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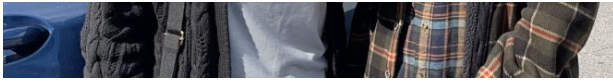
1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I are grateful that we are still smiling and getting around. And that we have such friends as Grant Randall and Ginny Plaisted (whose car is pictured below), and Tom and Marcy Gallagher who are helping us get around, along with various Uber drivers. The both of us not being able to drive is a real hassle.

Fortunately, to quote my father, we're both 97% great and 3% not so great. My fractured finger seems to be healing well. Cynthia has been having issues with her knee.

Note: So please excuse the fact that you might not see us at too many shows and/or restaurants in the near future. We'll at least be there with you in spirit.





B. We did have a great lunch with Grant and Ginny at The Local Joint.



C. And we got to see THE STORY OF MY LIFE, a touching musical with outstanding performances from Mark Jones and Eric Martinez (top), fantastic piano accompaniment from Kelly Jackson (bottom) and spot on direction from Doug Savitt.



D. Afterward, we enjoyed a tasty dinner at Bocelli's Italian Eatery with our friends Ronald Rand and Kelsie Kenefick.



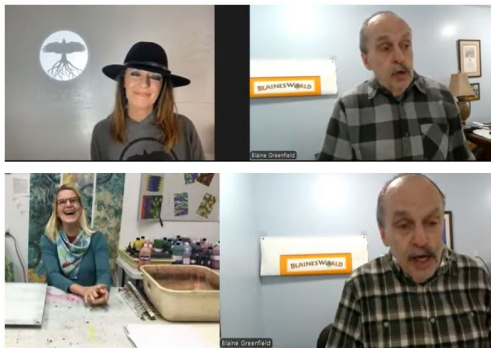


E. I had the pleasure of hosting two BLAINESWORLD webcasts this past week. They can be viewed by clicking:

<https://www.blaineworld.net/>.

(1) Top: 3.3.2025 - Raven Sterling--Owner, Raven Invasive Plant Management

(2) Bottom: 3.4.2025 - Pam Granger Gale--Owner, Majik Studios 307



F. Condolences to Carole Stiller and family on the passing of Carole's sister-in-law Bonnie.

G. Congratulations to Laresa Griffin on her new position as Director of Development at United Way of Henderson County.

H. . Announcing this week's ...

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

It goes to Dr. Francis Luk, a Rheumatologist with AdventHealth in Hendersonville, NC.

He has been working closely with Cynthia, in an attempt to diagnose her condition. He has been very thorough and according to Cynthia, very gentle in the two times he has drained her knee.

Cynthia was especially grateful for the fact he squeezed her in for an appointment recently.

She also appreciated the fact that he is willing to wear the mic (that I usually wear) that enables her to hear what he has to say directly through her hearing aids.

Lastly, Dr. Luk is very responsive to answering questions through his portal, and he provides very detailed test results in a timely fashion.

For more information, click;

<https://www.adventhealth.com/find-doctor/doctor/francis-luk-md-1700198173>,





2. Invites

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

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

One lucky reader will win an autographed copy of *IN THE SPIRIT OF THE RIVER: MAGICAL STORIES OF THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER* by my friend Mirra Price and others.

