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## 1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I had some tasty pizza at Manicomio Pizza.



B. Unfortunately, our amazing cat Kismet was not able to join us. But he did want y'all to see his newly groomed look.



C. Pinkish Floyd rocked at White Horse Black Mountain on Jan. 28, 2023. To see for yourself, click (1) [Here](#); (2) [Here](#); or (3) [Here](#). ... Kudos to all in this outstanding band: Jason Watson, David Bradley, Rob Grace, Jenny Lee Bradley, David Bruce, Rebekkah Hilgraves, Travis Corcoran, Kathleen Watson and Patrick Landis.



D. Please catch this recent BLAINESWORLD podcast, featuring Keynon Lake--Founder/CEO, "My Daddy Taught Me That" ... To view or listen to the podcast, click: <https://www.blaineworld.net/> and look for the one dated 1.31.2023. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



E. Hot off the press, my latest humor column that I write for THE FAIRVIEW TOWN CRIER ...

**LAUGH TIME BLAINE GREENFIELD**

**Shin (n.): A device for finding furniture in the dark.**

You'll never guess who I bumped into on my way to the opticians.  
Everyone.  
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**Will glass coffins be a success?  
Remains to be seen.**  
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**SURVIVAL TIP**  
If you get lost in the woods, start talking about politics and someone will show up to argue with you.!

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**I replaced my litter box with a FedEx box. Now when it's full, I just tape it shut and put it on my porch for someone to steal.**  
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**There is a fine line between numerator and denominator. Only a fraction of people will find this funny.**  
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**My mother always used to say: The older you get, the better you get, unless you're a banana.**  
—Betty White

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.  
—Phyllis Diller  
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**Did you hear about the Italian chef with a terminal illness?  
He pastaway. Cannoli do so much.  
Now he's just a pizza history.**  
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**I had a dream last night that I was a teepee. The next night, I dreamt that I was a wigwam. I told my therapist. She said not to worry, I was just too tense.**  
*Readers are invited to submit funnies. Thanks, Cynthia Greenfield, for the following riddle:*

**What rock group consists of four famous men, but none of them sing?  
The faces on Mount Rushmore!**

 Blaine Greenfield hosts *BLAINESWORLD*, a podcast, and he publishes a blog with the same name. To send items for possible inclusion in a future issue, email [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com).

F. Condolences to Jerita Wright and family on the passing of Jerry Weaver Wright, Jerita's father.

G. Congratulations to:

(1) Brenda Lilly for her appearance on WLOS news. You can catch her appearance by clicking: [Here](#).

(2) Dana Catania on her promotion to Assistant Vice President at Bank of America.

(3) Charlie Wilson for starting a new position as Business Development Coordinator at Anderson Automotive Group.

(4) Daniel Sandoval on being named Choir Director at Jubilee.

H. Correction: Last week's issue mentioned RIVETED, the staged reading of RIVETED that was part of The Magnetic's New Play Development Program. It was superb.

But my bad: I left out all those involved in this brand new folk musical. Sorry 'bout that.

The play was written by Deborah Silverstein and directed by Erin McCarson. Steve Sensenig provided musical direction, and Katie Jones was the dramaturg.

The outstanding cast included Brandi Andrade, Chelsey Gaddy, Katie Langwell, TJ Mool, Denise Lockett, Rachel Fralick, Adam Olson, Robert Sine, Tierra Raiti an Steve Sensenig

I. Thanks , Walt Wiesenhutter, my longtime friend, for nominating this week's nomination for the ...

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

My nominee is Kristal Manago.

Kristal is my aide who helps me do things around my apartment. I am very handicapped, so she's a great assistance to me in helping me with whatever I need to do. She makes my lunch, and sometime she makes my dinner if she's working the later shift. She is just dynamite. There's no other word for her. I was lucky to be placed with her back in June, and it is now February--and she's still with me.



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## 2. Invites

A. Announcing ....

**\*\*\*\*\* CONTEST #3 \*\*\*\*\***

One lucky reader will win an autographed copy of UNSENT POSTCARDS, a collection of poems by my friend NELSON SARTORIS.

