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## 1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I had a tasty meal at The Local Joint in Fairview where we received friendly service from Sabrina.





B. YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE THE 39 STEPS! ... This comedy, based on the Alfred Hitchcock film with the same name, opened on June 20 and runs through 29 at Black Mountain Center for The Arts. ... Daniel Henry, Madison Garris, Mike Yow and Tate W Albert all shine (as can be seen in this clip: [Here](#)). ... And Mike's direction was spot on, as was the work of Karen Covington-Yow as both assistant director and stage manager.



C. Fun times at Ricky Boone's 63rd birthday party. Pictured: (top, l-r) Blaine Greenfield, Bryan Hilemon, Ricky D Boone and TJ Shmeld. ... (bottom left) TJ Shmeld. You can see him do a trick by clicking: [Here](#) ... (bottom center) Bryan Hilemon. You can see him do two tricks by clicking: [Here](#) and [Here](#) ... and (bottom right) Robert B. Jones as Bobini. ... They were all great, as were the others who performed: Eric Schweitzer

and Flying Cloud Band.



D. I hosted three BLAINESWORLD podcasts this past week:

(1) The first one featured featured Marcy Gallagher, playwright, discussing AT THE CAFE--her musical that will have its world premiere at The Tina McGuire Theater at The Wortham Center for the Performing Arts on August 18-20 and 25-27. . . . . To view or listen to the podcast, click: [Here](#) and look for the one dated 1.18.2023. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.

Note: Please LIKE and SHARE the Facebook page for At the Café, the new musical written by Marcy Gallagher with music by Sarah Kohrs that will have its world premiere at The Tina McGuire Theater at The Wortham Center for the Performing Arts on August 18-20 and 25-27. Here's the link: [Here](#).





(2) The second one featured Morgan Menjivar--President, Junior League of Asheville . .... To view or listen to the podcast, click: <https://www.blaineworld.net/> and look for the one dated 1.17.2023. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



(3) The third one featured Brandi Andrade, director, and Amanda McLoughlin, stage manager, who discuss CALENDAR GIRLS--Hendersonville Theatre's upcoming play. It runs from Feb. 10-19, 2023. For tickets, click: [Here](#). . .... To view or listen to the podcast, click:[Here](#) and look for the one dated 1.20.2023. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



#### E. Condolences to:

- (1) Diane Lewis and family on the passing of Ruth Paul, Diane's mother.
- (2) Mike Andrus and family on the passing of Elizabeth "Betty" Andrus, Mike's mother.
- (3) Henry Styron and family on the passing of Henry's older brother.

#### F. Congratulations to:

- (1) Iva Morris for being promoted to Assistant Nurse Manager at West Palm Beach VA Health Care System
- (2) Natalie Shaw on being named one of AVL's Top 100 agents for 2022.
- (3) Stu Helm and Dawn Roe on their wedding.
- (4) Jimmy Ferraro and his company, Murder Mystery 4 Hire, for winning a Readers' Choice 2022 Award for MY BIG FAT ITALIAN WEDDING MURDER. To find out more, click: [Here](#).
- (5) Adora Winquist on being quoted in WOMEN'S HEALTH. To read the article, click:[Here](#).

G. Announcing this week's winner of the ...

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

Thanks, Tom Gallagher, for joining me in nominating Debbie--cashier extraordinaire at the Cracker Barrel on Tunnel Road in Asheville.

When we go there for our regular Tuesday morning breakfast, she always greets us with great enthusiasm.

And though it is not her official job, she often seats us and when the place is busy, she even buses our table.

Then when we go to pay, she smiles and says that she looks forward to seeing us the following week. In addition, she never fails to remind us to enter the contest on the receipt because we could have a chance to win the prize. (We haven't won yet, but we remain hopeful.)

Cracker Barrel is lucky to have her as an employee!



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## 2. Invites

A. Announcing ...

\*\*\*\*\* **CONTEST #2** \*\*\*\*\*

One lucky reader will win a copy of **POWER ANIMAL MEDITATIONS** by Nicki Scully.

