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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I loved NEWSIES-- now at HART through Sun., April 10. ... This foot-stomping musical featured an enthusiastic cast of 38 and spot on direction from Shelia Sumpter. Kudos also to Maria Frost for her music direction, Candice Dickinson for her set design, Ken Galbreath for his set construction, Shelia and Georgia Reichard for their choreography, and Nichole Sumpter for her work as stage manager. ... Pictured with us were three of the talented actors: (top photo) Steve Lloyd and Drake Frost; and (bottom photo) Pasquale LaCorte. ... We also enjoyed the performances of Savanna Shaw, Syd Pifer, Morgan Allen, David Spivey, James Cloninger and Henry Blackburn, among others. ... For tickets, visit: [Here](#) or call the Box Office and leave a message at (828) 456-6322.



B. Afterward, we went to Boccelli's and had a delicious dinner. This eatery is rapidly becoming one of our favorites in Waynesville. The service is attentive, and the portions are large. And if you like garlic knots, you'll really enjoy the ones they serve.



C. It was great to solve all the world's problems with my friend Joel Mazelis when we met for breakfast at the Liberty House Café.



D. Catch this week's BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) Backstage with Sara Hassinger, stage manager with local community theatre companies; and (second half) Dr. Michael Boatright, Associate Professor and Director of the English Education Department of English Studies at Western Carolina University.



E. There was also a special Facebook Live edition of the BLAINESWORLD show this week that you can view by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: Andrew (Andy) Reed Asheville Herb Festival, executive director of the WNC Herb Marketing Association, and Jeannie Dunn and Kelsey Green.



F. Congratulations to David Riddell, owner of Big Frog Custom T-Shirts & More, on being named Male Entrepreneur of the Year by Asheville SCORE.

G. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Tin Can Pizzeria--our favorite Asheville food truck.

We go there every Monday when they are parked across the street from us, outside Whistle Hop Brewing Company.

The Pizza Bianca is our favorite. It is a white pizza that has mozzarella cheese, bacon, spinach, red onion and basil with a garlic and olive oil base. I'm getting hungry just typing about it.

Owner Chris Mannes (pictured in his new truck) is oh-so-friendly, as are staffers Jonathan and Robbie.

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



2. Invites

A. Good news! It's now time to introduce ...

***** CONTEST #7 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of WAYMISH: Why are you making it so hard for me to give you my money? by Ray Considine and Ted Cohn.

To quote the book's description from Amazon:

WAYMISH means Why Are You Making It So Hard...for me to give you my money? A Waymish; is any dumb mistake made when dealing with a customer. It's the disastrous effect of one minute's lousy service which loses a customer ready and willing to spend money. One Waymish. One customer lost. All future profits gone. The book's examples make excellent staff training material.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST 7 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include both your name and mailing address. All entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Mon, April 18.

B. FYI: John Tarka and Maria Porambo were winners of Contest \$6, copies of THE WARM HEART OF AFRICA by Jack Allison. All told, there were seven entries. Originally, there was just one prize, but I liked the book so much that I'm giving up my copy as a second prize.

C. Want to be a guest on my radio/Facebook Live show? If you have news you'd like to share and/or a story to tell, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put GUEST in the subject line. In the body of the email, include both your name and phone number.

For more information about the show, click: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/245515070390413> [Here](#).

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 evenings.

D. Are you interested in shows, concerts, movies, TV, etc.? ... If so, I encourage you to join a new 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 via Zoom: Meditation on Monday and Move Your Body on Wednesday. To attend these and/or any of the other courses, scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

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

3. FYI

People can and do change!

See for yourself by viewing this powerful clip:

Reformed White Supremacist Builds Unexpected & Life-Changing Friendship:[Here](#).

(Thanks, Lois Jacobs Rosenthal Fossum, for putting this powerful story on my radar screen.)

