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You're reading BLAINESWORLD, a weekly blog published by Blaine Greenfield. It contains some jokes, hopefully, not toooo 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 got 2025 off to a belated great start when we met my brother Ken Greenfield and his wife Lavelle Olexa for a tasty lunch at Fudruckers in Greenville, SC.

Yes, we had to go all the way there because that eatery's location in Asheville closed down in 2020.



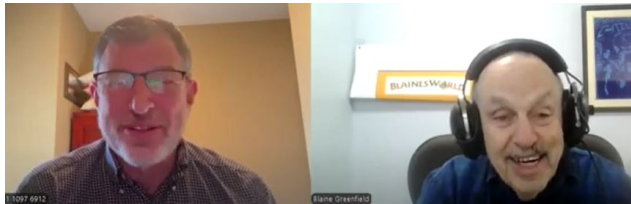
B. We had a fun time, reminiscing over past stories from our respective lives. Afterward, I got thinking about a New Year's resolution that I'd now like to share with y'all ...

**I've decided to
leave my past
behind me,
so if I owe you
money.....**

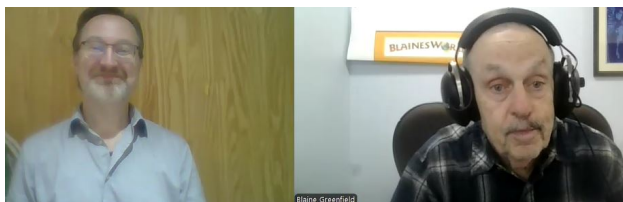
**I'm sorry but I've
moved on**

C. This past week, I hosted two BLAINESWORLD webcasts. They can both be found by clicking: [Here](#).

(1) 12.30.2024 - Steve Jacobs--Owner, Jake's Eatery



(2) 1.1.2025 - TJ Shimeld--Co-Founder of The Vanishing Wheelchair & Life Coach



D. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to my friend Hank Eder.

He heads Hank Eder PR/Marketing. It is your one-stop shop for design, branding, website building, newsletters, blogs, press releases and more.

To quote him: "Save time, money and aggravation by not needing to hire multiple vendors for your projects."

Hank's lifetime of media experience ensures high quality and a commitment to customer service. He has helped me many times over the past few years, and he is the guy who maintains my website. He has also

helped me many times over the past ten years, and he is the guy who maintains my website. He has also been an informative guest on my BLAINESWORLD webcast several times.

In addition, he hosts an informative podcast.

For more information, click:

[Here.](#)



2. Invites

A. Don't forget 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.

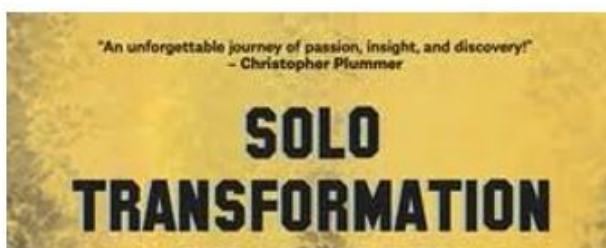
To quote from two of the reviews:

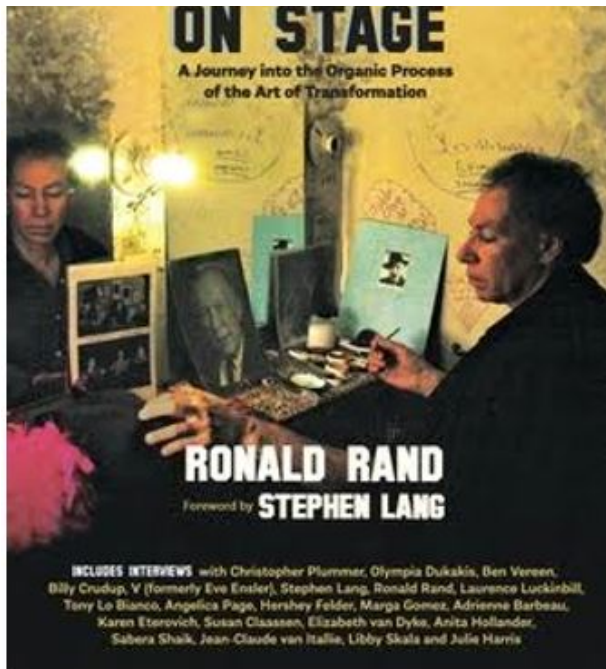
"An unforgettable journey of passion, insight, and discovery! It's time for this book!"--Christopher Plummer

"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: bginbc@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 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. I'm having a problem with Facebook as can be seen below. That is why you have not seen any recent posts from me, nor have you seen any responses to messages you may have sent me.

