

State of the Bands

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Introduction

In this issue of State of the Bands Over my Chipped Body! What has Covid-19 Done for you? Hate Earth? Well let's go to the moon Alice! And picture if you will, the year is 2020 and is it real or is it Memorex or is this really the twilight Zone.



Welcome to The Twilight Zone

If any of you had “government confirmed conspiracy”, “bug related plague”, or “potential natural disaster” on your apocalypse bingo card, you can mark all of those squares. So far in 2020, the US Navy confirmed UFOs, “killer hornets” nests have been discovered in both Canada and the United States, and tremors have been occurring near Yellowstone National Park. Can someone please say Jumanji already! Please and thank you.



Let’s unpack the Navy story first. Yes, it is true with one tiny stipulation, instead of calling them UFOs the Navy is calling them unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP). In April of 2020 the Pentagon officially released three videos showing UAPs. What has not been confirmed is if these phenomena can be linked to life or just tricks of light. But perhaps now we can all officially say “Aliens! I’ve seen them”

What about the murder hornets? The Asian giant hornet, also known as the “murder hornet” is an invasive species that can be a real issue. In this particular case, there was a lot of hype, but early detection and prevention were key in order to keep the situation under control. In fall of 2019, nests of Asian giant hornets were found in Canada and in the US. There have been more sightings, but there have been no significant increases that have alerted concern from wildlife specialists.



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“Jumanji” was invented by Van Allsburg after playing a frustrating long game of Monopoly.

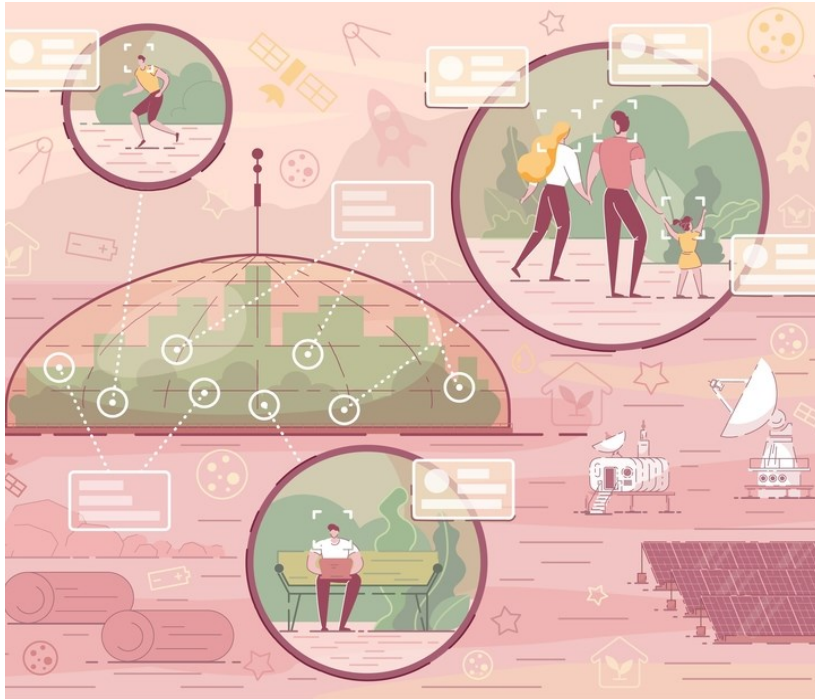
The name “murder hornet” comes from the Asian giant hornet’s ability to completely overtake beehives. It also does not help that these hornets’ venom is more toxic than that of the garden variety wasps and bees and in addition the Asian giant hornet contains more venom than a typical wasp or bee. Finally, let’s talk about Yellowstone.

In March of 2020 there was a magnitude 5.7 (M5.7) earthquake near Salt Lake City followed by a M6.5 earthquake in central Idaho– dangerously close to Yellowstone National Park. What’s the big deal, you might ask? One word: Super volcano. In case you did not know, there is a massive volcano located under

Yellowstone national park, and in the event that it erupts it could potentially wipe the states surrounding it (with Idaho and Utah taking the brunt of the damage) off the map. So are these earthquakes anything to worry about? The short answer is no– while there has been recent media coverage of the events, experts agree that the seismic activity is normal for the area.



