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## 1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I unfortunately didn't see much of each other this past week.

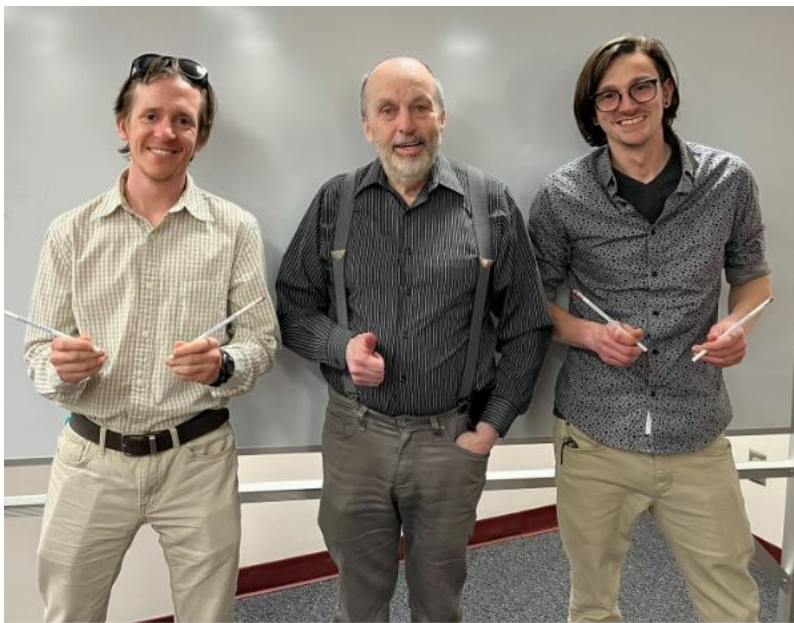
A. I came down with some sort of a virus that is now finally clearing after some 10 days. I could hardly speak, and I was sniffing and coughing much of that time. Fortunately, I didn't have Covid or strep.

Consequently, we didn't go out to eat once during that entire time, and I also missed many shows I wanted to see. So apologies to anybody whose appearance I may have ordinarily caught.

B. I was able to get well enough to appear in THE LOVE COLLECTIVE PRESENTS SONGS FROM ACROSS THE POND. See Section 1G (below) for more information and pictures.



C. Just prior to getting sick, I was able to present a Marketing seminar for Asheville SCORE. That's Sean Coughlin (left) and Trevor Tullos, two of the attendees, with the right-and left-handed pencils that they won.



D. In addition, I managed to host two BLAINESWORLD podcasts.

(1) The first featured Adrienne Blanks, singer and songwriter; and Matt Blanks, singer, actor and voice teacher. They perform three of Adrienne's original songs. ... To view or listen to the podcast, click: [Here](#) and look for the one dated 4.11.2023. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



(2) The second featured David Bruce extraordinaire. He discusses his drumming career, as well as his performance in THE LOVE COLLECTIVE - ACROSS THE POND. To view or listen to the podcast, view the

one dated 4.12.2023, when you click: [Here](#). ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



E. I was saddened to learn about the passing of Norm Kent, my high school classmate and friend. Condolences to his family and many other friends. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).

F. Congratulations to:

(1) Leslie Elliott for attaining the President's Sales Level at Beverly-Hanks, having produced over \$20 million in sales in 2022.

(2) Louise Glickman and Katrina Chenevert for being featured on a recent WLOS news show. To view it, click: [Here](#).

G. Announcing this week's ...

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

It goes to Ellen Pappas and Ryan Garcia, co-creators and directors of THE LOVE COLLECTIVE PRESENTS SONGS FROM ACROSS THE POND, a terrific fundraiser for The Attic Salt Theatre. And special kudos to Ellen who produced the show.



Recognition should also be given to all those in the talented cast: singers Carol Duermt, Ryan Garcia, Jessica Clark Johnson, Kim Halley and Ellen Pappas; guests Liz Aiello and Blaine Greenfield; and musicians David Smith, David Bruce and Bruce Lang. In addition, thanks to Trissa King for handling the sound; George Pappas for his work as prop master and equipment roadie; and Nina Denninger for being the rehearsal space provider extraordinaire.

For those that missed the event, you can catch four of the songs by clicking below:



Tequila, featuring yours truly as vocalist  
[Here](#)

Happy Together, arguably the greatest rock song of all time  
[Here](#)

Dedicated to the One I Love, courtesy of Big Creek Recording  
[Here](#)

With a Little Help From My Friends, courtesy of Big Creek Recording  
[Here](#)



(Photo by G. Pappas.)

