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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I started a new holiday tradition. ... We got to see A FLAT ROCK CHRISTMAS for the first time. It won't be our last. ... We loved everything about the show: the singing and dancing, the band, the chorus, etc. ... Pictured (below left): us with the Scott Treadway who was an amazing host; and (bottom right) us with some of the other talented performers, including two of my Facebook friends-- Jason Watson on the far left and Kathleen Watson on the far right. ...Not pictured: Two of my other Facebook friends, both members of the chorus: Gordon Pendarvis and Bob Pompeo.



B. We also liked our meals recently at the 12 Bones location in the River Arts district.



C. We recently took to adding lights outside our home.



D. I got a big kick out of Rodney Smith's clever adaptation of SANTA CLAUS CONQUERS THE MARTIANS,

the 1964 film, that I saw at Attic Salt. ... What was so cool was that all those in the talented cast had their moments to shine, so kudos to them all: Darren Marshall, Eric Vik, Elias Hamilton, Kirby Gibson, Sonia D'Andrea, Scott Fisher, Carly "Goober" Berdine, Lauren Powers and Scott Cameron. ... I also admired Smith's direction, the set design (and stage managing effort) of Nicole Sumpter, Nicki LaRue's puppets and costumes, and the lighting design by Rachel Cort.



E. Please catch this week's BLAINESWORLD podcast, featuring guests (first half) Steve Hunt, operations manager for Wortham Center for the Performing Arts; and (second half) Lauren Steiner, journalist & activist and host, The Robust Opposition ... To view it, click: [Here](#) and look for the one dated 12.20.22... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



F. Condolences to Catherine Crusade and family on the passing of Catherine's mother.

G. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Perry Robinson (pictured below), who runs Classic Custom Cabinets in Marion with his son-in-law Colby Davis.

We were fortunate to be referred to Perry when we had a leak in our kitchen that caused damage not only to our floors, but to our cabinets as well. He did a a super job that now has our home looking better than it ever did.

In addition, he was both friendly and ever-so-patient with our many questions.

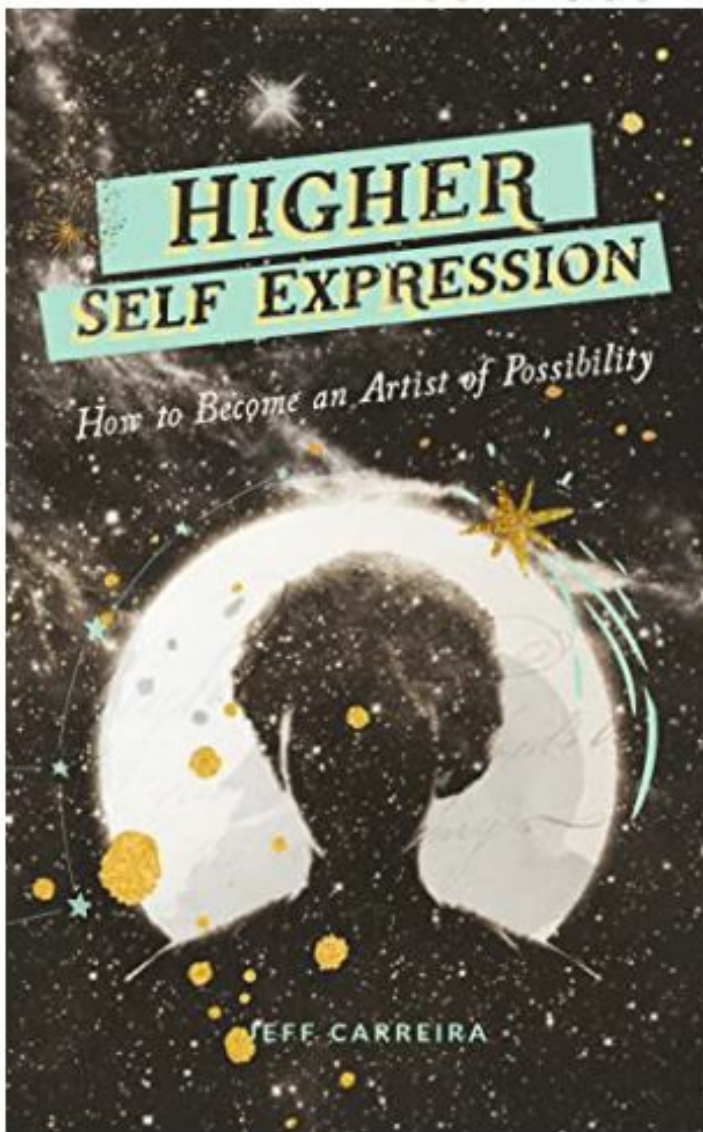
We were so impressed with him that we then hired him to replace our dining room table , and we look forward to having him finish that job in the near future and to also sing a song or two for us. (He is an accomplished guitarist who is the music minister for the Redeemed FWB Church in Marion.)

