

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 had a delicious dinner at Zen Sushi on Merrimon Ave. in Asheville.



B. I enjoyed attending Asheville Personal Training's 2nd anniversary celebration. That's me with owner Michelle Kuhnen who also is my trainer extraordinaire. ... To see some of what you missed that day, click: [Here](#). ... And for more information about this outstanding facility, click: [Here](#).



C. Please catch this week's BLAINESWORLD show on WPVM by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) Vic Compher and Rodney Whittenberg, filmmakers; and (second half) Sara Bell, artist.



D. You're in luck, in that there's also a special Facebook Live edition of the BLAINESWORLD show on WPVM. You can view it by clicking: [Here](#). .... The topic: Blue Note Junction initiative. ... Guests: DeWayne Burton, Safi Martin and Abby Felder.



E. Condolences to Rhoda Weaver and family on the passing of Rhoda's mom.

F. Congratulations to:

(1) Brent Russell on selling a home that was featured on HGTV's "Ultimate" homes. To read more about the property, click: [Here](#).

(2) Michel Trayford on being named to the Board of Directors for the International Society for Neuroregulation & Research.

(3) Patricia Gallagher for her kindness work, recognized by Channel 6 in Philadelphia. To see the clip, click: [Here](#).

(4) Joseph Guice on having his screenplay for PARROT get nominated for three SOFIE awards.

(5) Howard Debs on his work, Political, being named the 2021 American Writing Awards winner in poetry.

G. Correction: Last week's edition mentioned Dana Kagan's new book. I mistakenly said it was a coloring book. It IS a counting book. Here's the corrected version of what I meant to say:

Congratulations to Dana Kagan on the publication of her newest children's book, THE EIGHT DAYS OF HANUKKAH--counting book with seek and find, plus how to play the dreidel game.

It is available by emailing: [danaluv52@gmail.com](mailto:danaluv52@gmail.com). \$15 for hardcover (plus shipping )  
\$11 for softcover (limited supply, plus shipping)

See below for an actual page from the book.



H. Announcing this week's ...

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

KUDOS to the creative team behind the recent World Premiere of DAVID: THE FACES OF LOVE: Fred Northup, creator and producer; Drew Banzhoff, music director; and Mike Yow, director. ... This superb production was performed by a talented cast of 20, including Andy Thompson, Brendan Nickerson, Jose Melina, Hogan McLamb, Liz Mason, Matt Edwardsen, Casey Edwards, Eleanor Martin, Leigh Soufas, Michael Yow, Karen Covington-Yow, Madison Garris, Leif Brodersen, Garrett Scholberg, Tiffanie Boone, David Hopes, Leigh Soufas, Jonah Creech, Heather Broson and Rebekkah Hilgraves. ... They were accompanied up 15 outstanding musicians: Misty Theisen, Kaylin McClafferty, Stephanie Tripp, Jeffrey Whaley, Matthew Lake, Nick Wilson, Tim Morgan, Clay Blankenship, Thomas Holladay-Munoz, Fletcher Peacock, Avery Greene, Matthew Richmond, Kari Richmond, Brad Curtioff and Kenneth Eggert. ... I'm hopeful that you get to see this show sometime in the near future.



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## 2. Invites

### A. Announcing ...

#### \*\*\*\*\* CONTEST #26 \*\*\*\*\*

One lucky reader will win a copy of LEAP OF REASON: MANAGING TO OUTCOMES IN AN ERA OF SCARCITY by Mario Morino. According to one Amazon reviewer, "It is a great approach to nonprofit assessment. This volume gives a clear view of how and why nonprofit leaders and their primary funders should look more to outcomes than just to base metrics. The authors of the various articles contained in this book are industry leaders and share what worked and didn't work for them. I intend to share this monograph with other leaders in the nonprofit sector."

To enter the contest, send an email to: [bjnbc@aol.com](mailto:bjnbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST 26 in the subject line. In the body of your email, you MUST include your name and address, so that I can send you the prize if you win. All entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 29.