To quote one reviewer:

"Nicki Scully's magical journeys are truly inspired. Not only do they heal and transform, but they are without doubt the most vividly beautiful meditations to be found. Nicki's work is superb." — Carol Kramer, editor of *Body, Mind & Spirit* magazine

To enter the contest, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put **CONTEST #1** 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, Jan. 30.

Note: **CONGRATULATIONS** to Steve Rizzo, winner of Contest #1: a copy of **THE BREATHING BOOK: GOOD HEALTH AND VITALITY THROUGH ESSENTIAL BREATH WORK** by Donna Farhi. ... All told, there were five entries

there were live entities.

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: [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 evening.

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 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. 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](#).

E . 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

Doctor pledges no medical care after turning 75

"You can't go blindly into old age," says Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel, who plans to stop seeking any medical interventions after age 75. "Which I think unfortunately happens to many, many people, and the medical system will do what the medical system does, regardless of what your philosophy of life."

He has indicated that he won't partake in:

- \* Regular preventive tests, screenings or interventions
- \* Colonoscopies and other cancer-screening tests
- \* Cardiac stress test, pacemaker, implantable defibrillator
- \* Heart-valve replacement or bypass surgery
- \* Flu shots or antibiotics
- \* Ventilators, dialysis, surgery or medication

To listen to what he had to say, click:[Here](#).

Note: The above clip references an article that Dr. Emanuel wrote in 2014, "Why I Hope to Die at 75." A paywall prevented me from reading it, but I did find this 2019 article that I think you'll find interesting. In it, he revisited his original thinking: [Here](#).

**FYI, part 2**

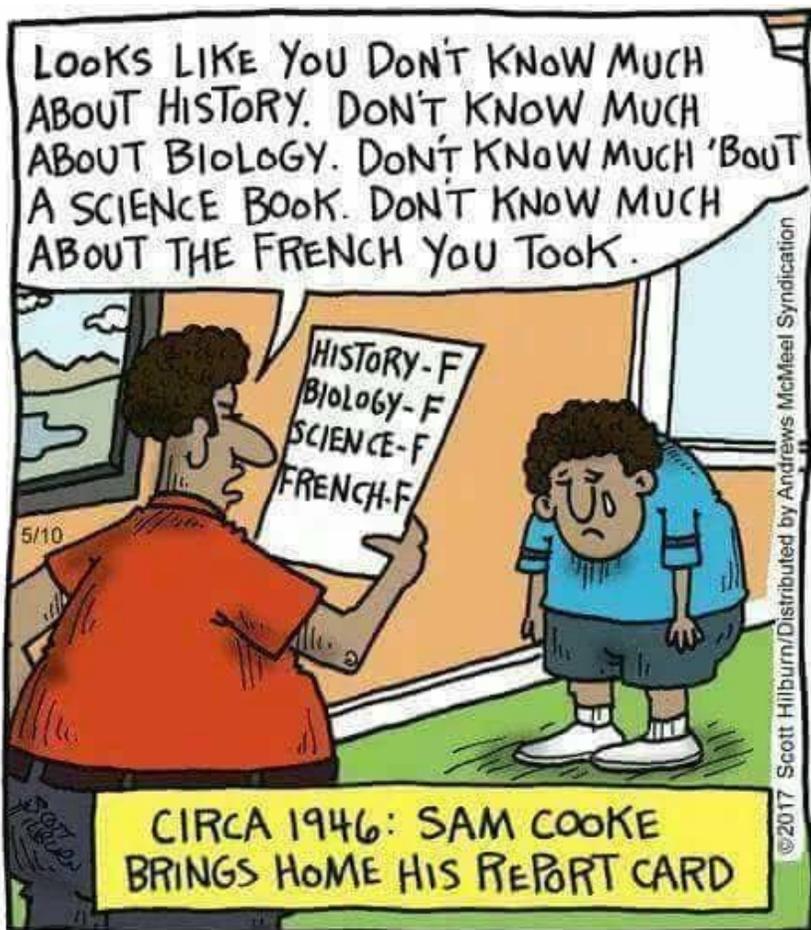
A. Rock Eblen: I'm such an admirer of Greta. Please add this link to your blog:  
SIGN THE URGENT CALL TO FOSSIL FUEL CEOS: [Here](#).

