BLAINESWORLD

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Note: Some "regular" sections have been eliminated this week due to space constraints. They will resume next week.

1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I were soooo glad to be able to celebrate my birthday over two days. We began at one half of The Magnetic Theatre's One Act Play Festival, featuring fantastic performances from Jon Stockdale and Melon Wedick (top photo), Shelly and Mark Lieberman (bottom photo) and several others that were equally outstanding. … Our only regret is that we didn't get to see the other half!

B. From there, we went with the Liebermans and Sunny Ruble for a delicious meal at Fresh West.

C. And then we topped the evening off with my very own birthday muffin.

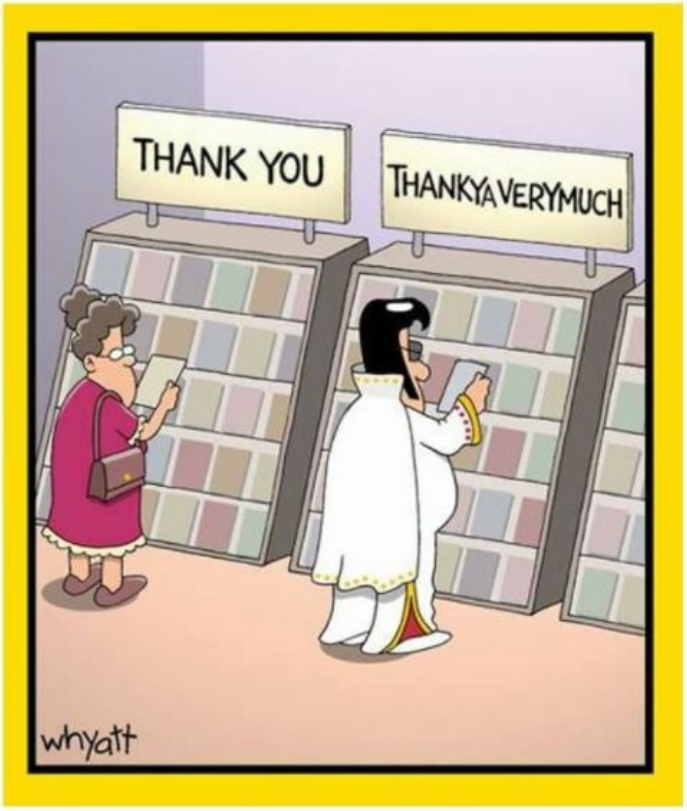
D. The next day, the Three Amigos (that's me with Tom Gallagher and Brian Biro) took me out for a tasty breakfast at Cracker Barrel. ... I'm still thinking about how good the blueberry pancakes with fresh maple syrup were.

Note: Catch how good Tom looks with his new suspenders. He is now officially part off a group I'm forming, aka The Suspenders Club. I now have to see if I can get Brian to join.

E. Later, Cynthia joined me to attend a Bon Voyage party for Jerry Crouch (center) and Chanda Calentine (not pictured), two of Asheville Community Theatre's finest. They will both be missed!

F. We concluded the celebration with a fantastic meal at 12 Bones.

G. THANKS to y'all for the many birthday wishes. ... My reaction can best be expressed by the card on the right. ... And I even got to hear Elvis say that. You can also by clicking: Here.



H. I attended the dress rehearsal of BILL GOAT GRUFF, the first outdoor show at HART, and loved it. ... You will, too. This is perfect entertainment for any age! ... It is both funny and touching, and there's from terrific music from Ben Mackel. ... All in the talented cast rocked: Caroline Brown, Clara Ray Burrus, Dominic, Aquilino, Kristen Hedberg, Ella Ledford and Ken Galbreath. Candice Dickseron's direction was spot on. And kudos to Nichole Sumpter for her work as both stage manager and sound operator, and to Burce Donley for his help on sound. ... Tickets are $15 for adults and $8 for student--and are only sold at the door. (In the case of rain, the show will be performed in the Fangmeyer Theatre.) ... The show runs through July 4. For dates and times, please click: Here.

I. Catch this special Facebook Live edition of the BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: Here. ... Guest: Ben Mackel, singer/songwriter, Threadbare; and band member/songwriter, The Blue Eyed Bettys.

J. Then view the regular BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: Here. Guests: (first half) Laura Boswell and Molly Hartwell, musicians, WellSpring; and (second half): Janelle Tatum, CEO, Mother Earth Food.

K. Condolences to Ellane Chandler and family on the passing of Ellane's mom.

L. Congratulations to:

(1) Sabrina Rock and Lane Rollins on their engagement.

(2) Sharon Lewis on becoming a regular on "The Horse's Mouth" on WSFM 103.3. beginning June 16.

(3) Dr. Chris Kennerly, founder of Asheville Dental, on his upcoming retirement. He will be missed, especially by Cynthia and me since he was our dentist ever since we moved to Asheville.

(4) Steven Samuels and The Sublime Theatre & Press on the fact that hardcover, paperback, and e-book editions of three plays by Asheville playwrights, originally produced in Asheville by The Magnetic Theatre and The Sublime Theater!, are now available from such online booksellers as Bookshop.org and Barnes & Noble (hint: search by play titles) and Amazon (hint: search for "Sublime Theater & Press").