B. Update on Contest #25: Laura Wagenknecht was the winner of THE RICH ARE DIFFERENT, compiled and edited by Jon Winokur. All told, there were five entries.

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: [bjnbc@aol.com](mailto:bjnbc@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: 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).

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### **3. FYI**

How I Hold It Together: Mix Tapes and More  
by Farah Miller

As the editorial director for Well, I spend a lot of time thinking about what I can do to stay healthy and balanced.

Here are six things that work well for me ...

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

### **FYI, part 2**

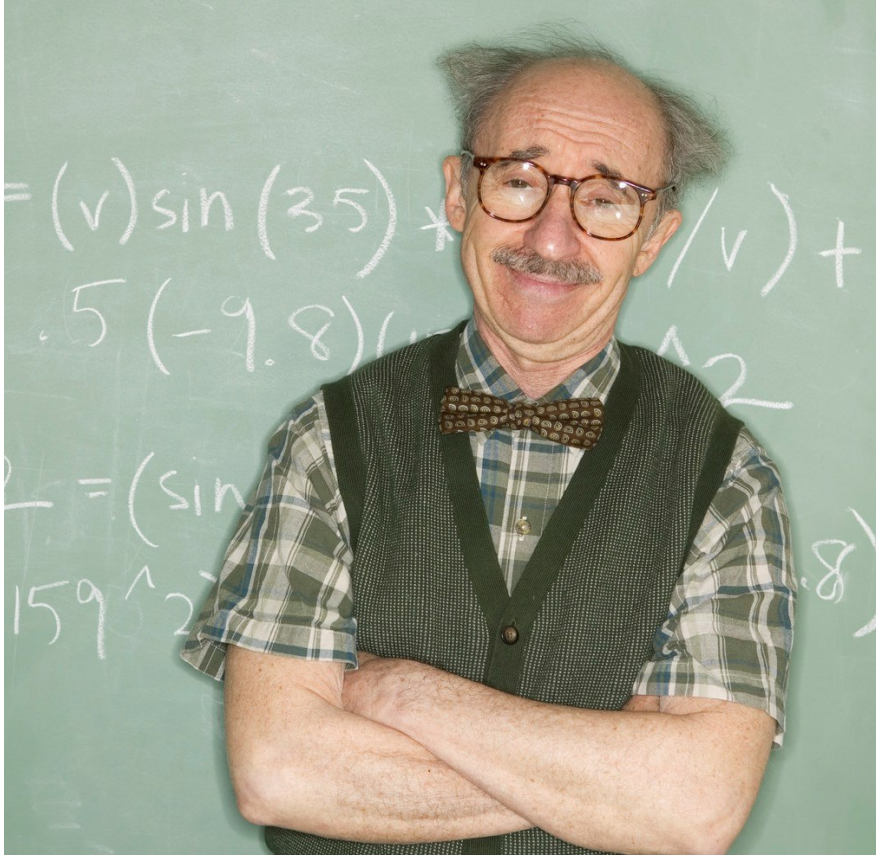
To read the following articles, please click: [Here](#).

A. An Antidote to Inflation? 'Buy Nothing' Groups Gain Popularity. B. How to Harness Your Anxiety. C. Planning for Surgery? You Might Not Need All Those Tests Beforehand. D. When Are You Getting Married?

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### **4. Joke 1**

I tried teaching, but I couldn't make the grade.



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## 5. Reviews

A. BEST MOVIE I'VE SEEN IN A LONG TIME ... That distinction goes to KING RICHARD, the biopic now out in theaters. The story depicts the story of Richard Williams (pictured below) and his 78-page plan that's designed to write his daughters, Venus and Serena, into tennis history. ... Will Smith is outstanding in the leading role, but others in the cast were equally excellent: Aunjanue Ellis, Jon Bernthal and Tony Goldwyn. And Danivya Sidney and Demi Singleton as Smith's daughters not only shined in their acting, but their tennis scenes were amazingly realistic. .. Rated PG-13, but I think also appropriate for those younger. ... PS. You can also see it via HBO Max.