Perry can be reached at 828.460.1624 or perryrobinson116@gmail.com.



2. Invites

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



B. 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: bjinbc@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](#).

C. 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](#).

D. The two courses that Cynthia teaches for Arms Around ASD, Meditation on Monday via Zoom and Move Your Body on Wednesday via Zoom or in person, will not be held the next two weeks because of ASD's holiday break. They will both resume in January. Stay tuned for details or check the calendar by clicking: [Here](#).

E. If we're not yet friends on Facebook, click to send me a friend request: [Here](#).

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3. FYI

BBB Scam Alert: Watch out for "free roof inspections"

With the warmer weather and summer storms, roofing scams become more common. BBB Scam Tracker frequently receives reports of shady “free” roof inspections. Homeowners should be on the lookout for these cons.

How the scam works

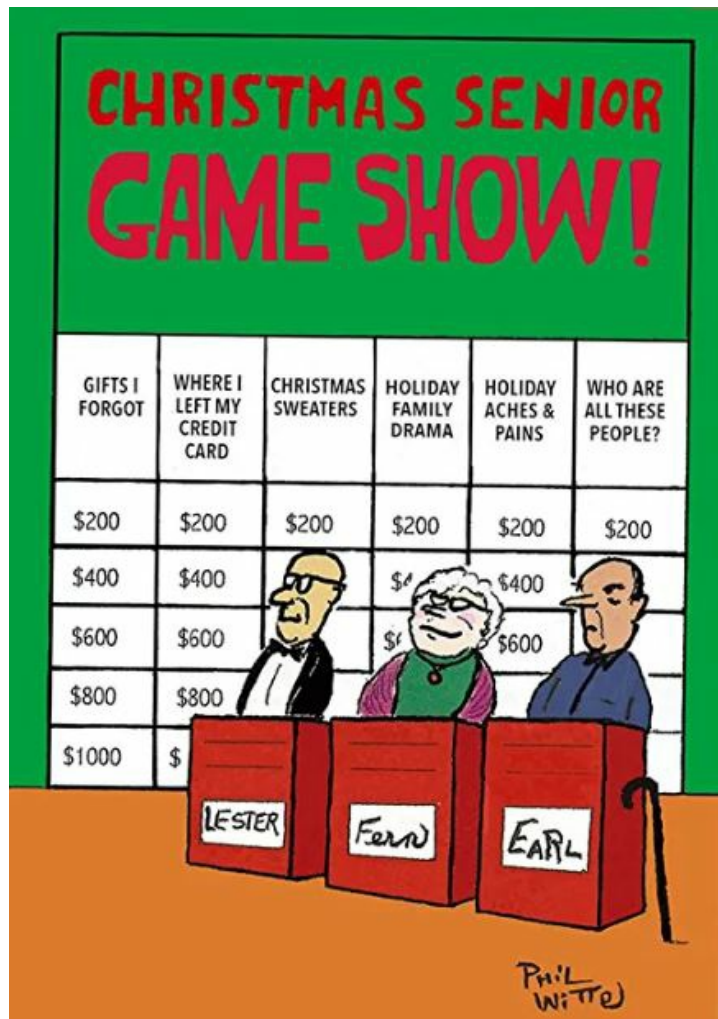
You receive a call or a person shows up at the door claiming to represent a roofing company. According to Scam Tracker reports, con artists often use the name of the state (i.e. Minnesota or Texas) plus “Roofing” or “Construction” as their business name.

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

Note: This scam is out and about in the Asheville area. Just the other day, two guys knocked on our door, offering us a free roof inspection that would be covered by insurance if work we needed. When I politely told them “no thanks,” they got very nasty.

4. Joke 1

What I'll be watching today. And if you're like me, and you celebrate all holidays (because there's more food, fun and friends that way), MERRY CHRISTMAS!



