

You're reading BLAINESWORLD, a weekly blog published by Blaine Greenfield. It contains some jokes, hopefully, not tooo risqué (typically in Sections 4, 7 and 10); contests; reviews of shows, movies and books; quotes, etc. ... Please feel free to share it with 437 of your closest friends and relatives.. ... And In the unlikely event that you or they are not already a subscriber, just click the following link to be added to the free mailing list: [Here](#).

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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I, give an enthusiastic thumbs up to our recent trek to both New Jersey and Florida.

Note: As can be seen by the many pictures, we had a blast. So please excuse the fact that this issue is a bit longer than usual.

B. That's us celebrating our trip over some tasty ice cream at the Ice Cream Club store in Lake Worth.



C. Cynthia even got to visit the ocean--one of her favorite places!



D. We had a fantastic dinner with my daughter Risa Reavely and her husband JP at the Old Lime Key House in Lantana.



E. We all enjoyed our visit to the Lion Country Safari in Loxahatchee.



F. When in New Jersey, we got to visit Cynthia's sister Joyce Litchman and her husband Marty, as well as her brother Allen Rubin. We all liked the Vietnamese food we ate at New Thanh Hoai in Jersey City.



G. And in Florida, we dined outside at Prezzo with our friends Francie and Jeff Sabel. Not only was the food excellent, but the service we received from Matthew was as good as we've ever had. Just to hear him recite the dessert menu was a special treat unto itself.



H. I got a kick out of meeting up with many friends, including Kevin Jameson (top left), Todd Siben (top right) and Howard Debbs (bottom).



I. And more friends: Ivan Winegar (top left) and Natalie Kaye (not pictured); Nate Himelstein (top right) and Steve Marinoff (bottom).



J. When in Bucks County for my teacher union's annual party, I got to spend time with still more friends: Denise May (top left), Bill Yorke (top right) and Bill Magliaro, Jim Friedman and Lisa Angelo (bottom).



K. And also: Cecile Kandl Anderson (top left), Josh Rubinsky (top right) and Scott Bradshaw and Colleen Dunn (bottom).



L. More friends in Newtown at a gathering at Zebra Striped Whale: l-r: John Strauss, Jack Bowen, Marty Sutton, Mary Ann Arbach and Susan Sutton. The ice cream was as good as ever!



M. Catch this week's BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) Jim Davidson with Rotary Club of Asheville; and (second half) Lyndon Harris, Journey of Forgiveness.



N. There was also a special Facebook Live edition of the BLAINESWORLD show that can be seen by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: Stephanie Hickling Beckman, Bjorn Goller, Aidan Short and Ria Young discuss MONSTERS OF THE AMERICAN CINEMA--Different Strokes! Performing Arts Collective's upcoming show. ... It opens June 2 and runs for three weekends at the Wortham Center for the Performing Arts. For tickets, click: [Here](#).



O. Congratulations to:

- (1) Denise May and Jim Freeman on her retirements from Bucks County Community College.
- (2) Stephen Dreyfuss for your insightful interview on on the English-language channel of France 24 television about the abortion rights case currently pending before the U.S. Supreme Court. To view it, click: [Here](#).
- (3) Todd Williams on winning reelection as Buncombe County District Attorney.
- (4) Bill Branyon on his campaign for Buncombe County Commissioner. Though he didn't win, he is to be commended for his outstanding effort.
- (5) Faith Creech for winning the Dare to Dream Scholarship, the Ann Hoyt Fountain Scholarship and the George Blake Memorial Scholarship at Mountain Heritage High School.
- (6) Joe McDermott on being named 2022's 1st period Championship Club Winner at Howard Hanna The Frederick Group.

P. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Derrick R. Bailey, an attorney with Bailey & Ciochina LLP, in Asheville. He helped one member of our family who shall remain innocent (to protect the guilty) deal with a speeding ticket. Though this person had to pay a fine and court costs, there were no points added on to the driving record, nor will there be an increase in insurance costs.

Mr. Bailey was helpful, as well as very responsive in our communications with him.