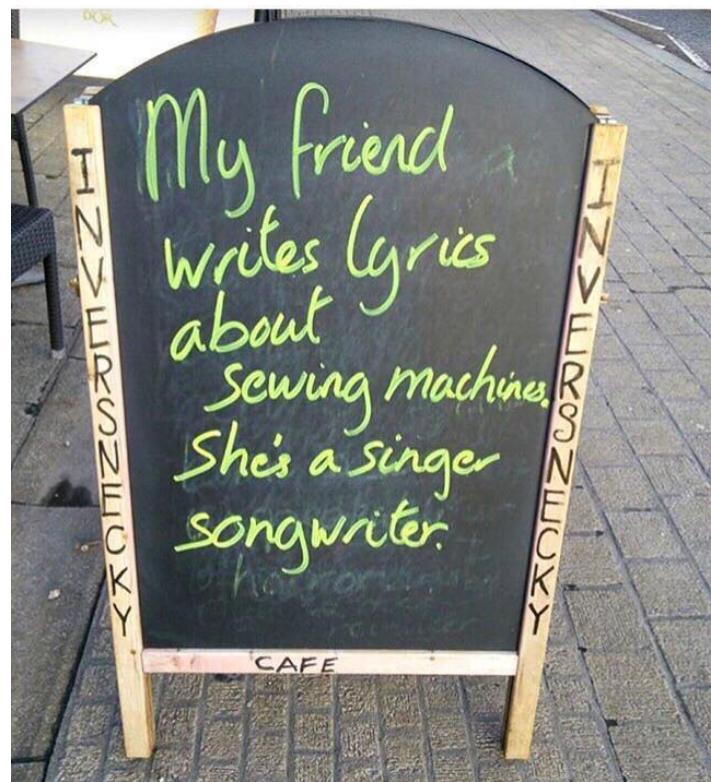
FYI, part 2

To read the following articles, please click: [Here](#).

A. Why nurses are raging and quitting after the RaDonda Vaught verdict. B. Why We're All Forgetting Things Right Now. C. Is 30 Minutes of Exercise a Day Enough? D. The Best Brain Foods You're Not Eating.

4. Joke 1

She has me in stitches whenever I hear her play with her group, Sowing Discord. (Thanks, James Wade, for sharing.)



5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I both loved CODA, a drama about the sole hearing member of a child of deaf adults (hence the movie's title). Emilia Jones is terrific in the leading role, and you'll also like her singing. The film deserved its Best Picture Award at the Oscars. and we were glad that Troy Kotsur was the first Deaf male actor to win Best Supporting Actor. Marlee Matlin and Eugenio Derbez, a Robert Downey Jr. lookalike, were also outstanding in their roles. Rated PG-13.

It can be seen at The Grail Moviehouse through April 14. It's also on Apple TV+, but we didn't want to see this one at home--and we're glad we made that decision.

Thanks, Mike Martinelli, for the recommendation.

Note: I've just added CODA to my list of favorite films. If you'd like to get a copy of this list, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

B. We also saw another fantastic movie, THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES--this time at home on TCM. This 1946 drama is about three returning WWI veterans who face difficulties as they re-enter civilian life. Fredric March Harold Russell, in his first acting role, won well-deserved Oscars for their respective performances, and the film was named Best Picture of the Year and earned four other Oscars. Russell, a double amputee, also won an honorary award for bringing hope and courage to his fellow veterans. Common Sense Media noted it's a "fine movie for families with older kids," saying it was appropriate for age 13+.

Note: As you might imagine, the above is in my list of favorite films--and has been there ever since I saw it many years ago. If you'd like to get a copy of this list, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

6. TV alert

A. METAL LORDS: Now on Netflix

Two kids want to start a heavy metal band in a high school where exactly two kids care about heavy metal. Finding a bassist is a struggle. Until Kevin overhears Emily playing her cello.

B. ALL THE OLD KNIVES: Now on Amazon Prime

This Amazon original film tells the story about a mole responsible for jet hijacking disaster. There's a terrific cast, including Laurence Fishburne, Chris Pine, Thandiwe Newtown and Jonathan Pryce.

C. 2022 CMT MUSIC AWARDS: Mon, April 11, at 8 p.m. on CBS

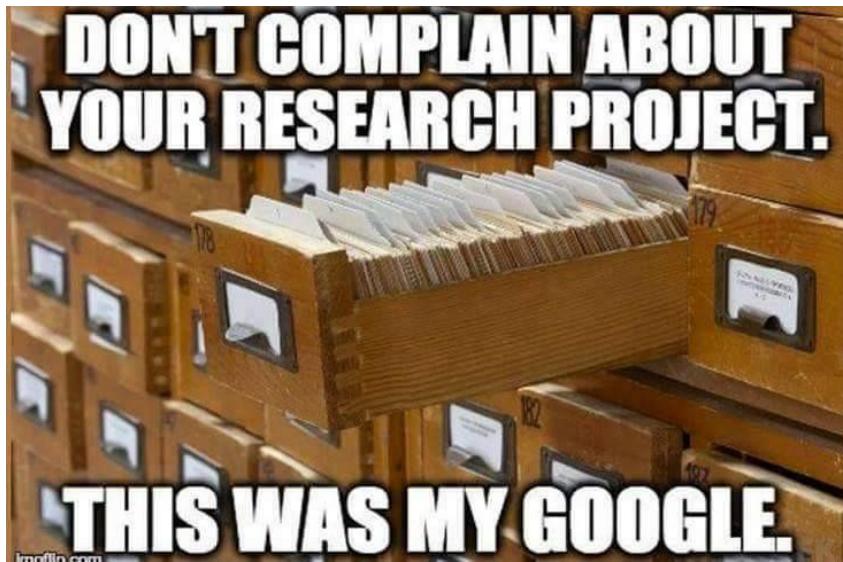
Kelsea Ballerini cohosts the fan-voted country music awards show and performs along with fellow nominees such as Kane Brown Miranda Lambert and Cody Johnson. Actor Anthony Mackie joins her in the hosting duties.

