

# Ring Report Ring #170 - SPECIAL PANDEMIC EDITION #3

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**“The Bev Bergeron Ring” SAM Assembly #99**

**-Orlando and nation on lockdown-**

**No meetings until future notice**

**As your Secretary, I have a few goals in my current duties:**

**Those duties include keeping our members informed about all important issues such as health, show business conditions and related employment and economics as well as local member’s personal situations.**

**Also, my duty includes keeping up people’s spirits and since we all love magic, I intend to keep publishing magic history, routines and ideas and light comments and humor though this crisis.**

**Florida**



Govenor DeSantis

CORONAVIRUS

**White House Declares Florida a Major Disaster Area**

Not all heroes wear capes... but a whole dedicated bunch of them wear scrubs. 🙏❤️



My daughter Holly, is an RN in Philadelphia.

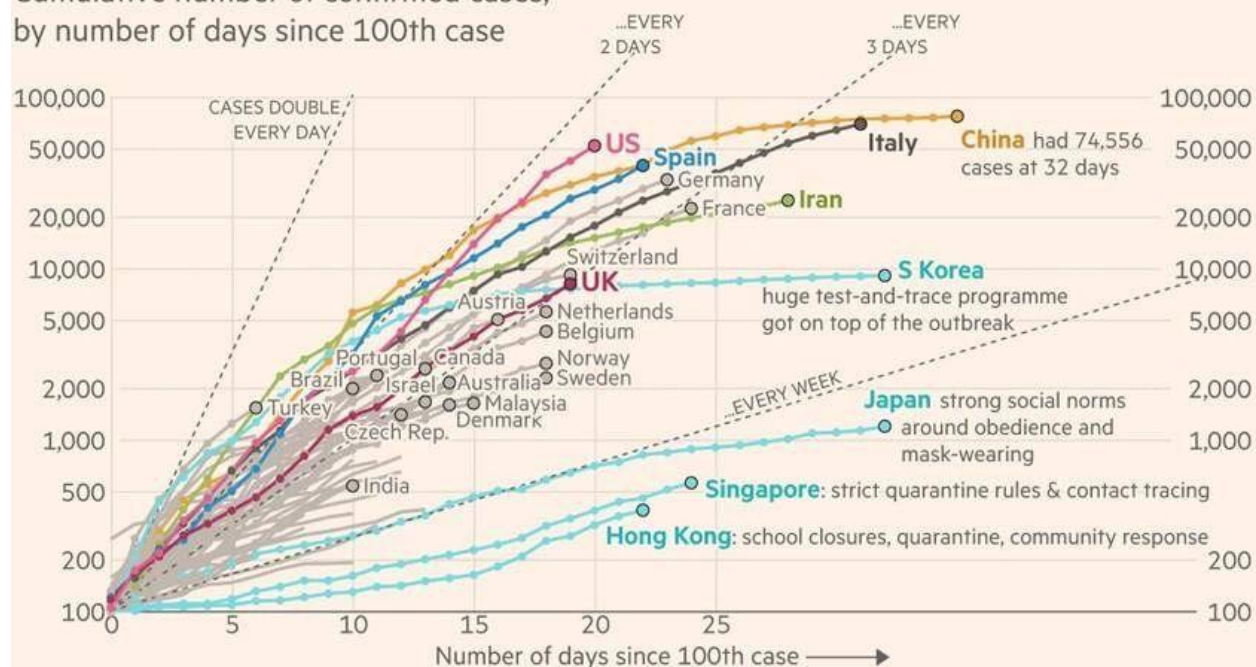
Gratitude and Thanks to all our Medical people and Ring Members in medicine and First Responders risking their lives to help us.

Follow the quarantine social distancing-wash your hands- stop the spread- survive!

We have not turned the corner yet.

Most western countries are on the same coronavirus trajectory. Hong Kong and Singapore have limited the spread; Japan and S Korea have slowed it

Cumulative number of confirmed cases,  
by number of days since 100th case



FT graphic: John Burn-Murdoch / @jburnmurdoch

Source: FT analysis of Johns Hopkins University, CSSE; Worldometers; FT research. Data updated March 24, 19:00 GMT

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Practice safety in using disinfectants! You may be running out of them and tempted to mix remaining supplies.

KNOW your chemistry! If you are home-schooling your children, this is an excellent practical example of learning chemical reactions.





