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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I had another terrific meal at Dickey's on Hendersonville Road in Asheville. The food is always excellent, as is the service.



B. I was fortunate to hear several new songs from Tumo Kohrs, Mark Tuomenoksa and Sarah Kohrs--two extraordinarily talented musicians whose synergy and skills provide a sophisticated sound that exponentially exceeds what you would expect from any duo. ... Pictured: Mark,

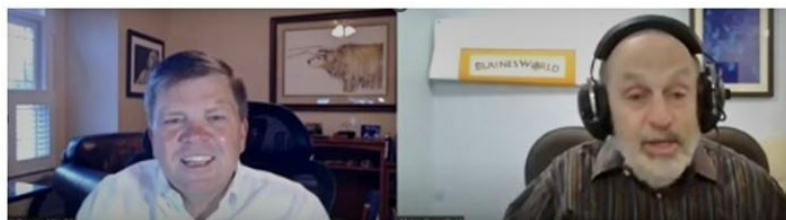
second from the left, and Sarah, second from the right, along with my friend Marcy Gallagher who was also in attendance. ... For more information about this amazing duo and to hear some of their songs, click: <https://www.tumo-kohrs.com/>.



C. There were four BLAINESWORLD podcasts this past week. All can be viewed or heard by clicking: [Here](#) and finding the indicated date.

(1) Top photo: 4.18.2023 - Dr. William Hathaway--CEO, MAHEC (Mountain Area Health Education Center).

(2) Bottom photo: 4.19.2023 - Sean Simonds--Physical Therapist (Movement for Life Physical Therapy).



(3) Top photo: 4.20.2023 - Melanie Veazey--actor, as well as vocal and audition coach.

(4) Bottom photo: 4.22.2023 - Janice Vertucci Schreiber, Patricia Sands and Julie Wharton--directors of LET ME DOWN EASY.



D. Kismet, our amazing cat, has found a new friend: a groundhog. As soon as Kismet tells us his name, I'll share that information with y'all.



E. Condolences to Pam Socket and family on the passing of Lee Glazer, Pam's brother.

F. Congratulations to Candice and Charles Burchill on the birth of their daughter Nora.

H. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Steam Master--a company owned and run by Daniel and Liz Bopp, our friends and

neighbors.

We've used them several times over the past few years, and they've never failed to provide outstanding, friendly service.

We first used them to clean our carpets and rugs. Then, when we had a water leak that resulted in our being out of our home for six months, they handled all aspects of the restoration.

Most recently, we had them refinish our garage floor. It has made quite a difference, as seen by the picture below.

Your won't go wrong contacting Steam Master. For more information, click: [Here](#).



2. Invites

A. 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, click: [Here](#).

If you want to see the rules, 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 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.