To quote one reviewer: "The poems in this book resonate with me as someone who is also approaching the

twilight of my years. They made me think and evaluate my role in life and in the world. Very thought provoking."

To enter the contest, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #3 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include your name and mailing address. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13.

Note: Congratulations to Padma Dyvine, winner of Contest #2: a copy of POWER ANIMAL MEDITATIONS by Nicki Scully.

All told, there were eight entries.

B. Please LIKE and SHARE the Facebook page for At the Café, the new musical written by Marcy Gallagher with music by Sarah Kohrs that will have its world premiere at The Tina McGuire Theater at The Wortham Center for the Performing Arts on August 18-20 and 25-27. For more information, click: [Here](#).

C. Want to be a guest on my BLAINESWORLD podcast, now seen on YouTube or you can listen to it on your favorite podcast player? If you have news you'd like to share and/or a story to tell, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put GUEST in the subject line. In the body of the email, include both your name and phone number.

Even if you've been a guest before, I'd welcome the opportunity to speak with you again. I now tape via Zoom, usually in the early evening.

For more information about the show, click: [Here](#).

D. Are you interested in shows, concerts, movies, TV, etc.? ... If so, I encourage you to join a group I've formed on Facebook that's called Entertainment. To do so, all you need to do is follow the instructions when you click: [Here](#).

E. Come join Cynthia for the two courses she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week: Meditation on Monday via Zoom and Move Your Body on Wednesday via Zoom or in person. To attend this and/or any of the other courses that are offered, scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

F . If we're not yet friends on Facebook, click to send me a friend request: [Here](#).

Note: For others, see Sect.13 (at the bottom of this issue).

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### 3. FYI

Do You Know How to Behave? Are You Sure? How to text, tip, ghost, host, and generally exist in polite society today.

The ways we socialize and date, commute and work are nearly unrecognizable from what they were three years ago. We've enjoyed a global pandemic, open employer-employee warfare, a multifront culture war, and social upheavals both great and small. The old conventions are out (we don't whisper the word cancer or let women off the elevator first anymore, for starters). The venues in which we can make fools of ourselves (group chats, Grindr messages, Slack rooms public and private) are multiplying, and each has its own rules of conduct. And everyone's just kind of rusty. Our social graces have atrophied.

We wanted to help. So we started with the problems — not the obvious stuff, like whether it's okay to wear a backpack on the subway or talk loudly on speakerphone in a restaurant (you know the answers there). We asked people instead what specific kinds of interactions or situations really made them anxious, afraid, uncertain, ashamed. From there, we created rigid, but not entirely inflexible, rules.

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

Note: I believe the above link should work, enabling you to read the article. If you can't read it, please send me an email: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put DO YOU KNOW in the subject line. I'll then send you the whole article.

## FYI, part 2

Thanks for the feedback on something I wrote about last week (on giving advice).

In particular, I thought you'd like to see these two emails ...

Maria Porambo: Someone once told me unsolicited advice is criticism. Lesson learned.

Jonathan Berg: Glad when you ask for advice, you figure there's ONLY ONE THING you could do better. Me, there's so many things!!

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## 4. Joke 1

Just so y'all know! Thanks, (Brenda Lunsford Lilly, for posting.)



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## 5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I both liked YOU PEOPLE, now on Netflix. It is a modern GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER where Jonah Hill and Lauren London play the couple who seek the approval of their parents. They are both quite good, and the supporting cast is excellent: Eddie Murphy, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Nia Long and David Duchovny. There are several parts of this film that will have you laughing out loud. Rated R.

B. We revisited ALONG CAME POLLY, a 2004 romantic comedy also on Netflix. Ben Still plays an actuary unable to risk anything until he meets Jennifer Aniston, a former classmate. They also had us laughing out loud in several spots, but Philip Seymour Hoffman and Hank Azaria both steal every scene they are in. Rated PG-13.

