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## 1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I want to share the following with you ...

GOOD NEWS! ... Cynthia is finally up and about after her bout with Covid. So we celebrated with a delicious dinner at Cornerstone. She enjoyed her salmon, and I really liked my Monte Cristo sandwich (topped with blackberry jam). ... We also saw SHE SAID, a terrific film about two women who helped shatter decades of silence around the the subject of sexual harassment in Hollywood. ... And, as always, we got to enjoy the little things in life; e.g., shopping at Ingles. Cynthia was especially happy to be able to find one of her favorite products: Organic Valley's French Vanilla Creamer. She recommends it highly.



B. We had a lovely Thanksgiving at the home of our friends Tom and Marcy Gallagher where we joined by their neighbor and our new friend Chris Frankowsky (center in the top photo).



C. I'm having a blast working with Marcy and others on getting her musical, AT THE CAFE, off the ground. That's a group of us at the Tina McGuire Theatre, located in the Wortham Center for the Performing Arts. Picture with me, l-r (top photo): Janice Vertucci Schreiber, Marcy Gallagher and Cappy Tossetti. ... Afterward,

we all adjoined for a planning session and some tasty pizza at Manicomio Pizza (bottom photo).

Note: Please put down Aug. 18-27 for the dates that the show will run. Details to follow.



D. I hosted three BLAINESWORLD podcasts this past week.

(1) The first featured guests (first half) Bill and Doris Abramson, artists and pickleball instructors; and (second half) Steven Shulman, founder and CEO, Animal Care Now, and author, MY UNCLE GLORIA. ... To view it, click: [Here](#) and look for the one dated 11.22.2022. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



(2) The second featured guests: Skyler Goff, playwright and director, and Jason Phillips, actor ... To view it, click: [Here](#) and look for the one dated 11.23.2022. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



(3) And the third featured guest Jason Williams--director, MISS BENNET: CHRISTMAS AT PEMBERLEY. ... To view it, click: [Here](#) and look for the one dated 11.25.2022. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



E. Correction: Last week's BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD winner was JT Wright, not JP Wright as was originally reported. Please excuse the typo.

F. Announcing this week's ...

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

Thanks, Cynthia Greenfield, for the following nomination:

This week's recognition goes to Barclay Sharpe, pharmacist extraordinaire at Americare Pharmacy.

Since we moved to Fairview, Blaine and I have been using Americare Pharmacy. Barclay is the person who has been so very helpful and friendly and available at any time to discuss any questions at all.

I always ask for her specifically, and she is there for us at all times. She is very knowledgeable and shares what she knows with an open heart. She gives of her time willingly. The attitude in which she does her job is very much appreciated.

My two cents:

I second the above. And would also like to recognize all the others at Americare. It is real pleasure to go to a neighborhood pharmacy where you're known by name.

I also like being able to ask a question and to get an answer from somebody who knows what he or she is talking about--or will research the question, if need be.

Lastly, we are also grateful that we can get our vaccines there. That is so convenient for us, in that Americare is just down the street from us.

The pharmacy is located at 1185 Charlotte Highway, Fairview. The phone number is 828.628.3121.



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## 2. Invites

A. PLEASE CATCH MY PERFORMANCE ... This production needs to be seen to be believed! ... The price can't be beat. (It is free.) ... I'm Soldier #2 and will be appearing on Thursday, Dec. 1, between 6 & 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 3, between 2 & 5:15 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 4, between 2 & 4 p.m. ... PS. If interested in performing, see bottom of the notice for how to still sign up.



*Experience the marketplace as it might have been when Jesus was born. This family-friendly event is ABCCM's gift to the community and a wonderful way to begin the Advent season. As you walk through the busy marketplace, you will see soldiers, shepherds and animals as you overhear conversation about the couple who was looking for a place to stay. You will meet them at the manger.*

**Return To Bethlehem hours:**

- Thursday – December 1, 6-8:30
- Friday – December 2, 6-8:30
- Saturday – December 3, 2-8:30
- Sunday – December 4, 2-6

Hosted by Groce United Methodist, 954 Tunnel Rd.

