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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I finally moved back into our home after being away for nearly six months due to a link under our sink caused by a \$5 part. We changed some of the colors, as can be seen by the picture below.



B. I've had a blast participating in RETURN TO BETHLEHEM over the past few days.

You can still experience the marketplace as it might have been when Jesus was born if you can get to Groce United Methodist, 954 Tunnel Rd. in Asheville, before 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sec. 4. You can see me as Soldier

#2 if you get there before 4 p.m.

Pictured: (top) Your truly with Cappy Tosetti and Cynthia Greenfield, (bottom left) with Chris Oaks and (bottom right) with Nick Honerkamp.

Kudos to Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry for putting on this excellent program.



C. One of the highlights of my week is getting together with Tom Gallagher for breakfast every Tuesday morning at Cracker Barrel. We get a special kick out of being joined by some women who may well have been our long-lost great grandmothers. Aren't they lovely?



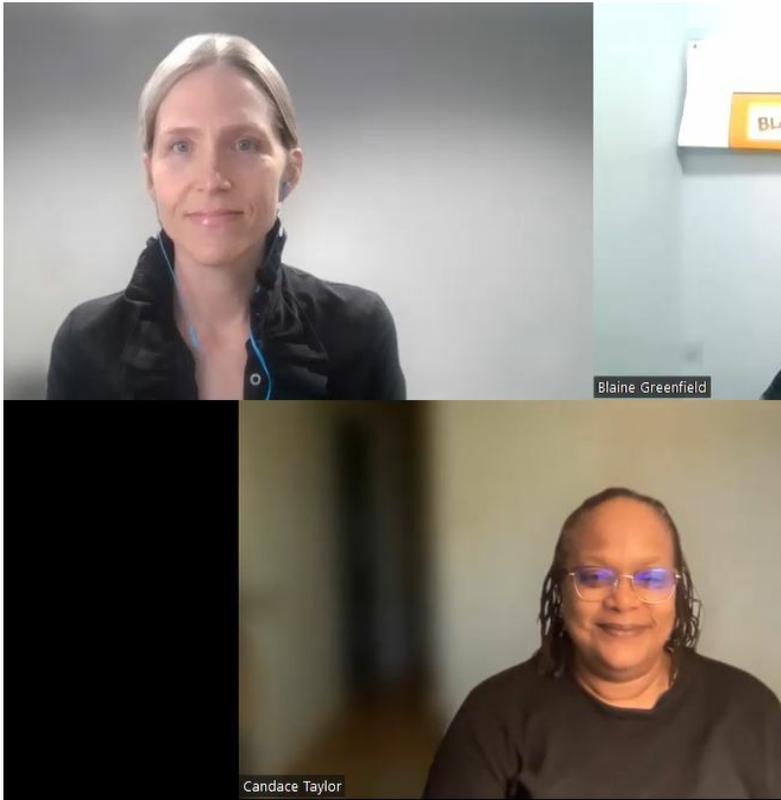
D. I hosted two BLAINESWORLD podcasts this past week.

(1) The first featured guests (first half) Lori Cozzi, Executive Director of Black Mountain Center for the Arts; and (second half) Cora Lee Palma, Author ... To view it, click: [Here](#) and look for the one dated 11.29.2022. ...

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 Rebecca Morris, actor, and Candace Taylor, director, discuss BE HERE NOW ... To view it, click: <https://www.blainesworld.net> and look for the one dated 11.30.2022. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



E. Condolences to Michelle Kuhnen and family on the passing of Michelle's Grandma K.

F. Congratulations to:

(1) Chelsey Lee Gaddy who was recently featured in an article in MOUNTAIN XPRESS. To read the article, click: [Here](#).

(2) Melvin AC Howell was also featured in MOUNTAIN XPRESS. To read that article, click: [Here](#).

Note: Thanks, Edwin Arnaudin, for writing the above two articles, as well as for making such articles a regular feature in that paper. They are a welcome addition.

(3) Brent Russell on being recognized as a Top Producer by Alan Tate/Beverly Hanks.

(4) Eric Martinez on his new position as Director of Digital Applications and Experiences at ServiceNow.

G. Correction: MY POLICEMAN was not Harry Styles' film debut. He has done several others.

Response: Thanks, Rock Eblen, for bringing this to my attention. You are absolutely correct. I based my comment on one reviewer who said the film was a launching pad for his acting career. That was and is misleading.

