

Pandemic 2020 WRITING JOURNAL

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Virtual School March 26, 2020

Barrington and the rest of Rhode Island had off of school for seven school days, not including weekends. Finally, the Barrington kids were going back to school. I was worried and excited to go back to school. The governor had said that everyone should stay six feet away from other people. Also, gatherings over 250 people were not permitted. Rhode Island was not quarantined. We used a video chat called zoom. On this, the teacher would mute us and he/she would teach us from there. We had problems but we fix it by the next day. Today was the second day of virtual learning. Lots of kids could not get into zoom and many other websites. Gladly a company called cox to fix it so the Barrington school Chromebooks could be used with ease. Chromebooks are a type of computer. What has come out of this so far is now the teacher can do virtual learning on any snow day. I hope this will end soon so I can see my friends and family in person.

Sports March 27, 2020



The Summer Olympics had been postponed. It was going to be in Tokyo. Major basketball tournaments like March Madness were not happening. Same with the MLS. One NBA basketball player was joking around about Coronavirus by touching all microphones of the nearby reporters. A day later he got the test and it turned out he had Coronavirus. He had given it to some of his team members and the reporter he had touched the microphone to. If this keeps on happening everyone will have Coronavirus. All the kids' leagues for sports were canceled too. This caused more people outside getting each other sick. At least we are not like Italy yet.

diagram

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The west coast. March 27-28 2020

The west coast was hit first. It all started from tourists and Americans from areas in asea coming to the west coast on cruises to states like Washington. It trickled down to California where a high-density population made it easy for it to spread. We had no testing kits. This makes it harder to see if people have it. You may not know you have Coronavirus but you do. You could go grocery shopping and have it and spread it to 5 people. They might not know they have it and visite their parents who could be elderly and the parents could get it and that is highly fatal. All because we did not have enough testing kits.

A busy day March 28- April 2, 2020

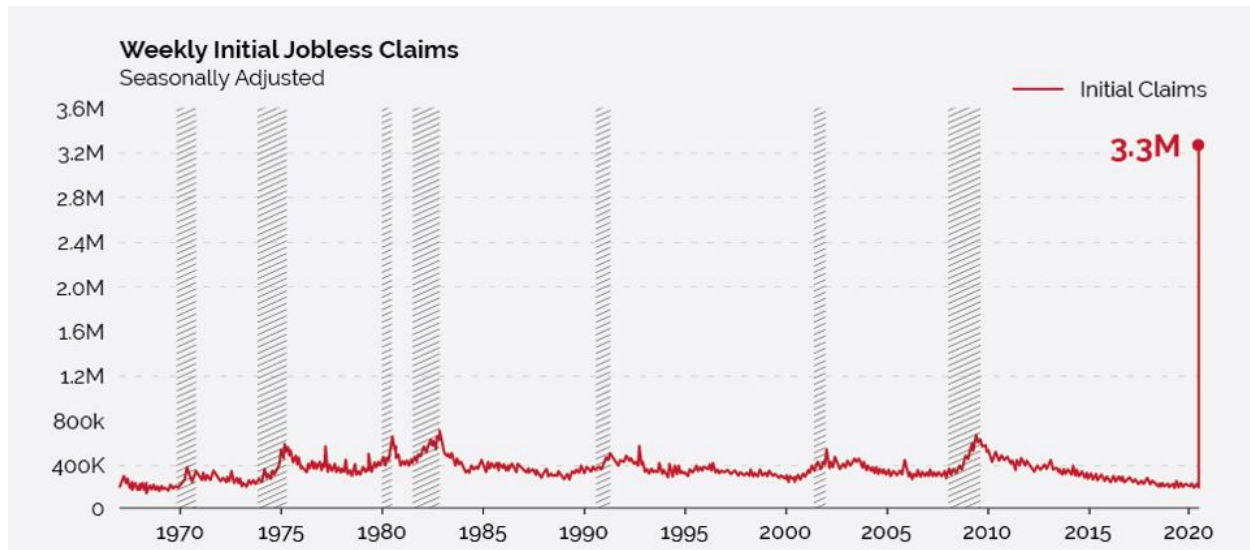
The east coast was almost a completely different story. First of all, Coronavirus came later in the year because most of how it got to the east coast were people from the area that went to Italy and brought it back to the east coast. We needed to wait for Italy to get it before we got it. One man went to Italy and got coronavirus. He did not know he had coronavirus so he went on a plane. He infected lots of people on the plain. Then he took a taxi home. The taxi driver got coronavirus. He was Jewish. He went to the temple. Guess what happened. He got people sick there too. Then he gets a really high fever. His neighbor takes him to the hospital. The neighbor got coronavirus. Now about a quarter of the people in the town he lived in which is called Neuroshell have coronavirus. Then the town is guarded by the national guard to make sure no-one escapes. It has hit New York city badly and the rest of New York. Boston is bad and so are most of the cities on the east coast. Jackson Mississippi has not closed down there schools yet it will hit hard there too.