D. HOW WE ROLL: Thursdays at 9:30 p.m. on CBS

This series is based on the true story of Tom Smallwood, a Michigan man who decided to follow his dreams of becoming a professional bowler, after getting laid-off from his automotive manufacturing job. I've seen the first two episodes and have enjoyed them. It stars Pete Holmes (so good in CRASHING, a comedy that ran on HBO for three seasons).

7. Joke 2

I even had to use something called an encyclopedia. Times were certainly rough back in those days! (Thanks, Jean Dolan, for sharing.)



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 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, check out this beautiful cover from Erin Bode: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

My amazing friend, singer-songwriter Elsten Torres, has another winner in "Sobrarán" (Official Music Video): [Here](#).

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

(1) Peter, Paul and Mary "Don't Laugh at Me," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns, 4.10.2022: [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Steve Howe: [Here](#).

(4) I took Neil's advice (above), as usual, and found this Howe clip when he was with Yes: [Here](#).

(5) Jonathan Berg: Here's how I make cocktails: [Here](#).

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

Harry Potter fans unite! If you're obsessed with him and the rest of the Hogwarts gang, check out Pottemore--the fun website that will enable you to experience the ultimate digital wizarding experience. Do so by clicking: [Here](#).

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](#).

9. Technology tip

Suddenly, my printer stopped working. When trying to use it, I got this error message: "Printer in Error State on Windows 10."

To fix it (and to fix many computer problems), I did the following:

1. Unplugged every plug attached to both it and the computer, waited five minutes and then plugged everything back in.

2. Looked up the problem online and found this useful YouTube Video: [Here](#).

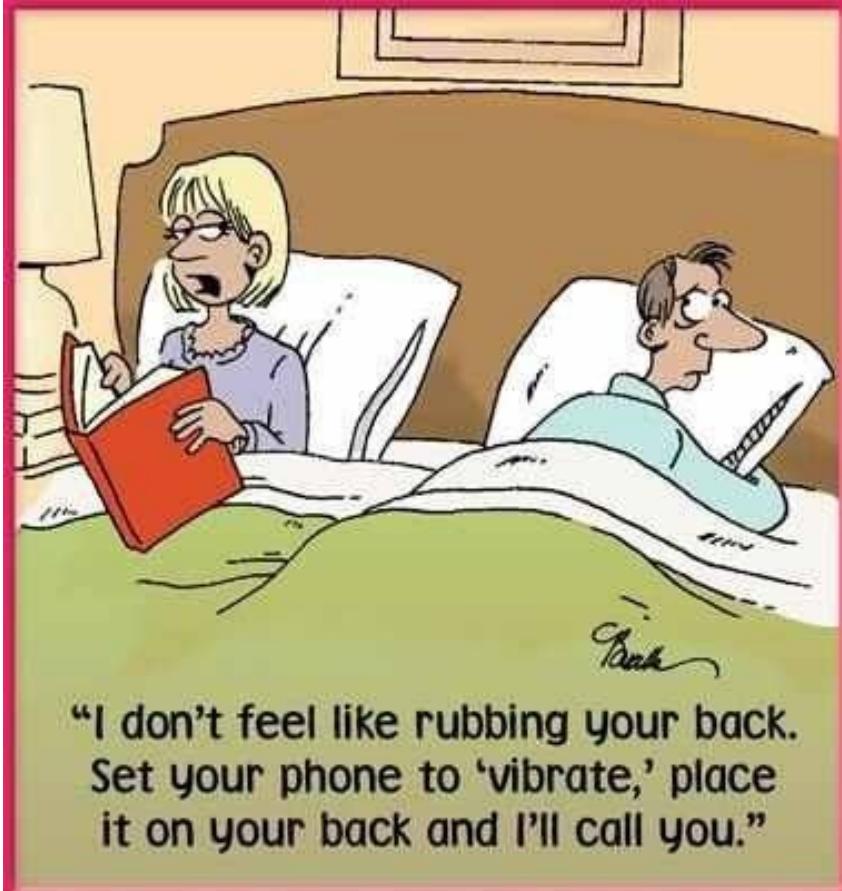
Note: When I find several videos, I'll typically look at the most current one first.

