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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I unfortunately had to spend some time apart this past week. She has come down with Covid.

Fortunately, she had been fully vaccinated, and she does seem to be getting better.

She has also been playing this Gloria Gaynor's classic song, "I Will Survive," to pump up her spirits. You can join her in listening to it by clicking: [Here](#).

B. Before the above hit, we did manage to attend Show B of The Magnetic Theatre's Third Annual One Act Play Festival. We enjoyed all of the short plays.

Good news: If you're reading this before Sunday, Nov. 13, at 4 p.m., do try to attend the special "Best of the Fest" show, as determined by audiences at previous shows, at 4 p.m. ... For tickets, click: [Here](#).



C. I then was fortunate to be able to attend Show A of the Festival on another afternoon.



D. During healthier times, we had a tasty meal at the East Village Grille.



E. I had the pleasure of greeting voters on Election Day with my friend Bill Branyon.



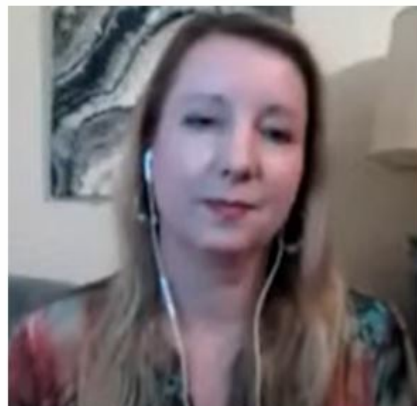
F. I hosted two BLAINESWORLD podcasts this past week.

(1) The first featured Savanna Shaw, actor, and Shelia Sumpter, director, who discuss ONCE UPON A MATTRESS that opens at HART and runs through Nov. 20. . . . To view it, click: <http://www.blainesworld.net> and look for the one dated 11.7.2022. . . You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



(2) The second featured (first half) Pat Achilles, illustrator and cartoonist; and (second half) Jen Aly, money and business coach. ... To view it, click: [Here](#) and look for the one dated 11.8.2022. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.

Note: For more information on Pat's appearance and a view of more of her cartoons, click: [Here](#).



G. Incredibly, Facebook has put me on a month's probation for an alleged violation. ... What I did: Ran a joke that Facebook has actually sent me via its daily Memories post. (It contained a picture of a cute baby with an equally cute dog.)

I was supposedly notified of this violation, but I never received such notification. And I found it impossible to file any sort of appeal or reach a human to inquire about this.

As a result, I can't advertise or use Facebook Live. That's not the worst thing that has ever happened, but it still is a pain.

So I'm reaching out to anybody who can point me in the direction of getting a real person to speak to about this problem. Any ideas?



H. Condolences to Lisa Zaglin and family on the passing of Lorraine Greene, Lisa's mother. For her obituary, click: [Here](#).

I. Congratulations to:

(1) Dominic Michael Aquilino and Clara Ray Burrus on the birth of their daughter Vivienne Monroe Burrus Aquilino.

(2) Raymond Christian on being named as 2022 Black Appalachian Storytelling Fellow.

(3) Sara Thornburg for winning a seat on the Asheville City School Board.

(4) Allison Scott for running a great campaign for Asheville City Council. Though she didn't win, she is to be commended for her effort.

I. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to a company called Currex, a company that makes insoles. Its website is: [Here](#)

My everyday walking sneakers are oh-so-comfortable, largely because I use the above company's arch support insoles.

According to one website: "Unless you wear custom or specialty shoes, your footwear does not have any arch support. Adding insoles will make your shoes more comfortable and take stress and pressure off your feet."

Source: [Here](#).

I also found that I had a noticeable increase in comfort when I replaced the insoles that came with my walking sneakers with the Currex product.

The model I use is called Workpro. It can be found at any good sneaker store or on Amazon.

2. Invites

A. Announcing ...

***** CONTEST #18 *****

One lucky reader will a copy of JOURNEYS OUT OF THE BODY by Robert A. Monroe.

About the book: With more than 300,000 copies sold to date, this is the definitive work on the extraordinary phenomenon of out-of-body experiences, by the founder of the internationally known Monroe Institute.

According to one Amazon reviewer: " Bought this because I accidentally astral projected and wanted clarity around the whole thing. Extremely knowledgeable and no bs. Everything is backed up and clear to understand. Amazing descriptive voyages into the astral plane. Also aligned perfectly with my perspective of the things I perceived whilst projecting."

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #18 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, Nov. 21

Note: Mike Savio was the winner of Contest #17, an autographed copy of GLUTEN-FREE ITALIAN RECIPES by my friend Laurie Richardone. All told, there were seven entries.

