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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I greeted the cold weather we've been having (and the first snow storm of the season) with these mittens that enable us to hold hands, regardless of the temperature outside.

Look closely at the above, and you'll see three gloves: one for my right hand, one for Cynthia's left hand and a third in the middle where our two hands connect together.

If you want to get these for yourself, click here for more information:
[Here](#).





B. We had a tasty dinner at the LongHorn Steakhouse at 3 Restaurant Court in Asheville. The food is always good there, as is the service. And as long as you can get there before 4:15 p.m., you can usually get a seat. If you go any later, be prepared for a wait.



C. Cynthia never fails to make friends with any pet she sees. Whenever we go to Patton Avenue Pet Company in South Asheville (562 Hendersonville Road), we always visit the cats they have there that are up for adoption.



D. I had the pleasure of hosting two BLAINESWORLD webcasts this past week. To listen to and/or see them, click:

[Here](#)

(1) 1.7.2025 - Kevin Rumley--Program Director, Buncombe County Veterans Treatment Court



(2) 1.8.2025 - Francisco Chavez--LatinX Program Manager, Bounty & Soul



E. Hot off the press is my latest humor column for The Fairview Town Crier.

LAUGH TIME BLAINE GREENFIELD

Caterpollor (n): The color you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.

Shortly after he left office, Jimmy Carter was perplexed to find that his long anecdote in a speech to a college in Japan was greeted with uproarious laughter. When he asked the interpreter why the joke had taken such a short time to deliver, he received this reply: "I told the audience, 'President Carter told a funny story; everyone must laugh.'"

I spent a few years as a psychiatrist, but everyone's problems drove me crazy.

"Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence in society."

—Mark Twain

The Seven Dwarfs have been advised that as of today, they can only meet in groups of six.

One of them isn't Happy.

He who laughs last thinks slowest!

People will stop asking you stupid questions if you answer back in interpretive dance.

Do they have restaurants in Japan where American people cook in front of you with lawn chairs and a grill?

An amnesiac walks into a bar.

He goes up to a beautiful blonde and says, "So, do I come here often?"

What kind of tree can you hold in your hand?

A palm tree.

Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.

A plane crashed in the jungle and every single person died.

Who survived?

Married couples.



Blaine Greenfield hosts BLAINESWORLD, a webcast, and he also publishes a blog with the same name. You can reach him at bginbc@aol.com.

F. Congratulations to Steve Jacobs on being listed Bucks County Community College's Alumni Food Trail. See the sixth entry below: [Here](#).

G. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Dr. Jarod Doster--my chiropractor.

I had been having neck pain for a few months. It had become difficult, as well as painful, to turn my neck.

when I saw my regular doctor (Dr. Michael Weizman) for my annual physical, he said overall, I was in good health. But he also recommended that I see Dr. Doster for my neck concerns.

So I did and amazingly, I felt noticeable relief after the very first visit. I've since gone back several more times, and I can feel my neck getting better and better.

Dr. Doster recently added some exercises for me to do. And they seem to be providing further relief.

I especially like how Dr. Doster clearly explains everything and how he answers my many questions. In addition, I'm grateful that my visits are covered by insurance.

Lastly, I appreciate that his office staff (Pam and Rachel) always have great smiles, and they are both friendly and helpful.

For more information, click:

[Here.](#)



2. Invites

A. Last chance to enter ...

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

One lucky reader will win an autographed copy of my friend Ronald Rand's SOLO TRANSFORMATION ON STAGE: A JOURNEY INTO THE ORGANIC PROCESS OF THE ART OF TRANSFORMATION.

To quote from two of the reviews:

"An unforgettable journey of passion, insight, and discovery! It's time for this book!"--Christopher Plummer

"A noble and useful book. SOLO TRANSFORMATION ON STAGE is an astonishing outpouring of energy and experience leading you on a path of allowing an even greater realization to flow through you."--
Stephen Lang

I read the book and thought it was fabulous.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bgjnbcb@aol.com and put CONTEST #16 in the subject line. Include in the body of the email your name and mailing address, so that if you win, I can send you a copy of this book. Entries must be received on or before the EXTENDED DEADLINE of 9 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 13, 2025.

B. Want to be a guest on my BLAINESWORLD webcast? It can now be seen on YouTube or you can listen to it on your favorite podcast player.

Even if you've been a guest before, I'd welcome the opportunity to speak with you again. I now take via

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 evening.