5. Reviews

A. Cynthia liked WHITNEY HOUSTON: I WANNA DANCE WITH SOMEBODY, the biopic about one of the greatest singers of her generation more than I did. There's a lot of terrific music, and strong performances from both Naomi Ackie and Stanley Tucci, but overall I felt it was a paint-by-numbers film that didn't provide any new insight into Houston's life. I also thought I'd be moved by the story, yet I wasn't. Rated PG-13.

B. We both enjoyed YOU'RE NOT YOU, a 2015 drama that we saw on Amazon Prime. Hilary Swank and Emmy Rossum were both excellent as the woman with ALS whose marriage is on the rocks and the brash collegian hired to be her assistant. This one was touching and deserves to be seen. Rated R, though I think appropriate for mature teenagers over the age of 12.

6. TV alert

A. THE VOLCANO: RESCUE FROM WHAKAARI: Now on Netflix

Rory Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy's Oscar-nominated documentarian daughter, presents a spectacular disaster film that's also an inspiring true story of 47 quick-thinking people trapped by an erupting volcano on an island off the coast of New Zealand. It was the No. 1 Netflix Original hit this week.

B. WHO KILLED SANTA? A MURDERVILLE MURDER MYSTERY: Now on Netflix

Will Arnett's detective Terry Seattle, who joins Jason Bateman and Maya Rudolph to find out who sent St. Nick to the promised land.

C. GLASS ONION; A KNIVES OUT MYSTERY: Now on Netflix

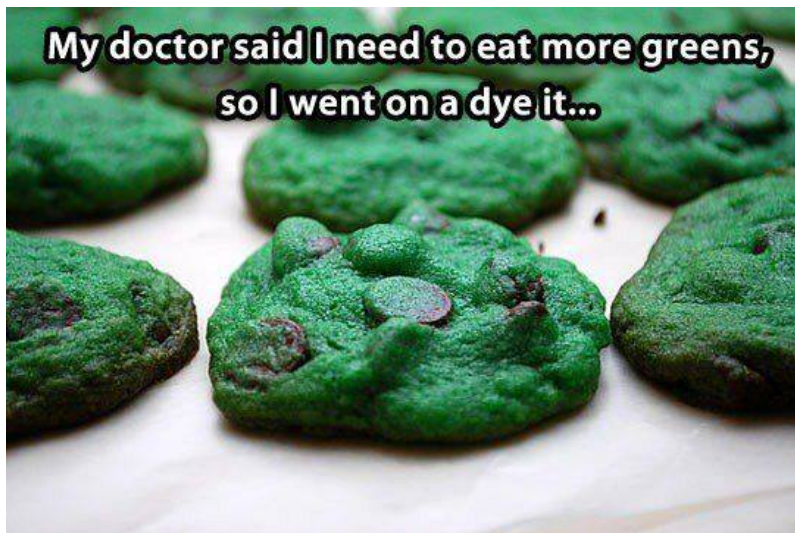
In this KNIVES OUT sequel, sleuth Benoit Blanc (Daniel Craig) attends a murder mystery party thrown by a Musk-like zillionaire (Edward Norton). Norton's performance was fun to watch, but I enjoyed the original film more.

D. THE KENNEDY CENTER HONORS: Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 8 p.m. on CBS

Watch George Clooney, Amy Grant, Gladys Knight, Tania León and U2 win America's highest cultural prize.

7. Joke 2

Does this make me a smart cookie?



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 Susan Wong: [Here](#)

B. Video of the week

Thanks to my friend Elsten Torres, you can now sing along to his latest song, "The Holidays." Just download the Smule app and listen to his song in either English or Spanish.

This is soooo cool!

To listen to Elsten sing this song with Breezy Beat MC, his super talented music brother, and to download the app, click: [Here](#).

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

(1) Soupy Sales, The Mouse, one of my all-time favorites AND arguably the greatest dance ever: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Merry Christmas everyone. I will not be playing a live stream program this morning, so I can spend time with my family before church today. I have decided to air the concert I did in 2020 with the help of several friends: [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Dickey Betts: [Here](#).

(4) As always, I took Neil's advice (above)... and so am listening to some Allman Brothers. You can do the same if you want to hear "Jessica" by clicking: [Here](#).

(5) 5 stages of pickleball: [Here](#). (Thanks, Carole Biro, for sharing.)

(6) I like this guy's moves. Turns out they're married and professional dancers: [Here](#). (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

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

If you're a K-12 teacher or know of one, then check out TeacherVision where you can find over 20,000 resources. This is also a great site to check out if you are engaged in home schooling.