(5) William Marshall on recently passing his license exam for the NCE (National Counselor Examination) and, also, for the fact that he'll be receiving his Master's in Counseling in August from Lenoir-Rhyne University.

(6) Sharon Bigger on receiving her Doctorate in Nursing from East Tennessee State University.

(7) Rachel and Jesse Balasco on their recent marriage, as well as to Bill and Diane Lewis—Rachel's parents.

Note: If you know any of my above friends, you'll want to view this touching video of Rachel dancing with her dad: Here

And Bill's remarks: Here.

M. Correction: Thanks, William Marshall, for the following email:
You gave me a great laugh in your latest BLAINESWORLD. In the video section, you were supposed to write Dido, I think. She sang "Thank You." I think she was named after a Greek mythical figure. I'm sure the other name (your spelling) has gotten many thanks over the years. Yes, I read BLAINESWORLD religiously and am not offended by the occasional gaffe.

Here's the corrected video listing: Dido, "Thank You": Here.

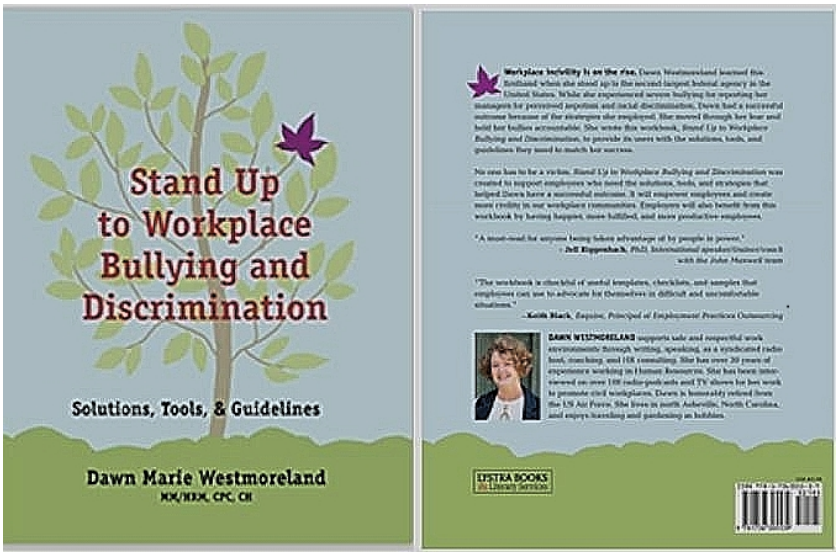
N. Reminder: There's still time to enter ...

***** **CONTEST #12** *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of STAND UP TO WORKPLACE BULLYING AND DISCRIMINATION: SOLUTIONS, TOOLS, & GUIDELINES by my friend Dawn Marie Westmoreland.

To quote Jeff Riggenbach, speaker/trainer/coach with the John Maxwell team, "[This is] a must-read for anyone being taken advantage of by people in power."

To enter this contest. Send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #12 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include both your name and email address, as well as your mailing address. All entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Mon., June 21.



O. As a thank you for reading my BLAINESWORLD blog, you can WIN FREE TICKETS to the following:

1. One lucky winner will win two tickets to THE LAST FIVE YEARS at SART, running through Sun., June 27. For information about the show:, please click: Here.

To enter, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put LAST FIVE YEARS in the subject line. In the body of the email, include your name, email address and phone number. All entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Mon,, June 21.

2. One lucky winner will win two tickets to BILLY GOAT GRUFF, now at HART. Daytime performances run through Sun. July 4.

Join HART for our very first outdoor show! This family friendly one act features original Appalachian music woven into your favorite story about the 3 billy goat brothers: Billy, Goat, and Gruff. Bring a blanket and sunglasses to relax with your kids and grandkids in the summer sun for this incredible show about adventure, love, and not judging one another by the way they look.
To enter, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put LAST FIVE BILLY GOAT GRUFF in the subject line. In the body of the email, include your name, email address and phone number. All entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Mon,, June 21.

3. Four lucky readers will each win two tickets to the Russ Wilson's Big Band Dance Party at The Center for

Arts & Entertainment in Hendersonville on Fri., June 25, at 7 p.m.

For a sneak preview of what to expect, please click: Here.

To enter, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put DANCE PARTY in the subject line. In the body of the email, include your name, email address and phone number. All entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Mon,, June 21.

PS. In the unlikely event you don't get my BLAINESWORLD blog (with jokes, reviews, etc.), feel free to subscribe by clicking: Here.

P. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, thanks to the following nomination from Ilene Logelin, it goes to Fletcher Collision.

My car was there for a minor repair. Turns out there was a problem with machinery that broke down, so I was not able to get the car back in time for a senior discount at BB Barnes (where I needed to replace a bush that had died).

A kind employee at Fletcher Collision by the name of Joe Swain came to the rescue. He picked me up, took me to get the bush and then brought both me and the bush back to my home. Danny Phillips, the assistant manager, also deserves kudos. He was also very friendly. as well as helpful on the phone."