## DO NOT MIX THESE CLEANING PRODUCTS

### BLEACH + VINEGAR

Bleach and vinegar mixture produces chlorine gas, which can cause coughing, breathing problems, burning and watery eyes.



### BLEACH + AMMONIA

Bleach and ammonia produce a toxic gas called chloramine. It causes shortness of breath and chest pain.



### BLEACH + RUBBING ALCOHOL

Bleach and rubbing alcohol makes chloroform, which is highly toxic.



### HYDROGEN PEROXIDE + VINEGAR

This combination makes peracetic/peroxyacetic acid, which can be highly corrosive.



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Do not self-administer anything other than Over-the-Counter medications without the direction of a licensed physician who is trained in pharmacology! (MD or DO)

Even with OTC medications, follow the directions and keep notes of what you took! The foundation of medical treatment is keeping records.

Just because medications sound alike to you, it does not mean they have the same physiological effect.

Biochemistry is something I am familiar with, from graduate studies (UNCC1974).

I had a friend ask me if he could “just take more of my water pill because it is what’s in the miracle drug the President praised?”

**NO!**

These drugs below may sound alike to you, but they have totally different actions.

Hydroxychloroquine increases lysosomal pH ( acid -base balance). In inflammatory conditions, it blocks receptors on plasmacytoid dendritic cells (PDCs). It decreases TLR (toll like receptor) signaling, reduces the activation of dendritic cells and the inflammatory process. TLR recognizes DNA-containing immune complexes and leads to the production of interferon and causes dendritic cells to mature and present antigen to your immune system T cells, therefore reducing the anti-DNA auto-inflammatory process.

This drug may lower inflammation and lower the cytokine storm response in some people. Only a doctor can advise you if it is appropriate for you, the risks and an experimental dosage!

Hydrochlorothiazide is a diuretic (encourages you to pass urine out ). It belongs to the thiazide (means that it contains sulfur) class of diuretics. It reduces blood pressure by acting on your kidneys to reduce sodium (Na<sup>+</sup>) reabsorption in the distal convoluted tubule of the kidney. It works a bit like what happens when you let some air out of your tires. Your tire pressure lowers.

This drug is for a different purpose.

Stay safe!

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A friend of mine was concerned about the oxygen levels in his blood so I was going to recommend a pulse oximeter. A few years back



I bought one for around \$15

**Obviously, with supply and demand market forces, prices are now way up... if you can find one in-stock.**

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**Someone asked me if a CPAP or BiPAP machine could replace a Ventilator.**

**That is a little like asking if a bicycle can replace a bus when you really need the capability of a bus.**

**Please read this: [ethics.va.gov/LST/MechanicalVentilationInformation.pdf](https://ethics.va.gov/LST/MechanicalVentilationInformation.pdf)**

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### **The New Thinking needed in Magic:**

Walk around and close up magic will be radically different following the peak of this pandemic. Even stage magic using audience volunteers will change.

With Covid 19 spectators and volunteers are going to be highly conscious and sensitive about personal hygiene. The new reality is “hands-off magic”.

Saying “all the magic happens in your hands” will no longer be desirable. Sadly, Sponge Ball magic may be a thing of the past, as will be borrowing rings, bills, cell phones or coins, unless they can be soaked in sanitizer, Shoes may be okay with precautions.

You will have to forget people touching cards and coins and maybe even a mentalist will have to forget pencils and paper that are handled by the spectator.

Forget The Classic Force and use the Rifle Force. It is not quite as mysterious but neither is a card deck soaked in hand sanitizer.

You can be fairly certain that noisy kids and spectators will not be rushing the stage to grab your props.

Obviously, things in the mouth will be a no-no. Does anyone want your possible Covid 19 breath coming from a popping balloon? Will they want to handle a balloon that you have touched?

Right now, during this pause in your magic life, you need to rethink what the New Reality of your magic will be.

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**Dennis Deliberations ... Ring # 170, Assembly #99**

**“The Bev Bergeron Ring”**

**March 27, 2020**

**MAGIC *Live!***

### **Update From The Producer:**

**I’m sad to announce that we are cancelling  
this year’s convention.**

**Unfortunately, delays and disruptions to our  
production schedule have created a tipping point  
where we can no longer produce an experience  
at the MAGIC Live caliber.**

**I am sorry that we won’t be able to get together  
this summer, but please mark your calendars for  
August 22–25, 2021.**

**Meanwhile, stay safe,**

*Stan*

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to FISM 2021!**

We regret to inform you **that we must POSTPONE the FISM North American cChampionship of Magic 2020 and the Canadian Championship of Magic 2020** to an undermined date.