Supplies April 2, 2020



This coronavirus really shows the best in people... and the worst. One guy bought thousands of containers of hand sanitizer and sold them for more money than he bought them for. He was found out and was forced to donate them to hospitals that needed them. Some people have been caught stealing toilet paper from the bathroom in their office buildings and trying to bring them home with them. On the positive side people are also doing good. Some places that make beer are now making hand sanitizers and companies that make fabric are now making masks for a hospital. We had a little good stuff but know it's back to the bad stuff. People are hoarding things like pasta, eggs, bread, milk, flour, and other stuff that you would need and/or could stay fresh for a while.

Laid off April 2, 2020



About 3.3 million people have been laid off Millions more may soon be laid off. People are panicking. The economy is going down, It has been more than one hundred years since it has been this low. What some business owners are doing is hiring the laid off people and having them work for them to make stuff like masks. Things we need like toilet paper are not being made as much. This makes it worse. Companies that are still booming is all the social media companies, companies like zoom, and alcohol companies. Don't ask me I don't know why but business is booming for them. So If there is another pandemic, own a liquor store. Small businesses are not doing well. The Governor of Rhode Island said to all the restaurants that they need to close down and if they don't they need to have a takeout option and no one can go in the building except for a skeleton staff that would work there for just enough money to stay alive.

Not following the rules April 8, 2020

Some people just don't want to quarantine or self-isolate. In Italy, the Meyers and governors are screaming at the citizens. They are saying stuff like you should not be playing ping-pong on the beach go play Play Station and I know you want a graduation party for your daughter but no. It is not just in Italy. It is happening here in Rhode Island to. In Rhode Island, lots of wealthy New Yorkers have summer homes. They are coming

from New York with as you know there is a lot of coronavirus cases and going to their summer homes to stay there. They go to the grocery store and they could get people sick. The governor of Rhode

Coronavirus cases, recoveries and deaths

Of the 1,433,000 confirmed coronavirus cases globally, there have been 302,000 recoveries and 82,200 deaths



Island Gena Rimondo is like you should not be going to the grocery store so she says anyone who is from out of state should stay home and be quarantined. People did not listen and now the National Guard stand at the out of states people's homes if they are there and make sure they do not get out. Also, the police are guarding the borders to make sure that no out of state people come into the state. We have very little coronavirus cases so that is why we are doing all this.

Easter April 13, 2020

Easter was a disappointment because no one could see their family or friends. Some people ate alone, some with their wives, girlfriends or their nuclear family. This could be kind of depressing so others probably did not follow the rules and did not self-isolate. The ones who still wanted to follow the rules had a virtual Easter dinner. This would be on zoom or facetime. It would not be exactly like an easter dinner you would hope for but you still got to communicate. There would be no side conversations so you would need to make sure that everyone got to talk. Other than that Easter cared on as usual. Getting candy eating candy watching other people eat candy you wish you had. You think to yourself, do I need more candy? I still have a lot from last Halloween then I had Christmas and then Valentine's day. Some people are so glad that you don't get candy during Thanksgiving.

Things we need to adapt to April 15, 2020

It is hard to not see any of your friends in person if you are an extravert. The six feet rule is a bare minimum you should probably stay more than six feet away from people unless you are close to them for less than a second. You don't want coronavirus and the other person probably does not want it either. Also when you go outside you need to wear a mask. Not the flimsy paper ones that people used to wear these are serious masks. They are called something like M95s but I can not clarify that. Another thing is

not going to restaurants. Restaurants are a great place to get coronavirus. This is why the governor closes the restaurants. This means more home-cooked meals. You better like cooking meals. People can't be eating all of their food. People need to have a pantry that can withstand it for a few weeks. People also need to clean everything we get in the mail. The mailman could have coronavirus you don't know. When you come back home from the grocery store you need to take off your clothes and put on clean ones. It is scary times.

Who it kills April 20-21 2020

Gladly for everyone else it mostly kills old people. It has killed so far only a few children. There was one place that housed navy people and 60 percent of the people who got it had symptoms. It sweeps through nursing homes and kills everybody in them. There was one person who was a world war II veteran and he got coronavirus and then survived it. Also, it kills newborn baby's.