We still need cast. There are speaking and non-speaking parts available.

**Please sign up here: <https://abccm.squarespace.com/rtb>.**

B. There's still time to enter (because the deadline has been extended) ...

**\*\*\*\*\* 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](mailto: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. 28.

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](#).

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 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](#).

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).

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### 3. FYI

Parents who raise highly successful kids have these 3 things in common  
by Aditi Shrikant

The path to raising successful kids can seem nebulous. The avalanche of advice, some science-based and some not, can end up being more overwhelming than guiding.

But there are common threads among parents who raise resilient, confident, well-adjusted children.

Here are three things parents of highly successful kids have in common.

They teach empathy ...

They show an interest in their child's interests ...

They are optimistic ...

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

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### 4. Joke 1

HAPPY TURKEY DAY! ... I'm thankful for Cynthia, my beautiful bride, as well as for y'all reading my BLAINESWORLD blog--and for being my friend. ... I'm also thankful for the fact that many of you are also my friend on Facebook. ... If that's not yet the case, please click: [Here](#) and then "Add Friend."



## 5. Reviews

A. As indicated in Section 1A, we saw and very much liked SHE SAID. It is a gripping thriller about the New York Times reporters (Carey Mulligan and Zoe Kazan both superb) who convinced the victims of movie mogul and rapist Harvey Weinstein to speak out against him. The other performances from Patricia Clarkson, Andre Braugher. Samantha Morton and Ashley Judd were equally outstanding. Rated R, though appropriate for mature teenagers.

Note: I've added the above to my list of favorite films. If you'd like to get a copy, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put FAVORITES in the subjct line.

B. We also liked MY POLICEMAN, a drama about forbidden love and changing social conventions in 1950s Britain that we saw on Netflix. Harry Styles, the pop star, is impressive in his film debut, but we really liked the work of David Dawson as his lover. It took a while for the film to get going, but once it did ... wow! We're still thinking about it, and it has now been a week since we saw it. Rated R. (Thanks, Mike Martinelli, for another excellent recommendation.)

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## 6. TV alert

A. THE SWIMMERS: Now on Netflix

True (and utterly inspiring) story: Two sisters flee Syria's bloody war, make a perilous voyage and wind up competing as swimmers at the 2016 Olympic games in Rio.

B. THE WONDER: Now on Netflix

In 1862, a nurse (Florence Pugh) is called to the Irish Midlands to examine an 11-year-old girl (Kila Lord Cassidy) who claims she hasn't eaten in months, surviving thanks to "manna from heaven." But her health is failing, and the local devout community and doesn't want to hear anything that questions their miracle.

C. THE PERIPHERAL: Now on Amazon Prime

Chloë Grace Moretz plays a virtual-reality gamer in the Blue Ridge Mountains who tries out a VR gizmo that transports her to spooky, underpopulated London circa 2099 — only it turns out it's no game, it's real, and she's increasingly unsafe.

D. DEAD TO ME, Season 3: Now on Netflix

Cynthia and I are enjoying the last season of this comedy/mystery/drama about two women (Applegate and ER's Linda Cardellini) who bond amid a soap opera's worth of car crashes, betrayals, furtive burials, identical twins and bizarre plot twists.

Note: If new to the series or you just want to remember where you left off (after a 2-year absence from the screen), click: [Here](#).

E. SHAQ: Sunday, Dec. 27, at 12:20 p.m. on HBO or via streaming on HBO Max, then on HBO on Wednesdays at 9 p.m.

4-part docuseries about Shaquille O'Neal, one of the greatest players in NBA history.

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## 7. Joke 2

Now you know why our cats have always been in such good shape! (Thanks, Jean Dolan, for sharing.)



## 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 performance from the Lakeridge High School Choral group: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Baritone Keith Spencer Sings "Ol' Man River"

The dynamic baritone Keith Spencer joined us on WRTI 90.1 and on Facebook for a program that explored the rich musical legacy of the African-American experience, with host Debra Lew Harder. Keith is joined by jazz pianist and opera composer Peter Hilliard, and violinist and composer Claudia Pellegrini. Click to view: [Here](#).