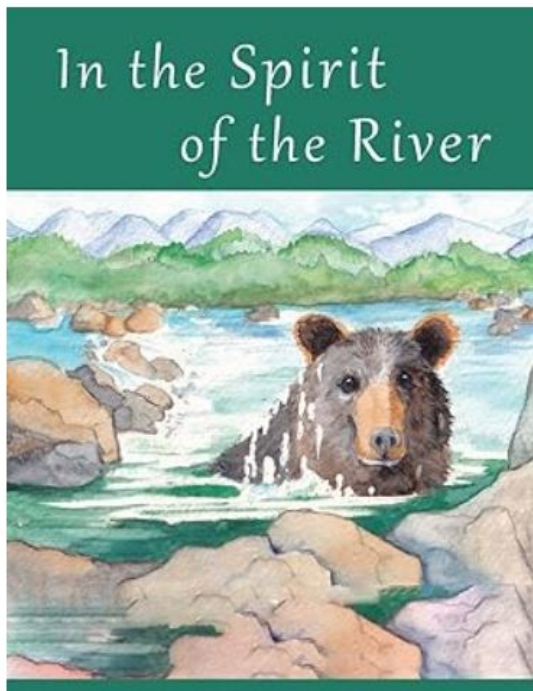
This is the perfect book for any child you may know between the ages of seven and twelve.

To quote from the book's description:

Get ready to begin a thrilling adventure when you read *In the Spirit of the River* – a collection of five exciting stories [that] will take you on a delightful journey through the French Broad River of North Carolina.

With each story, you'll explore the River's specialness and deepen your understanding of it. You will start floating with Long Man River and his family--the creeks and streams—as they feed the French Broad River from the mountains to the ocean.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #3 in the subject line. Include in the body of the email your name and mailing address, so that if you win, I can send you a copy of this book. Entries must be received on or before the CORRECTED DEADLINE of 9 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 2025.



Nancy "Niiti" Gannon, Sid Jordan,
Mirra Price, and Christine Westfeldt

B. Want to be a guest on my BLAINESWORLD webcast? It can now be seen on YouTube or you can listen to it on your favorite podcast player.

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.

If you want to join me, let me know. And for more information about the webcast, click:
<https://www.blainesworld.net/>.

C. I'm back on Facebook after having been hacked. If we are not currently friends there (or if we lost contact because of the hack), please friend me by looking up: Blaine Greenfield. You'll see a picture of me in a blue shirt with, naturally, my thumb up. This is my Facebook ID:
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100092574177872>.

D. Are you interested in shows, 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:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/245515070390413/>.

Note: Please use the above to promote any shows you're involved in.

E. Come join Cynthia for the course she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week: Move Your Body on Wednesday via Zoom or in person.

To attend this course and/or any other that is being offered, scroll down to Calendar when you click:
<https://www.armsaroundasd.org/>.

3. FYI

Note: Thanks for taking a look at this section. Every week, you'll typically find links to 3-5 full articles that methinks might be of interest.

A. Daylight savings time is bad for our health. Here's what to do about it:
[Here](#).

B. Psychologist: If you say 'yes' to these 4 questions, your relationship is stronger than most:
[Here](#).

C. Here's the best age to take Social Security, based on the one variable that really matters:
[Here](#).

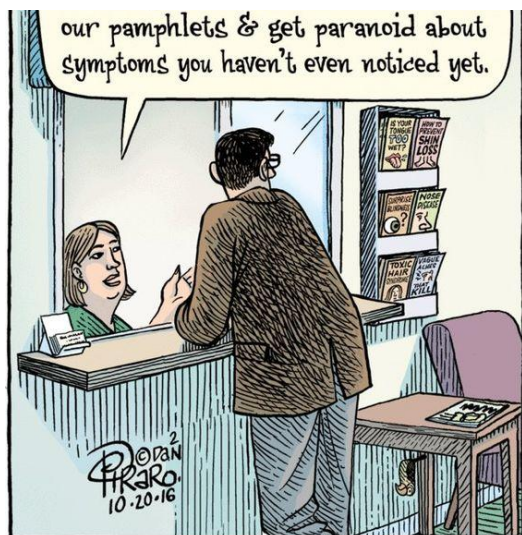
D. This Common Habit Can Increase Your Risk of Heart Failure, According to an Expert:
[Here](#).

E. People who are easy to talk to never ask these 3 types of questions:
[Here](#).

4. Joke 1

These are needed in every doctor's office.





