

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 celebrated Thanksgiving Eve with my brother Ken and his wife Lavelle at a lovely yurt in Bryson City, NC. That's us in the top picture with Jackie, Lavelle's niece (third from left) and Shannon, Lavelle's son (second from right). ... And thanks, Ken, for the great Thanksgiving gift that can be seen in the bottom picture: suspenders that light up. You can see them do that, along with a special message from me, by clicking: [Here](#).



B. On Thanksgiving, we were blessed to have been invited to our friends Tom and Marcy Gallagher for a feast that still has me stuffed as I write this. Here are just some of the day's pictures.



And still more ...



C. Catch this week's BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) Dominic Michael Aquilino, director, designer, play reviser and actor and Michael Lilly, actor playing Ebenezer Scrooge, in A Christmas Carol at Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre; and (second half) Jenna Kranz, founder and executive director, Uncomplicated Kitchen.



D. I also did a special Facebook Live edition of the BLAINESWORLD show that can be seen by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: Sydney Barnes and Richard Shulman with the World Premiere of "A Letter to Santa."



E. And I had the tables turned on me when I was a guest on my friend Hank Eder's "The Home Business Success Story. You can view that show by clicking: [Here](#).



F. Condolences to Mark Lew and family on the passing of Mark's nephew Michael.

G. Congratulations to Donn Suggs and family on the birth of Sylvie, Donna's first granddaughter.

H. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Batteries Plus Bulbs, located at 1863 Hendersonville Road, Suite 131, in Asheville.

They have an impressive array of both batteries and bulbs, as I found out recently when I needed a replacement battery for my Garmin Vivofit Fitness Tracker.

Tough I'm not using the latest model for this device, the store told me "no problem" when I inquired whether they had what I needed in stock.

But best of all was the fact that Tucker Pannell, a friendly employee there, installed the battery at no extra charge. He was oh-so-efficient and saved me from having to attempt the task that would have been almost because I didn't have the right size screwdriver.

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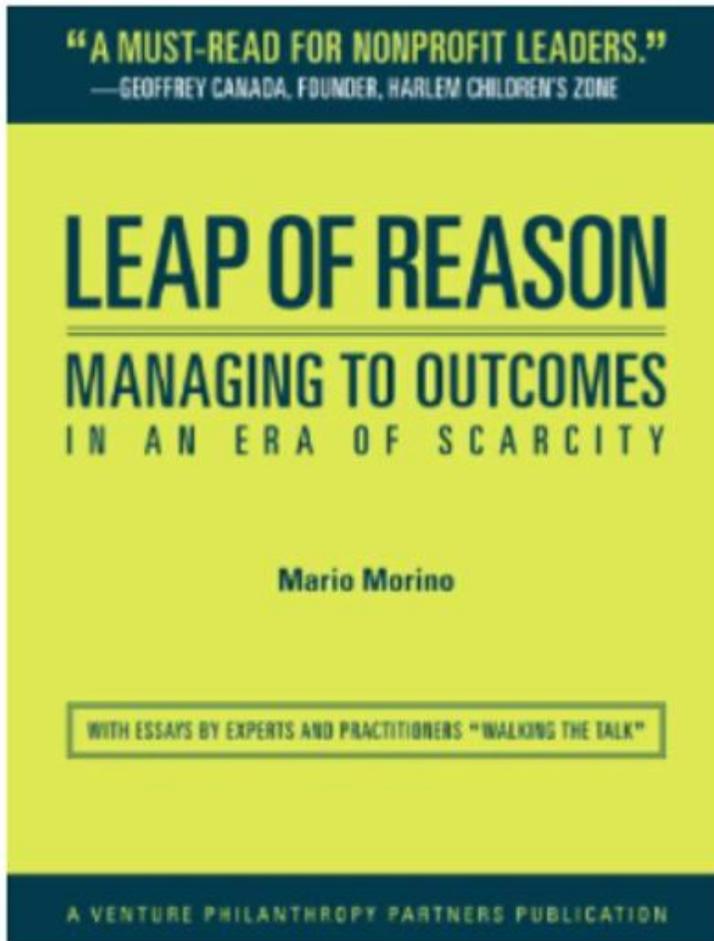
## 2. Invites

A. There's still time to enter ...

\*\*\*\*\* 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 Geoffrey Canada, founder of Harlem Children's Zone: "This monograph is a must-read for nonprofit leaders. It will help you stay singularly focused on your core mission and help you be effective at making a difference in people's lives."

To enter the contest, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@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. 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](mailto: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.

C. 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](#).

D. 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

Where Should You Live?

