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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I urge you not to miss ACT's production of Thornton Wilder's classic play about the fictional American small town of Grover's Corners between 1901 and 1913 as viewed through the everyday lives of its citizens. ...I got a special kick out of seeing excellent performances from Facebook friends Daniel Sandoval, Mark Lieberman, Tom Trauger, Pasquale LaCorte, Amanda Levesque and Shelley Lieberman (behind the scenes as sound operator), and I also enjoyed the work of Elli Murray and Jayden Parton, among others. And Lilly Nilo's monologue at the end was especially moving. Robert Arleigh White's direction was spot on. ... The show runs though Oct. 16. For tickets, click: [Here](#).



B. We got a kick out of celebrating our friend Cappy Tosetti's birthday. We all first went to Americare Pharmacy where the always cheerful Barkly gave us our Covid booster shots. ... Afterward, we went to The Local Joint for dinner that featured friendly service from Michelle and Jared's tasty cooking. Cynthia especially appreciated the fact that he went out of his way to make French toast for her (even though it was past the time that this delicious dish is ordinarily served).



C. PROGRESS! ... As many of you know, we have been out of our home for the past 4-and-1/2 months because of a \$5 water leak under the kitchen sink. Just recently, the kitchen floor was replaced (see below), and if we get the other repairs done, we are hoping to move out of the lovely extended stay apartment we've been staying in before the end of November.



D. It was great to see many of colleagues at the Asheville SCORE mentor appreciation event at the Governor's Western Residence. Some I had not seen for over two years because of the pandemic.



E. Cynthia met a new friend when we were walking recently in Biltmore Park Town Square.



F. I taped two podcasts this past week.

(1) The first featured Dru Dykes, volunteer with both Buncombe County Election Services and Hendersonville Theatre. ... To view it, click: [Here](#) and look for the one dated 10.10.2022. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



(2) The second featured (first half) Beth Russo, Executive Director, Eblen Charities; and (second half) Randy Warren, Owner of Warren Cycling and Tours. ... To view it, click: [Here](#) and look for the one dated 10.12.2022. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



G. Condolences to Melanie Brethauer and family on the passing of Jane Brethauer, Melanie's mother.

H. Congratulations to:

A. Sunny Ruble on having her barn featured in Barns of WNC, a terrific series of videos created by drone operator Walter Beals. To view this particular one, click: [Here](#).

B. Adam Zimnicki and Cheyenne Burnett on their wedding.

I. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Sam--the ticket taker extraordinaire at The Carolina Cinemark Asheville.

Whenever we see him, we are greeted by a big smile and enthusiastic greeting. It is like seeing an old friend.

He asks how we are doing, and he tells us to enjoy whatever film we are going to see.

At times, he will even take out a bag of candy and crackers--and ask us to choose something to snack on.

At the end of the movie, he will then ask us what we thought of it as he thanks us for coming.

Sam is this way with all the customers. Seeing him enhances our movie-going experience.

2. Invites

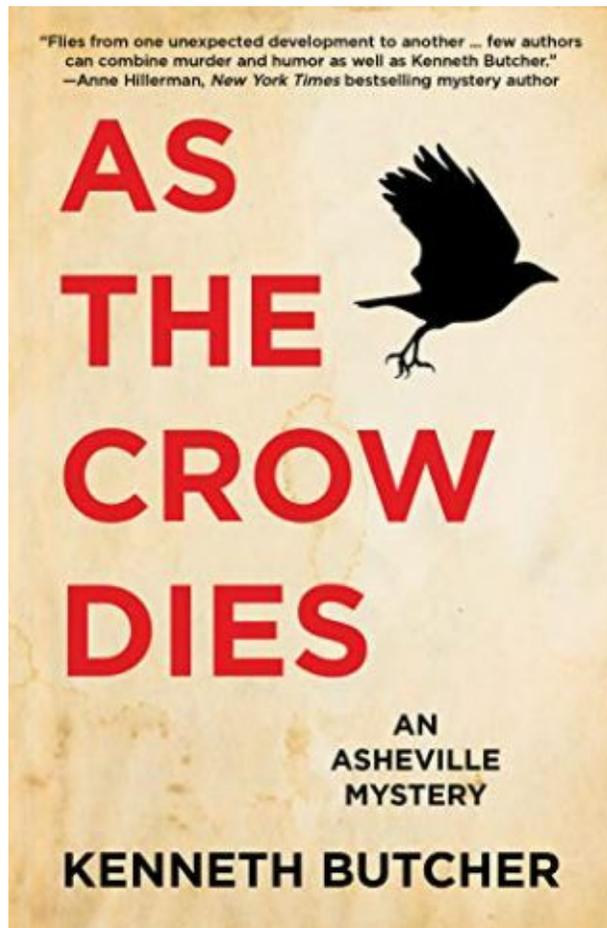
A. There's still time to enter ...