H. Announcing this week's

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

This week, it goes to the Woody Family for operating Isis Music Hall for 10+ years in West Asheville.

I attended several fine shows there, and they never failed to entertain. In addition, the meals I had there were always excellent.

I also enjoyed the friendly atmosphere.

So I was saddened to hear the the facility will be closing at the end of December--or at least under the ownership of the Woody Family.

For more information, see below for a post that recently appeared in Facebook.

To our friends, patrons, and supporters - As we recently passed our 10 year anniversary, we as a family have decided to step back in operating Isis Music Hall and move onward to new ventures and experiences. We truly enjoyed our time at Isis and met so many wonderful patrons and artists. We learned and grew together as a family with all of you right there with us. We want to sincerely thank all of you for your support throughout the years. We also want to thank all our employees past and present. Without you this would not have been possible. You all made the experience what it was and are a part of our family always. We're looking forward to concentrating on other projects, spending more time together as a family (not working), more time making wood art and playing music, more time cuddling our two new granddaughters/nieces, and more time enjoying our Asheville community.

We will be closing our doors at the end of the year and, in the meantime, hope to find someone that will continue to bring a unique musical experience to West Asheville and use our space to its fullest potential. Our hearts are still very much a part of this building and what we've put into it, as well as the musical community around us, and we look forward to what's to come for Isis Music Hall.

With love - The Woody Family



2. Invites

A. Announcing ...

***** CONTEST #19 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of WILL YOGA & MEDITATION REALLY CHANGE MY LIFE: PERSONAL STORES FROM 25 OF NORTH AMERICA'S LEADING TEACHERS, edited by Stephen Cope. To quote from the book's inside flap:

In this volume of essays, well-known yoga teacher and author Stephen Cope poses these questions to 24 of the most prominent teachers of yoga and meditation in America today. Their answers, collected here in both essay and interview form, reveal an astonishing portrait of one generation's struggle with both the promises and the pitfalls of contemplative practice. Their stories are remarkably moving, real, and human -- and they take us beyond the idealized images we may have of spiritual practice into a realm of authentic personal and social transformation that has the potential to make a profound and lasting impact on our culture.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #19 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, Dec. 12.

B. Update on Contest #18 ... CONGRATULATIONS to Diana Alley, winner of Contest #18: a copy of JOURNEYS OUT OF THE BODY by Robert A. Monroe.

All told, there were eight entries.

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](#).

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](#).

3. FYI

If you ever lose your cellphone, don't count on somebody being able to return it to you easily--especially if it locked or requires a password for entry.

So consider doing what I do. Tape the phone number of somebody you trust to the back of your phone. That way, the person who does find it has a fighting chance at getting it back to you.

I put the above number on my case, too, and on that one I also put my number in case I just lose the case.

See below to see what I've done.

Note: Don't bother putting your phone number on the back of your phone, in that if you lose it, nobody will be able to call you. But I do also put my phone number on the base of my case, in that sometimes I lose just that.



4. Joke 1

I bet that suitcase is jam-packed. And I also bet you you'll easily be able to spot it on the baggage carousel.



5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I both enjoyed *THE FABLEMANS*, a fictionalized autobiography of director Steven Spielberg's life. There were excellent performances from Michelle Williams, Paul Dano and Seth Rogen, as well as from Gabriel LaCelle (an actor we had never seen before). The ending, featuring filmmaker David Lynch, was outstanding. Rated PG-13.

Note: Afterward, we wondered how much of the film was true to life. Apparently, much of it was as can be seen by reading this article: [Here](#).

B. I revisited *MRS. PALFREY AT THE CLARMONT* at Cynthia's suggestion and was glad I did. This 2005 film, now on Netflix, is about the unlikely friendship between an elderly woman and a young writer. I found it quite touching. Joan Plowright and Rupert Friend both excel in the leading roles. Rated PG by the Australian Government Classification Board, but I'd give it a PG-13 due to some of the themes.

6. TV alert

A. *DEAD TO ME*, Season 3: Now on Netflix
Cynthia and I are on the last episode, and this comedy/mystery/drama about two women friends is as good as it has ever been. Our only disappointment: This is the final series.

B. *LADY CHATTERLEY'S LOVER*: Now on Netflix
Emma Corrin (*The Crown's* Princess Diana) plays a wife whose impotent World War I vet husband wants her to get discreetly pregnant by another man of their class — but she scandalously falls for a gamekeeper (Jack

O'Connell from Skins). According to AARP, this is "a terrific, sexy adaptation of D.H. Lawrence's steamy novel."