To find out, take this quiz by clicking: [Here](#).

To find out more and about how the above was calculated, click: [Here](#).

### FYI, part 2

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

A. Cynthia Greenfield: Man Trains Cat To Be Perfect Hiking Companion. And Now They Go On Adventures Together!  
B. Stressed by Vacation Planning? Try These Travel Clubs' Promise VIP-Style Service and Perks.  
C. Just How Optimized Can Your Life Be?  
D. 10 Hotel Tips No One Taught You.

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### 4. Joke 1

Turkeys say the darndest things! .... They also have me thinking that I'm thankful for y'all. ... And if you're like me, and you celebrate all holidays (more food, fun and friends that way), HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



## 5. Reviews

A. BELFAST is a movie straight from director Kenneth Branagh's own experience growing up in Ireland. It is a touching film about a nine-year-old boy who must chart a path towards adulthood through a world that has suddenly turned upside down. It is worth watching, though I didn't like it quite as much as some of the critics. Jude Hill's performance as the youngster is terrific, and Judi Dench is equally outstanding in her role as grandma. You'll also enjoy the black-and-white cinematography. Rated PG-13.

B. If you can, find GUN CRAZY--a 1950 drama that I had the good fortune of catching on TCM. The story is about two disturbed young people who release their fascination with guns through a crime spree. John Dall and Peggy Cummins both shine in the leading roles. Their one scene where they meet at a carnival sharpshooting contest is especially memorable. Not rated, but would probably get an R because of the subject matter.

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## 6. TV alert

A. TICK, TICK ... BOOM: Now on Netflix

This brilliant adaptation of the autobiographical musical by Jonathan Larson follows a young theater composer who's waiting tables at a New York City diner in 1990 while writing what he hopes will be the next great American musical. The performances are terrific, as is the music. Andrew Garfield shines in the leading role, and Lin-Manuel Miranda's direction is spot on. Rated PG-13, but appropriate for any child who has a love for shows.

To get you in the mood for the above, view the preview by clicking: [Here](#).

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

B. TRUE STORY: Now on Netflix

A tour stop becomes a matter of life and death for a famous comic (Kevin Hart) when the fallout from a night with his brother threatens to destroy everything he's built.

C. CURB YOUR ENTHUSIASM: Now on HBO

Larry David is as funny as ever in the 11th season of what is my favorite comedy on TV. See for yourself by clicking this one scene of him at the optometrist: [Here](#).

D. ANNIE LIVE!: Thursday, Dec. 2, at 8 p.m. on NBC

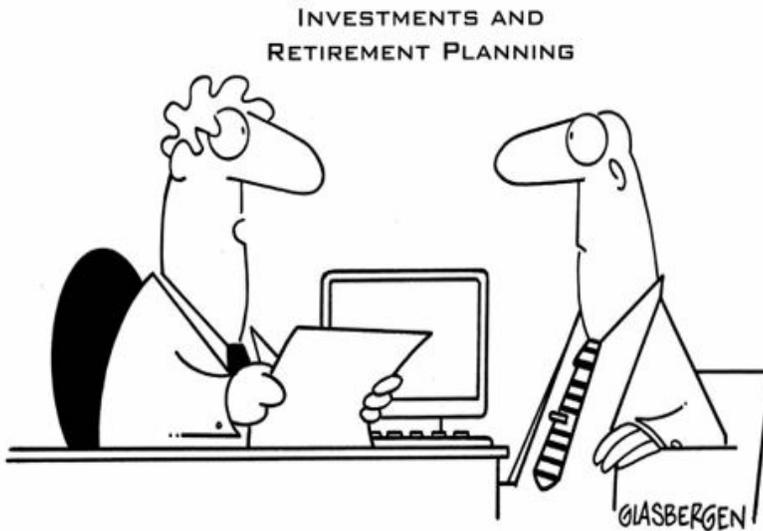
Harry Connick Jr., Taraji P. Henson, Jane Krakowski and newcomer Celine Smith star in this live adaptation of the 1977 Broadway musical.

E. SOMETHING'S COMING--WEST SIDE STORY: A SPECIAL EDITION OF 20/20: Sunday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. on ABC

Sixty years after the original Oscar winner, director Steven Spielberg and costar Rita Moreno talk about the

## 7. Joke 2

Mr. Helpful here with advice for y'all ...



“If you work hard and invest wisely, you can  
afford to turn 65 on your 80th birthday.”

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## 8. Clips/Sites

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 Gabriella Quevedo arrangement: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

The Clock (Sid Caesar): [Here](#).

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

(1) Patsy Cline, "True Love," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Duane Allman: [Here](#).

