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## 1. Reflections

A. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO CYNTHIA, MY BEAUTIFUL BRIDE! ... Things got off to a great start the day before her actual birthday when her sister Joyce and brother-in-law Marty surprised her when they flew in from NJ. ... We had a delicious dinner at Pacific Pagoda, our favorite Pacific Rim eatery in the area. Service from Jennifer, as always, was excellent, and she added to our evening's enjoyment when she brought us a slice of cheesecake with fresh fruit as we were leaving. ... We all agreed that it was as good a slice of cheesecake as we've ever had. ... Stay tuned next week for more details (with pictures, too) from the rest of Cynthia's birthday weekend.

Note: I was going to mention the real number of her birthday, but decided not to because it's an open invitation for identity theft. Find out why this is so by clicking: [Here](#).



B. Attic Salt had a winner in CRY IT OUT, a touching look at the joys and perils that today's mothers face. ... Ariel Casale, Mash Hes, Carin Metzger and Mikhale Sherrill all shined in their respective roles, and Betsy

Puckett's direction was spot on. ... Too bad that you can't enjoy it as much as Cynthia and I did, in that the play will have completed its run by the time you read this.



C. We had a lovely outdoor dinner at The Local Joint with our friends Will Redish and Padma Dyvine.



D. A HISTORY LESSON YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS! ... ASSASSINS is a musical from Stephen Sondheim that portrays a group of historical figures who attempted to assassinate Presidents of the United States. ... All in the ensemble cast are outstanding and deserve kudos for their performances: Eric Martinez, Sam Rodd, Dillon Giles, Daniel Gainey, Alexa Edelman, William Ezzell, Lilly Mills, Javan Delozier, Leif Broderson, Riley Anderson, Hogan McLamb, Holly Ann Caldwell, Charles Dunn, Bryan Campbell and Grizel Gonzales-Jeuck. ... Mark Jones' direction is spot on, as is the music direction from Jan Powell. ... The show runs at HART through Oct. 23. Get your tickets [Here](#) or by calling (828)456-6322.



E. I had the pleasure of solving all the world's problem with my friend Jonathan Berg when we had a delicious lunch at the Corner Stone Restaurant.



F. Please catch the first of two BLAINESWORLD podcasts this week, featuring the following guests:(first half) Steve and Cheryl Modlin, The Old Mule Company; and (second half) Laurie Richardone, chef, health coach and author of GLUTEN-FREE ITALIAN RECIPES. . . . To view it, click: <https://www.blainesworld.net/> and look for the one dated 9.26.2022. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



G. Please catch the second of two BLAINESWORLD podcasts this week, featuring the following guests: Eddie LeShure and Margaret Kirschner, co-owners of A Mindful Emergence. ... To view it, click: [Here](#) and look for the one dated 9.27.2022. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



H. Congratulations to:

- (1) Colton R. Overcash and Ashlynn Victoria Brisben on their engagement.
- (2) Lucas York on completing MALESTROM, a short film.

I. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Smoothie King and in particular, the one located at 1578 Hendersonville in Asheville.

There's always a wide variety of tasty possibilities to choose from--many of them containing healthy amounts of protein. (And you can pay to add even more.)

Prices are reasonable

We also like the friendly service we get from Graham, a team leader, as well as from the all the other employees.



A. HOP TO THE MOVIES (and the outdoor showing of Disney Pixar's Monsters, Inc.) has been rescheduled for Saturday, Oct. 15, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. For more information, click: [Here](#).

B. Note the extension for ...

\*\*\*\*\* CONTEST #15 \*\*\*\*\*

One lucky reader will win a copy of GREAT ENTERTAINING: 1,001 PARTY TIPS AND TIMESAVERS by Bettie Bearden Pardee. The author is an accomplished hostess, seasoned lecturer, blogger and author of several books on entertaining and gracious living.

Here was one of the ice breaker tips from the book that I liked: Send out a pre-party questionnaire requesting hobbies, favorite places and foods, most harrowing experience, greatest ambition, etc. Then read the answers and have guests guess who it is.

