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BLASE'S (not-so-legal) *briefs*

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Corona *chronicles*... WHEN REVERSE PSYCHOLOGY BACKFIRES

We're gonna get a little personal here. While the **#quarantine** has made us more aware of life's beauty and blessings, it's possible that it's brought out the worst in us *on occasion*. Studies show that in times of high stress, the part of the brain that controls vocabulary is less responsive causing people to use curse words more frequently. (ok, I totally made that up. **#fakenews** But it sounds logical, right?)

Anyway, it's possible that my three year old has heard more colorful language than he's used to hearing at his little Catholic Mother's Day Out program. As such, his new favorite phrase is d*** it (not darn...).

We tried everything, including Tabasco (but not hand soap because these are hard times). All ended in laughter but no decrease in the bad language. My wife, pulling from her education background, attempted to use a little reverse psychology on the situation, and told him he could say "d*** it" all he wanted as long as he *never said "dadgummit"*.

And would you know, it worked! The little rascal is running around saying "dadgummit" to everything. The problem is, like most three-year-olds, his speech is still a little muddy, and "dadgummit" sounds a lot more like "GD" than anything else. Fortunately, his church Mother's Day Out program is cancelled for the rest of the year, which means we have a little more time to rectify this situation. #sendhelp

In other news, one thing that is NOT cancelled in May is **Mother's Day**! Mother's Day is **Sunday, May 10th**, for those of you prone to forgetting. Something tells me moms everywhere need **ALL THE LOVE** this year, so don't mess this one up!

Stay healthy and sane my friends,

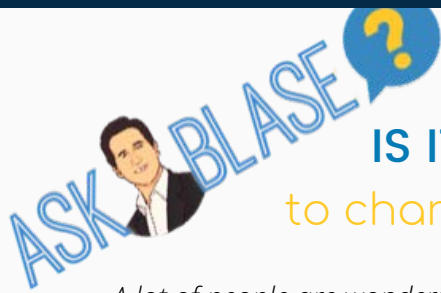
He's lucky
he's cute!

-Blase



My case seemed like there was no way I would come out with a positive outcome. Blase was able to fight for me and come out with a win. He **always gave me a call or email** to let me know what was going on or what he was currently waiting on. If you think there is no help for you in a case, don't believe that because **there is hope for you**.

-L. Thibodeaux



IS IT LEGAL FOR _____ to charge me during COVID?

A lot of people are wondering if their gym/dance studio/daycare, etc. can still charge them even if they are closed because of COVID.

There is no black and white answer that covers every situation. It really depends on what the contract says. It's possible they have the right to continue charging you, even if it seems unfair.

We'd like to believe most businesses will do the right thing here. But if they don't, you always have the option of seeking legal action. However, getting involved in an ugly legal battle may not be worth the money, stress, or burned bridge it costs you.

There are two things I suggest doing:

1. Call the business and talk to them about it. They may be able to temporarily pause your membership or reduce your monthly rate until everything opens back up.
2. If option one doesn't help, you can cancel your membership or withdraw. There may be a "notice" period during which you'll still be charged, but it will keep you from being charged more while you can't use the service.

**Cancelling your membership or withdrawing during COVID may cause you to lose your spot when the world starts spinning again. Or you might have to pay another registration fee if you re-register.*

At the end of the day, there is not a perfect solution. You could chalk the charge up as doing your part to support the local economy. Or if you just can't afford the extra expense, you can go down the path of trying to have the charged reduced/refunded.

There are two certainties here: businesses all over are hurting and just praying that their customers will continue to support them now and in the future. On the flip side, families are also struggling and may have to make some tough decisions about where they spend their money in the coming weeks and months.

You can do it the way everyone else does,
or you can be exceptional.
-Lyn Askin of Raxxar Digital Marketing

QUARANTINE TIME CAPSULE

Record the history we're making with a time capsule. Put it in a safe place to open years from now. Or better yet, save it for your grandchildren to open!

Here's what you need:

-a plastic box with a lid
(or any other container you have like an oatmeal canister, cereal box, etc.)

Possible Artifacts:

- a mask (even better if you made one!)
- a bottle of J.T. Meleck hand sanitizer
- Corks or tops from your quarantine cocktails :)
- A grocery store receipt (even better if you have one from the early "stock up" days)
- a lock of hair from your diy haircut
- a picture of your family attending church from home
- A journal describing how your daily routine has changed, what has been good, what has been scary, etc.
- pictures of your quarantine activities
- artwork your kids have created
- a picture of the "We Are Out Of" list at Costco
- an empty roll of toilet paper
- a picture of a Zoom call you were on
- a favorite recipe your family has made during quarantine
- List of shows you've binge-watched
- what you miss the most
- what you look forward to doing the most
- letter to the future with words of wisdom from quarantine

He Said/ She Said With Angelle and Jonathan Pearce

What is something you secretly hope gets (or stays) cancelled???



"The Louisiana Legislative session...it will definitely make our elected officials become more aggressive and think outside of the box to make some much needed changes...hahaha."

"Red's...it is a great excuse as to why I'm not exercising at this time, hehe!"



Nothing is ever
really lost until
Mom can't find it.

BUT AFTER THAT
YOU JUST NEED TO
BUY A NEW ONE.

How to Save Money on Your Teen's Car Insurance

WITHOUT SKIMPING ON COVERAGE

We're all about saving money. But in our experience, there are three things you shouldn't skimp on: toilet paper, Q-tips, and **car insurance coverage**.

Here are four ways you can possibly save money on your teen's insurance without sacrificing coverage. (Because statistically, you're going to need it...)



Many insurers offer "good student discounts" that can save you up to 35% on your teen's insurance. The details vary from company to company, but generally **a 3.0 will earn your teen a discount.**



Your insurance company may offer a tracking device that monitors speed, hard braking, and mileage. In exchange, insurers may offer up to 30% off your teen's premiums after a good driving record has been shown. Plus, studies show teens tend to **drive more carefully** when they know they are being "watched".



BUY THE BEATER (maybe)

Check with your insurance company about the cost to insure before buying a car. On one hand, older cars tend to cost less to insure, but cars with fancy safety features can also earn you a discount (and give you some peace of mind!) Want the cheapest car to insure? **Get a minivan!**



LEARN (more)

ABOUT SAFE DRIVING

Lots of insurance companies are encouraging teen drivers to enroll in an additional driving safety course that goes beyond what is taught in Driver's Ed. In return, they offer reduced rates for teen drivers who successfully complete the course. Some insurers have created their own courses, while others use a course called teenSmart.

THE LAWYER'S SON WANTED TO FOLLOW IN HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS, SO HE WENT TO LAW SCHOOL AND GRADUATED WITH HONORS. THEN HE WENT HOME TO JOIN HIS DAD'S FIRM.

AT THE END OF HIS FIRST DAY AT WORK, HE RUSHED INTO HIS FATHER'S OFFICE AND SAID, "DAD, DAD! IN ONE DAY I BROKE THE SMITH CASE THAT YOU'VE BEEN WORKING ON FOR SO LONG!"



HIS DAD YELLED, "YOU IDIOT! WE'VE BEEN LIVING ON THE FUNDING OF THAT CASE FOR TEN YEARS!"

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EVENTS YOU

DON'T WANT TO MISS!

MAY 10TH - Mother's Day

MAY 22ND - Last day you have to teach your kids at home (public schools)

TBA - Take and bake pizza returns to Costco

TYPICAL LAWYER DISCLAIMER

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This newsletter is meant to inform and possibly entertain.

Reading it does not make you my client or me your lawyer.



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