B. There's still time to enter ...

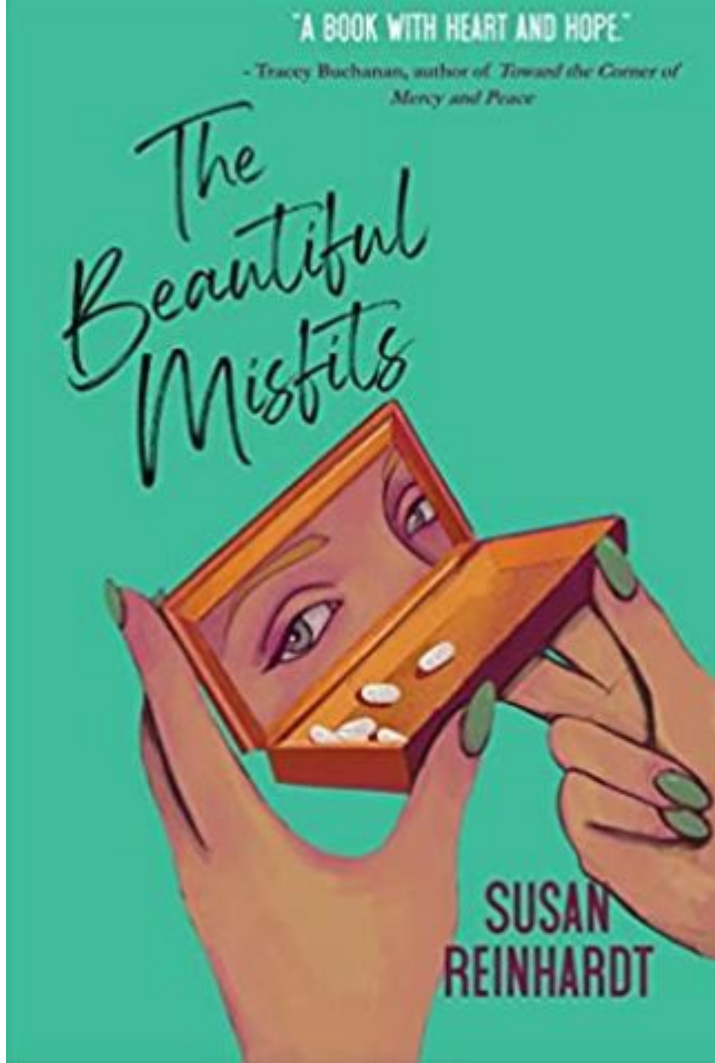
***** CONTEST #7 *****

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 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.



C. 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](#).

Pictured (below): Some of those involved in the play at a recent reading.



D. I'm participating in the 3rd Annual 100-Mile Ride Against Dementia for the 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: [Here](#).

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.

E. 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 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](#).

F. 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](#).

G. 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](#).

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

3. FYI

When dealing with the IRS, check the math ... not just yours, but what the IRS sends you.

I recently got a refund from the IRS, but it was for \$1,000 less than it should have been.

There was note to "see below" for an explanation, but there was no explanation.

I contacted my accountant, and he couldn't understand it either. So he drafted a letter for me to send to the IRS.

About a month later, I got the \$1,000 back, plus \$20.07 in interest.

There was no explanation and/or apology with the check.

Note: Thanks to my longtime accountant, Glen Gleghorn, for his help with this matter. He rocks. His number is 828.254.3943.

4. Joke 1

TIP OF THE DAY ... And if your daughter is now grown, as mine is, maybe you could have a similar party for your wife or significant other ... and have them invite all their friends to do the cleaning.

My Daughter wanted a Cinderella themed party, so I invited all her friends over and made them clean my house.



5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I both saw AIR. It's a funny, stirring fact-based film about the intersection of passion and capitalism about the signing of Michael Jordan to a sneaker contract. While the subject might not seem to be all that interesting, you'll be surprised that you'll find it fascinating. Performances from Matt Damon, Ben Affleck (who also directed), Jason Bateman, Chris Tucker, Viola Davis and Chris Messina, among others, were all excellent. Rated R, though I think it would be appropriate for anybody over the age of 12.

Note: I've added this 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. And we liked SOMEWHERE IN QUEENS. Ray Romano shows he's more than a comedian in this partly autobiographical film about a doting, dysfunctional blue-collar dad, which he also cowrote and directs. It's somewhat like EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND, but much deeper and more dramatic. Laurie Metcalf also stars, but it was the work of Sadie Stanley that especially caught our attention. Rated R.

6. TV alert

A. THE KATIE PHANG SHOW: Weekends on MSNBC at 8 a.m. Advertised as "the intersections of law, politics, culture and more," it features interviews with the nation's top newsmakers. I really enjoy it.

B. Ken Greenfield: Try The CLINIC on Prime. 50 hours of enjoyment.

This series is set in modern day Dublin, It is a fast-paced and contemporary drama follows a group of dedicated medical professionals working in a busy city health clinic.

C. Tom Gallagher: Marcy and I are enjoying CATASTROPHE.

Note: Cynthia and I have started watching it also—and liking it a lot. What it's about: During a business trip in London, an American named Rob meets Sharon, an Irish teacher with whom he shares incredible chemistry. While the two plan to have some fun with no strings attached, things go awry when Sharon learns she is pregnant. Sharon Horgan and Rob Delaney play the starring roles and write the series.

D. CAROL BURNETT: 90 YEARS OF LAUGHTER + LOVE: Wed., April 26, at 8 p.m. on NBC
TV's comedy queen is honored by an incredible procession of stars in an evening of musical performances, shout-outs, stories, tears and laughs aplenty.

E. DEAD RINGERS: Now on Prime Video
Rachel Weisz does double duty playing identical twin doctors — Beverly Mantle and Elliot Mantle — in this

six-episode gender-reversing update of David Cronenberg's twisted 1988 psychological thriller.

F. SCHIMGADOON!, Season 2: Now on Apple TV+

In the new season of the Broadway musical parody show, Cabaret, Chicago, Hair, Pippin, Company, Sweeney Todd and more are spoofed. I'm about half way through it and thinking that it is OK, but not nearly as good as Season 1.