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## 2. Invites

A. It's that time of year again for the following competition:



Please consider voting for BLAINESWORLD in the Mountain Xpress Best of WNC contest! Voting starts April 1st and runs until the 30th. You must vote in at least 30 categories for your vote to count!

To register to vote, please click: [Here](#).

If you want to see the rules, please click: [Here](#).

And perhaps most importantly ...

Here's a suggestion for your consideration (in the Media category):

Local Podcast: BLAINESWORLD

And if you're looking for other suggestions: (also in the Media category)

Local Print Publication Other Than Xpress: BLAINESWORLD

Local Events Information Source: BLAINESWORLD

Local Social Media Page to Follow for News, Events and Local Happenings: BLAINESWORLD & include these words: via Facebook.

\*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTE \*\*\*\*\*

If you'd like me to vote for you, your company or organization, post your request in the comments section where you saw this on social media and/or send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put BEST OF WNC in the subject line. Then put down what categories you want me to vote for you in, and it would be my pleasure to do so. Lastly, feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this competition.

PS. And lest I forget, click: [Here](#).

B. I'm taking on the 3rd Annual 100-Mile Ride Against Dementia for Dementia Society of America! Please support me as I raise funds by taking on 100 miles to help Dementia Society of America achieve their amazing mission. Every donation, big or small, counts. Cheer me on in making a difference!

To join me, click: <https://www.facebook.com/donate/204157482338129/204157495671461/>

Note: You don't have to participate in the race to help out. ... As a Board member of the Dementia Society of America, I've already made my annual contribution. ... Feel free to join me. Any amount would be much appreciated. ... Thanks for your consideration!



C. Announcing ...

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

One lucky reader will win an autographed copy of THE BEAUTIFUL MISFITS by my friend Susan Reinhardt.

To quote from the book jacket:

Eighty-four seconds can change your life. Or destroy it. Josie Nickels is an Emmy-winning news anchor, poised to rise through the ranks of television journalism. On a bitter March evening on live TV, the pressures and secrets burbling behind the closed doors of her ridiculous Victorian mansion explode and the overwhelmed journalist spills family secrets like a Baptist at altar call. The aftermath costs her much more than a career. It robs her of a beloved son—a preppy, educated millennial trapped in the deadly world of addiction. Desperate for a new start and a way to save her son, Josie packs up her pride, her young daughter, and accepts a new job slinging cosmetics at a department store make-up counter with other disgraced celebs. In the gorgeous mountains of Asheville N.C., known for hippies, healings, and Subarus, Josie is faced with a choice for her son: Take a chance on a bold, out-of-the-ordinary treatment plan for her son or lose him forever. This heart-wrenching and, at times, hilarious novel, will delight fans of book-club women's fiction and inspire and give hope to those with addicted sons and daughters.

To enter the contest, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #7 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 April 24.

Note: Congratulations to Linda Soltis, winner of Contest #6: an autographed copy of THE WORLD BEYOND THE REDBUD TREE, a novel by my friend Madison C. Brightwell. All told, there were four entries

D. 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 podcast, click: [Here](#)

E. 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](#).

F. 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](#).

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### **3. FYI**

Don't say 'How are you?' Ask these 8 questions instead, says expert: 'You'll get a genuine response' by Stephanie Harrison

Again and again, research has found that the key to a happy and successful life is to create deep relationships.

This requires good communication skills. Unfortunately, many of us aren't good at it. Our default is always to ask, "How are you?"

As a happiness researcher and founder of The New Happy, I've found that these three words, while well-intentioned, only lead to meaningless conversations.

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

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### **4. Joke 1**

I've been doing it wrong all these years! (Thanks, Paul Marks, for sharing.)





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## 5. Reviews

A. I saw SHARPER on Apple TV+, a drama about a con artist who takes on Manhattan billionaires. There are many twists and turns, and though the film is not always plausible, it is definitely watchable. Julianne Moore, Sebastian Stan and John Lithgow are among the stars. Rated R.

B. Thanks, Shar Brice, for sharing this recommendation:

I actually liked the new Shazam movie: FURY OF THE GODS. It might not be the dark and edgy of Batman or supershiny of MCU marvel movie, but it is fun (and there's a great cameo). It reminds me of the way comics used to be for KIDS. It has that innocence still in it. Too bad James Gunn, crew and DC decided not to support it as much on advertising prior to it being released. And ... Avengers Society ,, cool name. hah! If you liked the first Shazam, it is still a fun sequel. Wish they would do more movies and comics and TV series that are actually fun for kids and adults that do not end up being dark, depressing and ending wrong all the time. Remember in the past when good would win over evil and superheroes were cooler than bad guys? Whatever happened to those type of stories? No wonder the world's kids and teens are having so much trouble nowadays. The stories and such are teaching that bad is cooler than the good. Crazy times.