3. The above video showed me how to both run and find Windows Troubleshooter.

Step #3 solved my problem!

10. Joke 3

Memo to myself: "Self, don't try with Cynthia--my beautiful bride. She wouldn't be a happy camper if I tried this." ... Also, a request to y'all reading this: Please don't let here know I even considered such a possibility! (Thanks, Becky Gautraux, for sharing.)

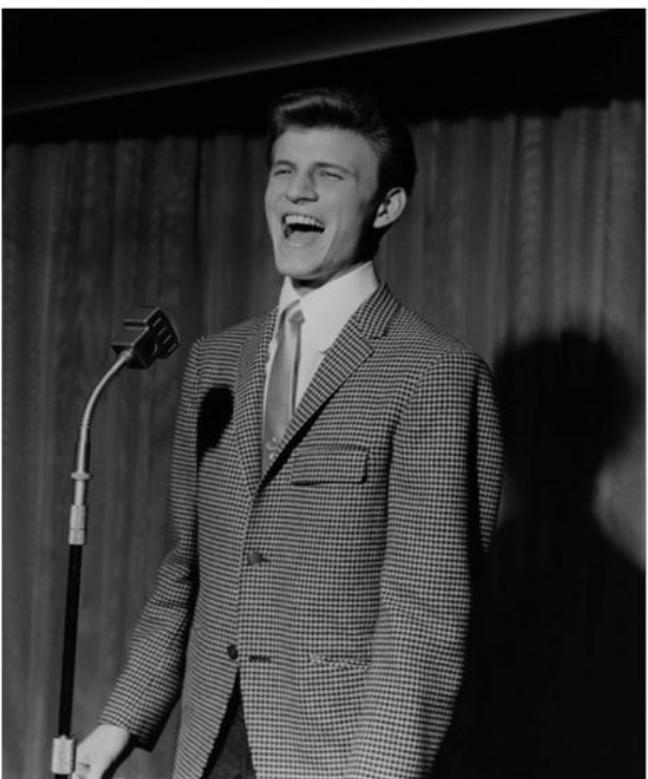


**"I don't feel like rubbing your back.
Set your phone to 'vibrate,' place
it on your back and I'll call you."**

11. Two quotes I like

A. Thanks, Bobbie Rydell (1942-2022), for your career as an American singer and actor. I most remember as a teen idol in the early 1960s and your performance of such songs as "Wild One" and "Volare," as well as for your appearance in BYE BYE BIRDIE. ... For more information about his life and some clips of some of him performing, click: [Here](#).

"You know, in a major motion picture [GREASE], which became a classic, it was so nice to know that the high school was named after me. And I said, 'Why me?' It could have been Anka High, Presley High, Everly High, Fabian High, Avalon High. And they came up with Rydell High."--Bobbie Rydell



B. Thanks, Estelle Harris (1928-2022), for your career as an American actress. I'll best remember you as Estelle Costanza on SEINFELD. For more information about her life, click: [Here](#).

"I go out for a quart of milk, I come home, and find my son treating his body like it was an amusement park."--Estelle Harris (when she catches George pleasuring himself while she was away)



There was an anthropologist who had been studying the habits and culture of a remote African tribe. She had been working in the village for quite some time and the day before she was to return home, she put together a gift basket filled with delicious fruits from around the region and wrapped it in a ribbon. She placed the basket under a tree and then she gathered up the children in the village.

The woman drew a line in the dirt, looked at the children, and said, "When I tell you to start, run to the tree and whoever gets there first will win the basket of the fruit."

When she told them to run, they all took each other's hands and ran together to the tree. Then they sat together around the basket and enjoyed their treat as a group.

The anthropologist was shocked. She asked why they would all go together when one of them could have won all the fruits for themselves?

A young girl looked up at him and said, "How can one of us be happy if all the other ones are sad?"

PS. The children were practicing Ubuntu. It can be roughly translated into English as "a person is a person through other persons." It is both a philosophy of humanism and a way of living.

Source: Author unknown. If you know who wrote this and/or where it came from, please let me know.



13. Advance planning department

For more information about the following events, please click: [Here](#).

A. Ellen Pappas: AUDITION NOTICE. B. Tom Orr: SING FOR YOURSELF. C. Sara Hassinger: ENOUGH: PLAYS TO END GUN VIOLENCE. D. Pam McNeill: THE HALLELUJAH GIRLS.

PS. Make it a great week!