If you want to join me, let me know. And for more information about the webcast, click: [Here](#).

C. Are you interested in shows, movies, TV, etc.? ... If so, I encourage you to join a 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](#).

D. Come join Cynthia for the course she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week: Move Your Body on Wednesday via Zoom or in person.

To attend this course and/or any other that is being offered, scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

3. FYI

A. As you may have heard, I have been locked out of Facebook and for the life of me, I can't seem to get back in. I have tried to follow all their recovery steps and even paid to become a Verified Instagram user (where you can attempt to get help), but have still not had any luck.

B. That said:

(1) Your best bet to follow me is through this [BLAINESWORLD](#) blog. In the unlikely event you're not yet a subscriber, click here to get on the free mailing list for this missive: [Here](#).

(2) You can continue to reach me via email: bginbc@aol.com. If you do, please put the reason why you're writing in the subject line.

(3) I'll post on both Instagram and LinkedIn from time to time.

(4) If there's a way to report to Facebook that one of your friends has been locked out of his account or that he has been hacked, please feel free to do so. Here's what my listing had been: facebook.com/blainegreenfield. (I'm in a camo shirt.)

Note: I'm pretty sure you won't find that account if you look it up. What you might find is another account that had my name attached to it (with me in a black shirt). That account had previously been hacked, so I am no longer using it. Don't bother reporting that one to Facebook.

(5) If you have any other ideas about getting me back on, please do let me know. Much obliged.

I'm soooo sad here. (Please see above to find out why.)



B. 33 "Secret Life Hacks" People Think Everyone Should Know To Make Life A Little Easier For You And Those Around You: [Here](#).

C. You Can Control The Outcome Of Your Dreams. Sleep Scientists Explain How: [Here](#).

D. Taking Vitamin D Could Help Prevent Dementia, Recent Study Suggests: [Here](#).

E. 25 Unexpected, Little Ways To Improve Your Mental Health In 2025: [Here](#).

4. Joke 1

At long last ... some humor that features The Turtles.

And click this link to see yours truly and friends performing that group's classic song, "Happy Together," which is arguably the greatest rock song of all time: [Here](#).

(Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)



5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I both enjoyed One Chance, which we saw on Amazon Prime. it is the true story of Paul Potts, a shy, bullied shop assistant by day and an amateur opera singer by night who became a phenomenon after being chosen for--and ultimately winning--Britain's Got Talent in 2007. James Corden is outstanding as Potts, and we also liked his chemistry with Alexandra Roach who played his wife. The accompanying soundtrack is excellent. Rated PG-13.

B. I liked Challengers, which I saw on Amazon Prime. The sports drama is about Tashi, a former tennis prodigy turned coach, who transformed her husband into a champion. But to overcome a recent losing streak and redeem himself, he'll need to face off against his former best friend and Tashi's ex-boyfriend. Mike Faist, Josh O'Connor and Zendaya are all quite good in the leading roles, and the tennis scenes were excellent. Rated R.

C. Great minds thinking alike! Two friends also shared my favorable opinion about A Complete Unknown:

(1) Mike Martinelli:

Run don't walk to see this if you haven't.

A COMPLETE UNKNOWN ***1/2

Based on the life of Bob Dylan who arrives at 19 in NYC this film hits all the bells and whistles. Dylan's relationship with Joan Baez(Monica Barbaro) is highlighted as is his friendship with Pete Seger (Edward Norton). It also covers his marriage to Sylvie Russo (Elle Fanning).

Look for this film to win SAG and Critics Choice ensemble award, but right on it's tail is the excellent Conclave.

Timothee Chalamet is tied with Adrian Brody in Golden Globe predictions tonight.

(2) Jean Dolan:

Highly recommend "A Complete Unknown," the biopic about Bob Dylan's early career from 1961-65. It's (somewhat) based on the book "Dylan Goes Electric!" by Elijah Wald.

6. TV alert

A. On Call: Prime Video

This series follows a rookie cop (Brandon Larracuenta, The Good Doctor) paired with a veteran officer (Pretty Little Liars alum Troian Bellisario) on the streets of Long Beach, California, shaking up the genre with a visceral hand-held cameras, body cams and dashboard footage to produce a verité look at modern policing.

B. The Pitt (Max)

Noah Wyle plays a Pittsburgh ER doc in a show by ER producer John Wells. each episode covering one hour of a 15-hour ER shift.