B. Kathleen Meyers Leinier: Please consider making a small donation to my son, Nik's restaurant endeavor. We want to help him by getting 100 people to donate \$25 toward the cause. I am so proud of my son Nik and all his hard work over the past 4 years. Our family has always enjoyed entertaining friends in our home and we hope Nik can carry on the tradition in his own space. ... To contribute, click: <https://tinyurl.com/yus6utrm>.

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#### 4. Joke 1

Fortunately, he did know how to sing a song ... see for yourself by clicking this link and singing along with me: [Here](#). (Thanks, Hank Eder, for posting.)



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#### 5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I both liked THE AWAKENING OF MOTTI WOLKENBRUCH, a romantic comedy now on Netflix. The story is about a young Orthodox Jew who is thrown for a loop when he falls for someone who will not meet up to his mother's approval. Joel Basman is endearing as Motti, and Inge Maux as the stereotypical Jewish mother overacts but nevertheless had us laughing. I didn't see a rating, but would say it was appropriate for mature teenagers.

B. We also liked DOG GONE, another Netflix film. It's a family drama about a young man and his beloved dog who are separated on the Appalachian Trail. He and his father then begin a desperate search to find him before it's too late. The film is based on an incredible true story of humanity and everyday heroism.

Johnny Berchtold is impressive in his film debut, and Rob Lowe and Kimberly Williams-Paisley give solid performances as his parents. Rated TVPG.

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## 6. TV alert

A. ACCUSED: Premieres on Sunday, Jan. 22, on Fox after the NFL game (probably around 10 p.m.), then on Tuesdays at 9 p.m.

Each episode opens in a courtroom on the accused with viewers knowing nothing about their crime or how they ended up on trial. The cast along should make it worth watching: Abigail Breslin, Malcolm Jamal-Warner, Margo Martindale and Wendell Pierce.

B THE VOLCANO: RESCUE FROM WHAKAARI: Now on Netflix

This spectacular disaster film is also an inspiring true story of 47 quick-thinking people trapped by an erupting volcano on an island off the coast of New Zealand.

C. THAT 90S SHOW: Now on Netflix

Fans of THAT 70S show will miss stars Ashton Kutcher, Topher Grace and Mila Kunis, but mom (Debra Jo Rupp) and dad (Kurtwood Smith) are now grandparents with a new brood of stoners in the basement.

D. THE MENU: Now on HBO Max

Insufferable foodie Tyler (Nicholas Hoult) and hired escort Margot (Anya Taylor-Joy) travel to an exotic island to dine at master Chef Slowik's (Ralph Fiennes) exclusive restaurant. It soon becomes clear that Chef Slowik has nefarious plans beyond serving a \$1,200-a-plate dinner to a group of entitled louts (including Janet McTeer, John Leguizamo, and Judith Light).

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## 7. Joke 2

Another friend fell into a river in Egypt. He never believed it ... turns out he was in denial. (Thanks, Jean Dolan, for sharing.)





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## 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 cover from Weezer: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

The History of Music Video Dancing w/ Jennifer Lopez & Jimmy Fallon: [Here](#). (Thanks, Lois Lytingale Henrickson, for sharing.)

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

(1) Ernie K-Doe: "Mother-in-Law," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns (1.23.2022): [Here](#).

Note: As you may have heard, my friend Howard's wife had a brain aneurysm on December 30.

She is recovering nicely, but the family is now having to deal with many bills as a result of the above.

Please consider joining me in helping them out by contributing to this GoFundMe campaign: [Here](#).

And kindly please help spread the word by sharing this link: [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Ronnie Van Zant: [Here](#).

(4) See Van Zant perform with Lynyrd Skynyrd at Knebworth by clicking [Here](#).

(5) 2022 Festival Of Remembrance ~ Family Bocelli: [Here](#). (Thanks, Michael Firestone, for sharing.)

(6) This giant dog has the funniest reaction when it comes to bathtime: [Here](#). (Thanks, Barbara Ballou Hains, for sharing.)