(3) Howard Smith on piano with Sunday hymns: [Here](#).

(4) Barbara's Fosse Dance Tutorial: [Here](#).

(5) Mary McGahren: Stephen Auditions Paul Rudd For People's 'Sexiest Man Alive': [Here](#).

(6) Jonathan Berg: How Animals Would Run if They Were People: [Here](#).

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

Live Kitten Cam ... Watch the webcam that streams from Kitten Rescue Sanctuary in Los Angeles by clicking: [Here](#). ... If the kitties are sleeping when you first sign on, move the bar at the bottom to find them and others more active. ... And right below, there are plenty of other locations for you to watch.

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

Apple iOS privacy settings to change now  
by Heather Kelly

Privacy is a central part of Apple's marketing campaigns and it sounds great in the company's ads and product announcements. But actually making things as private as possible on Apple devices does require a bit of effort and time.

We've assembled all the settings you can change on your iPhone and iPad to make the devices as private as possible. These instructions are all based on iOS 15, the newest version of the operating system, but details can vary between updates.

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

Or if a privacy wall prevents you from reading the above, click: [Here](#).

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## 10. Joke 3

A guy was busy at work when his wife called him, saying she was having trouble with the washing machine. He said, "What are you calling me for? Do I look like the Maytag repairman?" ... Two hours later, his wife called again and said she couldn't get the car started. "What are you calling me for? Do I look like the Mr. Goodwrench?" ... When the guy got home, he asked about the repairs. She responded that she

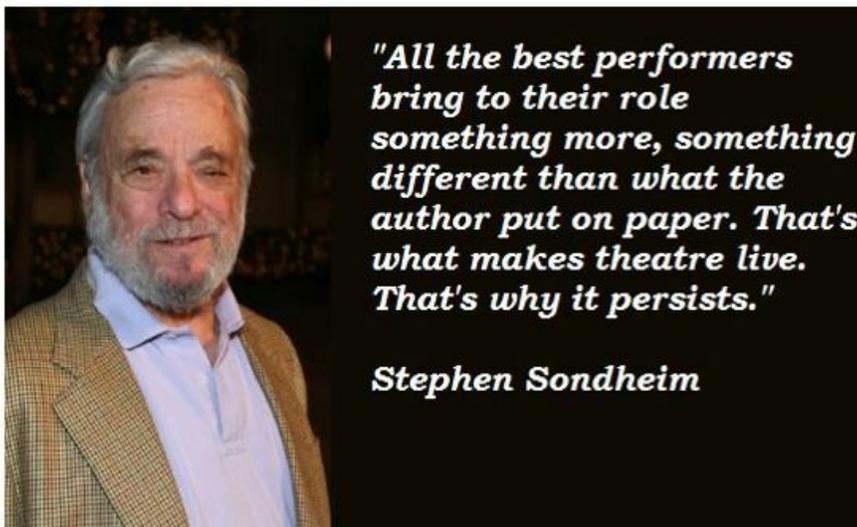
called a mechanic who fixed both the car and the washer. He said, "Good. How much did it cost?" ... She answered, "When I asked him how much, he said I could bake him a cake or go to bed with him." ... The husband asked, "So what kind of cake did you bake him?" .... She said, " What do I look like, Betty Crocker?"



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### 11. A quote I like

Thanks, Stephen Sondheim (1930-2021), for your amazing career as a composer and lyricist that saw you win nine Tony Awards, an Academy Award, eight Grammy Awards, a Pulitzer Prize, a Laurence Olivier Award. and a 2015 Presidential Medal of Freedom. I'm grateful that I saw many of your works as composer and lyricist for A FUNNY THINGS HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM, COMPANY, FOLLIES, A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC, SWEENEY TODD, SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE and INTO THE WOODS, as well as for the lyrics you wrote for WEST SIDE STORY and GYPSY. ... For more information about his life, as well as for a never before seen interview, click: [Here](#).



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### 12. Thought for the day

I'LL TAKE A PASS ON GOING TO THIS RESTAURANT ... If you want to do the same than methinks you will

also believe in the following that was first proposed by English philosopher John Stuart Mill ... The harm principle says people should be free to act however they wish unless their actions cause harm to somebody else.

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

Note: For an easy to read version of "Freedom to not wear a mask," click: [Here](#).

(Thanks, Marisa Noelle, for sharing.)



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### 13. Advance planning department

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

A. Mike Yow: IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE RAI0 SHOW. B. SART: A CHRISTMAS CAROL. C. HART: Audition Announcement!

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PS. Make it a great week!