5. Reviews

A. **LUCKIEST GIRL ALIVE**, directed by Mike Barker and starring Mila Kunis, is a 2022 mystery thriller that delves into the life of Ani Fanelli, a successful New York magazine editor confronting traumatic events from her past. Kunis delivers a compelling performance, and the film has a terrific ending. We saw it on Netflix. Rated R.

B. **THE STORIED LIFE OF A.J. FIKRY** follows the journey of A.J. Fikry, a grumpy bookstore owner whose life is transformed by an unexpected package—a baby left in his shop. With strong performances, particularly from Kunal Nayyar in the lead role, the film explores themes of grief, love and second chances. We enjoyed it until the final scene, which made no sense. We saw it on Netflix. Rated PG-13.

C. Here's a viewing tip for you and Cynthia: **FLOW**. It's an animated film, which I usually don't particularly like) – I watched it on HBO, but I think it's also on Hulu and Prime. Utterly beautiful and captivating (especially if you like cats. (Thanks, Sheila Anmuth, for sharing.)

6. TV alert

A. **OZARK** on Netflix

I'm finally getting around to this drama series stars Jason Bateman as Marty Byrde, a financial planner who relocates his family from Chicago to a summer resort community in the Ozarks. The first two episodes were excellent.

B. **ZERO DAY** on Netflix

I just finished this series on Netflix and liked it a lot.

It asks the question on everyone's mind -- how do we find truth in a world in crisis, one seemingly being torn apart by forces outside our control? And in an era rife with conspiracy theory and subterfuge, how much of those forces are products of our own doing, perhaps even of our own imagining?

Robert De Niro rocks as the former president (not overacting, as he has done in too many recent roles), and Angela Bassett shines as the female president I wish we someday have.

C. **YOUNGER** on Netflix

Trying to start a new career gets more difficult as you age, which suddenly single-mom Liza realizes when she tries to re-enter the working world at 40. After a young tattoo artist convinces her she looks younger, Liza decides to do something about it. Her solution revolves around trying to pass herself off as 26, courtesy of a makeover by her best friend, Maggie.

I watched the first few episodes and found them to be OK. Cynthia is continuing to watch the series and is loving it.

D. **RUNNING POINT** Netflix

When a scandal forces her brother to resign, Isla Gordon is appointed president of the Los Angeles Waves, one of the most storied professional basketball franchises, and her family business. Ambitious and often overlooked, Isla will have to prove to her skeptical brothers, the board and the larger sports community that

Overlooked, Lisa will have to prove to her skeptical brothers, the board and the larger sports community that she was the right choice for the job. Kate Hudson shines in the leading role.

I watched the entire first year. It was pretty good (though not nearly as funny as TED LASSO, a show that it will remind you of). Cynthia was not a big fan of it and stopped watching after half of the ten episodes.

E. Tyler Perry's BEAUTY IN BLACK, Season 1, Part 2 on Netflix

The story revolves around two Chicago women (Taylor Polidore Williams and Crystle Stewart) with very different lives — one is an exotic dancer on the seedy side of town, the other is from a wealthy hair-care dynasty.

F. CHAOS: THE MANSON MURDERS on Netflix

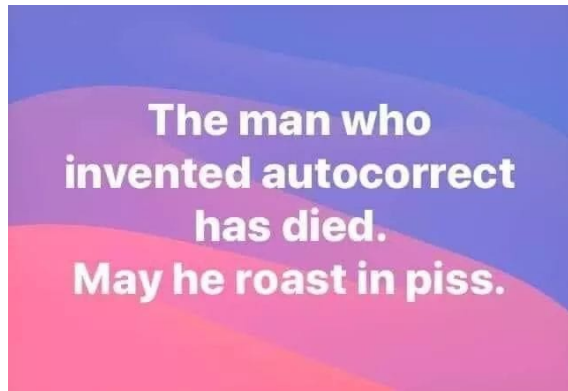
Legendary Oscar winner Errol Morris, 77, who met Charles Manson, presents a thought-provoking documentary on the 1969 murders of Sharon Tate and others.

