

Driving Through The Snow And Ice

Who knew that the weatherman would be right for a change?! We indeed got our wintry mix. On the way to rehearsal, it was just beginning. Starting out as a bit of rain, the freezing rain, and snow. At intermission, I peeked out the window to see a mess. Oh, boy what fun it will be to laugh and sing all the way home. Not so much singing nor laughing. After pulling in at home, I told Shelby that she could either stay here or call and have her parents pick her up in their 4WD.

But everything is so near audience-ready. Isn't it typical to have cast members not show for the next-to-last dress rehearsal? Seems to me that it is. That aside... this show is GOONA ROCK!!! YES, I meant to have "GOONA" I am soooo anxious. One cast member was counting the number of rehearsals/performances we have left. WWWWHHHAAAAT! Not sure what that was all about but... whatever.

So... hopefully, ol' man winter gives us a break just a bit. It is supposed to turn to all rain overnight. I'm all for a white Christmas, but after December 25th, it can go bye-bye.

HOORAY! I DID IT!! And it only took a couple years!

I'm currently watching an old Bill Bixby Hulk Movie. Before the big screen 'block busters', we had Bill and Lou as part of the Banner/Hulk duo. The eyes turn green, the shirt rips and somehow he can keep the same pants buttoned.

No animation here, just one very big man in green makeup. I liked these shows when they first were first on the air. I liked the stories they wrote, and I liked the acting in the show. The show holds its own even after 20 years. That is a tribute to good writing, directing and acting.

After starting to watch this show, I am hoping to see some of Bill Bixby's other shows. My Favorite Martian, The Courtship of Eddie's Father and The Magician. I will have to look see if I can find DVD's of these other shows. I wonder if they will hold up to the test of time.

The Bears are Going to the Playoffs!

Not the Chicago Bears... No, they stink. Sure they beat a miserable Cleveland Browns team this weekend, but so could the team of [Taylhis](#), [Sublife](#), and [Morat](#).

It is actually our local highschool football team, the Bryan Golden Bears. This is the FIRST TIME IN SCHOOL HISTORY the football team is in the playoffs. How's that for some big local news!?

No, I won't be attending the game, in Cleveland of all places (see above) but it is exciting for our small community. So,

next weekend I will have two sets of Bears to root for football-wise. Cool.

Great Weekend, Even if the Bears Didn't Play this Sunday.

I would usually write about the Bears today but since they didn't play Sunday I can enjoy writing about the rest of the weekend.

I had a GREAT weekend. I am a huge haunted-house fan... To me, a haunted house is **theatre-in-motion** – scene after scene of live (and interactive) entertainment. As with any theatrical productions, some of the actors were better than others and some of the “sets” were better than others, but all had their charms. *I cannot wait until our friends and ourselves can put on a haunted house in our area!*

But, by far, the best part was spending time with family and friends. My friends are just amazing. I can do anything with them and have a good time. It really didn't matter in the end if we were driving in the car eating Italian Beef (YUM!!), or wandering through a haunted house, or just waiting in an insanely long line – I was enjoying myself fully! As much as I HATE LINES (man, I HATE lines) I kept thinking to myself – how unbearable would this be without these guys! Standing there wasn't much fun in a conventional sense, but it was another experience we had together... And thinking about us standing in that line – now makes me smile. **I love my friends** (which makes living with my best friend awesome!).

After a night of haunted house action we got to spend Saturday seeing all of our family. Everyone! It was just one of the best days I can recall. It started with us being very late, getting stuck in traffic – ugh! Although stressful at the time, it actually is perfect – the in-your-face reminder of why we're so lucky to live where we do. Anyhow...

After the delay we got to see my (side of the) family. We had a delicious breakfast (that poor Lisa couldn't enjoy) and then visited at my Sister's/Mom's house. Spending this time with my family was just delightful. I had such a feeling of peace being with them and was just ecstatic to see my mother so happy and healthy.

From there we went to visit Lisa's grandparents. Her grandfather lives in a nursing home so we went there for the visit. The home was nice and they were both in good spirits, enjoying their situation as best they could. How wonderful is that! They're still appreciating the wonders of life – nursing home and all! They just glowed when they saw the great-grand-kids.

At Lisa's sister's house we celebrated her mom-and-dad's 40th wedding anniversary. It was a low key event that was very enjoyable. Kim & Tim are always great hosts and Lisa's family just eats-up our little ones. I just had a blast running and chasing the "big kids" (Taylor, Austin, Sammie, and Disney) and was completely exhausted afterwards. We then enjoyed a meal (yummy lasagna) together and played a bit more. After the meal we went to another haunted house. This time with Kim & Tim – Derek too. It was a very good haunted house; probably the best one all weekend. But I thought that by far the coolest part was seeing Kim & Tim out on a "date" together. They've had some rough times lately and it was just awesome to see them connecting and just enjoying one-another. Lisa and I both felt really great that we got to enjoy this experience together as two couples. It was a nice double date + Derek! And, Derek being along just made it better. He's no third

sleep at night. We also saw [Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs](#); the kid's flick.

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs FREAKED ME OUT!

Paranormal Activity was umm... Baby-Diapie-Smell-Like-Poopy! It stunk bad. I have never been so disappointed in a movie in my life. I was really hoping to get a good scare but ended up being something I rarely ever am in a movie – BORED! This movie is all hype, no bite. I think some teens convinced each-other this was real or something (ala Blair Witch) but... The hour and a half running time of this movie felt like 3 hours! I was never once held in much suspense nor was I worried for the main characters. I was just bored. I give this an IMDB rating of 2.3 – AWFUL!

