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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I had a blast at the Arms Around ASD event, Hop to the Movies! We now look forward to participating in Hop into the Holidays, the organization's online auction that runs from Oct. 30-Nov. 15. To join us, click: [Here](#).



B. Some sad news to report:

(1) Carolyn Derreberry Beckner, cashier extraordinaire at The Carolina Cinemark Asheville, will be moving to Virginia to be near her grandchildren. She will be missed.



(2) Tin Can Pizzeria, our favorite Asheville food truck, will be leaving the Fairview area sometime soon because of the weather. We always enjoy the tasty pizza and the friendly service we receive from both Jonathan and Andrea (pictured below), and our hope is that they return in the spring.



C. I'm glad I got to see David Hope's *THE FRANKENSTEIN RUBRICS*, a fascinating play that interweaved parts of the Frankenstein story with the lives of Mary Shelley, its author, her husband and their fellow Romantic writers. ... All in the ensemble cast excelled: Evan Eckstrom, Daniel Henry, Morgan Miller, Daniel Moore, Strother Stingley, Jon Stockdale and Hannah Williams, and Doug Savitt's direction was spot on.



D. It was great to again present my marketing seminar for Asheville SCORE before a live audience. (Something I hadn't done for some two years because of COVID. ... Pictured: Ellane Chandler (center) and Casey Edwards (right), both proudly displaying their genuine left- and right-handed pencils that they received that day. ... Special thanks to SCORE's Michael Truffa and Kim Jones for their help in making the seminar the success that it was.



E. As always, I got a kick out of joining my friend Mark Lieberman for lunch at which time we solved all the world's problems. We went for the first time (or at least for me it was) to First Watch. I will definitely be returning.



F. Please catch this week's BLAINESWORLD podcast, featuring (first half) Suzanne Fisher and Ruth Planey, community volunteers; and (second half) Kelsey Sanders, weight loss coach. ... To view it, click: [Here](#) and look for the one dated 10.17.2022. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



G. Congratulations to:

- (1) Kathy Bademan for her appearance on YOU BET YOUR LIFE. You can watch the episode by clicking: [Here](#).
- (2) Christine Marie Johnson on her new job in Guest Services at Palm Beach Zoo.
- (3) Alan Goldstein on his art exhibition being chosen to run at the Michener Museum in Doylestown from April 15 for several months.

H. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to THE FAIRVIEW TOWN CRIER, which recently celebrated its 25th anniversary at Root Cause Farm.

See the pictures below. And for more pictures or to see them at full size, click: [Here](#).

Special kudos to Clark Aycock, managing editor; Lsa Witler, art director; Patrick Graff, bookkeeper; and Sandi Rhodes, board chair, among others, for their roles in making both the event and paper such a success.

THE CRIER is an outstanding example of a community newspaper. I'm honored that my humor column is part of it.



2. Invites

A. Introducing ...

***** CONTEST #17 *****

One lucky reader will win an autographed copy of GLUTEN-FREE ITALIAN RECIPES by my friend Laurie Richardone. To quote one Amazon reviewer, "This book ... elevates gluten-free cooking to an art form that is tasty, yummy and easy to prepare. ... If you think that gluten-free translates into card board tasting food, this book is a happy surprise for anyone who is seeking truly delicious, healthy gluten-free recipes for Italian food lovers."

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #17 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. 31.

UPDATE ON CONTEST #16 ... CONGRATULATIONS to Fred Northup for winning it. His prize: a copy of AS THE CROW DIES: AN ASHEVILLE MYSTERY by Kenneth Butcher.

All told there were six entries.

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

Golden guy from Dubai too good to be true?

by John Boyle in the ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES

The unicorn framed beneath a glorious horseshoe made of stars should've been a dead giveaway that the huge gold ring was phony.

But hey, how many of us would closely examine a "gold" ring and bracelet some well-dressed dude at a gas station gave us in gratitude for \$100-plus in gas and 40 bucks cash? You do a good deed, a guy gives you some nice gold jewelry. Hey, you don't look a gift unicorn in the mouth.