We got his name through Legal Shield, a prepaid legal plan that we recommend. For more information about this fine service, contact my friend Phil Hendel at: philhendelhere@gmail.com or phone: 773.213.3614.

2. Invites

A. Announcing ...

***** Contest #9 *****

One lucky reader will win a an autographed copy of ROCK DOC by my friend Neil Ratner MD.

The book will take you from backstage at a Pink Floyd Dark Side of the Moon concert in the early seventies, where Neil's production company, Circus Talents, Ltd. was providing production services, to the office operating rooms of elite New York surgeons where Neil Ratner MD was Director of Anesthesia. Although Dr. Ratner encountered many celebrities in his anesthesia practice, one would change his life ... Michael Jackson.

Note: I just finished this book and liked it a lot. Also, I should mention that my opinion is not completely unbiased. I went to Lawrence High School with Neil and played in the high school band with him.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #9 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, June 6.

B. FYI on Contest #8. All told, there were nine entries. CJ Breland was the dinner. She will be sent an autographed copy of 94 MAIDENS: A NOVEL INSPIRED BY TRUE EVENTS by Rhonda Fink-Whitman.

C. Want to be a guest on my radio/Facebook Live show? 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.

For more information about the show, click: [Here](#).

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.

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 the two courses she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week via Zoom: Meditation on Monday and Move Your Body on Wednesday. To attend these and/or any of the other courses, scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

Note: For others, see Sect.13 (at the bottom of this issue).

3. FYI

The Two Choices That Keep a Midlife Crisis at Bay

by Arthur C. Brooks

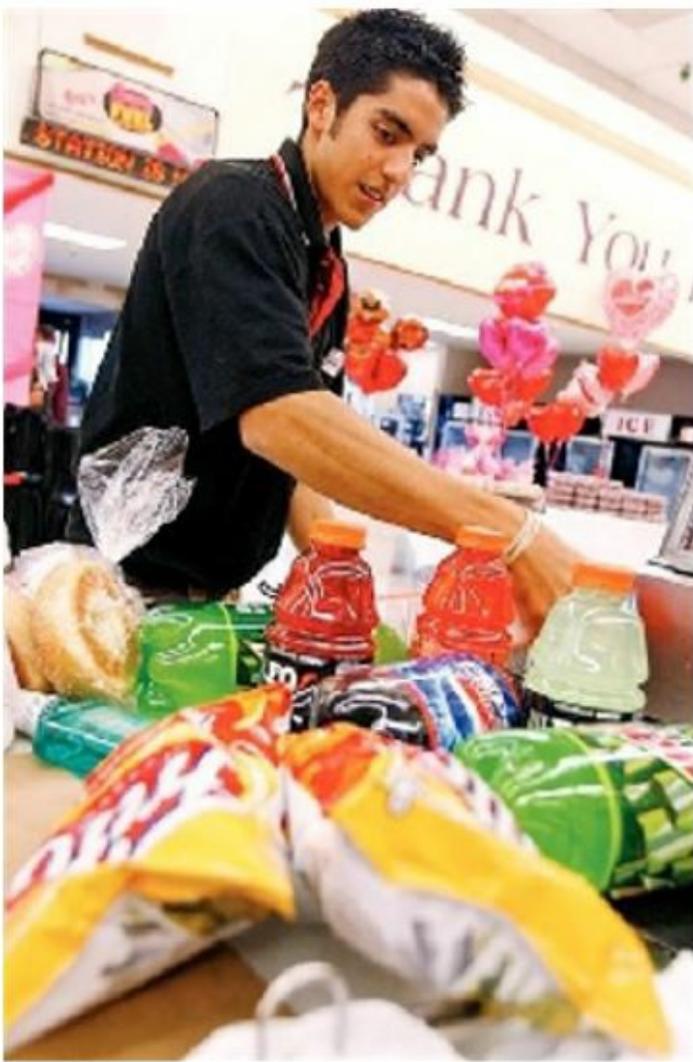
The dirty secret of social scientists is that a lot of research is actually “me-search.” Many of us tend to study aspects of life that affect us personally, looking for solutions to our own issues. In that spirit, I celebrated my 58th birthday last week not with a toupee or red sports car, but rather by investigating how to have the best possible midlife crisis.

