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1. Reflections

If you're reading this via Facebook or LinkedIn, please be advised that you will get it quicker if you get it via email. Another advantage: You'll never miss it that way because you may not have logged in for a day or two. And in the unlikely event you're not already a subscriber, all you need to do is send an email to: bjinbc@aol.com and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Celebrated our 15TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY with a delicious outdoor meal at Asian On The Go II. ... Our plan is to follow Pete Seeger's advice and stay "Forever Young." ... And if you'd like to join us in singing his song with that title, please click: [Here](#).



(2) Had a picnic in our car with delicious food from Zoës Kitchen.



B. Bonnie Solomon and Gidget came for a recent porch visit with Cynthia.



C. Due to technical difficulties, the BLAINESWORLD radio show featured a repeat of last week's broadcast. In case you missed it, the guests were George Pappas and Hank Eder. To view it, please click: [Here](#).

D. Thanks, Carole Biro, for thinking about me and sharing this picture of a thumbs up strawberry with me.



E. Condolences to Gabrielle Liner and family on the passing of Gabrielle's Grandma Pope.

F. Congratulations to:

- (1) Jensen Gelfond and Beth Mayberry on their wedding.
- (2) Drez Ryan for being named Best Actor at the ReelHEART International Film Festival for his work in SEVEN SHORT FILMS ABOUT (OUR) MARRIAGE.
- (3) Ryan Rnb Barber on the birth of Vincent Rowan, Ryan's grandson.
- (4) Mark Murray on his retirement from Sherwin-Williams.
- (5) Dwight Chiles on his new job as co-manager at Baked Pie Company.
- (6) Roger Jones on the birth of his newest great granddaughter.
- (7) Maria Armington, Kathy Byers, Joe Knowles and Steve Rizzo—all winners of Contest #13: two pencils ... one left-handed one and the other a right-handed one. If you can't figure out how they are different, see below for a picture. And if you still can't figure out the difference, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put DIFFERENCE in the subject line.





All told, there were four entries and all four won. And that reminds me that it is now time to introduce ...

***** CONTEST #14 *****

One lucky winner will receive a copy of THE CASE FOR CULTURE: HOW TO STOP BEING A SLAVE TO YOUR LAW FIRM, GROW YOUR PRACTICE, AND ACTUALLY BE HAPPY by Eric Farber. To quote from the book's description on Amazon: Most lawyers don't set out to be business owners. They become business owners when they open their own law firm, and from that point forward, their work tends to become disconnected and chaotic. They're so busy with HR, bookkeeping, and marketing that they're lucky to have twenty minutes a day to work on cases. Many lawyers are drowning, which contributes to the profession's unsettling levels of alcoholism, drug addiction, and depression.

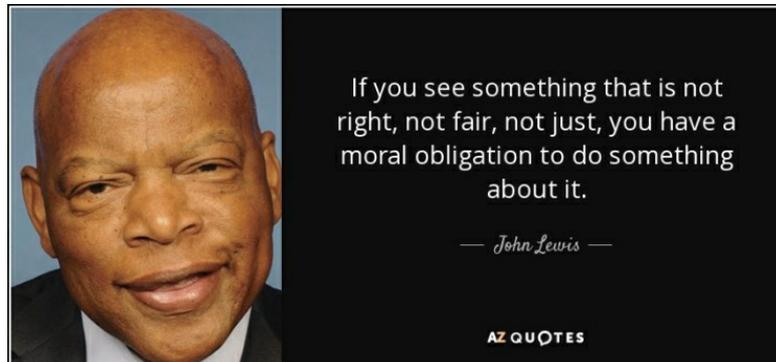
Note: If you're a lawyer (or you're friendly with a lawyer), you will want to read this book. But it is also a book that any business owner or entrepreneur will benefit from reading.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bjinbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #14 in the subject line. In the body of the email, include both your name and mailing address. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Mon., July 27.

G. Reminder: You're invited to join Cynthia in either of the two courses she teaches for Arms Around ASD: Meditation on Mondays and Move Your Body on Wednesdays. To attend these and/or any of the others (that are open to the public), scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

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

Thanks, John Lewis (1940-2020), for your many years of dedicated service--both as a U.S. Representative from Georgia's 5th congressional district and as a civil rights leader. ... President Obama had it right when he bestowed the Presidential Medal of Freedom on Mr. Lewis in 2011. At the time, he said: "Generations from now, when parents teach their children what is meant by courage, the story of John Lewis will come to mind - an American who knew that change could not wait for some other person or some other time; whose life is a lesson in the fierce urgency of now." ... For more information about his remarkable life, please click: [Here](#)..



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2. FYI

See below for something to consider for anybody with a young child or grandchild to make sure toys don't get away. (Thanks, Mark Beloyan, for sharing.)

