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CORONAVIRUS LIFE

Restaurant Prices Go Up Thanks To Coronavirus

AUDIO: [Chicago Restaurant Manager](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA: [Video](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:15

LEAD: Check that bill the next time you order something. Disruptions in the food supply means higher costs to restaurants. And that could mean higher costs to you. A restaurant in Chicago put a 26-percent COVID-19 surcharge on the bill because they say their cost of goods is higher. According to the manager, in order to stay afloat, the cost had to be passed on to customers.

After receiving backlash online, the restaurant removed the surcharge. But now they say they'll have to cut employee hours. The manager says a case of chicken wings that used to cost them 60 bucks now costs them 90.

OUTCUE: make ends meet

Park Draws Social Distancing Circles To Enforce 6FT Rule

AUDIO: [NY Park Goer](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA: [Video](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:14

LEAD: Most people like going to the park with their social circles, but now they're being forced to stay in a social distancing circle. In Brooklyn, New York's 'Domino Park,' people are allowed to exercise, relax or tan, but they have to do it while staying within the confines of a pre-drawn circle on the grass. The park has various white circles scattered around in hopes of enforcing the 6 foot rule.

One parkgoer says he never thought parks would look like this.

OUTCUE: quite surreal

Music Venue Holds Concert With In-person Audience

AUDIO: [TempleLive Owner](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA: [Video](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:15

LEAD: Turns out in-person concerts are coming back much quicker than we thought. One of the first music performances with a live audience since the pandemic started took place in Arkansas. There were plenty of precautions in place though. Concert goers had to wear masks and have their temperature checked. There was also a limit to how many people could be in the bathroom at one time. The owner says a lot of other safety measures were also in place.

Keith Urban recently had a drive-in concert for nurses. So he had a live audience too, but the one in Arkansas looked a lot more like the concerts we're used to - with people in a building, not their cars.

OUTCUE: should be good

New Jersey Gym Doesn't Care About Stay At Home Orders

AUDIO: [NJ Gym Owners](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA: [Video](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:08

LEAD: A New Jersey Gym is fed up with the state's stay-at-home orders. So they're opening up regardless of the consequences. For the last couple of days protesters rallied outside Atilis Gym, saying the country needs to get back to normal. Cops have already issued citations to gym goers and to the owners, but they don't seem to care. The owners say they want to get back to work, regardless of the pushback.

The Governor called out the open-for-business gym, but it's unclear what else the state can do other than issue the citations. The gym *is* following safety guidelines by requiring everyone to wear a mask, and to stay socially distanced inside.

OUTCUE: the next day (2x)

Spike In Bike Sales Leads To Shortage

AUDIO: [Ryan Zagata](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA: [Photo](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:08

LEAD: States may be reopening, but that doesn't mean people are returning to their old habits. Public transportation is a source of real concern. For many people the idea of trying to social distance on a crowded train or bus just doesn't fly. So they're resorting to other forms of transportation, like bicycles. That is, if you can find one! There's been a huge spike in bike sales. And now, like toilet paper, there is a huge shortage. Many bike stores, including Ryan Zagata's Brooklyn Bicycle, are completely sold out.

Zagata credits another reason for the bike spike: gyms are closed! People are trying to peddle their way back to their pre-lockdown bods.

OUTCUE: bikes.

Officials Seeing Double Digit Increases In Domestic Violence Cases

AUDIO: [Maureen Curtis, Safe Horizon](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA: [Video](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:09

LEAD: Another pandemic is sweeping America: domestic violence. Law enforcement officials say they've seen double digit increases in cases of domestic abuse. Seattle is up 25 percent; Austin, Texas, 17 percent; and Chicago, 12 percent. Anti-domestic violence advocate Maureen Curtis says they've seen unprecedented spikes since the pandemic has started.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, please call 1-800-799-7233.

OUTCUE: safe place.

Cruise Ship Workers Stuck At Sea Are Getting Desperate

AUDIO: [Nats + Cruise Ship Worker](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA: [Video](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:18

LEAD: There's hopelessness on the high seas. An estimated 100-thousand cruise ship staffers have been stranded on ships since the start of coronavirus. They haven't been allowed to leave for months. And now, they're getting desperate. It's gotten so bad one woman jumped to her death, perhaps to end her situation. Now fed-up workers are revolting. 15 crew members stranded on a Royal Caribbean ship went on a hunger strike. It lasted three days.