7. Joke 2

When there, I plan to use her employee discount to get all my holiday gifts. I'll then do something to get fired; that way, I will be able to collect unemployment. (Thanks, Molly Kervick, for sharing.)



I accidentally wore
a red shirt to Target
today and, long story
short, I'm covering
for Debbie this
weekend.

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, please view this version from The Harvard Krokodiloes: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Our Most Unhinged Prank of 2022: [Here](#). (Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing.)

Note: Some funny ones here. But pay particular attention to the first one. Reminds me of what Cynthia had to do recently when Kismet swallowed a small bell that was part of a toy. Fortunately, the bell was found!

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

(1) "Falling Softly," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns (4.23.2023): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: In honor of 4-20 listeners who interpreted Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers' 1993 single "Mary Jane's Last Dance" as Petty's kiss-off to cannabis were thoroughly disabused of that notion by "You Don't Know How It Feels," the lead single from Petty's 1994 solo album Wildflowers: "Let me get to the point," sang Petty in no uncertain terms, "Let's roll another joint." The sentiment made the folks at MTV uneasy; but rather than ban the song's video, they simply ran an edited version that played the word "joint" backward. "Imagine my surprise when this song comes on television and they say, 'Let's roll another noojh,'" Petty told a VH1 Storytellers audience in 1997. "Which sounded worse to me than 'joint.' Because I don't know if you've ever had a noojh, but that sounds really wicked."

To see the above video, click: [Here](#).

(4) Kay Galvin: An homage to my favorite playwright, the Bard. He was born 459 years ago today, and his work is as relevant today, as it was in that time. Taped this little sonnet a while ago. To view her performance, click: [Here](#).

(5) Rebecca OQuinn on booking and what it's like to be a band leader: [Here](#).

(6) A dog's thinking: [Here](#). (Thanks, Steve Shulman, for sharing.)

(7) Elsten Torres: From Cuba with Love: [Here](#).

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

To check out your password strength, check out the Passive Aggressive Password Machine by clicking: [Here](#).

For example, I tried out: 1234abcd and got this response: "I hope this account isn't important."

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

Heads-up: Wireless anti-static wrist straps are a waste of money
by Rick Rouse

Regular readers of my blog and this newsletter know I always recommend using an anti-static wrist strap to prevent static discharge from damaging your expensive computer gear any time you're working inside the case.

Spotting a new retail niche, a number of companies have started hawking wireless (i.e. cordless) anti-static wrist straps that supposedly will prevent static electricity from building up in the first place, negating the need to wear a corded anti-static wrist strap.

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

Note: In the above issue, you'll also see BLAINESWORLD listed as "Today's Sponsor." In the unlikely event you don't yet get my blog, you can sign-up when you go to that section.

And on the subject of blogs, I should tell you that Rick's tips are the best. I look forward to reading then, and you will too. Join over 15,000 subscriber by clicking: [Here](#).

10. Joke 3

The first online date! (Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing.)



11. A quote I like

"Money can buy you a fine dog, but only love can make him wag his tail."--Kinky Friedman, American singer, songwriter and novelist (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

12. Thought for the day

Frogs for Dinner

The Story:

A lady was once heating up a pot of water on a gas stove with the intent of cooking pasta for her family for dinner.

A frog fell into the pot while it was sitting on the stove. While it wasn't his intention to be stuck in a pot of water, he didn't try to escape. He was comfortable enough as he was.

The lady soon turned on the flame to begin boiling the water.

As the water's temperature began to rise, the frog was able to adjust his body temperature accordingly, so he remained in the pot without trying to do anything to change the situation.

However, as the water approached its boiling point, the frog's body temperature could no longer keep up. He finally tried to jump out of the pot, but with water temperature continuing to increase, he didn't have it in him to make the leap.

It was too late for the frog to save himself.

The Moral:

Things don't always go as planned in life, and they certainly don't always go the way we want them to. But, no matter how bad a situation is, it's critical to be proactive and face the problem head-on.

Unlike the frog, who waited until the last minute to try to do anything about the problem he was clearly facing, it's important to project the future outcomes of the obstacles that hinder you and mediate them before they get past the point of no return.

You have to avoid wasting time and take appropriate action before problems get out of hand or become too much to handle.

Source: [Here](#) (#13)

13. Advance planning department

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

A. Jeff Catanese: LIES. B. Donna Boone Parsons: MARY POPPINS. C. Melon Wedick: CYMBELINE.

PS. Make it a great week!

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