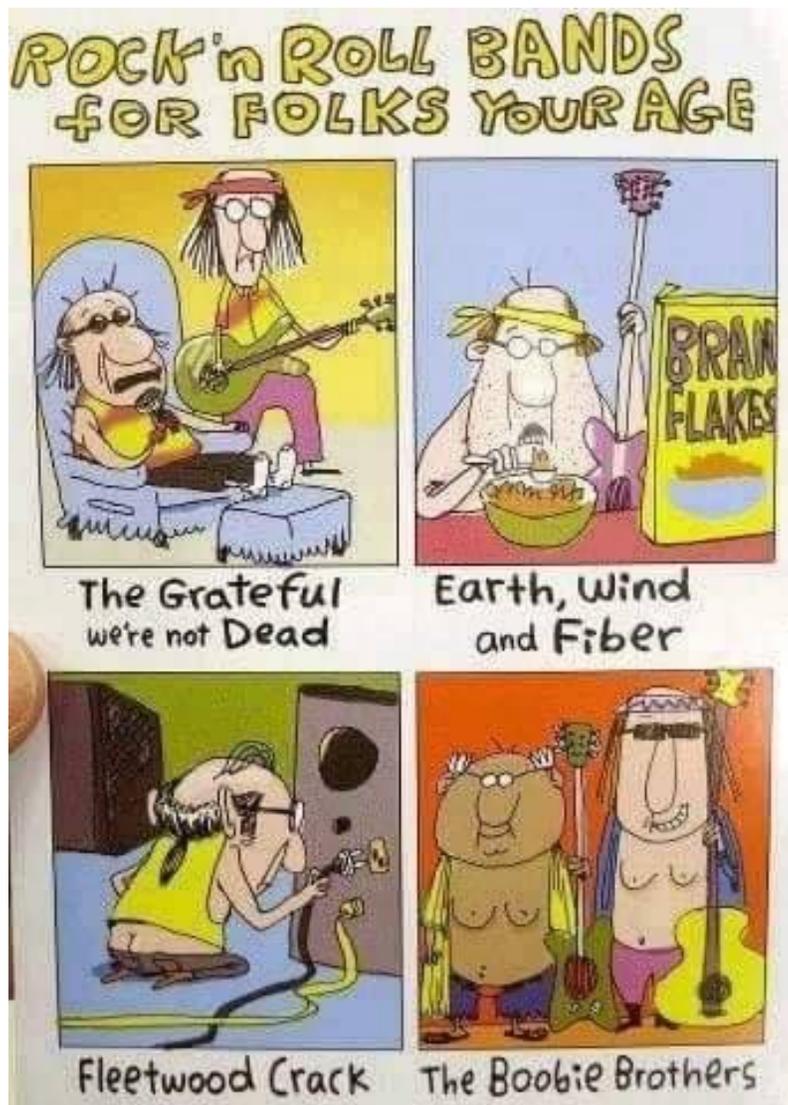
I know one person who didn't question it ... until about five minutes later when he Googled "Guy from Dubai gas station scam." Sadly, the scammer's web of lies was laid bare, dashing a young man's hope for goodness in the world.

OK, I exaggerate, but the young man in question, let's say a close relative I'll refer to as "Hayden Doyle," did get scammed, and boy, it was a pretty smooth one.

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

4. Joke 1

Good listing, though I'm disappointed that some of my other favorites were not included: The Moody Bowels, The Electric Wheelchair Orchestra, The Rolling Brittle Bones and The Little Liver Spots. (Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing.)



5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I both enjoyed TICKET TO PARADISE, a romantic comedy starring George Clooney and Julia Roberts as exes who find themselves on a shared mission to stop their lovestruck daughter from making the same mistake they once made. They have great chemistry together, and the dialogue is catchy. But overall, it was quite predictable, and we would have liked it better had so many scenes not been ruined by the coming attractions. Rated PG-13.

B. We loved WEDDING CRASHERS, a 2005 comedy we revisited on Netflix. Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson star as divorce mediators who spend their free time crashing wedding receptions. Christopher Walken, Rachel McAdams, Isla Fisher and Jane Seymour round out the star-studded cast. The opening 15 minutes are as funny as we've ever seen, and there was also a great ending. Rated R.

Note: I've just added the above film to my list of all-time favorites. If you'd like to get a copy of this list, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

6. TV alert

A. THE SCHOOL FOR GOOD AND EVIL: Now on Netflix
This Harry Potter copycat fantasy has a terrific cast, including Laurence Fishburne, Charlize Theron, Kerry

Washington, Cate Blanchett and Patti Lupone.