C. American Primeval: (Netflix)

This dramatic series revolves around a mother and son struggling to survive in the violent and lawless 1800s Wild West, forming a new surrogate family of fellow pioneers along the way.

D. The Fall Guy: Prime Video

The chemistry between Ryan Gosling and Emily Blunt is undeniable in this rollicking romantic action film, starring Gosling as a stuntman lured out of retirement for a megabudget sci-fi film, the directorial debut of his ex (Blunt).

E. Cynthia and I just finished the second season of Shrinking on Apple TV. If anything, it was even better than the first one, which we loved.

The last episode was particularly outstanding.

This dramedy stars Jason Segel as a grieving therapist who decides to become drastically more involved in his patients' lives. Harrison Ford and Ted McGinley (so good in Married With Children, which I never missed when it ran from 1987-1997) also are featured, along with all others in the oh-so talented cast.

Good news: There will be a Season 3. For more information about that development, click:

[Here.](#)

F. More good news: Fans of the original Suits on USA Network have a big reason to be excited about the upcoming NBC spinoff Suits LA. NBC Insider can officially confirm that actor Gabriel Macht is reprising his role as the infamous Harvey Specter on the new series.

It premieres on February 23, 2025.

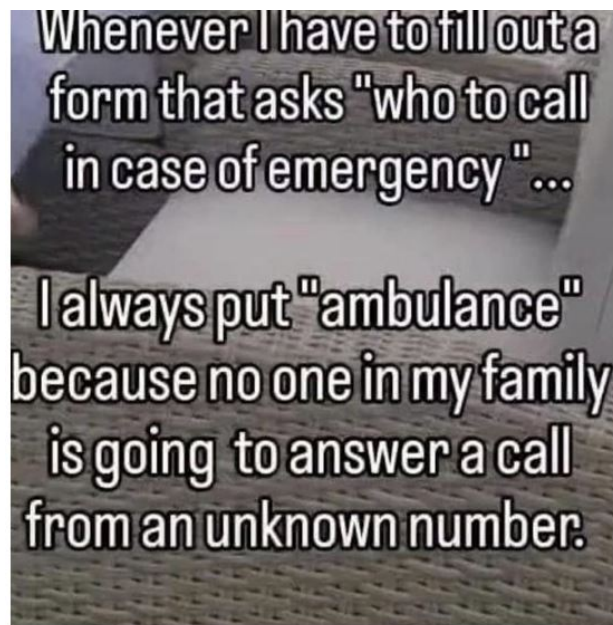
For more information, click:

[Here.](#)

(Thanks, Natalie Kaye, for sharing.)

7. Joke 2

Best advice you'll read today!



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 Plenti commercial from 2015:

[Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Rita Rudner on What "Getting Lucky" at 60 Really Means

Kris and I have always loved Rita, and we've been lucky enough to have seen her in NYC and in Las Vegas (where at one point she had the longest running show in town). Now she lives in Southern California, but still periodically performs in Vegas.

If you Google her "quotes," you'll find many of them that will make you laugh. Our favorite quote is this one: "I love being married. It's so great to find that one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life."

That's probably the reason we stay together.

Anyway, it's good to start 2025 with a laugh. I suspect we may all need it. To do so, click:

[Here](#).

Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

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

(1) Chuck Jackson, "I Don't Want to Cry," one of my favorites:

[Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith Jr.: Hymns (1.12.2025):

[Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Donald Fagen:

[Here](#).

(4) The above mentions Steely Dan's "Reelin' In The Years." To see it performed. click:

(4) The above mentions study. I am in a room in the house. To see it perfectly, click [Here](#).

(5) Asking a server for help:
[Here](#).

(Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

(6) Dean Martin, "Volare":
[Here](#).

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

Are you in need of a hug? If so, visit The Nicest Place on the Internet by clicking:
[Here](#).

It functions like a social networking site for virtual hugs, providing a platform for users to connect and share comforting moments.

E. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running . . . to view it, please click:
[Here](#).

9. Technology tip

The Latest iPhone Update Includes One Unbelievably Convenient Feature
by Monica Torres

One of the joys and frustrations of traveling in a different country than your own is learning how to quickly convert a foreign currency to one whose value you understand. Unless you are a math genius, you may find yourself doing on-the-spot division or wasting precious international data when you get a meal receipt or see a cool gift at a store. I know I certainly have.

When I was recently in Mexico City, Mexico, I was scrambling to convert the local pesos to U.S. dollars when, suddenly, my friend quickly shared exactly what our dinner would cost, down to the cent.