Joe and Danny are what we Jews call a "mensch." They have kind, caring hearts and willing to help people in need. I am very thankful and grateful for the two of them. Their help was truly appreciated.

There are good, kind, caring people in this world. It's good to know that, and I hope to meet more of them in the future--I wish the same for all of you!

Note: For more information about Fletcher Collision, please click: Here.

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2. FYI

Thanks, Cynthia Greenfield, for encouraging me to sign up to be an organ donor.

Signing up on your state registry means that someday you could save lives as a donor-—by leaving behind the gift of life. When you register, most states let you choose what organs and tissues you want to donate, and you can update your status at any time.

To do so, please click: Here.

FYI, part 2

For more information about the following items, please click: Here.

A. Herman Metzger: You have a picture of the 3 Irish priest with a terrible tasteless joke. B. Westminster Dog Show Photos. C. Considering Melatonin for Sleep? Here's a Guide to Help. D. Lin-Manuel Miranda Addresses 'In the Heights' Casting Criticism. E. Let's Do a Tick Check.

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3. Joke 1

This lady has it right! ... And when you do what she urges, my hope is that you'll also celebrate my favorite holiday, along with my birthday, and make it a HAPPY FLAG DAY. ... In fact, join me in celebrating all holidays. (More food, fun and friends that way.)

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4. Joke 2

What's wrong with this picture? Everything! ... But regardless, if you're like me, and you celebrate all holidays (more food, fun and friends that way), HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

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5. Technology tip

Hidden iPhone tricks that will change the way you use iOS
by David Nield

Both iPhones and Android devices have their pros and cons, but the general consensus is that iOS is a little easier to pick up and use, while Android offers more in the way of customization and configuration. Still, simple as Apple's operating system seems, you can find plenty of advanced features hidden below its polished surface.

If you don't know these handy iPhone tricks exist, however, you might never discover that you can hide private photos, use your phone as a level, activate a hidden trackpad, teach Siri nicknames, and more. We're here to show you the way.

For the rest of the informative article, please click: Here.

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6. Joke 3

My day starts backwards ... I wake up tired and go to bed wide awake. (Thanks, Ed Nasta, for sharing.)

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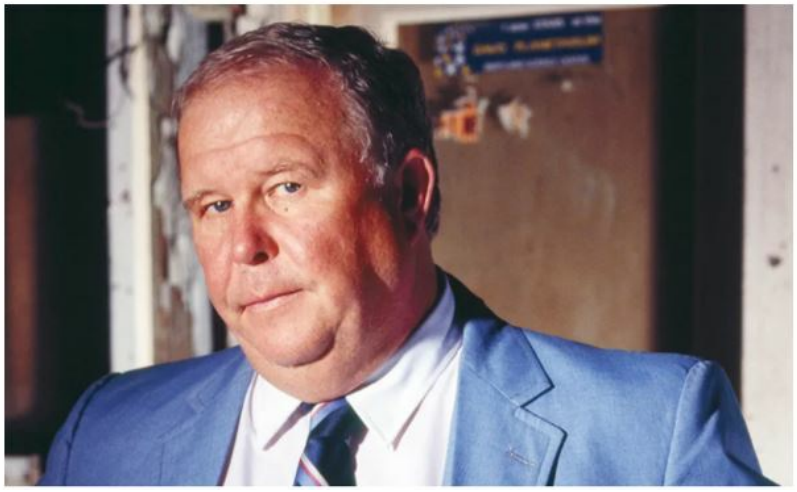
7. A quote I like

Thanks, Ned Beatty (1937-2021), for your career as a character actor in more than 160 films and many TV shows. ... I enjoyed just about everything you were in, including NETWORK, DELIVERANCE, SUPERMAN, RUDY, NASHVILLE, ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN. WHITE LIGHTENING and ROSEANNE. ... For more information about his life, please click: Here.

"I'm a perfect example of the grumpy, old man."—Ned Beatty



8.Thought for the day

Why a Tree Is the Friend We Need Right Now
by Elizabeth Bernstein

I've got a new buddy.

She's a banyan tree.

I met her while walking my dog. She has two enormous limbs that reach out like welcoming arms. And there's a small bench next to her. One day I sat down.

I was worried that afternoon about an ill family member, and as I stared at her gnarled trunk, I thought of all this tree has survived. I watched the light filter through her canopy and listened to a squirrel chatter on a branch. And I felt better.

Now I visit her often. Sometimes, I compliment her—“Looking good, baby!”—pat her trunk or share my water. But occasionally, on hard days, I sit down on the ground next to her, put a hand on one of her massive roots and soak in her strength.

To read the rest of this interesting article, please click: Here.

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9. Advance planning department

For more information about the following events, please click: Here.

A. Peggy Ratusz: Love Bubble celebrates the release of their debut record at The Grey Eagle on Thursday 7/1. B. Honor Moor: Grimm’s Fairy Tales – June 25 – July 24. C. Join us June 24th for a night of stand up comedy at The Magnetic Theatre.

PS. Make it a great week!