B. ACTORS WANTED. MUSICIANS/ENTERTAINERS, TOO. (There are over 50 roles.)

For: Return to Bethlehem where the public is invited to experience the marketplace as it might have been when Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

There are a variety of speaking and non-speaking parts for people of all ages.

This is not a paid gig, but one that is a lot of fun. Plus, there are no auditions. You are almost guaranteed to be chosen to be part of the cast. And there are no rehearsals.

It runs from Dec. 1-4 at the Groce United Methodist Church, 954 Tunnel Road in Asheville. You can choose to be in anywhere from 1-6 performances.

For more information and/or to register, click: [Here](#).

If you have any questions, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put the word BETHLEHEM in the subject line.

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 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 page.

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 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 these 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](#).

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

3. FYI

Pumpkin pollution is a problem—here's what you can do
by Sarah Gibbens

More than one billion pounds of pumpkins are grown in the U.S. every year, and after they've been used for Halloween decorations, pies, and jack-o'-lanterns, millions of them—large, mini, orange, white, heirloom—will end up in a landfill.

“Driving around after Halloween, you see people with pumpkins on top of their garbage cans. All of that will go to a landfill and become methane gas,” says Kay McKeen, the executive director at SCARCE, an environmental education organization based in Illinois.

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

4. Joke 1

DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR PUMPKIN! ... Instead, be like me and repurpose it to help you take care of all your decorating needs through the end of the year.



“Holiday decorating—done.”

5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I revisited 1985's *THE COLOR PURPLE* on Netflix, and we were glad we did. It is an epic tale spanning forty years in the life of Celie, an African-American woman played by Whoopi Goldberg who while living in the South, survives incredible abuse and bigotry. Goldberg in her screen debut was superb, as was the rest of the cast that featured a menacing Danny Glover, Margaret Avery and Oprah Winfrey (also in her screen debut). The film received 11 Oscar nominations, but did not receive one win. Rated PG-13.

Note: *THE COLOR PURPLE* leaves Netflix on Nov. 30. I've added the above 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. I also revisited *YOU, ME AND DUPREE* via streaming on HBO, a 2006 comedy with a premise that sounds funny: a married couple start their lives together, only to be joined by the guy's jobless buddy. The cast is also good: Owen Wilson, Kate Hudson, Matt Dillon Michael Douglas and Bill Hader. But it's barely watchable and just not very funny. Rated PG-13.

6. TV alert

A. IS THIS BLACK ENOUGH FOR YOU? Now on Netflix

former New York Times critic Elvis Mitchell, one of the wittiest film scholars alive, interviews Harry Belafonte, Laurence Fishburne, Whoopi Goldberg, Samuel L. Jackson, Zendaya and Billy Dee Williams.

B. FALLING FOR CHRISTMAS: Now on Netflix

A rom-com about a blue-collar ski lodge owner (Glee star Chord Overstreet) who looks after a recently engaged, spoiled-rotten heiress (Lindsay Lohan) after a holiday skiing accident gives her amnesia.

C. THE ENGLISH: 6-episode series now on Amazon Prime

Emily Blunt plays proper Englishwoman Cornelia Locke, who decamps for Wyoming, circa 1890, to track down the villain she suspects killed her son. Chaske Spencer (The Twilight Saga) is Eli Whipp, an irascible Pawnee scout on a mission of his own to reclaim lost territory.

D. SAY HEY, WILLIE MAYS!: Now on HBO and HBO Max

Willie Mays' life is a beacon of the "American Dream," intersecting with a transformative era of the Black American experience.

E. THE PEOPLE WE HATE AT THE WEDDING: On Amazon Prime, starting Friday, Nov. 18

Kristen Bell and Ben Platt play Midwest sibling who are simmering with over over the upcoming nuptials of their seemingly perfect half-sister.

F. Thanks, Cynthia Greenfield, for this recommendation:

Watch *ELSA & FRED* on Amazon Prime. It stars Shirley MacLaine and Christopher Plummer, and they play a feisty retiree and her new neighbor, an uptight widower, who discover that it's never too late for true love and romance. You must see it!

7. Joke 2

Worth a try! So is this one: "You're on the air, go ahead."



**Answering the phone
"Sheriff's Department,
Fraud Division" sure has
slowed down the
telemarketer calls.**

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 Sally Moore: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Train passengers sing over the rainbow: [Here](#).

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

(1) Whitney Houston - I Wanna Dance With Somebody, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns (11.13.22): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Glen Frey: [Here](#).

(4) I took Neil's above advice and listened to some Glenn Frey. You can also by clicking: [Here](#).

(5) Flying instructions: [Here](#). (Thanks, Steven Shulman, for sharing.)