Dogs can get it but they can only test positive. Dogs can not give it to us and they don't

have any symptoms either. Cats scientists don't know much about. They tested five cats the unhealthy cat showed symptoms but none of the others did.

The States are Opening up April 21, 2020

Florida just opened up their beaches. Very, very smart Florida. Some states are not taking this seriously. There are protests about closing everything down. The president says it's like the flew but it's not. How do people like him? He said it was a hoke. Then a couple of days later he denies ever saying that. The governors of the states that don't open up beaches. The governors on the east coast from Main down to New Jersey have meetings on the topic of the correct term Coved-19. That is what I will be Calling it for the next 40 entries. Rhode island may be opening up on May 9. That would mean that they would open up beaches and parks. This should never happen again.

The good things May 4, 2020

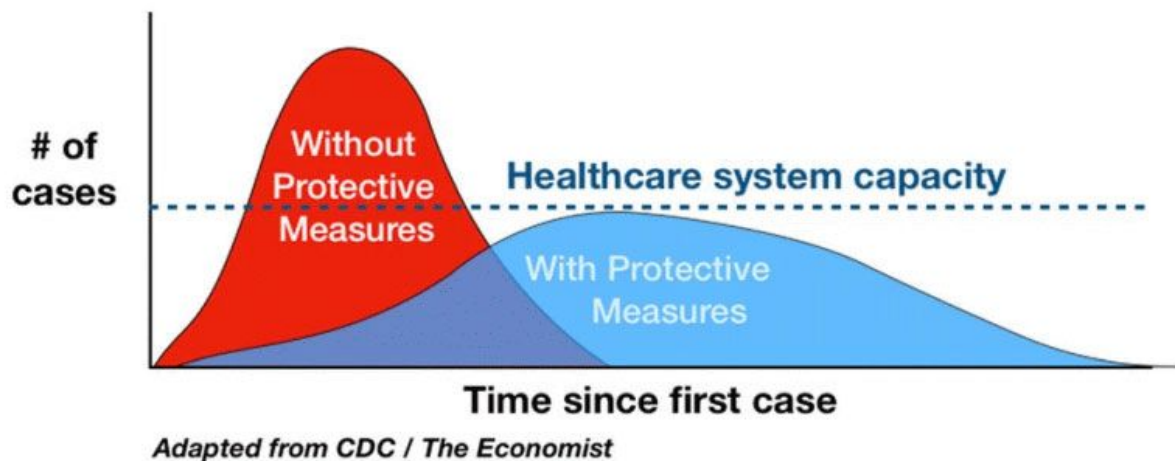
Here are the good things. A hole in the Ozone just closed up! The animals love it and so do small children and finally, you can see the sky in India. First, the Ozone here's a back story. Because of pollution and old air conditioners and old spray cans, the chemicals that were in both the old spray cans and old air conditioners caused a huge hole in the Ozone. With less air pollution the closing happened sooner than anybody expected. If you are a pet or you are wild being an animal at this time has been the best for hundreds of years. A coyote was found in I think San Francisco but that may not be true I know it's in California though.



No one is out except people who have jobs and the small percentage of people going to work and going to get groceries. Why pets love it is because their owners are home all the time. Animal shelters are being cleared out. Everyone wants a friend to hang out with and by getting a dog and it is very bad in your town or city it is an excuse to go outside. I know I put children in this entry and they are not animals but, we are talking about who likes this and it is definitely young children. Their parents are home all the time who would not like that.

What we are not doing about it May 18 2020

Why social distance we are past the peak. Well there are just as many cases of COVED 19 as there was when this all started. No one is wearing masks anymore.



Do you want to peak again? That would be bad. No one wants to get COVID 19. It is bad in Russia right now. New York is getting better but India has not yet been hit. Lots of people will move out of the cities. By the way, remember how I said in the first entry about this ending soon it will not. Bill Gates announced that the vaccine will come out in about a year then I will have a sigh of relief.

The Rioting June 1, 2020

This chapter is not really about coronavirus but it is happening right now. I really can't remain a neutral author but Donald Trump is a terrible president. Police are shooting black people and Trump is doing nothing about it. The police are getting away with it

because of that. An innocent man was strangled to death by a police officer and the police were wite so he got away with it. I do hope whoever is reading this in whatever year it is there is not this much racism then there is right now. There are marches all around the cities and rites. The people burn things for protesting for black rites. In one city during a peaceful protest the police got ready to shoot but a good amount of brave white women using their white privilege which means white people right now there life is easier white people don't get shot in the streets. They made a line and linked arms and stood between the police and the black protesters and the police could not shoot the black people because they would never shoot black women.