******* CONTEST #16 *******

One lucky reader will win an autographed copy of AS THE CROW DIES: AN ASHEVILLE MYSTERY by Kenneth Butcher.

To quote one reviewer, "As the Crow Dies is a charming, vibrant mystery filled with intrigue that hooks the reader from page one. Kenneth Butcher tells a fascinating tale of murder, animal intelligence, and human foolishness in this wonderful novel that brings the city of Asheville to life. I love this book." (Christy English, author of The Queen's Pawn and Waking Sarah Ann)

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #16 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, Oct. 17.



B. ACTORS WANTED. MUSICIANS/ENTERTAINERS, TOO. (There are over 50 roles.)

For: Return to Bethlehem where the public is invited to experience the marketplace as it might have been when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. You will be part of the story.

There are a variety of speaking and non-speaking parts for people of all ages.

This is not a paid gig, but one that is a lot of fun. Plus, there are no auditions. You are almost guaranteed to be chosen to be part of the cast. And there are no rehearsals.

It runs from Dec. 1-4 at the Groce United Methodist Church, 954 Tunnel Road in Asheville. You can choose to be in anywhere from 1-6 performances.

For more information and/or to register, click: [Here](#).

If you have any questions, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put the word BETHLEHEM in the subject line.

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](#).

And please click "Like" when you do check out this page.

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 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 these 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).

3. FYI

FDA Says These Cereals Are No Longer Healthy

by Sarah Jean Callahan

The Food and Drug Administration is making changes as to what should be considered healthy. This created a surprising list of breakfast cereals that should no longer be considered healthy. The FDA is charged with the task of protecting the general public when it comes to health and safety, holding corporations accountable for making accurate claims about the ingredients and effects of products consumed by Americans.

While consumers are capable of reading labels and consuming products of their choice, it is important to know what is 'most' accurate. Cereals Gen X and Millennials and even Boomers have grown to believe are a healthy choice for breakfast are about to be shocked.

Kellogg's cereals Special K, Frosted Mini Wheats, and Raisin Bran are included in the list by the FDA as no longer being considered a healthy choice for breakfast. These cereals have added sugars and more sodium than the new FDA proposed health standard. ...

General Mills' cereals that made the FDA's list were Honey Nut Cheerios and Corn Flakes. ... Honey Nut Cheerios has 12 grams of added sugars and Corn Flakes only has 4 grams of added sugars but has 300 milligrams of sodium.

Post Holding Co's Honey Bunches of Oats made the FDA's list because it has 8 grams of added sugars, and a PepsiCo subsidiary Quaker Oats's Life cereal made the list with 8 grams of added sugars.

Source: [Here](#).

4. Joke 1

I've actually counted mine ... and learned that I have more chins than can be found in a Chinese phone book. (Thanks, Jimmy Ferraro, for sharing.)

You never really know how many chins you have until you take a selfie.

5. Reviews

A. Thanks, Mike Martinelli, for recommending that Cynthia and I see BROS. We went to see it and enjoyed this gay comedy about two guys (Billy Eichner and Luke MacFarlane) who eventually fall in love with each other. The one-liners are terrific, as are the consciousness observations. Rated R.

B. We saw WEDDING SEASON on Netflix and also enjoyed this comedy about a couple who enter into a pretend relationship to be each other's date to get through the upcoming wedding season (and to get their parents to stop pressuring them). It was a sweet film, and we liked the chemistry between Pallavi Sharda and Suraj Sharma. Rated PG.

