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Happy Cancer Holiday/Birthday

Dec. 19, 2025

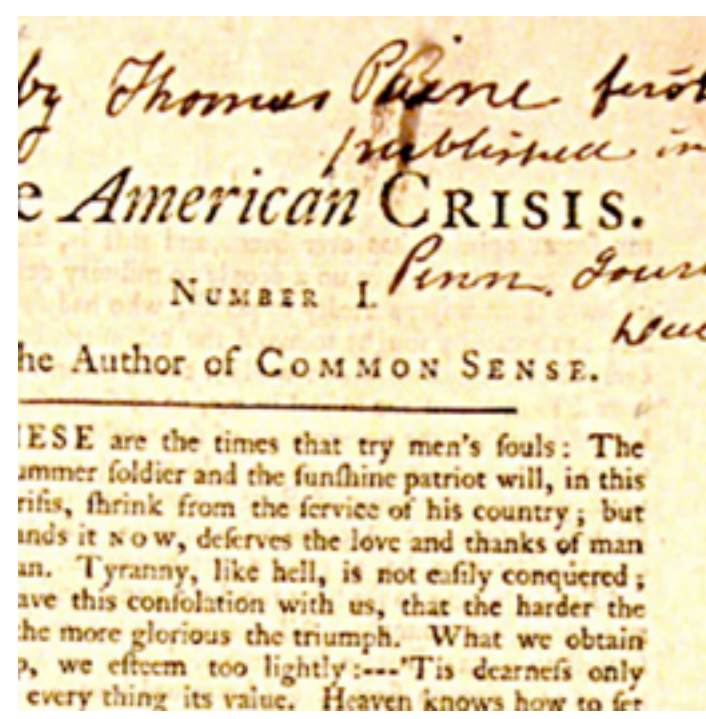
A quick update to an interesting year. Since we last talked, I can report my cancer diagnosis was 100% correct, successful surgery (RALP, short for robot-assisted laparoscopic radical prostatectomy) was Nov. 3, pathology indicated no spread, a fancy DNA test indicated I'm in the "low risk category" for future spread, and my first PSA test six weeks out is back to non-detectable (that's a good thing.) **Dec. 19 is my birthday**, so I'm taking all of this as a present and call it a wrap for the year.

Artwork: I always think surgery will be a walk in the park, (kind of like thinking my attempt at a [hygge winter mindset](#) might actually succeed this time) and then my body tells me I'm an idiot. Apparently I'll be dealing with the surgical side effects of losing yet another body part for a good long time. Painting is a fairly physical activity, so I've tapped into my history of screen printing and repetitive processes to develop the **RW+B** series that is a bit less taxing.

RedWhite+Black perhaps has metaphors I will let you sort out. And I mentioned screen printing: these aren't serigraphs, but by having a foot in the multiples category, the elements of repeatability and layers let me get into the flow without overworking the pieces, or myself. This is born out of need, including pragmatic elements of being durable and very portable, **and I am donating 20% of the sales to Carroll County Iowa food banks/pantries** (I would like to expand this footprint if the series keeps me busy.) These will be the bulk of my work for the foreseeable future so I'll be adding new pieces frequently. I've dedicated a new landing website just for them, so take a look at [shiney.com](#), and as always, thanks for supporting the arts. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Better New Year to everyone.



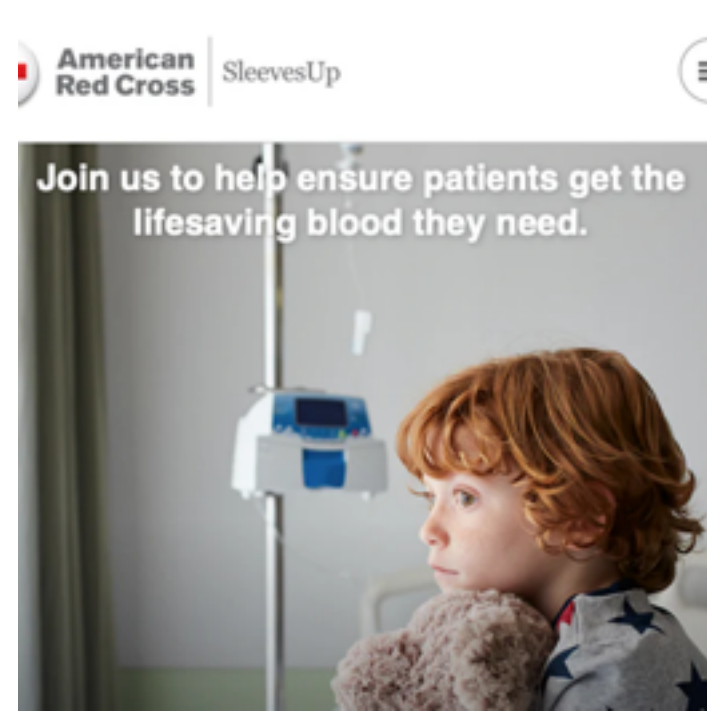
Two Random Things



"The American Crisis, No. 1"

I learned recently, since I didn't apparently pay attention in school, that my birthday shares a date with the famous lines from Thomas Paine: "*These are the times that try men's souls; the summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country ...*"

[Your history lesson link is here.](#)



"Maybe Make a Blood Donation?"

I'm not setting up an actual guilt-inducing campaign, so just maybe consider a blood donation if you don't already. I've donated something like 16 gallons, but now have a cancer deferment for a year. There is, and likely always will be, a critical need. Thanks in advance.

[Visit the Red Cross website.](#)

"What if a great piece of art is like a pearl: an irritant covered in a million attempts to make it go away?"

— Behavioral scientist Adam Mastroianni

Onward. (Create, not Destroy.)