***In the meantime please take care of yourself and keep safe.***

Nous avons le regret de vous informer que **nous devons REPORTER a une date ulterieure le Championnat nord-americain de magie FISM 2020 et le Championnat Canadien de Magie 2020.**

***En attendant de vous revoir, sup prenez soin de vous!***



Germany Acts to protect the arts.

## Germany Has Rolled Out a Staggering €50 Billion Aid Package for Artists and Cultural Businesses, Putting Other Countries to Shame

"Artists are not only indispensable, but also vital, especially now," says the country's culture minister.

**Kate Brown**, March 25, 2020



Angela Merkel and Monika Grütters. Photo: Christian Marquardt/Getty Images.

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A retired magician Richard Curren, a father of two, fell ill last week and died just a few days later. He was 77.

He had been living at an assisted living facility in Florida with his wife of more than five decades.

"Richard was ebullient. He was loving," his wife, Sheila Curren, [told CNN affiliate WPLG](#). "What do you say in a moment like that? He was perfect."

Their son, Eric Curren, told CNN that the couple met in Chicago. They raised their family there before retiring to Florida about a decade ago.

Curren had worked in sales until he decided he wanted to be a professional magician, his son said. Sheila was his assistant.

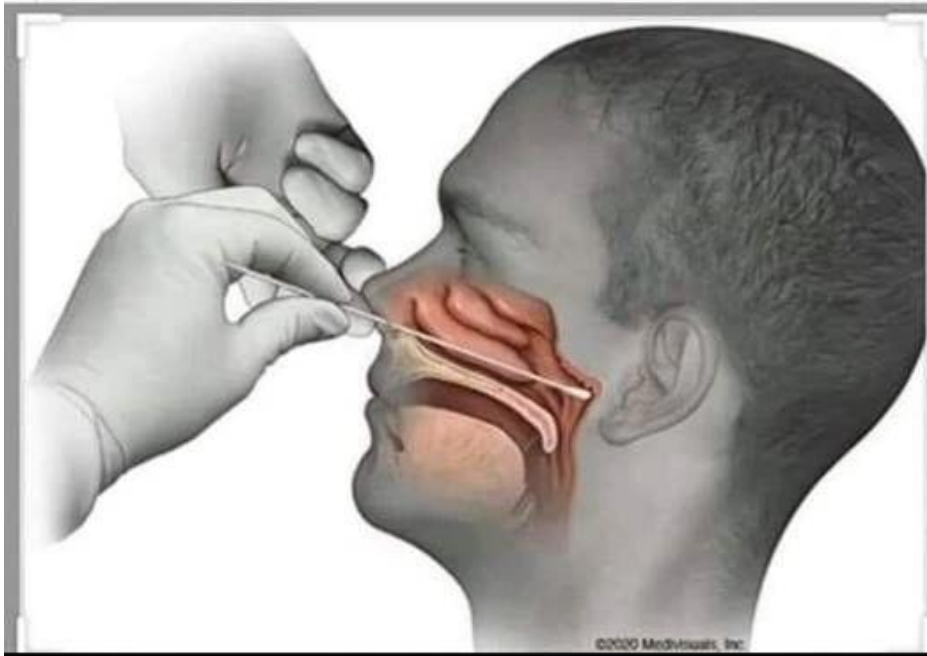
As a magician, Curren loved sharing magic tricks with children.

"No matter how many joint replacement surgeries he endured, he still couldn't resist a chance to get down on the carpet to play with a toddler," his son wrote on Facebook.



## **LIGHTER Covid News....**

Here is the method of obtaining a secretion sample using the new Covid 19 instant test.



This will be easy for those of us who have done the old “Nail in the Blockhead Carnival Stunt!”



Having Carney skills has finally paid off for some of us!

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Via John Cleese

The English are feeling the pinch in relation to recent virus threat and have therefore raised their threat level from "Miffed" to "Peeved." Soon, though, level may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross."

The English have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out.