6. TV alert

A. MR. HARRIGAN'S PHONE: Now on Netflix

A Stephen King novella inspired this movie about an elderly man (Donald Sutherland) befriended by a young teenager

B. WEDDING CRASHERS: Now on Netflix

Jeremy (Vince Vaughn) and John (Owen Wilson) are divorce mediators who spend their free time crashing wedding receptions. Christopher Walken and Rachel McAdams also star. I'll want to see if it still is as funny as it was when I first saw it.

C. NOEL NEXT DOOR: Friday, Oct. 21, at 8 p.m. on Hallmark Channel

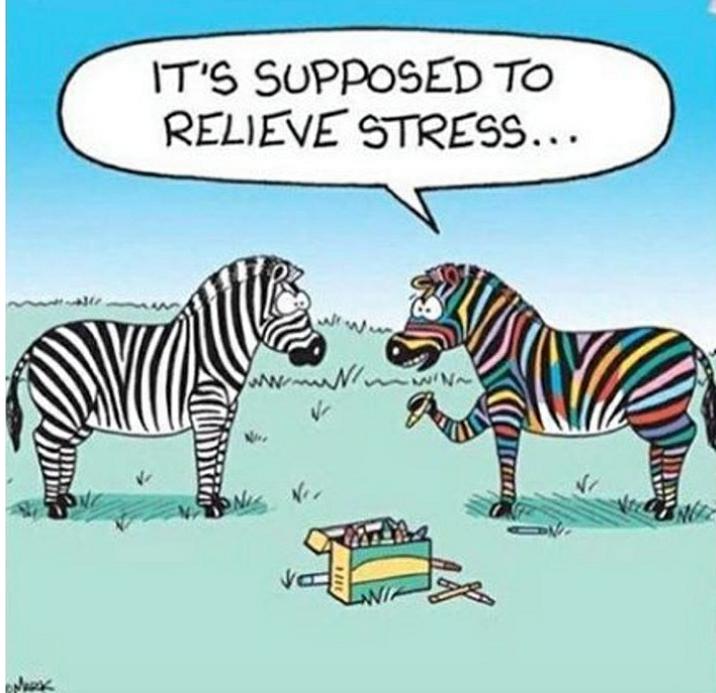
Countdown to Christmas begins in this new film about a single mom who's convinced her neighbor is a grinch.

D. BAD NANNY: Friday, Oct. 21, at 8 p.m. on Lifetime Movie Network

A socialite has no idea that the nanny she hired is actually a jealous, resentment-filled half sister she never knew she had.

7. Joke 2

Worth a try! (Thanks, Dawn Westmoreland, 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 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 Dóla by clicking: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

My friend Elsten Torres keep cranking out amazing videos. To quote him: "Just in time for the month of spirits, here is the song, 'Nocturno.' the final single/video off of the album with the same name. 'Nocturno' stems from dark, precious, nostalgic, and emotionally profound moments. It's a song about the lightness of being and our willingness to see the big picture."

To view it, click: [Here](#).

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

(1) Bruce Springsteen - Dancing In the Dark (Official Video), one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Sunday hymns (10.16.22): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Paul Simon: [Here](#).

(4) Listening to the above show, as always, got me in the mood to listen to the performer being discussed by Neil. And in doing so, i was able to find Simon's entire concert with Art Garfunkel that others can view by clicking: [Here](#).

(5) Amazing talent!: [Here](#). (Thanks, Carol Mendelson, for sharing.)

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

Bored Panda houses fun articles and is heavily skewed towards art, design and illustration-type posts. You can get there by clicking: [Here](#).

Here are just some of the articles that caught my attention:

60 Dishes People Should Stop Ordering, As Revealed By Restaurant Workers Online

99 Times People Spotted Such Hilarious And Absurd Signs, They Had To Share Them On This Facebook Group

50 Memes And Jokes About Bunnies That Show They're Not As Sweet And Innocent As They Look

Note: Users can submit anything they want, so if you're also looking for a place to share your art, this might be for you.

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

Does a 'New Facebook Rule' About Use of Photos Start Tomorrow?

by Jordan Liles

"Don't forget tomorrow starts the new Facebook rule where they can use your photos," the viral posts claimed. "Everything you've ever posted becomes public from today--even messages that have been deleted." ...

Several other variations of the same post have a history that can be traced all the way back to at least 2012.