Hate Earth? Well then let's go to the moon Alice!



Fun Fact: Orwell had a hard time publishing the book Animal Farm. Publishers feared that the book would break the fragile alliance between the US, UK, and the USSR.

Things have been calm in the race to colonize space recently....or have they? Back in 2014, the idea for and the first versions of the man made biological leaf were created. What does that have to do with space? Oxygen production. With a man made plant we could maximize and/or control how much oxygen can be produced. In addition it could be made to be hardier than regular plant life. Having a hardy plant with high oxygen production could be especially helpful for anyone interested in doing space exploration.

Speaking of space exploration, did anyone watch the SpaceX launch? On Saturday May 30th, 2020 SpaceX's Falcon 9 launched the second demonstration missions for Crew Dragon. Demonstration 2 is the final test for SpaceX's human spaceflight system to be certified by NASA for operational crew missions to and from the International Space Station. Crazy, right?



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Fun Fact: The Honeymooners debuted October 1st 1955. Jackie Gleason did not believe in practice makes perfect so every single episode was done on the fly with not even one dress rehearsal. NO pressure right?

SpaceX has recently been the leader in space travel and options for space travel and colonization. Up to this point NASA has awarded SpaceX more than \$3.1 billion to fund development of the capsule in addition to SpaceX spending hundreds of millions of its own funds on this project. So in total, it took about \$4 billion for SpaceX to send astronauts into space for the first time for a total of two to three months.



Crash? Crash! We don't need no stinking Crash!



While many have been waiting for the next leg down, all of arbitrage's indicators have been pointing to more up. Not even bad news has been able to bring this market down completely.

With the 2020 election just around the corner and Flu season about to begin all eyes are on the market to see what will the rest of 2020 has in store for long term investors.

Whether it's good news or bad news this bull market will not give up without a fight.

Some are expecting President Trump to win again based on the current stock market situation while others are strongly rallying democrats to get out there and vote.

Fun Fact: Because of the v shape crash and recovery that started February 24th 2020 and ended on June 30, 2020 the US stock market has had it's best quarter in the last 40 years!



Unemployment Blues



Fun Fact: The “12-bar blues” is simply a particular chord progression which is 12 bars long. It’s helpful to think of it as being arranged into 3 lines, each is 4 bars. It uses just the I, IV and V chords

Speaking of COVID-19, the nationwide shutdowns due to COVID-19 are still impacting the job market. As of June 13th, the unadjusted number of initial claims for unemployment was 1,433,027 per the US Department of Labor. Previously, there were some estimates saying that 14 million workers would end up losing their jobs due to the COVID-19 shock.

As of the week ending in June 13th, the total number of unemployed persons in the US is 18,654,001, well past the estimate formulated in May which was closer to 14 million. Let’s take a minute and put this in perspective - in a similar week in 2019, there were 205,951 new claims with a total of 1,522,665 collecting unemployment. With so many out of work, the economy is screaming for relief or at least a new side

Forex Pairs (Sell Trend)

