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# You're My Hero, Charlie Brown

---Vic Clevenger The Cookin' Comedian

Growing up one of my favorite cartoons were the Peanuts. It didn't matter whether it was the holiday classics shown on television or the daily strip in the newspaper, I loved them and still do. There was always a mis-adventure involving Charlie Brown and his band of friends. The first "troubled child" we knew about in America and we loved him, perhaps identifying with him on some level. It didn't matter if he was always the losing pitcher on his baseball team or missing the football every single time, we loved him. Even when he had to see the psychiatrist at a nickel per visit, we never stopped rooting for him. Never stopped being in his corner, cheering for him. Hoping this time it would be different for him, but it never really seemed to work out just right.

Could it be the fault of those around him dragging or holding him down? There's the little sister who is not only more popular but has a major crush on Charlie's best friend, Linus. Oh Linus. Dragging his security towel everywhere he went, he stood by Charlie Brown ready with advice. What about Lucy, the nickel psychiatrist, who always seemed to belittle him with insults? Peppermint Patty, who liked "Chuck" but was very domineering over him. Of course we can't forget about his beagle, Snoopy. A very talented dog who also would outshine his owner. The list could go on, the Pigpen, the accomplished pianist, the nerd and more. Not to mention never being able to really understand what any adult had to say. Could any of this be the root of his issues?

We could go on further and discuss his athletic abilities, or rather the lack of athletic abilities. He could never quote Charlie Sheen's "Winning" and mean it because poor ole Charlie Brown didn't know what it was like to be a winner. He fell for the same football trick every time. Even when he knew better and she promised him it would be different, it never was. He'd run toward his goal, lift his leg to kick it and then Lucy would pull it away at the crucial moment leaving poor ole Charlie Brown on his back wondering to himself, "Why did I fall for that again?!"

Through the years there is one thing I've noticed about him, he never gave up. He never gave up on his friends. He never gave up on his dream of pitching a winning game. He never gave up on kicking that football. Most importantly though, Charlie Brown never gave up on Charlie Brown. With all the hindrances in his life. who would blame him if he, in turn, blamed all those obstacles for his lack of success? But he didn't. He always got up and spent time with the same friends, feed the same dog and tried once more to kick that ball. He suited up every Saturday, believing today could be the day he would pitch a winning game. He simply never gave up. His problems are not unlike ours each day and yet he would still get out of bed each day. With all the rejection in his life, Charlie Brown never gave up.

Today, as you struggle with what to do or if it's worth the effort to chase your dream, remember that little Peanuts character and NEV-ER EVER GIVE UP, for today could be the day, Charlie Brown.