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

To see what people really think, visit honest Slogans: [Here](#)

The artwork is especially interesting. For example:

amazon: Priming Us to Never Leave the House

WD-40: NEVER AROUND WHEN YOU NEED IT

BURGER KING: HAVE IT YOUR WAY: EAST SOMEWHERE ELSE

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

### Save Posts for Later

Facebook makes it next to impossible to go back and find something that you whizzed past during a recent scroll. Don't lose that tasty-looking recipe or interesting article; save it for later. Tap the ellipsis menu in the top right of any post and select Save link or Save to watch later from the drop-down menu. This will send the link to your Saved folder. Where's your Saved folder? You actually won't see it until you save something. Then a little purple Saved ribbon appears in your left-hand favorites bar on the desktop; tap the hamburger menu on mobile. Saved Posts don't expire but they might disappear if the original poster deletes it. If you're a prolific saver, you can group your saved items into Collections to keep them organized.

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

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## 10. Joke 3

I was walking home and decided to take a shortcut through the cemetery. ... Three girls saw me and and said they were scared to do that, so I agreed to let them walk with me. ... I told them, "I understand. I used to get freaked out, too, when I was alive." ... Never saw anybody run so fast! (Thanks, Susanne Steele, for sharing.)



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## 11. Two quotes I like

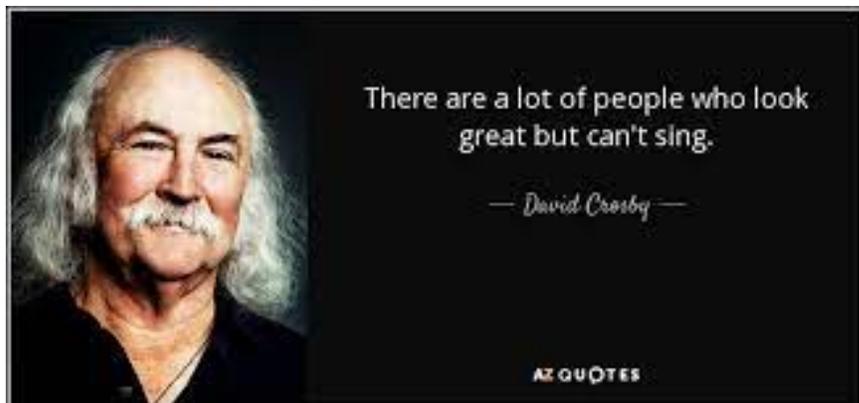
A. In honor of Dr. King's recent birthday, let us remember these words that he told an audience in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1957. They still ring true today--perhaps more than ever.

**"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?' "--Martin Luther King Jr.**



B. Thanks, David Crosby (1941-2023), for your career as an American singer, guitarist and songwriter. In addition to his solo career, he was a founding member of both the Byrds and Crosby, Stills & Nash. Crosby was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame twice: once for his work in the Byrds and again for his work with CSN. For more information about his life, click:

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/01/19/entertainment/david-crosby-death/index.html>.



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## 12. Thought for the day

Breathing With No Air

The Story:

A boy once asked a wise old man what the secret to success is.

After listening to the boy's question, the wise man told the boy to meet him at the river in the morning and he would be given the answer there.

In the morning, the wise man and the boy began walking toward the river. They continued on into the river, past the point of the water covering their nose and mouth. At this time, the wise man ducked the boy into the water.

As he struggled to get out, the wise man continued to push him further down. The boy felt a fish slip by his leg and squirmed to get up even harder. The man eventually pulled the boy's head up so he could get air. The boy gasped as he inhaled a deep breath of air.

The wise man said, "What were you fighting for when you were under water?"

The boy replied, "Air!"

The man said, "There you have the secret to success. When you want to gain success as much as you wanted air when you were under water, you will obtain it. That's the only secret."

The Moral:

Success starts with the desire to achieve something.

If your motivation is weak, your results will follow suit.

Think about what you desire the most in life and work towards getting it. Don't allow your environment or other people to influence the things that you truly want.

Just because the fish swimming by is comfortable with being under water doesn't mean that you are.

Source: [Here](#) (#10)

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### 13. Advance planning department

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

A. Connie Hurst: Casting Call. B. Andy Scarpati: Comedy Cabaret.

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

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