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## 6. TV alert

A. THE LAST THING HE TOLD ME: Now on Apple TV+

Jennifer Garner is back on TV, playing a woman hunting the truth about her husband, who mysteriously disappears, leaving only instructions to look after her teen stepdaughter--plus a big bag of cash.

B. THE MARVELOUS MRS. MAISEL: Now on Prime Video

It's 1961, and TV's favorite pioneering female stand-up comic (Rachel Brosnahan) is about to go big or go home, with a lot of help from her manager (Alex Borstein) and her drama-critic dad (Tony Shalhoub).

C. BARRY, Season 4: Now on HBO and HBO Max

Do not miss the final season of this inspired, touching, grisly comic thriller about a hit man (Bill Hader) sent to prison by his beloved acting teacher (Henry Winkler).

## 7. Joke 2

Translation of the day. (Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing.)

**When older people say,  
“Enjoy them while they are  
with you,” they are talking  
about your knees and  
hips—not your kids.**

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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 cover from Justin Diaz: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Homeowners Association: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver

John Oliver discusses homeowners associations, the surprising power they have and how to tell if a tree is "tree-shaped." To view this eye-opening clip, view: [Here](#).

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

(1) The Marvelettes, "Please Mr. Postman," one of favorite oldies: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns (4.16.2023): [Here](#)

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: On April 14, 1979, What a Fool Believes by the Doobie Brothers became the number-one song in the US. Kenny Loggins co-wrote "What a Fool Believes" with Doobie Brothers lead singer Michael McDonald. Loggins put his version on his album Nightwatch, which was released in July 1978, five months before The Doobies included it on their Minute by Minute album. Loggins' version was never released as a single. Producer Ted Templeman described this as a "floppy record" and wanted a "floppy feel" for the percussion, so he played drums alongside drummer Keith Knudson "to get the feeling right." They had been recording the song for five or six straight days when he made this decision. This won Grammys for Record of the Year and Song of the Year. The album won a Grammy for Best Pop Vocal Performance by a Duo, Group, or Chorus. These were the only Grammys the band ever won.

For one song from the group, click: [Here](#).

(4) This has me thinking: Maybe I should start practicing now, so I'll be ready for my 20th anniversary. <https://www.facebook.com/libertatea/videos/10152270781435885>



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

Interested in oddities, pranks and a few things that make no sense?

Then check out Weird or Confusing by clicking: [Here](#).

If you do, you'll learn about a Children Nugget Keychain, a Tortilla Blanket, a Farting Animal Coloring Book and Instant Underpants, among other strange things that are available for purchase.

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: <https://www.facebook.com/blainegreenfield/>.

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## 9. Technology tip

FBI warns against using public phone charging stations  
by Rohan Goswami

The FBI recently warned consumers against using free public charging stations, saying crooks have managed to hijack public chargers that can infect devices with malware, or software that can give hackers access to your phone, tablet or computer.

“Avoid using free charging stations in airports, hotels or shopping centers,” a tweet from the FBI’s Denver field office said. “Bad actors have figured out ways to use public USB ports to introduce malware and monitoring software onto devices. Carry your own charger and USB cord and use an electrical outlet instead.”

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

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## 10. Joke 3

My kind of art ...

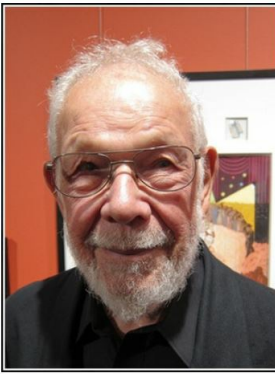


*“I like this painting because it has a bench.”*

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## 11. A quote I like

Thanks, Al Jaffee (1921-2023) for your life as an American cartoonist and for having provided me much amusement as I grew up. He was notable for his work in the satirical magazine Mad, including his trademark feature, the Mad Fold-in. Jaffee was a regular contributor to the magazine for 65 years and is its longest-running contributor. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).



I guess if people all followed the  
basic principles of their own  
religions, they would love everybody  
instead of hating half the world.

— Al Jaffee —

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## 12. Thought for the day

### CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

by Dorothy Law Nolte

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.  
If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.  
If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.  
If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.  
If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.  
If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence.  
If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.  
If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.  
If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.  
If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.  
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world

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**PS.** Make it a great week!

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