Americans stranded at sea are finally able to go home. The CDC says private transportation must be arranged before leaving the ship. And there can be no interaction with the public on their way home. Many workers are from all over the world, including countries that have simply closed their borders. The unknown is still on the horizon for the majority of cruise ship workers.

OUTCUE: from now on.

Nancy Pelosi Calls President 'Morbidly Obese'

AUDIO: [Nancy Pelosi \(CNN\)](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA: [Photo](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:12

LEAD: ***MUST CREDIT CNN***

The reaction has been fast and furious to the news that President Trump has been taking hydroxychloroquine to prevent COVID-19. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi didn't waste a moment to take a swipe at the president, saying in part he shouldn't be on the drugs because, in her words, he is "morbidly obese."

Trump weighs 243 pounds according to his last medical report. To be considered morbidly obese, he would have to weigh 320 pounds. The president began taking the drug shortly after his valet tested positive for coronavirus.

OUTCUE: obese.

President Trump Doubles Down On Decision To Take Hydroxychloroquine

AUDIO: [President Donald Trump](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:12

LEAD: President Trump is doubling down on his use of hydroxychloroquine (hi-drox-ee-clore-oh-quinn). This comes a day after he announced he's taken the controversial drug. He says it's another way to help avoid getting COVID-19 and he's impressed with some studies he's seen about it.

OUTCUE: of the studies

President Trump Wishy Washy About Wearing Mask At Ford Plant

AUDIO: [President Donald Trump](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:19

LEAD: President Trump will be in Michigan on Thursday to tour a Ford plant. The plant requires everyone to wear a mask, but with the President's upcoming visit, Ford says they're no longer requiring face coverings. Asked if he'll wear one, the President wasn't super enthusiastic about the idea.

OUTCUE: to a plant

MOVIES AND TV

Brian Austin Gets Choked Up Over Split With Megan Fox

AUDIO: [Brian Austin](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA: [Video](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:14

LEAD: The rumors are true. Brian Austin and Megan Fox have split. On his podcast, Brian gets emotional laying it all out there about what went wrong.

Brian choked up confirming the split, revealing his nearly 10 year marriage has been on the rocks for months. He says things shifted after Megan went away for a movie shoot last fall. And then in March she worked with the rapper known as Machine Gun Kelly. Fast forward to last Friday when he and Megan were spotted together in his Aston Martin. Brian says, quote "they're friends at this point." Megan and Brian have three kids together. He says they'll continue to spend the holidays together as a family.

OUTCUE: lose that.

Bella Cuomo Says The Cuomosexual Craze Is 'Kind Of Weird'

AUDIO: [Bella Cuomo \(ET Interview\)](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA: [Video](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:08

LEAD: Chris Cuomo's daughter Bella admits that all the attention on her dad and uncle is interesting, to say the least!

The 17-year-old's TikTok is blowing up ever since her father the CNN newsman started crashing her dance videos. Chris Cuomo has been at the forefront of coronavirus news coverage, documenting his own experience with the virus as an anchor for CNN, while brother Andrew works to manage the pandemic as the governor of New York. Both have garnered a growing fanbase of self-proclaimed "Cuomosexuals."

OUTCUE: you know?

TV Preview

AUDIO: [The Masked Singer Preview](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA: [Video](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:28

LEAD: Get geared up for more wrestling action tonight.

On TNT it's 'All Elite Wrestling' at 8pm ET. Or if WWE is more your speed, 'WWE NXT' showcases its future stars on USA Network also at 8pm ET.

Over on FOX, it's like recess all over again. It's the premiere of 'Ultimate Tag' which is exactly what you think it is. Competitors work their way through awesome 3-D courses to try to avoid getting tagged. It's tonight at 9pm ET on FOX.

But before that, a winner will be crowned on the finale of 'The Masked Singer.' That's at 8pm ET on FOX.