Now... I have weird food phobia. I freak out at the thought of food on skin. Yes, I know – weird. But when gobs of eggs, meatballs, and nacho sauce (yes, a guy was BATHING IN IT!) fall from the sky – YAAHHH!!! This was a scary, scary, scary and disturbing movie. I do NOT want to go to the ketchup-and-mustard haunted house!!!!

So Cloudy = Cute for Kids – Scary for Food Phobics

Activity = You be Better Off Playing Monopoly VS. Yourself

I now hate Sunday Night Football...

The Bears are 3-0 on Sunday afternoon and 0-2 on Sunday night. They played the Falcons this week – they lost. What else needs to be said. As always, since 1985, the Bears are

inconsistent at best.

UGH!

A Quick “Break-a-Leg” for my Friends

I have several friends and fellow tangent-heads opening in shows tonight. Jamy, Mary, Travis, and others are in two productions – one in Bryan and one in Hicksville. BREAK A LEG GUYS! I hope you have a great time and that the audience give you a wonderful response.

Lions, and Tigers, and Bears... Oh YEAH!

Well, the Bears killed the pitiful Detroit Lions 48 to 24... But I might be more excited even that my dear friend John may get to see his Detroit Tigers get into the playoffs. The Tigers, also playing Chicago (the White Sox), won their game propelling them into a 1-game playoff vs. the Minnesota Twins this Tuesday. Lisa and I will have to watch that and root for John's Tigers!

But, even more exciting than the Bears and Tigers winning and even more amazing than Detroit playing both baseball and football against Chicago at the same time – **BEEBER STARTED WALKING!**

Now he has been holding-on-to-stuff and walking for months. More recently he had been pushing things around the house – like mini-walkers. But on Sunday, he started WALKING. This means unassisted and when he falls down, he gets back on his feet. WOW! Another child reaches another milestone. **Life is truly a miracle!**

More good news... Superfriend extraordinaire (and Best Man at my wedding) [Derek](#) has just let me know that he WILL be attending out haunted house outing in IL on October 23. YEAH! This means our other friends must join us – it can be a true TANGENTS event.

Jamy, John, Mary, etc – ***that means you!*** (Hey, *WHERE* has CAROL been? Carol, if you're reading this – WE MISS YOU!)

**** [LISA](#) I LOVE YOU ****

I Said I Would Post When the Bears Won... So, Guess What?

The Chicago Bears did it again! **Another 4th quarter comeback!**

Next week we face the Detroit Lions which, with one win in the past two seasons, should be a cakewalk. However, if I know anything about the NFL (do I?) I know that on any given Sunday either team can win the game. So, I will not get too confident!

Jay Cutler, the Bears shiny new QB, looked sharp again helping to fade my memory of that [terrible start in Green Bay](#). At first, I was not very happy... The Bears started down 13-0 and it wasn't looking very positive. I even had to turn down a

friend's invite for dinner (sorry Cathy!) because I was not feeling very social.

But just before the half the Bears scored a touchdown and provided some tension relief. The rest of the game remained an exciting affair and it ended the best possible way – with a Bears win.

So, there you have it.

Chicago Bears: We Beat the Steelers!

It wasn't always pretty and I have to be honest, I am still not sure about this Bears team... **BUT WE BEAT THE STEELERS** and avoided going 0-2. 0-2 might not sound like too big of a deal to you baseball fans, but in NFL world and 0-2 start often means a long and painful season.

Bears new superstar QB, Jay Cutler, rebounded from his terrible 4-interception performance last week to have a very solid game. No interceptions and two touchdown passes!

The Bears defense looked soft at times but, in the end, was able to keep the Steelers to 14 points – thanks especially to Jeff Reed (the Steeler's kicker) missing 2 “easy” field goals.

It was an exciting game and a Bears win. Have I mentioned how much fun the NFL is? Next week, the Seattle Seahawks... A team I personally hate. Don't know why, but I do! Hoping to be 2-1 after next Sunday – a winning record would be awesome after that putrid start against Green Bay.

The Office: Yes, I Looked Up Parkour

Well, this season of *The Office* is off and running – literally. Michael, Dwight, and Andy are participating in creating a Parkour video. What is parkour you ask? (see video)

Let's just say that the trio from *The Office* didn't create such amazing athletic footage. It was a great way to start off this season – with some physical comedy!

We also quickly learn what we already kinda knew... That Pam is carrying Jim's baby. And then we learn something we didn't know... That Stanley Hudson is having an affair. Uh oh!

Thanks to some interns, Michael becomes aware that Stanley is seeing someone on the side. He then proceeds to tell everyone in the office. Which, of course, he is proud to do – after all, HE has some inside juicy gossip.

Thanks to Jim, Michael begins to realize that perhaps spreading word about Stanley's affair is not a good idea. But, as Michael points out "you can't unsay what you've already said" (ok, that is not the exact quote)... So, his plan? No problem, he will just spread crazy rumors about everyone in the office. If he does that, people in the office will realize the information going around is not true and, thus, realize that the rumor about Stanley's affair is 'not true'.

In the end, Michael's rumor mill does work... At the expense of Pam & Jim. He tells people that Pam is pregnant, unaware that she actually does have a bun in the oven. The couple had wanted to keep their pregnancy private but confessed in order to protect Stanley. (If you want that last sentence to make sense, watch the show!)

Anyway, I'm sick of blogging... The point is – *THE OFFICE IS BACK!! YH000000000PPPIIIIIIEEEE!*