My friend had used the built-in Calculator app on her iPhone to do the math, and it's a game-changing feature that saved me so much time on the rest of my vacation. I am now a Calculator app evangelist, and I want to share how easy it is to use.

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

10. Joke 3

A group of 40-year-old girlfriends discussed where they should meet for Thanksgiving dinner. Finally, it was agreed that they should meet at the ocean view restaurant because the waiters there had tight pants and nice buns.

Ten years later, at 50 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for Thanksgiving dinner. Finally, it was agreed that they should meet at the ocean view restaurant because the food there was very good, and the wine selection was good also.

Ten years later at 60 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for Thanksgiving dinner. Finally, it was agreed that they should meet at the ocean view restaurant because they could eat there in peace and quiet, and the restaurant had a beautiful view of the ocean.

Ten years later, at 70 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for Thanksgiving dinner. Finally, it was agreed that they should meet at the ocean view restaurant because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible, and it even had an elevator.

Ten years later, at 80 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for Thanksgiving dinner. Finally, it was agreed that they should meet at the ocean view restaurant because they had never been there before.





11. Two quotes I like

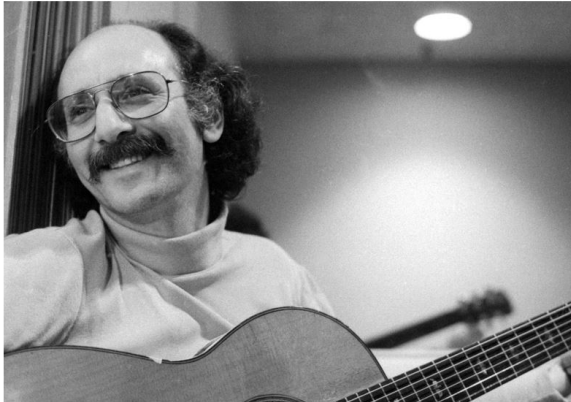
A. Thanks, Peter Yarrow (1938-2025), for your career as an American singer and songwriter who found fame as a member of the 1960s folk trio Peter, Paul and Mary. He was also a political activist and supported causes that ranged from opposition to the Vietnam War to school anti-bullying programs. For more information about his life, click:

[Here.](#)

Note: I was a big Yarrow fan and loved his music--and especially "Don't Laugh at Me." To see him sing it, click:

[Here.](#)

When people sing together, community is created. Together we rejoice, we celebrate, we mourn and we comfort each other. Through music, we reach each other's hearts and souls. Music allows us to find a connection."--Peter Yarrow

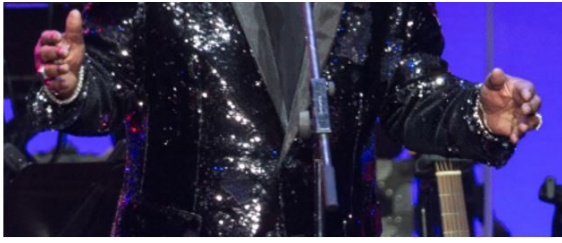


B. Thanks, Sam Moore (1935-2025), for your career as an American singer who was best known as a member of the soul and R&B duo Sam & Dave from 1961 to 1981. He is a member of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, the Grammy Hall of Fame (for "Soul Man"), the Vocal Group Hall of Fame and the National Rhythm & Blues Hall of Fame. For more information about his life, click:

[Here.](#)

"The strength of Sam & Dave was that we would do anything to please the audience."--Sam Moore





12. Thought for the day

Each person who watches this inspirational video "From Service Dog to SURFice dog" finds an individual message that touches them on many levels and brings them to tears.

This story is about what we all want ... to be encouraged to discover who we really are... to be accepted... to find our life purpose... and to be celebrated for being different.

Ricochet pioneered the concept of canine-assisted surf therapy and adaptive surfing in 2009 when she made an independent decision to jump on a surfboard with Patrick Ivison who is quadriplegic.

Since then, she's surfed with hundreds of kids with special needs, people with different abilities, wounded warriors and veterans with PTSD. She's also a certified goal-directed therapy dog who heals, empowers, enhances and improves the quality of life for individuals with physical, cognitive or emotional disabilities. She balances boards and lives!

To see Ricochet in action, watch this video by clicking:

[Here.](#)

Sadly, she died in 2023. For more information about her, click:

[Here.](#)



PS. Make it a great week!

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