The midlife-crisis phenomenon has taken on almost mythic proportions in the American psyche over the past century. The term was first coined by the Canadian psychoanalyst Elliott Jaques, who noticed a pattern in the lives of “great men” in history: Many of them lost productivity—and even died—in their mid-to-late-30s, which was midlife in past centuries. The idea entered the popular consciousness in the 1970s when the author Gail Sheehy wrote her mega–best seller *Passages: Predictable Crises of Adult Life*. Sheehy argued that around the age of 40, both men and women tend to descend into a crisis about getting old, running out of time to meet their goals, and questioning life choices. She based her work on in-depth case interviews with 115 individuals, the most famous of whom was the auto entrepreneur John DeLorean. He went on to become infamous in 1982, when, at the age of 57, he was arrested for attempting to sell about 60 pounds of cocaine to undercover federal agents.

To read the rest of this article, click: [Here](#).

4. Joke 1

Grocery store workers must let the customer decide if they want paper or plastic because baggers can't be choosers. (Thanks, Jim Chewning, for sharing.)



5. Reviews

A. Enjoyed *FRIENDS WITH KIDS*, a romantic comedy that I saw on HBO. In the wake of their friends' marriages and eventual offspring, longtime pals Julie (Jennifer Westfeldt) and Jason (Adam Scott) decide to have a child together without becoming a couple. Both leading actors were engaging, as were the other members of the cast, including Jon Hamm, Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph, Chris O'Dowd and Edward Burns. Rated R.

B. If you're in the mood for a taut crime drama, see if you can find 1959's *AL CAPONE* that I saw on TCM. Rod Steiger is excellent as the notorious gangster, and I also liked the work of James Gregory, Martin Balsam and Nehemiah Persoff. Not rated, but I would probably call it a PG-13.

6. TV alert

A. *TOP GUN*: Now on Netflix through May Tues, May 31
Revisit the original before you see *TOP GUN: MAVERICK*, which is now on theaters.

B. *NIGHT SKY*: Now on Amazon Prime
Oscar winners J.K. Simmons and Sissy Spacek play a retired Illinois woodworker and English teacher, as they cope with aging, the possibility of leaving their home and the grief of their son's death.

C. GEORGE CARLIN'S AMERICAN DREAM: Now on HBO and HBO Max

This documentary traces Carlin's rise from a clean-cut clown inspired by Danny Kaye to counterculture rebel who outdid Lenny Bruce.

D. BARRY, SEASON 3: Now on HBO and HBO Max

A promising student (Bill Hader) of a passionate acting teacher (Henry Winkler) keeps trying to leave his former profession as an assassin but keeps getting dragged back. It makes for a tough balancing act when he lands a part on a hot TV show.

Note: I've already seen the first several episodes of this show, and it is as good as ever.

7. Joke 2

Guess because she knows my answer will always be, "fulm kmeax fulnerr oulfm ... yes, dear." (Thanks, Carol Duermitt, for sharing.)



**Why does my wife always
wait until I'm at the
opposite end of the house
before asking me to
'Merm frner mernferr
brnerfer!'**?

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, please view this version from my friend John Strauss: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing this one:

You've got to be kitten me. This actually happened and held up the game for well over three minutes. Click to see for yourself: [Here](#).

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

(1) Eva Cassidy, "Autumn Leaves," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns (5.29.22): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Dylan's First Gig: [Here](#).

(4) Viewing the above got me to revisit "Like A Rolling Stone." If you want to join me in doing so, click: [Here](#).

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

Here's a website dedicated entirely to "How Stuff Works." To check it out yourself, click: [Here](#).

