond Barone's mother, Marie Barone, on the sitcom EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND.

For a great example of how funny she was, please view this clip of her giving wedding advice:
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For her obituary, please click:
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11. Thought for the day

"People wonder why I give so many compliments out to strangers. I'm not being fake & I'm not looking for people to like me. But, if I pass someone & I like something, I say it. "Love those shoes!" or "Great hair!" or "Wow your eyes are beautiful!" why? Because life is hard & this world can be a shitty place & people are mean. You never know how much those few words mean to someone, you never know what hell they may be going through; & when you put positivity out there into the universe YOU yourself become a happier person. It's hard to be nice & be miserable yourself. It'll reflect from the outside in. I'm telling you random compliment giving will change your life; & maybe someone else's too."

Source: Jordan Sarah Whitehead, author of NAKED TRUTH

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12. Advance planning department

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

(1) My Intimate Companion ~ My Body: A Movement Theater Performance. (2) Dave E. in NC: Two recommendations. (3) Feral Fire Drum Circle.

B. PA/NJ events

(1) Tickets on Sale for Delightfully Varied Summer Season at MCCC's Kelsey Theatre. (2) (2) Theater: 'A Murder is Announced' at Morrisville's Heritage Center.

PS. If you're like me and you celebrate all holidays (more food, fun and friends that way), HAPPY PASSOVER! ... It begins tonight, Friday, and runs through April 30. ... Some folks in Atlanta should have an especially good holiday--thanks to Jacob "Jew Fish" Fishman who can be seen in the picture below. He caught a 40-pound gefilte in Lake Lanier and after weighing the giant gefilte, he quickly placed it in a tub full of jellied broth. ... The record-breaking fish will be shaped into balls and topped with a carrot slice, which will feed more than 150 people at Passover Seders. .. To put this photo into context, it should be noted that it was taken on April 1. For more information, please click:
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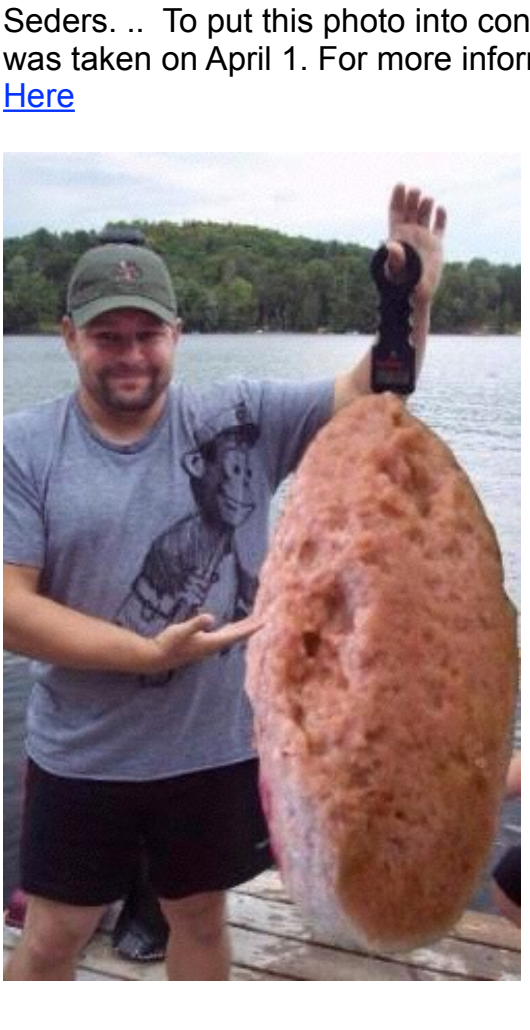

And make it a wonderful week. too!

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