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| TIME          | MONDAYS   | TUESDAYS   | WEDNESDAYS  | THURSDAYS   | FRIDAYS   |
|---------------|---|--|---|---|---|
| 6a, 12n       | Quilting Arts                                     | Sewing with Nancy                                      | Knit & Crochet Now!                                   | It's Sew Easy   | Fresh Quilting                                    |
| 6:30a, 12:30p | Paint This! w/Jerry Yarnell                       | Best of the Joy of Painting                            | Wyland's Art Studio                                   | Best of the Joy of Painting                             | Paint This! w/Jerry Yarnell                       |
| 7a, 1p        | Steve Raichlen's<br>Project Smoke                 | Chef John Besh's New Orleans                           | Jacques Pepin: Heart & Soul                           | Chef John Besh's New Orleans                            | Steve Raichlen's<br>Project Smoke                 |
| 7:3a, 1:30p   | BBQ with Franklin                                 | Joanne Weir's<br>Cooking Confidence                    | Ciao Italia   | Joanne Weir's<br>Cooking Confidence                     | BBQ with Franklin                                 |
| 8a, 2p        | Elie's Real Good Food                             | Dining w/the Chef                                      | P. Allen Smith Garden to Table                        | Great American Seafood<br>Cook-Off                      | Elie's Real Good Food                             |
| 8:30a, 2:30p  | Sara's Weeknight Meals                            | Cooking with Friends  New Orleans Cooking Starts 11/28 | Healthful Indian Flavors                              | Cooking with Friends  New Orleans Cooking  Starts 11/28 | Sara's Weeknight Meals                            |
| 9a, 3p        | Dream Of Italy                                    | Fringe Benefits  | Destination Craft                                     | Fringe Benefits   | Dream Of Italy                                    |
| 9:30a, 3:30p  | Joseph Rosendo's<br>Travelscope                   | In the Americas<br>Bare Feet in NYC<br>Starts 11/16    | Journeys in India                                     | In the Americas<br>Bare Feet in NYC<br>Starts 11/16     | Joseph Rosendo's<br>Travelscope                   |
| 10a, 4p       | 10am — This Old House<br>4pm — Rick Steves Europe | 10am — Woodwright's Shop<br>4pm — Rick Steves Europe   | 10am — Ask This Old House<br>4pm — Rick Steves Europe | 10am — Woodwright's Shop<br>4pm — Rick Steves Europe    | 10am — This Old House<br>4pm — Rick Steves Europe |
| 10:30a, 4:30p | Rough Cut - Woodworking<br>with Tommy Mac         | Woodsmith Shop   | American Woodshop                                     | Woodsmith Shop  | Rough Cut - Woodworking<br>w/Tommy Mac            |
| 11a,5p        | P. Allen Smith's<br>Garden Home                   | Growing a Greener World                                | Garden Smart  | Growing a Greener World                                 | P. Allen Smith's<br>Garden Home                   |
| 11:30a, 5:30p | Beads, Baubles & Jewels                           | Urban Conversion<br>Baby Makes<br>Starts 11/7          | For Your Home<br>Craft in America<br>Starts 11/8      | Urban Conversion<br>Baby Makes<br>Starts 11/7           | Scrapbook Soup<br>Make It Artsy<br>Starts 11/17   |

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Super WHY!
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Nov 11 & 12 - Craft In America Get inspiration by the many artists and the various mediums they choose to express themselves. From woodworking to quilting, from painting to glass blowing, you'll get a history lesson of craft in America.

Nov 18 & 19 - Thank-full The family is coming over for a feast. and you and your guests will be Thank-full with the help of Kevin Belton. Martha Stewart and Sara Moulton. While style expert Christy Rost will offer tips to bring a festive look to your dinner table.

Nov 25 & 26 - Soup-er Weekend The days are getting colder and nothing warms you up better than a hardy bowl of soup. All of our Create chefs are showing off their best recipes.



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6:30 Body Electric

7:00 Ready Jet Go!