OUTCUE: event on FOX

MUSIC

Sia Adopted Two Boys Last Year

AUDIO: [Sia \(SiriusXM Hits 1's 'The Morning Mash Up'\)](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA: [Video](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:18

LEAD: **MUST CREDIT SiriusXM Hits 1's 'The Morning Mash Up'***

Sia is a mom! The “Chandelier” singer revealed some major news during her latest interview with SiriusXM Hits 1’s ‘The Morning Mash Up.’ She adopted not one, but TWO, 18-year-old boys last year.

Sia did not share their names or any additional information about her new family. However, the full interview is scheduled to be released Thursday.

OUTCUE: love them.

Jennifer Lopez Says First Dance Will Be A ‘Big Production’

AUDIO: [Jennifer Lopez; Derek Hough; Ne-Yo](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA: [Video](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:09

LEAD: J-Rod’s I Do’s have been postponed because of the pandemic. But in the meantime JLO, Derek Hough and Ne-Yo are gearing up for an all new season of ‘World of Dance.’ While promoting the new season, Jennifer Lopez opened up about her first dance with fiancé Alex Rodriguez.

The two had to put their wedding on hold because of coronavirus. But that doesn’t mean the two haven’t stopped planning their big day! While you wait for JLo’s postponed nuptials, you can check her out in season 4 of ‘World of Dance.’ It airs Tuesdays on NBC.

OUTCUE: to go.

LIFESTYLE AND OFFBEAT

Mystery Donors Pay Off 8 Million In Student Loans

AUDIO: [Musadiq Budar](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:13

LEAD: There’s hundreds of college graduates who feel like they hit the jackpot. Some mystery donors pooled together \$8 million to support ‘Students Rising Above,’ a non-profit that helps low-income, first-generation students go to college. Those millions of dollars went to paying off the remaining student loans for 400 former students. One of those former students, who now works at CBS News, says he’s extremely thankful to be debt free.

OUTCUE: us to succeed

Plane Makes Emergency Landing On A Highway

AUDIO: [Missouri Highway Patrol Officer](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA: [Video](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:17

LEAD: Talk about a tragedy in ‘PLANE’ sight. A pilot flying a small airplane in Missouri had to land on a highway after experiencing engine trouble. With less cars on the highways these days, we’re happy to report nothing terrible happened. The plane landed safely. Only a traffic sign that the wing clipped on the way down was damaged. A Missouri Highway Patrol trooper says everything ended up working out.

OUTCUE: that’s about it

Alison Roman’s NYTs Column On Hold Following Chrissy Teigen Feud

AUDIO: [Alison Roman \(‘The Late Show with Stephen Colbert’\)](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA: [Video](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:11

LEAD: Alison Roman’s ‘New York Times’ column is being put on temporary hold following her public feud with Chrissy Teigen.

This comes after the food writer said in an interview with 'The New Consumer' last week that Chrissy Teigen's business empire "horrifies" her, and that Marie Kondo has "capitalized" on her fame. Teigen went on a Twitter rant after hearing Roman's controversial comments, telling fans that she was mostly "bummed" because she looked up to the food critic. Roman issued a lengthy apology for the, quote "stupid, careless and insensitive" remarks. The chef showed up on 'The Late Show with Stephen Colbert' for a cooking segment 6 days ago. It was pre-taped, so she was in good spirits and did not mention the drama.

OUTCUE: pasta.

SPORTS

Belmont Stakes Gets New Date And New Race Length

AUDIO: [2019 Belmont Stakes File Audio](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA: [Video](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:15

LEAD: The horse racing Triple Crown schedule has been revised due to COVID-19. The Belmont Stakes, normally the final leg of the Triple Crown, is now the first race instead of the third. Originally the race was scheduled for June 6th but has been moved to June 20th. And the race, which is normally the longest of the three, is being shortened from a mile-and-a-half to a mile-and-an-eighth. The shorter race is to accommodate the horses which haven't been able to train as much. The Kentucky Derby will be on September 5th. It was originally scheduled for May 2nd. The Preakness was moved from May 16th to October 3rd.

OUTCUE: the Belmont Stakes

LATE NIGHT

The Late Show With Stephen Colbert

AUDIO: [Stephen Colbert](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:14

LEAD: On 'The Late Show' with Stephen Colbert, Stephen joked about the fact that some people think President Trump might be lying about taking hydroxychloroquine.