I've tried following the steps recommended to "get started," but have not had any luck thus far. And Facebook is of no help.

I'm now trying to use Instagram to help me out. They actually have a help option (that you have to pay to get) that provides online assistance. The response time doesn't seem to be very quick. I am still awaiting one.

HELP REQUEST DEPARTMENT: If you can give me any advice on this matter, I'd be most grateful. Obviously, don't respond to me using Facebook, but you can reach me via email: bjnbc@aol.com. Please put FACEBOOK HELP in the subject line.





Blaine, your account has been locked

We saw unusual activity on your account. This may mean that someone has used your account without your knowledge.



Account locked December 31, 2024

To protect you, your profile is not visible to people on Facebook and you can't use your account.

We'll take you through some steps to unlock your account.

[Get started](#)

B. Brain health quiz:

[Here.](#)

C. These Are the 10 Highest-Paying Jobs With the Lowest Stress, According to a New Report:

[Here.](#)

D. Grandpa advice:

[Here.](#)

(Thanks, Lavelle Olexa, for sharing.)

4. Joke 1

Lobsters say the darndest things ...



5. Reviews

A. Juror #2: On Max.

Cynthia and I both enjoyed this legal thriller about a family man Justin Kemp (Nicholas Hoult) who, while serving as a juror in a high profile murder trial, finds himself struggling with a serious moral dilemma. The ending was good, but left open the possibility of a follow-up film. Clint Eastwood's direction was stellar. He is now 94. I hope this is not his last effort. Rated PG-13.

B. Carry On: On Netflix

I liked this suspenseful thriller about a young TSA agent fighting to outsmart a mysterious traveler who blackmails him into letting a dangerous package slip onto a Christmas Eve flight. Taron Egerton and and

against-type Jason Bateman are both quite good in the leading roles. The very last scene will put a smile on your face. Rated PG-13.

C. Book review:

Being Henry: The Fonz ... and Beyond (Kindle edition) by Henry Winkler is a delightful memoir that offers an engaging blend of humor, heart and honesty. Packed with fascinating anecdotes and behind-the-scenes stories, the book captures Winkler's journey from his iconic role as The Fonz to his career as a respected actor, producer and children's book author. Fans like me will appreciate the personal glimpses into Winkler's life, his perseverance through challenges, as well as his reflections on family, fame and creativity. It's a thoroughly enjoyable read that celebrates resilience and the power of staying true to oneself.

6. TV alert

A. Your Friend, Nate Baratz: On Netflix

In his fifth stand-up special (third for Netflix), "Everyone's best friend" and "The nicest man in stand-up" (The Atlantic Magazine), Nate Bargatze covers marriage, pets, pizza, and professional insecurity.

B. Squid Game, Season 2 premiere: On Netflix

Netflix's Golden Globe-winning dystopian thriller about the realest untelevised reality competition finally returns for its second season.

C. Cunk on Life: On Netflix

In her Netflix mockumentary series, Cunk on Earth, Philomena Cunk (Diane Morgan) strives to understand the world.

D. Only Murders in the Building: On Tuesdays at 9 p.m. on ABC

Episodes of the hit Hulu comedy's first season started airing this past week. Episode four through six will air on Jan. 9, seven through nine will air Jan. 16 and the final episode of the first season will air on Jan. 23. Steve Martin, Martin Short and Selena Gomez star.

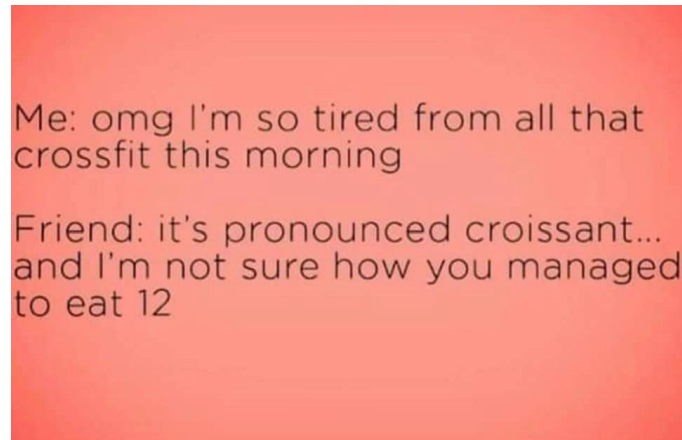
E. You asked for advice on the streaming services. A few months ago AARP had this idea. Drop all but one streaming service. Binge watch movies on it for a month. Then drop that one and subscribe to another one the next month. I pay for Netflix and Prime.

However, I have a Roku TV, so there are way too many free streaming services on it. Plus, the library has a subscription to Kanopy. With a library card I can stream from that service free. My opinion is no matter what streaming service used, 90% of the movies are awful.