To enter the contest, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #15 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, Oct. 3.

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 evenings.

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

And please click "Like" when you do check out this link.

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 one course she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week via Zoom: Meditation on Monday and Move Your Body on Wednesday (that you can also attend 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](#).

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### 3. FYI

How to Find Small Moments of Joy in Dark Times  
by Antela Haupt

Sometimes the smallest moments of joy are the only ones that feel possible. That's what Nora McInerney learned in 2014, when she lost her 35-year-old husband and her father to cancer and her second baby to miscarriage—all within the span of eight weeks.

Her husband, Aaron, was a "naturally buoyant person," says McInerney, who's the host of the podcast Terrible, Thanks for Asking and author of the upcoming book Bad Vibes Only. "He just had this otherworldly ability to find the fun and the joy in anything," she says. "I learned from him the importance of staying as present as possible in the moment, even when the moment sucks. Even as he was literally dying, he could make me laugh." (Among Aaron's final words to his wife: "I will always be with you ... so you need to stop picking your

nose.”)

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

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#### 4. Joke 1

New eye chart at my veterinarian's office. (Thanks, Amber Riddle, for sharing.)



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#### 5. Reviews

Cynthia and I were saddened by the fact that we finished the last of our 50 movie passes that we had won in a contest from Cinemark. That might well have been the best prize I have ever won!

We saw two films this past week:

A. We both liked RAILWAY CHILDREN, a film inspired by one of the most beloved British family films of all time. It is a touching and heart-warming adventure about children shuttled away from London to avoid German bombs. The cinematography was quite well done. Rated PG.

B. We didn't like THE GOOD HOUSE quite as much. Billed as a romantic comedy, the story of a New England realtor had very few laughs in it. That said, Sigourney Weaver was excellent in the leading role as a woman who had a rather major drinking problem. We ordinarily love Kevin Kline in almost anything he is in, but we felt he was underused in this one. Rated R.

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#### 6. TV alert

A. Cynthia and I finished CLICKBAIT that's now running on Netflix. She liked it more than I did. It's a mystery about a guy who is murdered. What disappointed me was the ending, which seemingly came out of nowhere.

If you're wondering whether there will be a second season, click: [Here](#)

B. LOU: Now on Netflix

Allison Janney gets in touch with her inner Liam Neeson, becoming an action-movie star at 62 in this thriller about a loner with a mysterious past (Janney) who helps a frantic neighbor (Jurnee Smollet) hunt for her kidnapped daughter one dark and stormy night on Vancouver Island.

C. HARRIET TUBMAN: VISIONS OF FREEDOM: Monday, Oct. 3 at 10 p.m. on PBS

Note Matt Roush in TV GUIDE: "This [is a] stirring biographical drama" about a runaway slave.

D. THE REAL LOVE BOAT: Series premiere on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 9 p.m. on CBS

Spouses Rebecca Romijn and Jerry O'Connell host this new dating show inspired by the 1977-86 scripted series. Look for an appearance from original cast member Ted Lange.

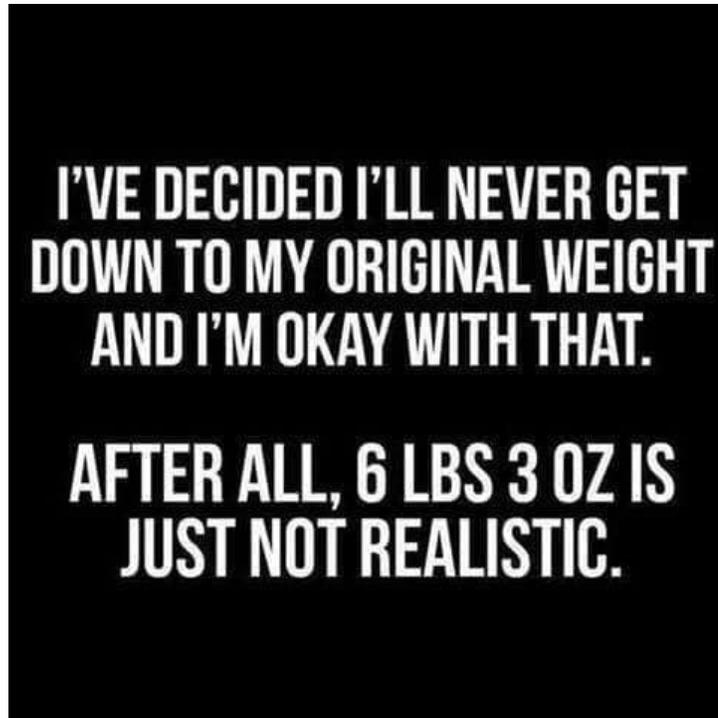
E. MID-LOVE CRISIS: Movie premiere on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 9 p.m. on Hallmark Movie Channel