AUDUSD - Australian Dollar vs US Dollar

EURUSD - Euro Dollar vs US Dollar



Unemployment Blues

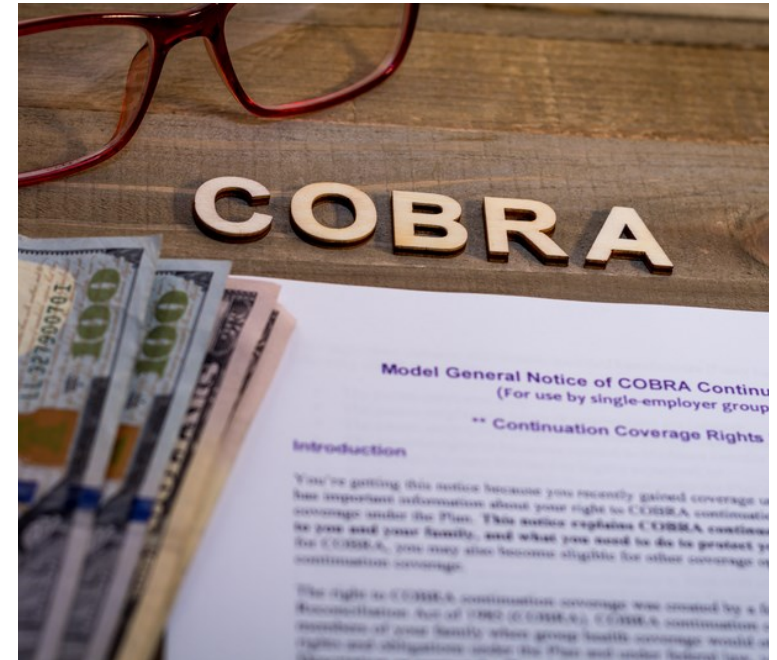
On a more positive note, there have been some positive effects of COVID. One of them being that there is a larger need for medical positions, so if you're toward the end of your residency or medical program, chances are you are likely to get and keep a job without fear of being laid off. In fact, there is job security and stability for all high demand fields; for example: Epidemiology, Programming, Data Analytics, Food Service, Packing and Shipping, Retail, and Medicine, to name a few.

If you are having some trouble finding work, based on some of our own experiences, tips from recruiters, and research, here are some things you can do to help you land a job in a COVID-19 stable industry: Copy and paste the language from your top 10 jobs and observe for phrases or words that get repeated. If you add them to your resume, you are much more likely to show up in a recruiter's search.

Forex Pairs (Buy Trend)

GBPAUD - Great Britain Pound vs Australian Dollar

GBPJPY - Great Britain Pound vs Japanese Yen



Fun Fact: Scrubs were not always called scrubs. They used to be called surgical greens and they were originally only worn by doctors performing surgery.



What has COVID-19 done for you?



Fun Fact: The earth rotates once every 23 hours, 56 minutes and 4 seconds. The earth is spinning at 460 meters per second at the equator and is traveling around the sun at a cruising speed of 67,000 miles per hour.

Speaking of COVID-19, the effects of the virus are not all negative. Have you noticed anything different since you have been allowed back outside? Maybe, your drive to the grocery store has been significantly smoother. Why? COVID-19. At first glance the connection is not clear, but if you think about it and look at the social impact, less people were traveling for at least the last two months. This cleared up street traffic enough for construction crews to fix roads and build new ones all over the United States.

Have you noticed the new crypto currency ATMs? Some countries are beginning to adopt new currencies- cryptocurrencies to be specific. As cryptocurrencies increase in popularity for use the more common these new crypto currency ATMs will be and the higher the value of the cryptocurrencies will be.



What has COVID-19 done for you?

Do not worry if you currently do not have the cash to invest. In the United States, the first of potentially two stimulus checks was given as a one-time check to help Americans cover necessities such as rent, bills, and fuel while companies were shut down or had limited services. Receiving up to \$1200 per person, some Americans were able to cover necessities while others were able to re-invest the money back in to the economy. Sounds good, right?

Something else that is good is the recent weather, right? That is something else you can thank COVID-19 for providing. Because of all of the worldwide shutdowns and travel restrictions, the carbon emissions have dropped significantly.

Forex Pairs (Buy Trend)

EURAUD - Euro Dollar Versus Australian Dollar

USDMXN - US Dollar Versus Mexican Peso



Finance Stocks

LEAF—Leaf Group LTD

BMA - Banco Marco

AUBN - Auburn National Bancorp



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Fun Fact:

Isaac Asimov Created Three Laws for robotics:

- A robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm.
- A robot must obey the orders given it by human beings except where such orders would conflict with the First Law.
- A robot must protect its own existence as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Laws.