G. THE ORDER on Amazon Prime

Obsession, suspense and a strong ensemble drive this crime thriller, Prime Video's No. 2 hit this week. British actors Jude Law, 52, and Nicholas Hoult play American opposites, a rugged, seen-it-all G-man versus a righteous right-wing rebel leader, at war for the nation's soul.

7. Joke 2

Soooo sad!



8. Clips/Websites

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

(1) Their recording of "Happy Together" proves it

(2) As you may know, I welcome clips of them and/or others singing this classic song. For example, this week, you can see a clip of Sean Biopcik performing it:

[Here](#).

Note: Feel free to submit your choices for greatest recording artists, music, etc. I'll try to run what you send me in in section 8C (below).

B. Video of the week

Always Look on the Bright Side of Life Sing-Along - Monty Python:

[Here](#)

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

(1) Jimmy Jones, "Handyman," one of my favorites:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CKpbNvDg6zY>

(2) Howard Smith Jr.: Hymns (3.9.2025):

<https://www.facebook.com/hs.smith.73/videos/1377552650349260>

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: David Gilmour with Pink Floyd:

<https://www.facebook.com/neilratnerrockdoc/videos/935432108469697>

(4) Thanks, Neil, for discussing "Learning to Fly." If your many fans and friends want to listen to it, click:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r6NtAWAMV1s>

(5) Jimmy, Adele & The Roots Sing "Hello" (w/Classroom Instruments):

<https://www.facebook.com/FallonTonight/videos/10153777280538896>

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

Want to make virtual cats bounce? You can also grab them with your cursor and toss them around because sometimes, all you need to brighten your day is a screen full of bouncing cats.

To do this and more, click:

<https://cat-bounce.com/>.

E. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running . . . to view it, please click:

<https://www.blaineworld.net/>.

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/profile.php?id=100092574177872>.

9. Technology tip

Stop Charging Your iPhone Battery to 100% – Here's Why

If you want to maximize your iPhone battery's lifespan, consider using a Charge Limit.

To read this informative article, click:

[Here](#).

10. Joke 3

I was talking in my sleep last night. I kept saying "marshmallow, graham cracker and chocolate bar"--over and over again.

This morning, my wife told me, "You kept me up all night with your s'moring."

(Thanks, Bill Lewis, for sharing.)



11. Two quotes I like

A. Top: Thanks, Chris Jasper (1951-2025), for your career as an American singer, composer and producer. He was a member of the Isley Brothers from 1973 to 1983 and Isley-Jasper-Isley from 1984 to 1987. Jasper was also a successful solo musician and record producer, recording over 17 of his own solo albums. As a member of the Isley Brothers, he was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and honored with the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award. For more information about his life click: <https://variety.com/2025/music/news/chris-jasper-dead-isley-brothers-rock-and-roll-hall-of-fame-inductee-1236319892/>.

B. Bottom: Thanks, Frank Saucier (1926-2025), for your career as an American professional baseball player. He was known for being replaced by the shortest player in baseball history, Eddie Gaedel, who pinch-hit for him in a stunt devised by St. Louis Browns' owner Bill Veeck in 1951. Saucier saw 38 months of duty in the Pacific during World War II and from 1952-54, he served in Korea. Presumably too old to contribute much to the Browns upon his return, He quit baseball, settled in Texas and spent 38 years as an executive in the oil, gas and chemicals industries. For more information about his life, click:

<https://www.mlb.com/news/frank-saucier-dies>.

"We want our music to expand people's consciousness and take them onto a different musical plane."—Chris Jasper



"When the announcer called Eddie, I was thinking this is both the greatest act of show business I've ever seen, plus it's the easiest money I've ever made."--Frank Saucier



12. Thought for the day

Mental pabulum ...



PS. Make it a great week!

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