To do so, click: [Here](#).

You'll find an amazing array of print-ready and digital resources. You'll even find lesson plans and teaching resources.

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

Add some extra security (to your Facebook account)

It's a good idea to throw in some additional layers of security on your Facebook account. Here are three smart things you can do to protect yourself, which you'll find under Settings > Security and Login:

Enable Two-Factor Authentication. It's a good idea to implement(Opens in a new window) 2FA on all your accounts. That means if someone wants to access your account on a new device, they'll need your password and a code generated by an authenticator app or sent via text.

Get alerts about unrecognized logins. If somebody logs in to your account from an unrecognized device or browser, Facebook can let you know(Opens in a new window). (If you use a VPN, you may notice you get those warnings about yourself if the VPN server is in a different state or country. That's the price of vigilance.)

Designate 3-5 trusted contacts if you get locked out. Trusted Contacts are Facebook friends who can securely help you regain access to your account if you forget your password or lose your mobile device—or a nefarious

person breaks in and locks YOU out. You can always change your trusted contacts(Opens in a new window) later, if you no longer trust them.

Source: [Here](#) (#5)

10. Joke 3

Why you shouldn't wait until retirement to travel. (Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing.)



11. A quote I like

Now you know ...

The secret of staying
young is to live
honestly, eat slowly,
and lie about your age.

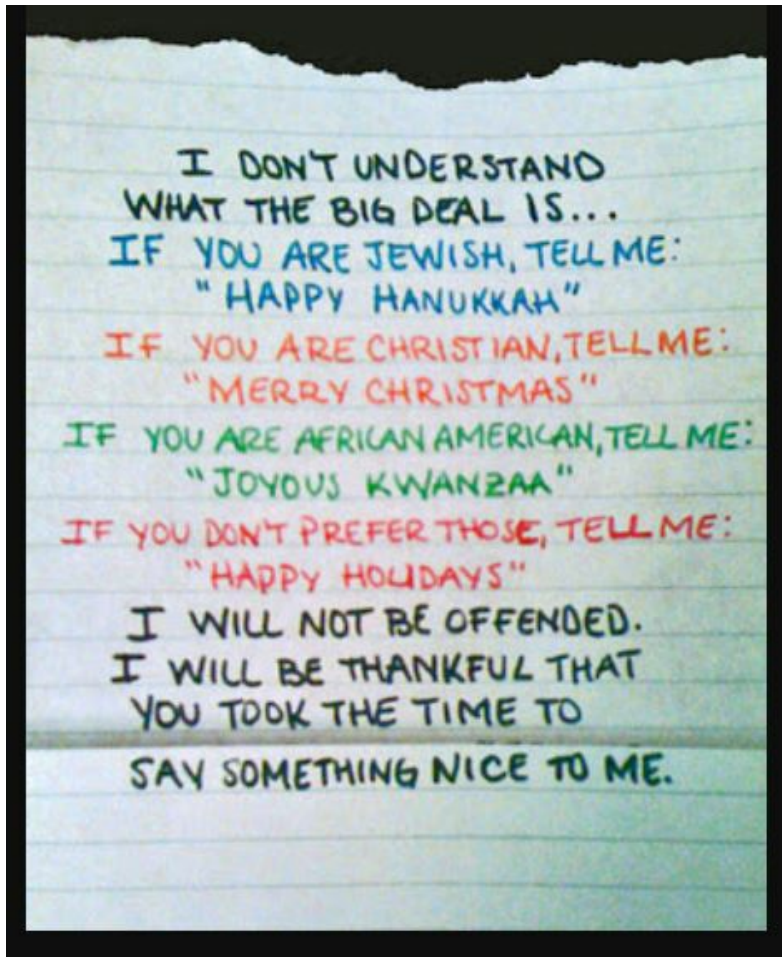


[QuoteHD.com](#)

Lucille Ball
American comedienne
(1911-1989)

12. Thought for the day

I'll also be thankful if you tell me, "Here's a gift that I thought you would like." And in case you were wondering, 39R is my jacket size. (Thanks, John Worthington, for sharing.)



13. Advance planning department

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

A. Connie Hurst: DREAM ON Theatre Works 2023 Season Announcement. B. Julie Wharton: Ovation is holding Auditions. C. Chuck Fink: Storytelling Debuts! D. Jimmy Ferraro: Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre.

PS. Make it a great week!

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