(Thanks, Natalie Kaye, for sharing.)

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

(1) Ne me quitte pas (Jacues Brel with English subtitles), one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns (11.27.2022): [Here](#).

Note: Please tune-in to my BLAINESWORLD podcast this coming Thursday, December 1, any time after 10 a.m. Howard will be my guest, and you'll get to see some of his terrific piano-playing and find out more about his background and upcoming appearance. You can view or listen by clicking: [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: The Last Waltz: [Here](#).

(4) If you want to see the whole concert mentioned above, you can do so by clicking: [Here](#).

(5) Lady Gaga's brilliant tribute to Stevie Wonder! [Here](#). (Thanks, Steven Shulman, for sharing.)

(6) Best dad of the year: [Here](#). (Thanks, Miles Rice, for sharing.)

(7) Man with balloons vs. wind: [Here](#). (Thanks, Blake Smith, for sharing.)

(8) Billy Jean: [Here](#). (Thanks, Paul Marks, for sharing.)

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

Rainy Mood

You can make any day a rainy day by clicking: [Here](#).

This is perfect for sleep and study. Some folks love this. Personally, I don't--especially when it is played by a massage therapist. All it makes me do is want to get up and pee!

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](#).

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## 9. Technology tip

The best search engines to use, if you're tired of Google  
by Charles Martin

Google is undisputed king of the search engine hill, by volume of users alone. But, there are better and more private options. Here are the biggest Google alternatives.

When it comes to using an online search engine, the overwhelming majority — 92 percent worldwide, according to Statcounter — use Google as their search engine, whether by default or by choice. Some regions rely on it almost exclusively, like India, while in a few places it isn't easily available — such as China.

For the rest of this informative article (and a rundown of alternative search websites), click: [Here](#).

(Thanks, Jensen Gelfond, for sharing the above article.)

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## 10. Joke 3

Has me wondering if my wife could do this for our house--and have her friends do the cleaning.

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



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### 11. A quote I like

Thanks, Irene Cara (1959-2022), for your career as an American singer and actress. She sang and co-wrote the song "Flashdance... What a Feeling" (from the film Flashdance), for which she won an Academy Award for Best Original Song and a Grammy Award for Best Female Pop Vocal Performance in 1984. Cara is also known for playing the role of Coco Hernandez in the 1980 film Fame, and for recording the film's title song "Fame." ... For more information about her life and to watch her perform one of her songs, click: [Here](#).

**"[These days] I live off my royalties, and I work when I want to, and I consider myself semi-retired. I don't need to work. ... I make more money not working than I do by working."--Irene Cara**



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### 12. Thought for the day

The Ultimate Test

The Story:

One night, four college students stayed up late partying, even though they knew they had a test the next day. The next morning, they came up with a plan to get out of having to take their test.

Each student rolled around in dirt and then went to the teacher's office.

They told the teacher that they had gotten a flat tire the night before, and they spent the entire night pushing their car back to campus.

The teacher listened, and to the students' delight, he offered a retest three days later.

On the day of the test, the students went to their teacher's office. The teacher put all four of the students in separate rooms to take the test. The students were okay with that because they had been given a chance to study.

The test had 2 questions:

1) Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Point)

2) Which tire was flat? \_\_\_\_\_ (99 Points)

Front Right

Front Left

Back Right

Back Left

The Moral:

Aside from making wise decisions, you always need to take responsibility for your actions.

This means not blaming other people for your mistakes, not complaining about the reality of the present moment, and not giving in to other people's pressure.

Source: [Here](#) (#8)

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### 13. Advance planning department

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

A. Kenneth Davis: A CHRISTMAS CAROL. B. Jeff Catanese: Santa Claus Conquers the Martians. C. NC Stage Comany: BE HERE NOW. D. Connie Regan-Blake: A Slice of Life: An Evening of Stories. E. Weaverville Community Center for Creative and Healthy Living: Tumo Kohrs.

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

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