7:30 Wild Kratts

**Mornings** 

8:00 Nature Cat

8:30 Curious George

9:00 Curious George

9:30 Cat in the Hat

10:00 Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood

10:30 Splash & Bubbles

11:00 Splash & Bubbles

11:30 Sesame Street

12:00 Sesame Street

12:30 Super Why

1:00 Clifford

#### 1:30 ART PROGRAMMING

Mon Painting with Wilson Bickford

Best of Joy of Painting Tues

Wed Painting & Travel w/Roger & Sarah Bansemer

Thur Beauty of Oil Painting

Fri Paint This

2:00 **SEWING PROGRAMMING** 

Mon Fit 2 Stitch

Tues Quilt in a Day

Sewing with Nancy Wed

Thur Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting

Fri Knit & Crochet Now

2:30 HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Mon Classical Stretch

Tues Age Wise

Happy Yoga Wed

Thur Sit & Be Fit

Fri Second Opinion

#### Tea Time

3:00 M-T EastEnders

W British Antiques Roadshow

Th Keeping Up Appearances

F Still Open All Hours

3:30 M-F As Time Goes By

4:00 M-F Biz Kid\$

4:30 M-Th Homework Hotline

4:30 F Hands on Crafts for Kids

5:00 M-F Charlie Rose

6:00 PBS NewsHour

7:00 Nightly Business Report

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**Channels 16.4 and 18.4** 

# W)RLD worldchannel.org Veterans Programming

- Women Serving in War 11/1
  Searching for Home: Coming Back from War 11/1
  Time to Heal 11/2
  The Draft 11/3
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  The Witham War: Things Fall apart 11/3
  Remembering Vietnam: The Telling Project 11/3
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  Choctaw Code Talkers 11/5
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  Choctaw Code Talkers 11/6
  Local USA: Veterans Coming Home Stories of Service 11/6
  Local USA: Veterans Coming Home Stories of Service 11/6
  Sodider One: Life After Deployment 11/9
  On Home Ground: Life After Service 11/9
  Chong Road Home 11/9
  On Home Ground: Life After Service 11/9
  The VA and the Human Cost of War 11/10
  The Vietnam War: The Veneer of Civilization 11/10
  Beyond the Divide 11/10
  Lee Warriors: USA Sied Hockey 11/11
  Heroes on Deck: World War II on Lake Michigan 11/12
  Service: When Women Come Marching Home 11/12
  Service: When Women Come Marching Home 11/12
  Lest We Forget: A Survivor's Story 11/14
  The Vietnam War, P. B. 11/17
  They Were Our Fathers 11/17
  American War Stories: Vietnam, Pt. 2 11/19
  The Vietnam War, Pt. 9 11/12

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# **POETRY**

# "WHAT ONE CAN GATHER"

BY JAMES OLIVER RYAN

It is in these November days
Nature shouts of transition-it sings
November days speak of nature's harvest
Of bearing all-to gather thoughts and things
Metal fodder to harness,

November is where one can become a spell crafter

To work some magic-for a fall adventure-to go after

To traipse under nature's canopy Searching for undiscovered rays Rays with mysteries and memories Rays-tweaked with the essences of a goodly spell

The light particles of childhood daysinterplay and dwell,

November's Thanksgiving is a nourishing site

What one can gather is thoughts and things To thank those who sacrificed

For these thoughts and things are the threads of life.

Threads that hold together a mystic rite.

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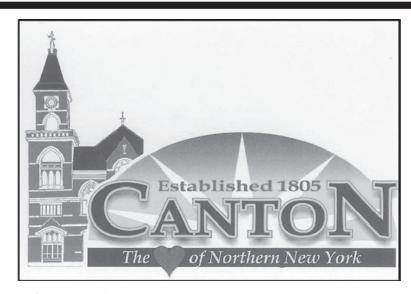


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# "TAUNY Talk & Taste: North Country Amish" - Talk and Book Signing with Karen Johnson-Weiner November 9th

TAUNY, Traditional Arts in Upstate New York, presents its next "TAUNY Talk & Taste" lunchtime program featuring Karen Johnson-Weiner, scholar and author of New York Amish. Life in the Plain Communities of the Empire State, on Thursday, November 9 from 12:00-1:00pm at The TAUNY Center. This program will include a talk and book signing. Between the publication of New York Amish in 2010 and the appearance of the 2nd edition in 2017, over 20 new Amish settlements were established in New York State. There are now over 50. With their plain and traditional lifestyles, the Amish of New York are bringing change to the state and challenging their new, non-Amish neighbors. So that folks can understand better where the Amish come from and their relationship to other Christian groups, this talk will briefly trace the origins of the Amish in the religious confrontation and political upheaval of the Protestant Reformation and describe contemporary Amish lifestyles and religious practices. Karen Johnson-Weiner seeks to help people understand the diversity on Amish life in the Empire State by exploring how and why the Amish in particular regions of New York realize core Amish values in different ways.

As a part of the TAUNY Talk & Taste Series, this lunchtime presentation also includes an opportunity to purchase a specially crafted meal by Big Spoon Kitchen (Potsdam, NY), inspired by the themes of the talk. The menu for this program will include Best Meat Loaf and Swiss Broccoli Chowder from the Amish Quilting Cookbook.