A divorced science teacher (Terry Hatcher) turning 50 is forced to celebrate with both her former high school sweetheart and her ex.

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## 7. Joke 2

My goal now is to get taller. I just have to reach 7 feet 3 inches to be my ideal weight! (Thanks, Ellen Pappas, for sharing.)



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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 2019 cover from Gerard Way (featuring Ray Toro): [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Man starts singing at 35,000 Feet and everyone is perplexed: [Here](#).

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

(1) Jim Croce, "Time in a Bottle," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns (10.2.2022): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Marc Bolan: [Here](#).

(4) For one of Bolan's songs, click: [Here](#).

(5) Spectacular Folding Ideas: [Here](#). (Thanks, Janet Zofchak, for sharing.)

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

At Wiki How, find answers to almost any "how do I ..." questions. See for yourself by clicking: [Here](#)

For example, here are some trending how-to articles:  
How to Unsend a Sent Text Message on iPhone & Messaging Apps on Android  
Homesick after Moving Away from Family? 13 Steps to Get Through It  
9 Effective Ways to Overcome Embarrassment at Work

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

Use the Notes app to scan documents  
by Kim Komando, KOMANDO.COM

Ever wished you had a portable scanner in your pocket to digitize important documents? What if you had one all along, and you just didn't know about it?

There are plenty of document scanning apps on the iOS App Store and some are better than others. But why download one of those when you already have the power in your hand?

That's right, Apple has a scanning feature built right into your iPhone already that will let you scan important documents while on the go.

For the rest of this informative article, skip to #4 when you click: [Here](#).

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## 10. Joke 3

Good communication is soooo important! (Thanks, Tony Ray Fogleman, for sharing.)



## 11. A quote I like

Thanks, Coolio (1963-2022), for your career as an American rapper, record producer and actor. He was best known for his 1995 Grammy Award-winning hit single "Gangsta's Paradise" that can be heard by clicking: [Here](#). ... For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).

"Life is too short to not have fun; we are only here for a short time compared to the sun and the moon and all that."--Coolio



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## 12. Thought for the day

Gaylord Opryland wows a repeat customer

It doesn't take a slew of consumer data to support the argument that your regular customers are your rock. As such, taking care of them is not just the right thing to do. It's also good for business.

Consider the case of regular Gaylord Opryland hotel customer Christina McMenemy who stayed at the resort three years in a row for the annual BlissDom conference.

During each stay, McMenemy found herself entranced by one of the features in her hotel room: An alarm clock that played light music (as in, the kind that you'd experience in a high-end spa).

McMenemy loved the clock radio. She had never slept better than she did while using it.

For three years, McMenemy tried to find the exact model clock from her hotel room to no avail. She had nearly given up hope when she messaged the company's Twitter page during her most recent trip to Opryland.

Resigned to her fate, she attended the conference and let the alarm clock hunt go.

But upon returning to her room she was surprised to find not one but two spa clocks and a letter with her name on it.

Opryland recognized an opportunity to make sure a long-time customer had one of the best experiences ever. And they didn't just win a customer for life; they also bought plenty of goodwill with folks at the conference (and beyond) who subsequently heard about the story.

"You reaffirmed that there are still companies out there focused on great service, and you've made a lifelong fan out of me."--Christina McMenemy

Source: [Here](#).

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

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