Robotics & Microchip Stocks

DLNG - Dynagas LNG Partners

KEX—Kirby Corp

AAWW - Atlas Air Worldwide

By now, you have probably heard the infamous conspiracy theory that Bill Gates wants to microchip everyone with the COVID-19 vaccine when it comes out. Most conspiracy theories do not hold water, but there is some truth to what has been going around. To be clear, Bill Gates is NOT going to microchip us all to track us, but the story behind this rumor is interesting.

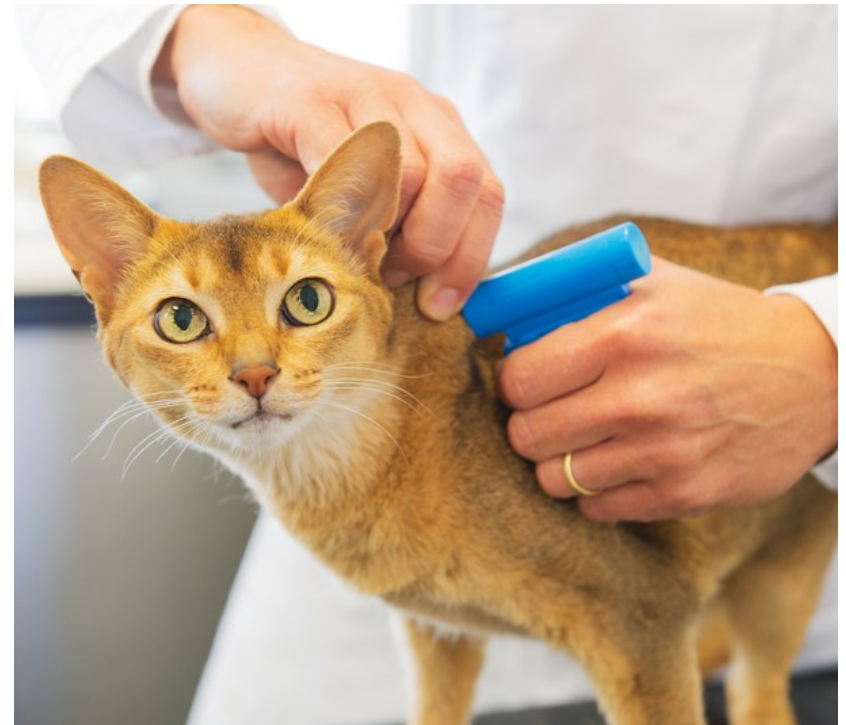
The Bill Gates rumor all started well after the founding of ID2020 in 2016. In May of 2016, the United Nations Headquarters in New York brought together over 400 people to discuss how to provide a digital identity to everyone. Following this summit, ID2020 started a new digital identity program in 2019 in collaboration with the government of Bangladesh and vaccine alliance Gavi.



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Gavi, officially known as Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, was formed in 2000 as a successor to the Children's Vaccine Initiative. Gavi is a public-private global health partnership with the goal of increasing access to vaccines in less developed and poor countries. It is good to note here, too, that the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is among the list of philanthropists donating to Gavi.

So, what does this have to do with Bill Gates? The current alliance for ID2020 includes Microsoft as one of the contributing companies and on top of that, Bill Gates is very vocal about why he thinks everyone should have some level of an online identification.



Fun Fact: In dogs and cats, chips are usually inserted below the skin at the back of the neck between the shoulder blades on the dorsal midline



ID2020 Over My Chipped Body!



The previously mentioned information combined with the support of Gavi makes it easy to see how some might be able to come to the conclusion that ID2020 in cooperation with Bill Gates made plans to make a mandatory vaccine that would include a microchip. It's not like people do not currently voluntarily carry a device with GPS enabled on it everywhere with them. Oh wait... And speaking of Cell Phones. Apple is changing the world again with the release of it IOS 14 in August of 2020.

The new features will quickly help you forget about the old ones.

Covid-19 Impacted Stocks

CCL - Carnival Cruise Lines

DIS - Disney

GME - Game Stop

PLAY - Dave & Busters Entertainment



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