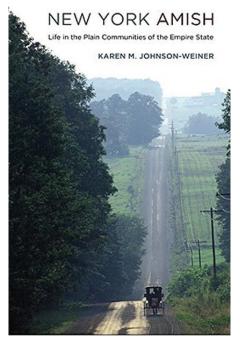
The cost for the lunch is \$12 or \$10 for TAUNY Friends. Guests can reserve their lunch by November 7th by calling TAUNY at 315-386-4289 or at TAUNY's online folkstore at tauny.org. There is a suggested donation of \$5 for this presentation, for those not purchasing lunch. Additional information about the TAUNY Talk & Taste Series can be found at tauny.org.

The TAUNY Center is located at 53 Main Street, Downtown Canton, NY. TAUNY, Traditional Arts in Upstate New York, is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people understand and appreciate the folk traditions and local culture of everyday life-present and past--in the North Country. To do so, TAUNY seeks to research and preserve a record of diverse groups, customs and traditions; to recognize and empower traditional arts and artists; to identify and promote re-

gional identity; and to provide opportunities for people of all ages to learn about folklore and culture. More information is available at tauny.org.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER: Karen M. Johnson-Weiner Distinguished Service Professor Emerita Department of Anthropology SUNY Potsdam

Karen M. Johnson-Weiner is Distinguished Service Professor Emerita, recently retired from the Anthropology Department at SUNY Potsdam. Having earned her PhD at McGill University (Linguistics, 1984), she has spent over 30 years researching the language and culture of the Amish, focusing in particular on Amish family life and education. She is the author of Train Up a Child. Old Order Amish and Mennonite Schools (2007, Johns Hopkins) and New York Amish. Life in the Plain Communities of the Empire State (2010; 2nd ed. 2017, Cornell University Press). Karen is also a co-author (with Donald Kraybill and Steve Nolt) of The Amish (2013, Johns Hopkins). She is currently working on a book about Amish women.



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# NorthWind Fine Arts Presents "Parallel Abstractions"

NorthWind Fine Arts is pleased to present member Carl Rubino's show, "Parallel Abstractions" opening November 3, 2017 from 5-7 p.m. The show is open to the public, and will be on display through November 28.

"Par allel Abstractions" presents two ongoing related bodies of abstract close-up photography, of the same subject deteriorated paint on hulls of sailboats



in outdoor winter storage - but using two very different techniques, with very different results.

The first, "Painted By The Elements", is made with single close-up photographs composed to render intentional works, some resembling land-scape scenes, some emotional feelings, and others simply shape, color and texture. It has been widely exhibited.

The second is a new body of work, "Abstract Multiplicities", which evolved from the first but uses in-camera multiple exposure to take two or three images of the subject, all of which merge upon shooting into a single pre-planned intentional compo-



Parallel Abstractions" opens door to the viewer find their own interpretation or reaction to each work. In that sense,

a dialogue, spoken or silent, between photographer and viewer.

www.carlrubinophotography.com

NorthWind Fine Arts is a cooperative gallery in the heart of the Adirondacks. Hours through December are Daily, 11-6, Sunday 11-4, closed Tuesdays.

# November Events At DeKalb Amvets

Wednesday Nov 8

Veterans Day Dinner from 4-7

Saturday Nov 4

Music and dancing with "New Buckskins" from 8-12

**Saturday Nov 11** 

Music and dancing with "Savage Country" from 8-12

**Saturday Nov 18** 

Music and dancing with "Pure Country" from 8-12

Saturday Nov 25

Music and dancing with "New Buckskins" from 8-12

For further information call the club at 315-347-3099.