The virus has been re-categorized from "Tiresome" to "A Bloody Nuisance." The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

The Scots have raised their threat level from "Pissed Off" to "Let's Get the Bastard." They don't have any other levels. This is the reason they have been used on the front line of the British army for the last 300 years.

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## Nation's dogs loving whatever's going on right now



The nation's dogs are absolutely loving whatever's happening that's allowing their most beloved humans to stay at home all the time.

Dogs across the country are full of joy as their families are suddenly spending much more time with them at home.

*'I get very lonely when everyone is gone. I know they'll come back but I miss them a lot. All of a sudden though, my family is here all the time. I don't know what's happening but I'm loving it,'* said Rex Barkshire, a young labrador.

Dogs everywhere are seeing huge increases in indoor playtime, even if their outdoor walks have been curtailed.

*'We don't seem to be going out for walks as much but we're playing a lot of tug rope and catch in the back garden. And I'm getting lots of pets and attention. This is pretty sweet,'* Archie Woofingham III told us.

In related news, cats have never been as ticked off as they are right now

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**Hey Abbott prop fans! Take precautions.**

**Atta-Boy.**



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**NOW....Magic from the Good Times which will historically now be known as “BC” ( Before Corona Virus)**

Recently, the last 5 years, I have been bringing in big prop magic to the ring meetings.

I like to make our “old timers” feel like they just stepped back in time into the Emerald City... a splash of color and spectacle.

We have some young fabulous finger flippers, card and coin savants and , Shim Limers in our group... I love ‘em. They are the face of modern magic.

Only us old timers seem to have had any notion that box, tube and tray magic existed as glorious as it was in the golden days of prop magic.



On left the is the classic Abbotts Super X Suspension

In the middle photo is the cage to Abbotts Dove Catching. The net can be seen resting on the wall. Also against the wall is my home made Dove Frames.



On the right is my “Water from India” running gag props. I made and painted these. The silver bowl is a giant Morrissey Lota Bowl and the receiving vase was made from a heavy plastic patio plant urn. There is a hole in the bottom

and as the water is dumped in periodically, it flows into a plastic tub in the base. The gag ( I saw it first in the Kalanag Show on TV) is that you dump the water out of the bowl and pat it on the bottom a couple of times saying “Water from Injah. Empty!”.

A half dozen times throughout the show, you walk over and do that. Near the end of the show you slowly turn over the gold urn saying , “No more water from Injah. Empty!”

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You too can be a Kreskin and make predictions with accuracy and no chances

Here is an easy to perform mentalism effect. Print and use as an instant prediction:



## YOUR HOROSCOPE THIS WEEK



### ARIES

You'll be spending time in your home



### LIBRA

You'll be spending time in your home



### TAURUS

You'll be spending time in your home



### SCORPIO

You'll be spending time in your home



### GEMINI

You'll be spending time in your home



### SAGITTARIUS

You'll be spending time in your home



### CANCER

You'll be spending time in your home



### CAPRICORN

You'll be spending time in your home



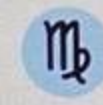
### LEO

You'll be spending time in your home



### AQUARIUS

You'll be spending time in your home



### VIRGO

You'll be spending time in your home



### PISCES

You'll be spending time in your home

It has just been announced:

BBC says that Britain's Prime Minister *Boris Johnson* has the coronavirus. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Excerpt—

*"Isolating the Prime Minister is not difficult, in itself. The Downing Street premises are actually considerably bigger than they look from the outside."*

Well of course! It's a Giant Gozinta Box!

The Secret ? The excerpt continues:

*“Behind that famous door at Number 10 Downing Street lies a warren of rooms that extend sideways into 11 and 12 Downing Street — the three addresses that all survive from a longer terrace constructed at the end of the 17th century — and back into a much larger 18th century building at the rear.” ...Oh, so THAT’S how it’s done!*

And NOW! For your entertainment pleasure!— see this video on YouTube. Yes, I know, veteran magicians might find this guy’s Gozinta Box routine bit boring (it’s in every kid’s magic set, blah blah...) — until they see it’s startling giant sponge-ball surprise climax.

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The Great Stan Kramien

Kramien Magic Show Opening - 1982. Variety Arts Theater - Los Angeles

Video Taped fir an NHK Japanese special.

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Stay Well!

Dennis