Note: I've added the above to list of my favorite films. If you'd like a copy of this list, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put FAVORITES in the subject line.



B. Not many people saw THE COMIC when it was it was released, but I was glad to see it on TCM. The

story is about a silent-film comedian, very well played by Dick Van Dyke, who tells his story in flashbacks starting with his funeral. Michele Lee and Mickey Rooney are also quite good, as is Steve Allen in a smaller but important role. Rated PG.

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## 6. TV alert

A. DUTY FREE: Monday, Nov. 22, at 10 p.m. on PBS (check local listings [Here](#))

A journalist cheers his 75-year-old immigrant mom after she's laid off from her longtime hotel housekeeping job. His strategy is to help her "bucket list" of wishes, including milking a cow and going skydiving.

B. A SATURDAY NIGHT THANKSGIVING: Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 9 p.m. on NBC

Watch this two-hour feast of stand-out skits from Turkey Days gone by.

C. ONE LAST TIME: AN EVENING WITH TONY BENNETT AND LADY GAGA: Sunday, Nov. 28, at 8 p.m. on CBS

The duo perform duets and solos from the Great American Songbook in two sold-out shows at Radio City Music Hall. The August event marked Bennett's 95th birthday and his final live concerts for the legend who is battling Alzheimer's

D. MIRACLE IN MOTOR CITY: Movie premiere on Sunday, Nov. 28, at 8 p.m. on Lifetime

A woman and her old flame reconnect the he tries to help her pull off a promise to book local legend Smokey Robinson (appearing as himself) for local church pageant.

E. Thanks, Mike Martinelli, for this recommendation:

I loved TICK, TICK ... BOOM on Netflix.. Andrew Garfield is amazing. Lin-Manuel Miranda did a fabulous job directing and casting

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## 7. Joke 2

Q: What did the grape say when it was crushed? ... A: Nothing. It just let out a little wine. (Thanks, Blaine Mobley, for sharing.)



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## 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](mailto: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 guitar version version from Mihai Covacs by clicking: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

105-year-old Louisiana woman, Julia Hawkins, sets world record in running: [Here](#).

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

(1) Jonathan Berg: Geoff Castellucci performing "16Tons," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

Note: I actually like the above version more than this one from Tennessee Ernie Ford, typically considered the classic: [Here](#)

(2) Howard Smith: Sunday hymns (on his piano)): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: The Hiltons, a Humanitarian Award and "What More Can I Give": [Here](#).

(4) Marilynne Herbert: Willie completes NYC Marathon, raises money for Michael J. Fox Foundation. Watch to see who interrupts him as he is running: [Here](#).

(5) Ellen Gayle Sovinee: Cat massager; i.e., if you don't use it for yourself:[Here](#).

(6) Rodney Dangerfield Has Dom DeLuise Rolling On the Floor: [Here](#).

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

Want to learn coding? If so, investigate doing so at the Code Academy. You can take lessons and get immediate feedback. In addition, there are real-world projects. .... To see this for yourself, click:

[Here](#).

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](#)..

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## 9. Technology tip

What Not to Do on Your Work Computer

by Thorin Klosowski

If you use a work-issued laptop or desktop computer, you've likely been tempted to check your personal email, store private files on the company's Google Drive, or avoid work entirely by diving into a research rabbit hole that has absolutely nothing to do with your job. You probably shouldn't do any of this on a computer provided by your employer.

Employers can install software to monitor what you do on your work-issued laptop or desktop. In the most watchful of workplaces, this may include keyloggers that can see everything you type or screenshot tools that track your productivity. What type of surveillance and security software is installed on your company computer is often based on two factors: how large the company is (and what resources it has to dedicate to this) and what type of information you deal with in your role. If you work with sensitive materials, such as health records, financial data, or government contracts, you can count on your employer keeping a careful eye on what you do.