Good news: The above is NOT happening.

Source: <https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/new-facebook-rule-tomorrow/>.

Note: As I've mentioned several times before, when you see posts such as the above, please don't forward them to others via Facebook, email, etc. without first checking them yourself. A Google search is often the best way to start.

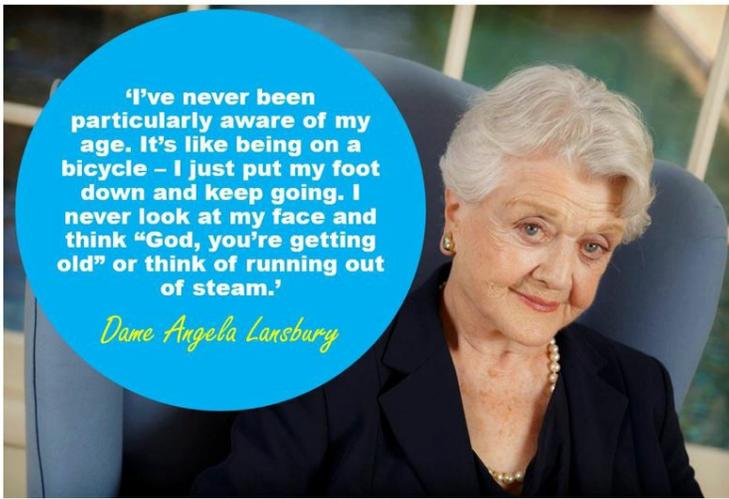
10. Joke 3

"I told my psychiatrist I was having suicidal tendencies. He said from now on, I've got to pay in advance."—Rodney Dangerfield (Thanks, Brad Morris for sharing.)



11. A quote I like

Thanks, Angela Lansbury (1925-2022) for your career as an Irish-British-American actress and singer who played various roles across film, stage and television. Her career spanned eight decades, and she is the recipient of numerous accolades, including six Tony Awards (including Lifetime Achievement Award), six Golden Globe Awards, a Laurence Olivier Award and the Academy Honorary Award. For more information about her life, click: <https://apnews.com/article/angela-lansbury-dies-0fd75fe45fe1501d02bd164ff1130d0f>.



'I've never been particularly aware of my age. It's like being on a bicycle – I just put my foot down and keep going. I never look at my face and think "God, you're getting old" or think of running out of steam.'

Dame Angela Lansbury

12. Thought for the day

There once was a king who decided to do a little experiment. He had a giant boulder put right in the middle of the street. He then hid near the boulder to see who, if anyone, would try to move it out of the way.

First, some wealthy merchants walked by. They walked around the boulder, complaining that the king hasn't been maintaining the roads very well.

Next, a peasant walked by, heading home with his arms full of food for his family. When he noticed the boulder, he put his groceries down and attempted to move it out of everyone's way. It took him a while to move it, but he eventually succeeded.

If you're able to push through moments that are challenging, you may end up being much better off than you were before you started trying.

After the peasant gathered up his groceries to carry on home, he noticed a bag lying in the middle of the road, just where the boulder once was.

He opened the bag to find that it was stuffed full of gold coins, along with a letter from the king saying that the bag's gold was a reward for the peasant to keep.

The king gave this gift because the peasant had taken the time and energy to move the boulder out of the road for the convenience of others who would be traveling the road in the future.

The Moral:

The peasant in this story was taught by the king that every obstacle you face offers an opportunity to improve.

If you're able to push through moments that are challenging, you may end up being much better off than you were before you started trying.

This story also offers a lesson of personal responsibility.

If you see a job ahead of you, don't leave it for the next person to do. Rather, step up and get the job done to help the people who come after you.

Source: [Here](#).

13. Advance planning department

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

A. Jeff Catanese: Montford Park Players presents the classic revenge tale, Hamlet. B. Kenneth Davis: Auditions for A Christmas Carol. C. Doug Savitt: The Frankenstein Rubrics has only 4 performances left. Don't Miss It! D. Jeff Catanese: Halloween Festival and Costume Sale! E. Kenneth Davis: Sweeney Todd opens Friday, October 14! F. Jimmy Ferraro: MY BIG FAT ITALIAN WEDDING MURDER!

PS. Make it a great week!

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