C. Thanks, Mike Martinelli, for sharing this review of the following film:  
80 For Brady \*\*\*

Even if you are not a fan of Tom Brady or Jane Fonda, you will still like this fun movie.

It is based on a true story of four friends who want to have one last hoopla and attend the 2017 Super Bowl. Nothing with Fonda, Tomlin, Moreno and Field could be bad. Even Tom Brady was good as an actor. Some of what happens is definitely a bit made up for the movies, but it just adds to the fun.

It was good to see the theater full. This movie has the right combination to attract people and bring them out. Rated PG-13.

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## 6. TV alert

### A. STEVE MARTIN AND MARTIN SHORT: AN EVENING YOU WILL FORGET THE REST OF YOUR LIFE:

Now on Netflix

Longtime pals and showbiz icons Steve Martin and Martin Short share countless quips, catchy tunes and hilarious stories about their lives in comedy.

I already saw this and loved it. You will, too. (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for the recommendation.)

### B. DEAR EDWARD: Now on Apple TV+

Friday Night Lights creator Jason Katims presents a serious tearjerker about a child (Colin O'Brien) who's the sole survivor of a plane crash that killed his family. Taylor Schilling and Connie Britton also star.

### C. SHRINKING: Now on Apple TV+

Harrison Ford plays a gruff but kindly psychotherapist recently diagnosed with Parkinson's. He's like a wise father-figure boss to his younger therapist colleague (Jason Segel, also a master of comedy that accommodates sorrow).

### D. 65TH ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS: Sunday, Feb. 5, at 8 p.m. on CBS

Marking his third consecutive year as host, Trevor Noah will emcee the 2023 Grammy Awards at Los Angeles' Crypto.com Arena.

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## 7. Joke 2

MR. CONSIDERATE HERE ... Because there is so much negativity on the internet lately, I think we all should take time to look at some puppies. (Thanks, Colleen Dunn, for posting.)



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## 8. Clips/Websites

### A. The Turtles are arguably the greatest rock group of all time!

(1) As mentioned previously, this section will feature music by The Turtles--either their recordings and/or covers of their music by others.

I'd especially love to see any recording you may have done of "Happy Together."

Send it to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put THE TURTLES in the subject line.

Note: Even if you did not do a recording, I welcome anything done by others--not only of "Happy Together," but any other Turtles' song.

(2) For this week, please view this version from Sloan Dalley: [Here](#).

#### B. Video of the week

Every Hallmark Movie Ever

It always starts in a cozy New England town... what should the plot of our next Christmas movie parody be?

To view this clip, click: [Here](#). (Thanks, Brian Biro, for sharing.)

C. And also check out these other clips at your convenience:

(1) Lonnie Donegan - Does Your Chewing Gum Loose Its Flavour, one of my favorite clips: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith, Hymns (2.5.2023): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Instant Karma: [Here](#).

(4) Winter is tougher on men. Pity this sports broadcaster who was asked to cover the blizzard: [Here](#). (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

(5) "Nighttime Freestyle": [Here](#) (Thanks, Michael Kotzen, for sharing.)

Note: Michael, a friend, developed this with Jordan Fitzpatrick. He has asked that you please share it.

D. Here's a website that you might want to check out:

Coollest places to check out in each state

For example, you'll find out that Hawaii's Iolani Palace is one of the less quirky items on the list. But it is definitely unique in one respect: It's generally considered the country's only royal palace.

For others, click: [Here](#). (Thanks, Carole Biro, for sharing.)

E. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running . . . to view it, please click: [Here](#).

F. 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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## 9. Technology tip

How to share Wi-Fi without giving out your password

by Kim Komando, [komando.com](http://komando.com)

Keeping critical data safe can be difficult, especially when cybercriminals keep coming up with sneakier ways to rip us off. That's why you need to be careful with passwords. If a criminal gets ahold of your credentials, they can do whatever they'd like with your account.

Many of us are leery when giving guests in our homes the Wi-Fi password. It's not that you don't trust grandma. You're just afraid that handing your network's password out to anyone could lead to disaster later. For the rest of this informative article, click: [Here](#).