B. THE SINNER: Season 4 just debuted on Netflix

Bill Pullman returns as relentless, kinky detective Harry Ambrose, who gets way too emotionally affected by his bloody bizarre cases. If you're new to the show, start with the terrific Season 1, in which Jessica Biel stabs a man to death on a beach--and tries to find out why she did it.

C. GUILLERMO DEL TORO'S CABINET OF CURIOSITIES: Now on Netflix

"Picture your mind as a cabinet where you lock up your darkest thoughts and deepest fears," suggests the Nightmare Alley auteur, who shares his own via this anthology of eight horror stories by himself, H.P. Lovecraft and others, a dream cast and stellar indie directors such as Catherine Hardwicke and Jennifer Kent.

D. HEAVEN CAN WAIT: Now on Amazon Prime

Director and star Warren Beatty is excellent as a quarterback mistakenly brought to afterlife too early. Jack Warren's performance is equally outstanding.

7. Joke 2

When having some work done on my car, a woman came in and asked for a seven-hundred-ten. Bert, the mechanic, asked, "What is a seven-hundred-ten?" . . . She replied, "You know, the little piece in the middle of the engine. I lost it and need a new one. It had always been there." . . . Finally, even though I was just another customer, I stepped in and inquired, "Would it help to look under my hood, and you can point out what it is you want?" . . . Yes!" she exclaimed, and I led the woman to my car with Bert and all the other mechanics following right behind. . . . I opened the hood and asked, "Is there a 710 on this car?" She pointed and said, "Of course, it's right there!" And here's what we saw ...



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: bjinbc@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, I thought you'd like something different ... The Turtles presenting:
A Lesson On Management in the Music Business

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

B. Video of the week

Lucky for you, Broadway Barbara has tips on how to beat the heat. To view them, click: [Here](#). (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

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

(1) Frankie Lymon: Little Bitty Pretty One, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns (10.23.2022): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Tom Petty: [Here](#).

(4) To hear Petty commenting on (and performing at) his concert at Fenway Park, click: [Here](#)

(5) Dolly Parton - Mary, Did You Know?: [Here](#). (Thanks, Connie Childress, for sharing.)

(6) The final dance in Dirty Dancing (with different music): [Here](#). (Thanks, Darcy Grabenstein, for sharing.)

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

For a good laugh, take a look at this collection of terrible real estate agent photos: [Here](#).

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 subtitles and captions to your YouTube clips

Subtitles and captions allow you to share your videos with a larger audience, including deaf or hard-of-hearing viewers and viewers who speak another language. Learn more about editing or removing existing captions.

To learn how, click: [Here](#).

10. Joke 3

One day a college professor of Psychology was greeting his new college class. He stood up in front of the class and said, "Would everyone who thinks he or she is stupid please stand up?" No one moved. ... Finally, the silence was broken when a young woman stood up. Everyone turned around to look at who had taken the bold initiative. "Well, hello there!" the professor said. "You're the first one to ever stand up when I've made that challenge. So do you actually think you're stupid?" ... "No sir!" she replied. ... "Then why did you stand?" the professor asked, perplexed. ... "Well, sir, I just didn't want to see you standing there all by yourself."



11. A quote I like

Soooo true ...

“In real life, I assure you,
there is no such thing
as algebra.”

—FRAN LEBOWITZ



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12. Thought for the day

The train

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel by our side. As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant i.e. our siblings, friends, children, strangers and even the love of your life.

However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. Others will step down over time and leave a permanent vacuum. Some, however, will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey for the coming years on your train of life. Reap success, give lots of love and be happy. More importantly, thank God for the journey!

Lastly, I want to thank you for being one of the passengers on my train!

Source: Author unknown. If you know who wrote this and/or the source, please let me know.

(Thanks, Barbara Brady, for sharing.)

13. Advance planning department

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

A. Ellen Pappas: HAPPY TOGETHER ACROSS THE POND. B. Jimmy Ferraro: MY BIG FAT ITALIAN WEDDING. C. Kenneth Davis: A CHRISTMAS CAROL D. Jeff Catanese: Montford Park Players' Halloween Festival and Costume Sale. E. Victoria Lamberth: We have an immediate need for a male-identifying singer and actor.

PS. Make it a great week!

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