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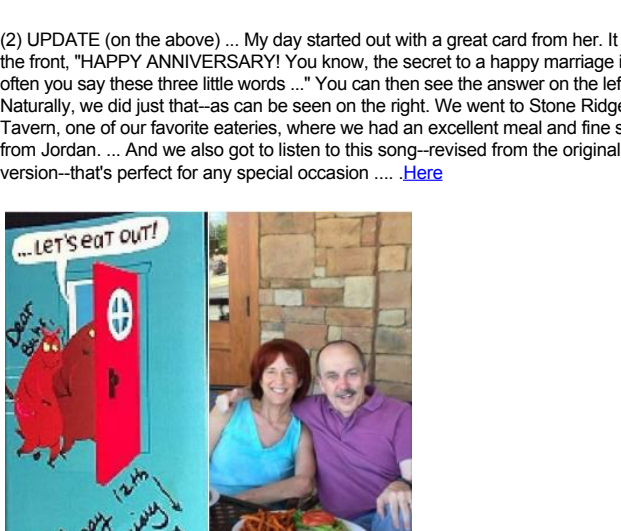
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1. Reflections

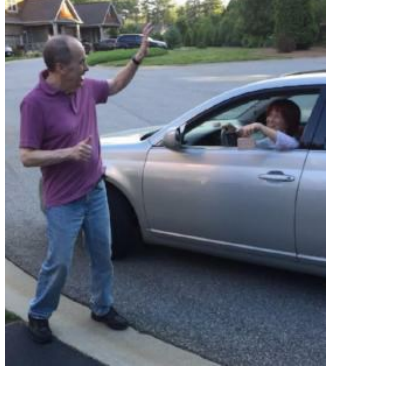
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A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Celebrated our anniversary of the day that I was blessed to have gotten married to her. She remains as lovely now as she was then. ... And in case you're wondering how long we have been married, my answer as always is "not long enough!" ... PS: If you'd like to celebrate with us, please do by listening to the following song that's our wish for the both of us--and for you, too; i.e., that we all stay forever young. ... [Here](#). (Thanks, Patrick Hannigan, for coming to New York City to take this picture and for remaining our friend.)



(2) UPDATE (on the above) ... My day started out with a great card from her. It said on the front, "HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! You know, the secret to a happy marriage is how often you say these three little words. ... You can then see the answer on the left. ... Naturally, we did just that--as can be seen on the right. We went to Stone Ridge Tavern, one of our favorite eateries, where we had an excellent meal and fine service from Jordan. ... And we also got to listen to this song--revised from the original version--that's perfect for any special occasion. ... [Here](#)



(3) PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW. ... That's me, waving goodbye to Cynthia, my beautiful bride, as she leaves for her first day of classes at Asheville School of Massage and Yoga. I'm very proud of her as she begins a year-long program to get her certification as a massage therapist. ... I hope she enjoys the meal I made for her (in the lunch box she is holding in her left hand!)



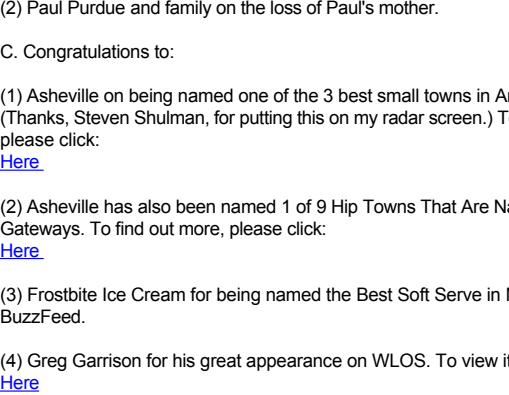
(4) We loved FIDDLER ON THE ROOF at Haywood Arts Regional Theatre, and you will too. It runs through July 30. To see these pictures at full size, as well as to get ordering information for tickets, please click: [Here](#)



(5) After the show, we went to Angelo's Family Pizza & Pasta, our favorite eatery in Waynesville. The food, as always, was excellent and so was the service we received from Alicia.



(6) On another night, we got to join our friends (and neighbors) Steve and Beth Byas for a tasty meal at Apollo Flame Bistro--the Hendersonville Road location. Stephanie was our friendly server.



B. Condolences to:

- (1) Kim Stimpson and family on the passing of Kim's aunt.
- (2) Paul Purdue and family on the loss of Paul's mother.

C. Congratulations to:

- (1) Asheville on being named one of the 3 best small towns in America to visit. (Thanks, Steven Shulman, for putting this on my radar screen.) To find out more, please click: [Here](#).
- (2) Asheville has also been named 1 of 9 Hip Towns That Are National Park Gateways. To find out more, please click: [Here](#).
- (3) Frostbite Ice Cream for being named the Best Soft Serve in North Carolina by BuzzFeed.
- (4) Greg Garrison for his great appearance on WLOS. To view it, please click: [Here](#)
- (5) Barbara Brady on starting DIVINE JUICY LIFE, a new experiential, fully and joyfully. For more information, please click: [Here](#)
- (6) Jay Lieberman, winner of Contest #13: an autographed copy of Bruce Lang's great new CD: MORE REQUESTS: Bruce was nice enough to contribute a second copy, so Karen Gunderson was also chosen as a winner.