(6) Cotton Fields/Playing For Change: [Here](#). (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

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

Remember CRACKED? I recall reading it this humor magazine, right after I read MAD. ... Although it stopped publishing in 2007, it can still be seen online by clicking: [Here](#).

It's a fun website filled with videos, pictures and a whole bunch of other stuff that's good for some laughs.

Here were some items that caught my attention ...

The Greatest (and Most Groan-Worthy) Thanksgiving Jokes Ever Told

One example: "Cut my pie into four pieces, I don't think I could eat eight."--Yogi Berra

15 Law-Defying Scraps Of Trivia We Learned This

One tidbit: Jon Hamm's TV career began on a dating show.

A Forgotten Steve Martin Comedy Gave Us The Best Cameo In Movie History

To Martin interacting with Humphrey Bogart, click: [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

How to check for stubborn malware with Microsoft Defender Offline
by Rick Rouse

If you're a long-time Windows user you've probably had to deal with a malware infection in the past. And if you haven't already, chances are you will at some time in the future.

Modern antivirus and anti-malware tools are the best they've ever been, but they certainly aren't perfect. At some point you're probably going to find that malware has made its way onto your PC.

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

10. Joke 3

MY WORST NIGHTMARE!!! (Thanks, Jimmy Ferraro, for posting.)

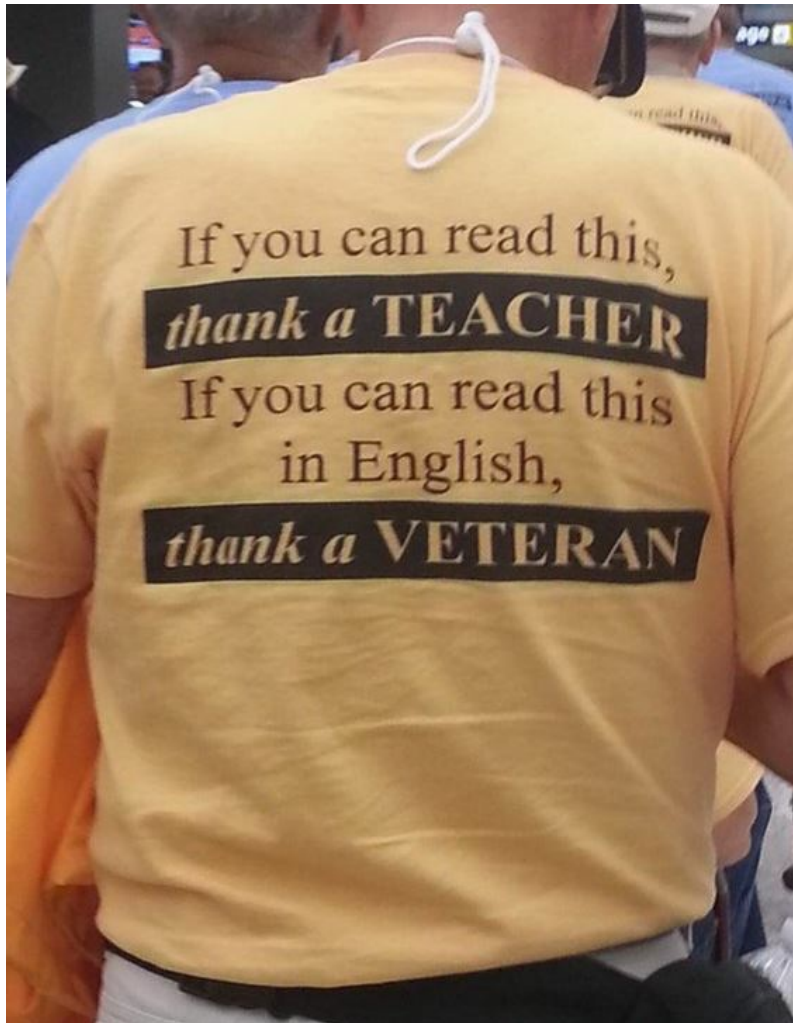


11. A quote I like

Thanks, Gallagher (1946-2022), for the many laughs you provided me as an American comedian with a prop and observational routine that included the signature act of smashing a watermelon on stage with a sledgehammer. His 13 TV comedy specials were the second most all-time, behind only George Carlin. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).



12. Thought for the day



13. Advance planning department

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

A. Jeff Catanese: SANTA CLAUS CONQUERS THE MARTIANS. B. Chelsey Gaddy: THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED). C. La Bourgeois: Love, Loss & What I Wore. D. Connie Regan-Blake: Taking Your Story to the Stage (in-person).

PS. Make it a great week!

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