C.THREE PINES: Now on Amazon Prime

Alfred Molina (Doc Ock in Spider-Man 2) plays Chief Inspector Armand Gamache in this eight-episode adaptation of Louise Perry's best-selling detective novel, which also stars Rossif Sutherland (Donald's son and Kiefer's brother), Anna Tierney (daughter of Star Wars actor Malcolm Tierney) and Canadian singer Roberta Battaglia.

D. BRANSON: Now on HBO, HBO Max

This docuseries about Richard Branson's 70-year journey from risk-taking kid to music-biz mogul to space-travel entrepreneur promises not to be dull.

7. Joke 2

Tip of the day! (Thanks, Carol Shimp, for sharing.)

I replaced my litter box with a FedX box. Now when it's full, I just tape it shut and put it on my porch for someone to steal.

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 Hello Clyde that's not one of my favorites: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Kenya Photography Safari 2022: [Here](#). (Thanks, Beth Hampton Jones, for sharing her terrific work.)

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

(1) Blue Moon, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

Note: Thanks, Neil Ratner Rock Doc, for sharing the above. And for what you had to say about it ... Blue Moon was released by The Marcells in 1961. 60 years later, in 2021, a full house turns out to watch and listen to these guys, now in their 80s ... and rewards them with a standing ovation.

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns (12.4.2022): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Jimi Hendrix: [Here](#).

(4) The above mentioned the Hendrix performance of "Star Spangled Banner" at Woodstock. Here is it is: [Here](#).

(5) Old Movie Stars Dance to Uptown Funk: [Here](#). (Thanks, Doug Shaw, for sharing.)

(6) I LOVE LUCY - Harpo Marx - IN COLOR: The gang meets Harpo Marx and Lucy does the famous 'mirror' routine with him. Aired May 9 1955: [Here](#). (Thanks, Jennifer Memolo, for sharing.)

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

Willing to give lesser-known artists a shot, check out Forgotify by clicking: [Here](#).

Doing so will enable you to find some of the millions of songs that have been forgotten on Spotify.

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/>.

9. Technology tip

Keyboards attract much dirt and grime, so they should be cleaned on a fairly regular basis. But what if you don't have a can of compressed air handy?

Consider using a Post-It for the job. Run it through all the rows of your keys. You'll be amazed at how junk that gets picked up.

And if dust piles up the corners, use a pair of tweezers to get it out.

10. Joke 3

After being married 50 years, a couple was in bed when the wife felt her husband begin to massage her in ways he hadn't in quite some time. It almost tickled as his fingers started at her neck and then began moving down past the small of her back down to her shoulder to just over her stomach.

He then placed his hand on her left inner arm, worked down her side, passing gently over her buttocks and down her leg to her calf. He continued in the same manner on her right side, then suddenly stopped, rolled over and became silent.

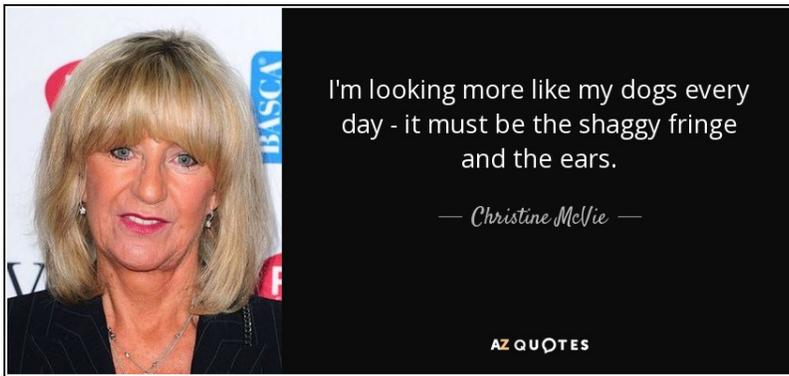
As she had become quite aroused by this caressing, she said in a loving voice, "Honey that was wonderful. Why did you stop?"

He answered, "I found the remote."



11. A quote I like

Thanks, Christine McVie (1943-2022), for your career as an English musician and singer--most notably with Fleetwood Mac. In 1998, as a member of that group, she was into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. She was also the recipient of two Grammy Awards. For more information about her life, click: [Here](#).



12. Thought for the day

And on their way out, we should require mandatory drug testing before any member of Congress gets his or her pension. We'd probably save millions--make that billions--of dollars!



PS. Make it a great week!

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