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

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## 10. Joke 3

Hot off the press. (Thanks, Ken Greenfield, for sharing.)

# NO NATIVITY SCENE IN WASHINGTON DC THIS YEAR

The Supreme Court has ruled that there cannot be a Nativity Scene on Capitol Hill this Christmas season.

This isn't for **any** religious reason. They simply have **not** been able to find Three Wise Men in the Nation's Capital.

A search for a Virgin also continues.

There was **no** problem, however, finding enough asses to fill the stable.

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## 11. A quote I like

Thanks, Fred Rogers (1928-2003), for reminding us of this day that was celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 13. And thanks also for being He the creator and host of MISTER ROGERS' NEIGHBORHOOD, the preschool television series, which ran from 1968 to 2001.

# WORLD KINDNESS DAY



*There are three ways  
to ultimate success.*

*The first way  
is to be kind.*

*The second way  
is to be kind.*

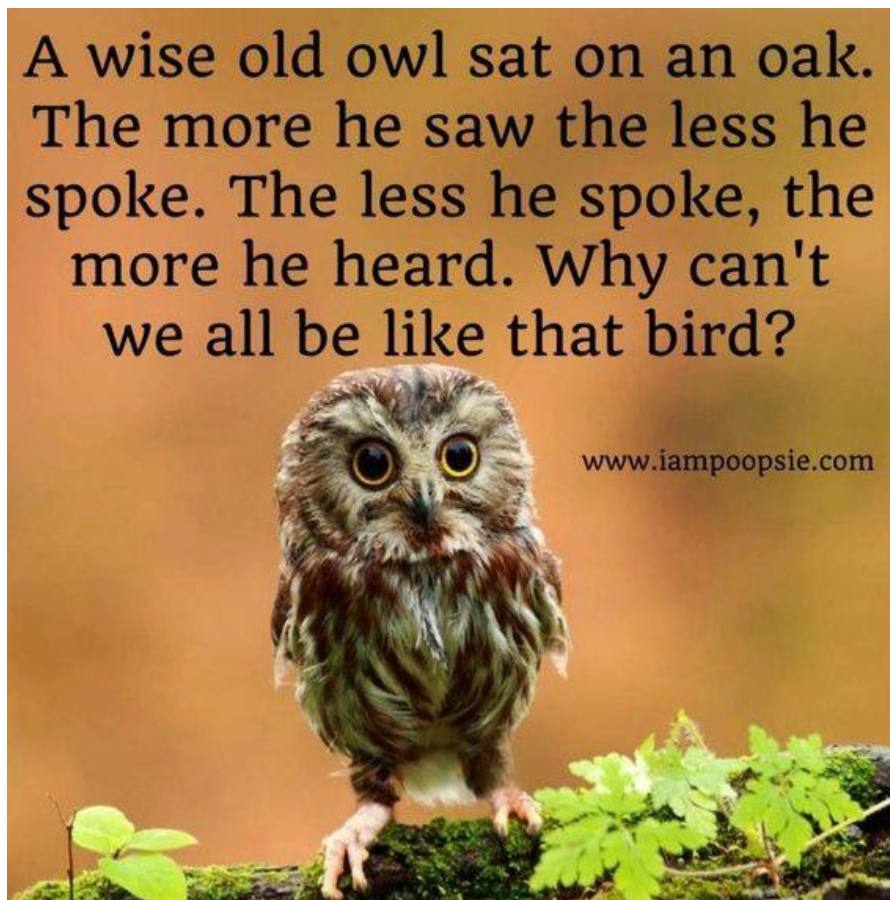
*The third way  
is to be kind.*

*-Mister Rogers*

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## 12. Thought for the day

Mental pabulum. (Thanks, Joe Hodgson, for sharing.)



## 13. Advance planning department

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

A. Happy Holidays from Love Bubble. B. Mike Yow: It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play! C Amanda Klinikowski: I'm looking for folks interested in sharing their experience.

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**PS.** Make it a great week!

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