(Thanks, Ariella St. Clair, for sharing.)

7. Joke 2

The things you learn online!



Me: omg I'm so tired from all that crossfit this morning

Friend: it's pronounced croissant... and I'm not sure how you managed to eat 12

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 this hilarious Toyota commercial featuring the song:
[Here](#).

B. Video of the week

World Record for World's Largest Charleston Dance

I love this video:

[Here](#).

Every time I watch it, I smile.

977 people danced in the streets of London to set a new world record for most people doing the Charleston at once. It was a charity event.

Turn your sound up, then make it full screen so you can watch the individual people and have fun!

If you want to add this song to your playlist, it's Goody Goody by Billy Randoph & The High Hatters. To just listen to the song, click:

[Here](#).

(Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

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

(1) Pete Seeger - "Forever Young," one of my favorites:

[Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith, Hymns (1.5.2025):

[Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Rick Danko and the Legacy of The Band:

[Here](#).

(4) Neil cites The Band's "This Wheel's On Fire." To see this amazing song performed, click:

[Here](#).

(5) Sara Bareilles sings powerful cover of 'Goodbye Yellow Brick Road':

[Here](#).

(Thanks, John Adams, for sharing.)

(6) So what if I don't have teeth! (Asheville's very own Spoon Lady):

[Here](#).

(Thanks, Cynthia Greenfield, for sharing.)

(7) And here's another song from Spoon Lady:

"Intermission Time":

[Here](#).

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

Want to impress your friends? And relatives too?

Check out Hacker Typer by clicking:

[Here](#).

Tap your keyboard and watch as the screen fills with impressive-looking code, making you feel like you're hacking into a high-security system, all while knowing absolutely nothing about coding.

E. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running . . . to view it, please click:

[Here](#).

9. Technology tip

A. If you close a tab by mistake when using a PC, don't worry. You can bring it back by simply pressing Ctrl + Shift + T and get back to what you were doing. You can press Cmd + Shift + T to bring back a closed tab if you're on Mac.

B. BLAINESWORLD #1476 discussed a very scary Tech support scam.

Afterward, I received this email from my friend Delores Chalmers that I thought you'd like to see: I wish I would have got this news earlier. The scammers got me last week. Thank goodness I figured it out before too much damage was done. They had me holding on the line for a very long time. But when they said they needed to contact my bank, I knew there was something wrong. I hung up, shut my computer off and called my bank immediately. They told me they had heard of the scam before. Thanks for sharing this in your blog. Maybe it will save someone from the headache and scare they gave me!!

Note: If you missed reading about this scam, go to Section 9 when you click:

[Here.](#)

10. Joke 3

This has me wondering if it is OK if I tell a vegan joke? I promise it won't be cheesy. (Thanks, Thomsen Guth, for sharing.)



11. Two quotes I like

A. Thanks, Linda Lavin (1937-2024), for your career as an American actor and singer. Known for her roles on stage and screen, she received several awards including three Drama Desk Awards, two Golden Globe Awards, two Obie Awards and a Tony Award, as well as nominations for a Daytime Emmy Award and a Primetime Emmy Award. She was inducted into the American Theater Hall of Fame in 2010. For more information about her life, click:

[Here.](#)

"The story about me, apocryphal or not, is that I could sing before I

spoke. My parents went into bedroom one day and there I was standing in the crib singing God Bless America."--Linda Lavin



B. Thanks, Olivia Hussey(1951-2024), for your career as a British actor. She played Juliet in Franco Zeffirelli's movie version of Romeo and Juliet and won a Golden Globe for that role. For more information about her life, click:

[Here.](#)

"When I was a little girl, I used to walk around with a towel on my head, pretending I was a nun. And then one day my mother said, 'Why don't you just become an actress, and then you can pretend you're a nun.' "—Olivia Hussey



12. Thought for the day

Jimmy Carter (1924-2024), RIP. He is pictured below, telling a joke to a Japanese audience. To hear him tell it, click:

[Here.](#)

Or read here it is if you want to read it:

Back in 1981, while he was preparing to start his speech at a Japanese college, Jimmy Carter had the idea of starting with a joke – you know, just to break the ice. And so he did. The surprising thing is that the interpreter, who told the joke way quicker than Carter, managed to get the entire audience burst into laughter.

When they got backstage, Jimmy Carter, who was impressed with the interpreter's skills, asked him how he managed to get such a laugh. Eventually, after trying to avoid the question several times, the interpreter admitted to the President that he had just said, "President Carter told a funny story. Everyone must laugh."

Source:

[Here.](#)

And for more about the best-ever ex-president, please read this opinion piece:

[Here.](#)



PS. Make it a great week!

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