# Movie Review







#### --BY CRAIG THORNTON

I didn't love IT

It has made over 300 million dollars at the box office domestically, and it is still making money. I saw it on a Sunday night and the

theater was nearly full. The film cost a mere 35 million dollars to produce; this makes it one of the biggest hits of the year, of all time. Horror genre and Stephen King fans are especially enamored with the film. It is this "word of mouth" that finally got me in the theater for a film I had little interest seeing previously

I haven't read the book it is based on, nor have I seen the mini-series that aired in 1990, so I haven't a clue to how closely the film follows the original story. All the trouble starts when Georgie Denbrough (Jackson Robert Scott) a boy of about seven loses the homemade paper boat he and his older brother Bill (Jeadan Leibeher) made during a New England deluge which creates small rivers in the streets of Derry Maine. When Georgie reaches into the sewer drain opening, he meets Pennywise, a freakishly scary murderous clown that visits and kidnaps children every twenty-seven years.

The film starts strong and there certainly is

enough conflict to keep the audience interested. Bill, who has never gotten over the disappearance of his brother a year later finds himself part of a group affectionately called the Losers: a much maligned and viciously bullied group of friends. New to this mix is the new kid Ben (a stellar performance by Jeremy Ray Taylor), a pudgy,

curious, and smart addition, who is the victim of some of the most unpleasant bullying I have ever seen on the screen. Beverly Marsh (Sophia Lillis) a fiery, fearless teenage redhead who has a dismal home life at the hands of her abusive father not only becomes part of the Losers, but

she is their most sympathetic ally and protector.

The middle of the film is a bit repetitive, and I found myself surprisingly uninvolved or not involved enough, emotionally. Too often it is a series of scenes of the Losers being bullied, and having scary ominous encounters with Pennywise, whose presence is usually preceded by a single red balloon on a string. There are too many of these encounters that are intended to build tension and warn us that danger is lurking and an encounter with Pennywise is imminent; but they begin to feel episodic. Perhaps that is the intention,

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book

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the closely as it feels verv novelistic here; but in anv seeing the clown frequently does the exact thing it is supposed to not do. dimin-

ish tension. Something lurking unseen, but felt, might have been more affective. Too many incidents feel like they are intended to make the audience afraid, or feel doomed, but they don't add up into anything in particular. There isn't cause and

effect in several scenes, momentum doesn't push forward. The last fourth of the film almost makes up for the repetitive middle. Still not everything is clear when you leave the theater and a few subplots feel superfluous.

The music score and all technical elements help underscore the terror. The ensemble cast of youth actors is impressive and do great work here. The actor playing Pennywise (Bill Skarsgard) is a marvel and if you haven't been afraid of clowns in the past you will be now. Additionally the film handles the themes of fear, and the perception of fear very well. It is a mixed bag, and is a good movie about 50% of the time. It certainly would be more effective if it were about twenty minutes shorter. Attention Parents: I saw several under 17 age kids in the audience, most of them with their parents. This film is rated R for a reason and children shouldn't be allowed. Furthermore the dialogue of the 13 year olds is loaded with curse words. If you bring your 12 year old, will they go home and start using the "F" world, like the 12 and 13 year old characters in the movie? I saw a parent trying to talk a ten year old girl down as they left the theater, saying to her something like "You said you wouldn't be scared by this movie. You are all scared now." The kid looked terrified.













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# **GAME CONNOISSEUR**

# **Destiny 2**

#### ---Dr. Anthony Betrus The Game Connoisseur

On September 26th, 2017, Bungie released their high-anticipated sequel to Destiny, which released back in 2014. The MMO-style shooter has been a hot topic in console gaming since the birth of the franchise due to it's interesting combination of MMO/RPG and shooter elements, as well as the fact that it's Bungie's follow-up game to their wildly successful Halo series (which was taken over by 343 Industries in 2012).

A major complaint about the first Destiny was that the story was awful. And it was. Maybe it's not that it was awful, but it wasn't really there. Yes, the "campaign" in a style game like this may not be as important, but it would be great for the player to at least have some sort of purpose for all the things they're doing. I'm not going to spend much time talking about Destiny 2' story, but I will say that it's there, and much more satisfying than its predecessor's.