OUTCUE: is orange

The Late Show With Stephen Colbert

AUDIO: [Stephen Colbert](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:16

LEAD: On 'The Late Show' with Stephen Colbert, Stephen joked about President Trump mispronouncing "vegetables."

OUTCUE: the ketchup balls

The Late Show With Stephen Colbert

AUDIO: [Gayle King](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:17

LEAD: On 'The Late Show' with Stephen Colbert, CBS This Morning anchor Gayle King said she felt like she may have had COVID-19 back in January. An antibody test said otherwise.

OUTCUE: an effective test

The Late Late Show With James Corden

AUDIO: [James Corden; Ken Jeong](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:28

LEAD: On 'The Late Late Show' doctor turned actor-slash-TV host, Ken Jeong talked about the coronavirus and the future of vaccines.

OUTCUE: so hard.

The Late Late Show With James Corden

AUDIO: [Billy Crystal](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:31

LEAD: On 'The Late Late Show' Billy Crystal shared some awesome jokes to get you through lockdown.

OUTCUE: like that.

The Daily Show With Trevor Noah

AUDIO: [Trevor Noah](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:14

LEAD: On The Daily Show, Trevor Noah joked about President Trump threatening to not watch Fox News anymore.

OUTCUE: and reality

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AUDIO: [Trevor Noah](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:15

LEAD: On The Daily Show, Trevor Noah joked about House Speaker Nancy Pelosi calling President Trump, "morbidly obese."

OUTCUE: if you will

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today in History 1cut

AUDIO: [Bill Haley](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:28

LEAD: Deals with May 20, 1954 --

66 years ago today, the Rock n Roll era began as "Rock Around The Clock" from Bill Haley and the Comets was released. However, it didn't catch on until it was on the soundtrack to "The Blackboard Jungle" a year later.

OUTCUE: (music fades)

Today in History 2cut

AUDIO: [Larry Pintak](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:11

LEAD: From May 20, 1978 --

42 years ago today, French and Belgian paratroopers conducted a rescue mission in the mining town of Kolwezi (Coal-WAY-zee), in what is now the Congo. They were sent to evacuate more than 2,000 Europeans caught in fighting between the government and separatist rebels. But as many as 200 foreigners were killed. CBS News Correspondent Larry Pintak surveyed the aftermath of the massacre.

NOTE: His description is disturbing

OUTCUE: blood stained face

Today in History 3cut

AUDIO: [Roger Coleman](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:10

LEAD: Deals with May 20, 1992 --

28 years ago today, Virginia executed Roger Coleman for the rape and murder of his sister-in-law Wanda McCoy. Governor Douglas Wilder let Coleman die despite a court appeal, public pressure, and numerous statements such as this one Coleman made through the media.

OUTCUE: prove my innocence

Today in History 4cut

AUDIO: [Kelsey Grammer and Ted Danson](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:11

LEAD: From May 20, 1993 --

27 years ago today, 93 million people tuned in for the final episode of "Cheers" on NBC.

OUTCUE: are together again (laughter)

Today in History 5cut

AUDIO: [Tornado Victim](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:03

LEAD: From May 20, 2013 --

Seven years ago today, an EF5 tornado struck Moore, Oklahoma, killing at least 24 people and flattening 1,100 homes.

OUTCUE: everything's gone (sob)

Today in History 6cut

AUDIO: [Cher](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:27

LEAD: ***A birthday cut.***

Happy birthday Cher! The singer and actress was born May 20, 1946 -- 74 years ago today. We first heard of her in the sixties, when she was married to, and sang with, Sonny Bono, but made her biggest impression on her own in music and the movies. Here's "Believe."

OUTCUE: (music fades)

Today in History 7cut

AUDIO: [Rachel Platten](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:30

LEAD: ***A birthday cut.***

Happy birthday Rachel Platten! The singer was born on May 20, 1981 -- 39 years ago today. She made it big with her hit song "Fight Song."

OUTCUE: (music fades)

Today in History 8cut

AUDIO: [Jack Gleeson](#)

LENGTH: 00:00:02

LEAD: ***A birthday cut.***

Happy birthday Jack Gleeson! The actor was born on May 20, 1992 -- 28 years ago today. He played the despicable Joffrey Baratheon on "Game of Thrones."
OUTCUE: to torment

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