Note: If were not a winner and/or you'd like to order a copy of the CD for yourself, you can listen to the songs by clicking: [Here](#)

And you can order by sending a check for: \$15, payable to Big Creek Music, and mail it to: P.O. Box 100, Bardsville, NC 28703.

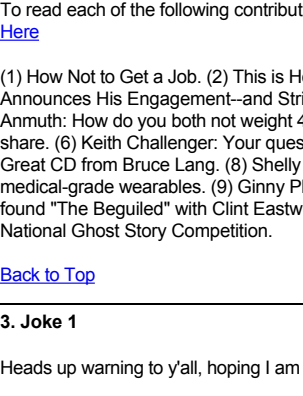
All told, there were five entries. And that reminds me that it's now time for:

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

One lucky reader will win a copy of DISSOLVING PAIN: SIMPLE BRAIN-TRAINING EXERCISES FOR OVERCOMING CHRONIC PAIN by Les Feilmi and Jim Robbins. To quote Dr. Andrew Weil, "The techniques described in this book can make life fuller, more enjoyable and more productive." ... To enter: Send an email to bjnbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #14 in the subject line. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Monday, July 24.

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

This week, it goes to Michele Louzon--founder and executive director of Arms Around AASD, a non-profit group she started in August, 2014; to the organization on the autism spectrum--and, also, their family members and caregivers. ... The organization, originally operated out of Michele's basement, now has its own facility at 191 Charlotte Street. I recently got to tour it (see below) and was impressed with all the activity that is going on. ... For more information about AASD, please click: [Here](#)



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2. FYI

As "Game of Thrones" Returns, Is Sharing Your HBO Password O.K.? by Daniel Victor

The seventh season of "Game of Thrones" returns on Sunday, and if you're like a significant chunk of HBO's viewership, you can watch it thanks to the login credentials tracing back to your friend's ex-boyfriend's parents.

But if you listened to the headlines after a court decision last July, you might fear a SWAT team could bust down your door in the middle of your illicit "Veeep" episode. Countless news sites reported that sharing your password would be a "federal crime," while others suggested you might "go to jail" for it.

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

FYI, part 2

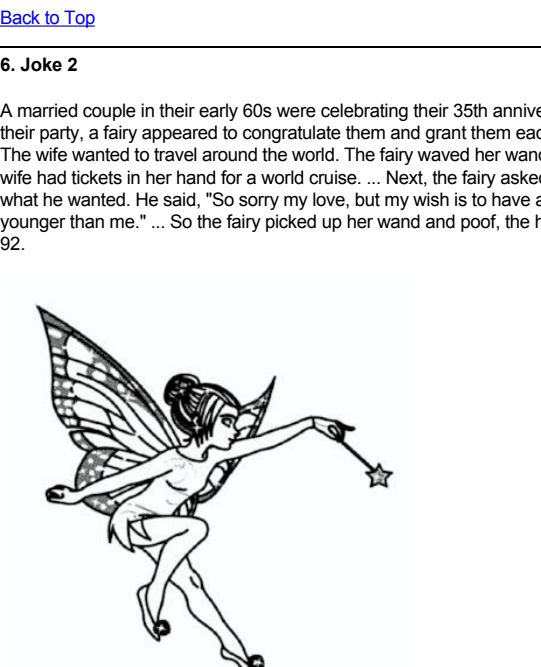
To read each of the following contributions in full, please click: [Here](#)

- (1) How Not to Get a Job (2) This is How You Get Stuff Done. (3) Patton Oswalt Announces His Engagement--and Strikes Back at "Gru Worm" Critics. (4) Shela Anmuth: How do you both not weight 400 lbs, each? (5) Sam Uhl: A song/video to share. (6) Keith Challenger: Your question about merging. (7) Sharon Gunderson: Great CD from Bruce Lang. (8) Shelly Jacobs: Beyond Fitbit. The quest to develop medical-grade wearables. (9) Ginny Plaisted: Just wanted to let you know that we found "The Beguiled" with Clint Eastwood. (10) Kai Elijah Hamilton: The Apparitionist National Ghost Story Competition.

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3. Joke 1

Heads up warning to y'all, hoping I am not too late! (Thanks, Lyn Donley, for sharing.)



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4. Reviews

A. Saw WONDER WOMAN and realize I may be in the minority, but must admit to not giving it. The first half was good. I enjoyed watching Gal Gadot kick a lot of ass. But then the film fell apart for me in the second part. The villains became less and less believable, and when they started flying all over the place, I decided that I will probably miss the many sequels that are sure to follow. Rated PG-13.