Note: Whatever you do, don't leave you child unattended in the laundry basket. For more information, please click: [Here](#).



To read each of the following contributions in full, please click: [Here](#).

A. Jack Bowen: I was ... listening to item #7 and Keith Spenser and Hammerstein's show songs! B. Gardening Made Me Happier. It Will Work for You, Too. C. The Mistakes That Will Haunt Our Legacy. D. The Real Horror of 'Jaws' Isn't the Shark.

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3. Joke 1

If God is watching us, the least we can do is be entertaining!



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4. Reviews

A. Enjoyed A WALK TO REMEMBER on HBO, a romantic drama starring a young Mandy Moore (of THIS IS US fame). The story, based on the bestseller by Nicholas Sparks, is about a about a high school senior whose life changes as the result of an accident. Moore is good in her role, as was Peter Coyote as her father. The film, in some respects, reminded me of a non-musical version of FOOTLOOSE. Rated PG, but I think it would be more appropriate for over 11.

B. Saw THE RACK on TCM, a thought-provoking drama about a career soldier being tried by a military court for collaborating with the enemy. Paul Newman is excellent in the leading role, as were Wendell Corey, Walter Pidgeon, Edmond O'Brien, Anne Francis and Lee Marvin in supporting roles. Rated PG, but no way is this appropriate for anybody under the age of 13.

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5. TV alert

A. LOVE ON THE SPECTRUM: On Netflix starting Wed., July 22
This docuseries follows seven young singles on the autism spectrum seeking connection and possibly love in the dating world. TV GUIDE calls it "heartwarming."

B. MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: Returns on Thurs., July 23, at 7 pm. on ESPN
There's a doubleheader for the opening of the 2020 season. The New York Yankees play the Washington Nationals in the first game, followed by the San Francisco Giants playing the Los Angeles Dodgers in the second game. I'll view to see what watching is like with nobody in the stands, along with several other changes.

C. SHE LOVES ME: Fri, July 24, at 9 p.m. on PBS (check local listings at [Here](#))
Rebroadcast from 2017, this GREAT PERFORMANCES show is a musical delight.

D. THE MISTLETOE PROMISE: Sun, July 26, at 1 p.m. on the Hallmark Channel
Two likable Scrooges post as a couple to score him a promotion and her a holidays victory over her ex.

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6. Joke 2

Did you know that 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?





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7. 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 find friend Hank Eder's recent performance: [Here](#).



B. A. Video of the week

Jean Dolan: Flight attendant's hilarious 'working from home' video goes viral: [Here](#).

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

(1) Peggy Lee: Is That All There Is?, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Sue Hinkle: David Ramirez: My Love Is A Hurricane (Official Live Session): [Here](#).

(3) David Troy Francis: Ballade No. 1 in G minor, opus 23 - Frederic Chopin: [Here](#).

(4) Howard Smith: Sunday songs: [Here](#).

D. Jason Saenz likes to make signs and post them around New York City and Virginia. Then he takes pictures of his signs and posts them on this Tumblr site. As you'll see, some of them are quite funny: [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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8. Technology tip

Did you ever want to convert a Facebook Live video to a YouTube clip? If so, watch this video: [Here](#).

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9. Joke 3

The things you learn online! ... So does this mean if I don't take a test for COVID-19, I can't get it?



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10. A quote I like

Thanks, Padma Dyvine, for sharing this one:
"We will not go back to normal. Normal never was. Our pre-corona existence was not normal other than we normalized greed, inequity, exhaustion, depletion, extraction, disconnection, rage, hoarding, hate and lack. We should not long to return, my friends. We are being given the opportunity to stitch a new garment. One that fits all of humanity and nature."--Sonya Renee Taylor

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11. Thought for the day

Amen--and awomen, too. (Thanks, Marilynne Herbert, for sharing.)

Over the course of the COVID crisis, we have repeatedly seen leading scientists and scientific organizations change their recommendations, and we have seen multiple scientific studies retracted or at least highly debated. Many view this as proof that science doesn't work and/or scientists don't know what they are doing. In reality, this is exactly what we expect to see when science works. Science is a method, not a body of facts, and the method is often messy. Peer-review does not end with publication. Rather, studies are subjected to the scrutiny of the entire scientific community, and the fact that high-profile papers sometimes get retracted is

evidence of science correcting itself. Similarly, the fact that scientists change their views as new evidence about a novel virus comes to light is a good thing! It means that scientists are learning and adjusting their views rather than clinging to biases and preconceptions. That's how science works.

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12. Advance planning department

To read about each of the following events in full, please click: [Here](#).

A. Katie Jones: Fringe Digital Summer Vol. 2. B. Michael Gelb: Think Like DaVinci Online. C. C. Edwin Arnaud: The next Asheville Movie Guys event will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 27.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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