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## 10. Joke 3

This the sign on my lawyer's office. When you go inside, you'll then see this on the wall: "Our credit manager is Helen Wait. If you want credit go to Helen Wait." (Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing.)



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## 11. Two quotes I like

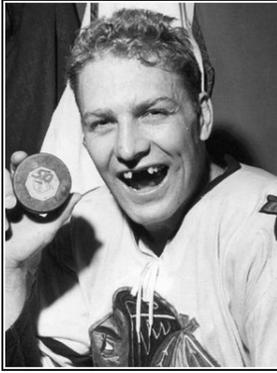
A. Thanks, Melinda Dillon (1939-2023), for your career as an American actor. She was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for her roles as Jillian Guiler in *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* and Teresa Perrone in *Absence of Malice* and perhaps best known for her role as Mother Parker in the holiday classic *A Christmas Story*. For more information about her life, click: [Here](#).

**"No. Shoot your eye out."--Melinda Dillon in A CHRISTMAS STORY when asked to get her son Ralphie an an official Red Ryder, carbine action, two-hundred shot range model air rifle**



B. Thanks, Bobby Hull (1939-2023), for your career as a Canadian professional ice hockey player who is widely regarded as one of the greatest players of all time. He won the Hart Memorial Trophy as the NHL's most valuable player twice and the Art Ross Trophy as the NHL's leading point scorer three times, and he was elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1983. For more information about his life, click:

[https://www.espn.com/nhl/story/\\_/id/35557785/hall-famer-bobby-hull-golden-jet-dies-age-84](https://www.espn.com/nhl/story/_/id/35557785/hall-famer-bobby-hull-golden-jet-dies-age-84).



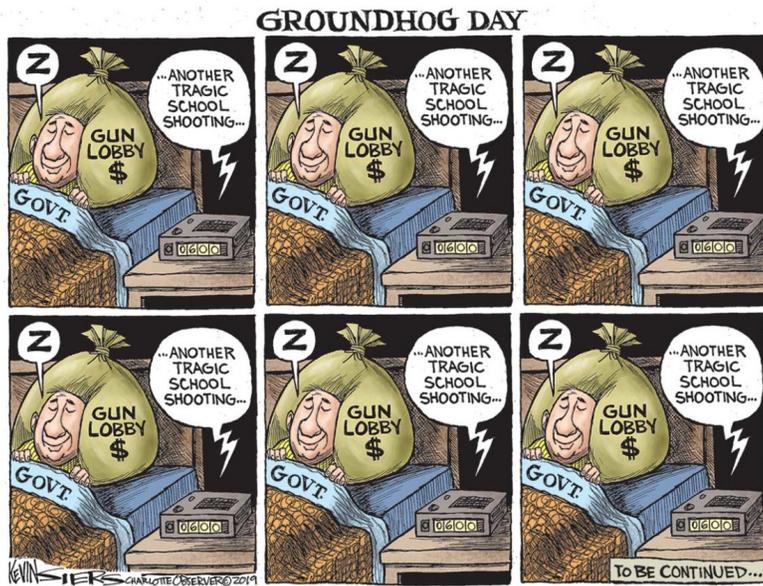
Always keep your composure. You can't score from the penalty box; and to win, you have to score.

— Bobby Hull —

AZ QUOTES

## 12. Thought for the day

Alas, to quote Yogi Berra, "It's déjà vu all over again."



## 13. Advance planning department

For more information about the following events, please click:

<https://bginbc.wordpress.com/2023/02/01/blainesworld-1377-please-send-any-comments-to-bginbcaol-com/>

A. Christy Souther: Flat Rock Playhouse's 2023 Season. B. Tod Leaven: A DOLL'S HOUSE. C. Sharon Lewis: DEEP RIVER PLAYS THE EAGLES. D. Janice Vertucci Schreiber: LOVE LETTERS.

E. Robinson Fox: Scholarship Opportunity. F. Victoria Lamberth: The Tribe Jazz Orchestra.

PS. Make it a great week!

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