Bungie understands how to make a game that they want their community to continuously go back to. The gameplay isn't much different than it was in Destiny 1, and this is a GOOD thing. Everything feels incredibly fine-tuned. The controls are smooth, the weapons feel fun to shoot, and the class abilities are still there as

Bungie's trademark "4th element" outside the realm of guns, grenades, and melee mechanics. Even after spending hours and hours doing strike missions, raids, and PVP, simply walking around the Cosomodrome and popping Fallen in the head with a scout rifle was one of most fun things to do in the first game. These are the elements that made the first Destiny so much fun to play and are the reason I put upwards of 400 hours into it.

In Destiny 2, this smooth and satisfying gameplay experience is still present. There are still Fallen to pop in the head, there's tons of loot to pick up, and lots of areas to explore. Speaking of exploration, Bungie really kicked it up a notch when it comes to level design. The planets seem much less linear than they did in Destiny 1, giving the player the opportunity to spend more time walking around looting chests and enjoying Bungie's a, rather than flying down a straight path in their sparrow(which are still in D2) to reach their objective as quickly as possible. I'm pretty sure I've spent more time exploring the EDZ(D2's first explorable area) already than I spent in patrol mode on any planet in Destiny 1. Public events are now TRACKABLE(I know, right?) and have a chance of granting the player one of those coveted exotic engrams. A lot of my time spent in the game so far as been zooming around each of the planets with my college buddies from public event to public event in hopes of getting some good loot.

One of my main issues in Destiny 1 was that Bungie was constantly experimenting with the game's progression systems to the point where it was hard to keep up. There was a point where you needed a full set of raid gear to be max level. The players complained(rightfully so) and Bungie allowed players to be max level wearing whatever they'd like. The damage model for guns changed a few times as well. Each update I downloaded, I thought to myself (I wonder what guns I won't be able to use this time.) Several updates to the game changed how you upgraded your gear, making it hard to catch up if you hadn't played in a while. The game ended up being very grindy, which, isn't always a bad thing, but when it seems like your progress is being bottlenecked by what system Bungie happens to be trying, then there's a problem.

It's a bit too early to tell if Destiny 2's progression system is here to stay. They seem to have a simple system that works: to upgrade your gear, you simply find gear of a higher value and break it down to increase the level of your current gear. Seems fine to me. The max attack/defense value

sits at 305 right now, and in order to find gear to break down to get you there, you have to complete weekly challenges to acquire the "powerful gear" engrams. These weekly challenges basically consist of playing the game. Do the weekly nightfall strike and the raid(which is phenomenal, by the way), play a little crucible, and run around with your friends doing some public events and you should get a powerful guardian in no time.

Bungie emphasized much more weapon/abilities balance for crucible this time around. But I worry that their efforts to balance have made the rest of the game feel a bit watered down. A good chunk of the exotics don't really feel exotic. Their characteristics feel a little weak and generic compared to awesome unique weapons in Destiny 1 like Icebreaker and Helm of Saint-14. This is a minor complaint in the grand scheme of how fun the game is to play, but I hope that content added to the game in the future will be more special.

Overall, if you played Destiny 1 and enjoyed it, you need to play Destiny 2. It's a time sink, yes. Bungie always has a little carrot dangling in front of you to keep you playing. Even if you haven't played Destiny 1, I think this game has more to offer for someone more casual who may not have as much time to spend grinding for those precious engrams.

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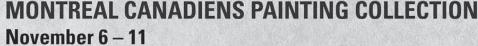
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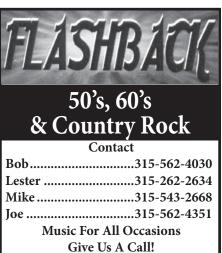






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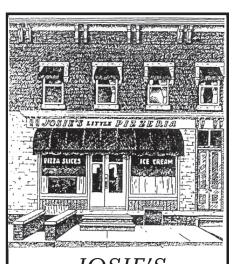
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