The northern states are better because the police have more respect for black people but in the south it is bad. Let's face it Donald Trump is bad and I hope he doesn't win the election. In the next chapter, let's do a happier subject.

It May be the End, Well Hopefully June 8, 2020

Everyone is hoping this is the end but with all these protests I don't know if this will. I am on their side, see above. But there should be a better way to protest but there isn't so

we need to stick with this for now. In Rhode Island, everything is opening up. Is this good or is this bad? No one knows. Finally, Italy is getting better and New Zealand has no cases of covid-19 which is good. The countries that had the strategy of letting it spread until everyone has it like England which are getting better too. New York and the rest of the cities in the United States are opening up too. We have learned that even in times of crises there is racism, we have learned that you should not eat a bat and this has shown that you do not want an elderly person to be sick. I do hope this will end soon. Hopefully, this is not just the beginning.

Time Capsule

Pandemic poem

There's Empty shelves
Cause everyone's taking things for themselves
Everything is slow
Cause the economy is low

It is bad for the old
At least that's what I've been told
There is no toilet paper
That's what's in the newspaper

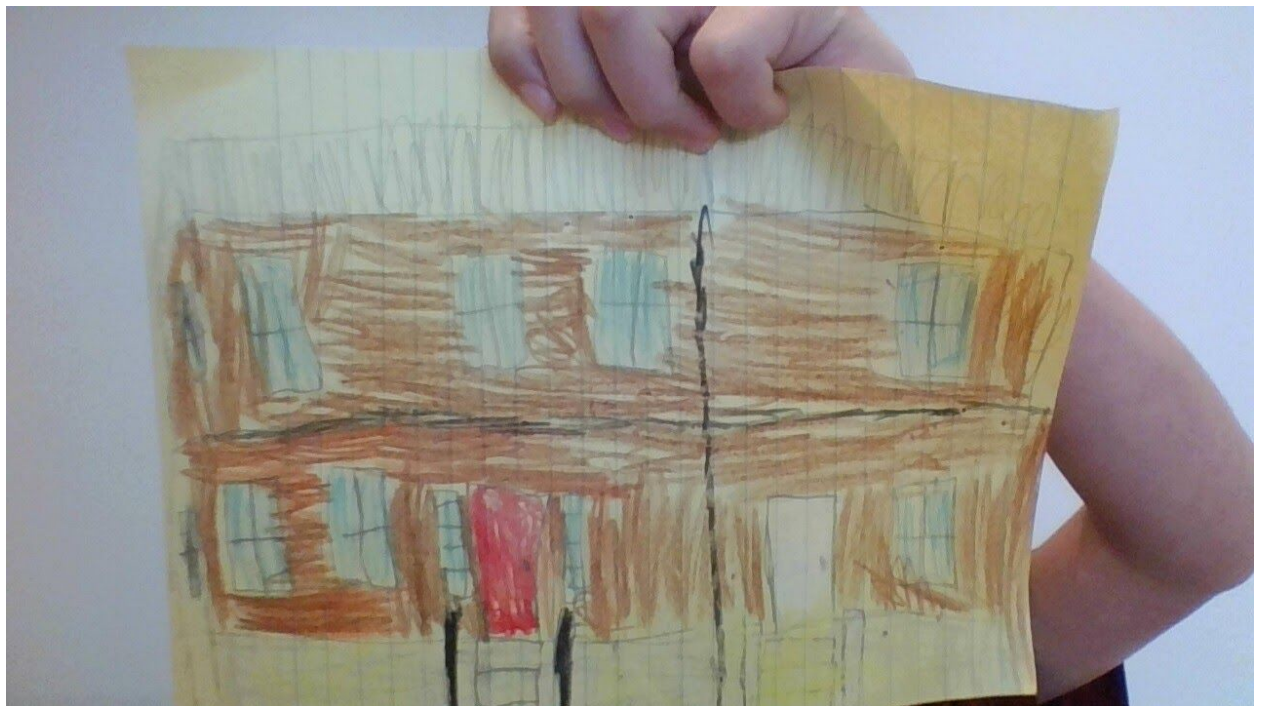
Lots of people are unemployed
And that's what gets people paranoid
You need to wear a mask
And you need to come back fast

New York got hit bad
It makes lots of people sad
I hope this will end
So the world may mend

Journal Entry #20

The theme of this time period is

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