Some recent posts the I found interesting included:

Robotic Drones Can Now Fly, Stop and Perch Just Like Birds

Don't Toss That Joe! Use Diluted Coffee to Fertilize Plants

How to Download MP3s From You Tube

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

Use your voice in Google Docs

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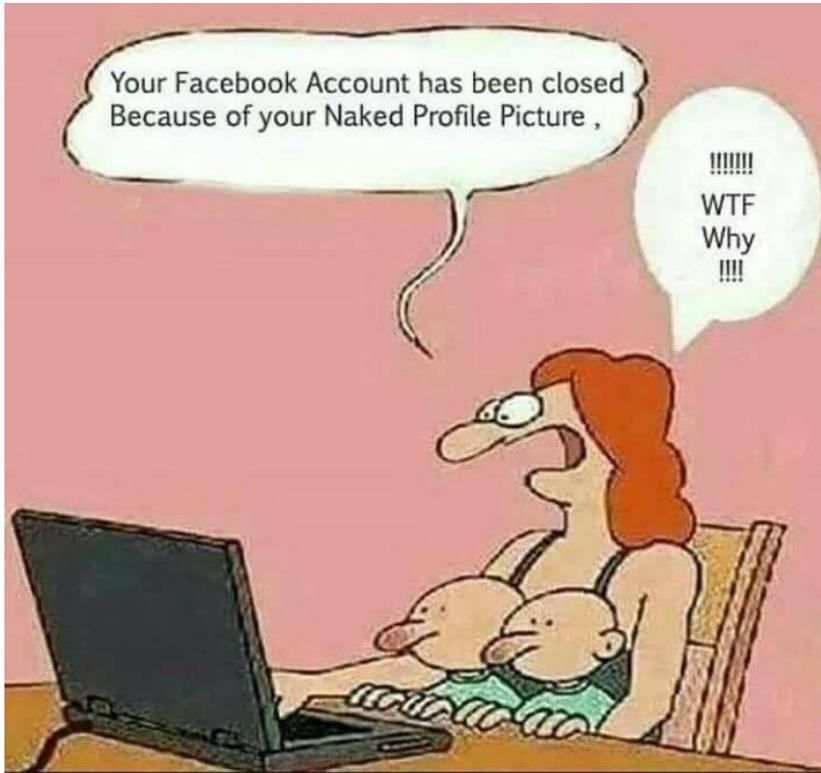
I bet you already use your phone's speech-to-text to dictate text messages or even emails, but did you know you can do the same in Google Docs? It's free and it works surprisingly well.

Open a new document in Google Docs, then enable Voice Typing from the Tools menu. Then start dictating. Voice Typing recognizes commands like "comma," "period," and "new paragraph" as well.

Source: [Here](#).

10. Joke 3

Beware ... they are watching you. (Thanks, Renee Herskowitz, for sharing.)



11. A quote I like

Thanks, Ray Liotta (1954-2022), for your career as an American actor and producer. He best-known roles include Shoeless Joe Jackson in *FIELD OF DREAMS*, Henry Hill in *GOODFELLAS* and Tommy Vercetti in the video game *GRAND THEFT AUTO: VICE CITY*. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).

"It would be nice to do a movie where I didn't have to choke the girl to get her."--Ray Liotta



12. Thought for the day

In ancient times, a king had his men place a boulder on a roadway. He then hid in the bushes, and watched to see if anyone would move the boulder out of the way. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers passed by and simply walked around it.

Many people blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none of them did anything about getting the stone removed.

One day, a peasant came along carrying vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to push the stone out of the way. After much pushing and straining, he finally managed.

After the peasant went back to pick up his vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and note from the King explain that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the road.

Source: Author unknown; if you know who wrote this and/or where it came from, please let me know .

13. Advance planning department

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

A. Katie Jones: Midsummer for Haters opens in ONE WEEK at The Magnetic Theatre! B. Jeff Catanese: Montford Park Players Opens 50th Anniversary Season with As You Like It. C. Ellen Pappas: Spotlight: Celebrating Susan Harper. D. Rodney Smith: Open Dance and Fight Call!

PS. Make it a great week!