B. You'll do much better finding PLACES IN THE HEART, a 1984 drama about a widow who finds herself alone and broke on a small farm in the midst of the Great Depression. She must endure many hardships, but manages to do so with the help of a wandering black man. Sally Field won an Oscar for work in the leading role. Danny Glover and John Malkovich were also excellent. I'm surprised that it didn't win an Oscar for cinematography. Rated PG, though methinks some of the scenes may be too upsetting for younger children.

Note: I've added PLACES IN THE HEART to my list of films. If you'd like to get a copy of that list, send an email to: bjnbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

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5. TV alert

A. CELTICS/LAKERS: BEST OF ENEMIES recently aired on ESPN. Although a bit on the long side, it was very watchable. If you're a pro basketball fan, make sure you see it.

Perhaps the best way to watch it is On Demand, if you have that. If not, I believe you can also see it on your computer by clicking the links below ...

Part 1:

[Here](#)

Part 2:

[Here](#)

Part 3:

[Here](#)

B. FRIENDS FROM COLLEGE: Available starting on Fri, July 14, via Netflix. This 8-episode sitcom has former Harvard classmates bringing out the eternal sophomore in each other.

C. MY CAT FROM HELL: Saturdays at 9 p.m. on the Animal Planet. The cat behaviorist Jackson Galaxy has still more tales of feline woe, which he and seemingly he alone can solve.

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6. Joke 2

A married couple in their early 60s were celebrating their 35th anniversary. During their party, a fairy appeared to congratulate them and grant them each one a wish. ... The wife wanted to travel around the world. The fairy waved her wand and poof, the wife had tickets in her hand for a world cruise. ... Next, the fairy asked the husband what he wanted. He said, "So sorry my love, but my wish is to have a wife 30 years younger than me." ... So the fairy picked up her wand and poof, the husband became 92.



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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

- (1) Evelyn Blau: Lee Greenwood's God Bless The USA, performed by Home Free [Here](#)
- (2) Steven Shulman: Amazing Cat Rescues Puppy From Ditch in India [Here](#)
- (3) Ugliest dog contest [Here](#)
- (4) How to Become a Secret Service Agent [Here](#)

B. Want a snappy comeback for a rude question? Check out this website: [Here](#)

You'll find out how to respond when wanting to say: I can't believe you said that. You're so bossy, rude, etc. What to say when Top ten comebacks for jerks And lots more

I like the fact that you can also vote for what you think is the best answer, then you get to see the results. For example, when told "You are so fat," you have these options for responding: I may be chubby, but chubby can slim down, but ugly just can't be fixed. Fat is a temporary caloric imbalance, but stupid is a permanent genetic malfunction! Be careful, I ate the last piece of your comment on my weight! All the better to sit on your dear. Congratulations on achieving your degree in Master of the Obvious. The only reason I'm fat is because a tiny body couldn't store all this personality!

The top answer got the most votes: 2,275 or 30% of the total 7,487 votes cast.

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

Question: from a reader who wishes to remain anonymous): My 13-year-old son was researching "sex chats" on Google the other day. Is there anything I can do to prevent him from doing so?

Answer: Good luck with that! But you can try the following ...

- 1. Go to Google Chrome: [Here](#)
- 2. Go to "Settings" in the bottom right corner.
- 3. Check the box next to "Turn on SafeSearch."
- 4. At the bottom of the page, select Save.

Note: SafeSearch isn't 100% accurate, but it helps you avoid some explicit content. To find out more, as well as to how to make sure the settings can't be changed without your Google password, please click: [Here](#)

Then run a test to see how this works. I tried doing so. Before I changed the Google safe search setting to strict, I searched for "sex chat" and encountered plenty of risque websites. After locking the strict search, I searched again and got this message: "Your search - "sex chat" - did not match any documents."

Success at least for the above terms. Unfortunately, this does not work on all terms. Also, this works if you use Google as your search engine of choice. If you did use AOL, then you'll have to use what AOL recommends to block sites. The same applies to Foxfire, Bing, etc.

One other option: Consider purchasing parental control software. To read more about this topic, please click: [Here](#)

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9. Joke 3

So now you know what is meant by this expression: "the tides are turned." Does this also mean that the moose will now get picked up for a DUI violation? (Thanks, Carole Biro, for sharing.)

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10. A quote I like

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

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11. Thought for the day

LESSON IN LIFE ... A wise man sat in the audience and cracked a joke. Everybody laughed like crazy. After a moment, he cracked the same joke again. This time, less people laughed. He cracked the same joke again and again ... When there finally was no laughter in the crowd, he smiled and said: "You can't laugh at the same joke again and again, but why do you keep crying over the same thing over and over again?"

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12. Advance planning department

Hope you can also get some on Sun., July 16, in honor of it being National Ice Cream Day ... and you might even be able to get it for free ... to find out what places to go to, please click: [Here](#)

PS: Make it a wonderful rest of the week, too!

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