#### Tokyo Olympics Choices? --Retirement funds slammed 19% ?? --Barter \$\$\$ --<br><br>

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(Atlanta) - Empty venues and quarantines for athletes could be ahead for the Tokyo Olympics, a leading epidemiologist in the U.S. tells *Around the Rings*. **<br>** 

Speaking in the latest <u>ATRadio podcast</u>, Dr Jeffrey Engel says he believes the Olympics and Paralympics can take place next year -- but that extraordinary steps

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Engel, senior advisor on Covid-19 for the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, a U.S. professional association, spoke with ATR Editor Ed Hula on May 6. <br><br>

He says one way to lower risk to athletes would be

to have them all arrive at the same time and undergo a two-week quarantine together in Japan ahead of the Games. **<br><br>** 

In the absence of a vaccine, Engel says another way to protect athletes would be for competitions to proceed without spectators.

Sports events organizers such as the Olympics and professional leagues such as MLB may have to decide if the event is economically feasible without ticket sales, he says. **<br><br>** 

ATRadio is Around the Rings' market-leading podcast, airing two to three times each week. <br><br>

"These podcasts bring together the leading figures in Olympic and world sport to discuss the complex issues they face." ATR editor Ed Hula says. "In particular, the impact of the coronavirus and the postponement of the Tokyo Olympics have left sport with many critical issues to settle." <br><br>>

More than 3.7 million cases in nearly 200 countries have been recorded since the coronavirus was first reported on December 2019. Worldwide there have been 260,000 deaths and 1.2 million recoveries. <br><br>><br> Friday's ATRadio guest is IIHF Pres. Rene Fasel, speaking with ATR correspondent Brian

Pinelli on the day the ice hockey world championships were supposed to begin in Switzerland. <br><br>

Monday's guest will be Raffaele Chiulli, president of SportAccord, the annual world sport and business summit. Chiulli discusses plans for next year's session in Yekaterinburg, Russia, following the cancellation

#### of the 2020 meeting. <**br><br>**

Other recent guests discussing Tokyo 2020 and the coronavirus have included pole vault legend <u>Sergey Bubka</u>, now president of the Ukraine NOC; <u>Sebastian</u> Coe, head of World Athletics and former chairman of London 2012; Tokyo 2020 spokesman Masa Takaya;

<u>Ursula Papandrea</u>, acting head of the International Weightlifting Federation; U.S. Olympic and Paralympic CEO Sarah Hirshland; Dave Hagerty, president the of International Tennis Kim Federation, and <u>Andersen</u>, president of the World Sailing. <br><br>><br>

Ed Hula is available for interviews. Contact <u>comment@aroundthering</u> <u>s.com</u>, or **text** +1 678 665 6680 (no calls accepted). **<br><br**>

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#### Former New York investigative reporter writes a stunning memoir<br>> <br>>

Eight-time Emmy and Murrow award-winning investigative reporter Matthew Schwartz, who worked on WOR-TV and WWOR-TV, Channel 9 in New York and Secaucus, NJ from 1983-2003, tells stories he couldn't tell on TV in his upcoming memoir, Confessions of an Investigative Reporter, to be released May 26 from Koehler

#### Books. It is now available for pre-orders on Amazon and Barnes & Noble. <br> <br> <br>>

The book details how Schwartz was told to lie on the air after he interviewed the "Son of Sam" serial killer David Berkowitz. Schwartz writes about his experiences with Donald Trump, covering John Gotti, 9/11 and other New York stories. Confessions of an Investigative Reporter takes an unprecedented behind the scenes look at local news in the New York market and others he worked in during his four decades on TV. <br> <br>>

Best-selling New York Times author and former *Today* show national correspondent Bob Dotson calls Confessions of an Investigative Reporter "fascinating" and "incredible." New York and Los Angeles TV news producer Michael Horowicz says it is, "thrilling and

## poignant," adding, "I read it in one sitting"<br>

Confessions of an Investigative Reporter is outrageous, funny, dishy and poignant. It's a no-holds barred look at Schwartz' battles with management, police and politicians. It's not only for news viewers. It's for

#### everyone who cares about their community, corruption and justice. <br>> <br>>

More information, including links, at https://www.matthews chwartzbook.com/<**br**> <**br**>

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#### PORTSMOUTH, VA - April 7, 2020 - (<u>Newswire.com</u>)

During these trying financial times but owners are searching for new income and cost reduction strategies, and are that organized barter exchanges delive **<br> <br> <br>>** 

One-on-one barter has been around for centuries. Organized barter exchanges trading to a more high-tech level with Internet marketplaces and advanced s systems that allow member businesse trade on a third-party basis where the exchange acts as a trade broker for its members. Member businesses receive dollars, (equal to the U.S. dollar in va when they sell their products or service Members who have earned trade dollar sales can use their trade dollars to pur from any member in the exchange.

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"The well-established, IRS approved organized barter industry has hundred trade exchanges across the U.S. and internationally. They are tailor-made l networks that business owners can ins tap into for new barter sales and purcl without having to spend their preciou Trade exchanges are an incredibly hel business tool that virtually every busi should have in its arsenal," says Ron, Whitney, President/CEO of the Intern **Reciprocal Trade Association**, (IRTA), <u>www.irta.com</u>, a 41-year-old

association for the global barter indus **<br/>br> <br/>or** 

IRTA's barter exchange members con twenty countries. All IRTA member b exchanges adhere to a Code of Ethics Conduct that affirms their compliance the best practices in the industry. To f an IRTA barter exchange near you, ac IRTA's member directory

at: https://www.irta.com/member-dire <br>> <br>>

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IRTA's President and CEO, Ron Whitney, talked with preeminent money & banking author, Tom Greco (BeyondMoney.net)

about the evolution of the commercial trade industry, its benefits, challenges and prospects for the future. Listen to the full podcast below, and read the full post from **BeyondMoney.net** 

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### American Retirement Apocalypse Accounts Drop a Whopping 19%! <br> <br> <br>

The U.S. economy has been severely impacted by the coronavirus, and Americans' retirement

#### savings have not been immune. **<br>>** According to a report by Fox Business last week, **Fidelity Investments** released the results of its analysis of retirement savings trends for the first quarter of 2020. The financial services company analyzed more than 30 million 401(k), IRA and 403(b) retirement accounts, according to the report

that concluded the coronavirus-led economic downturn did indeed lead Americans' retirement savings to drop. According to the report, the average 401(k) account balance had \$91,400 during the first quarter, while the average IRA had \$98,900 and the average 403(b) had \$75,700. <br> <br>

#### Helping us sort out this "retirement apocalypse" is economist Jack Hanney

## <br>

For the average 401(k), that was a drop of 19 percent from the record high of \$112,300 last quarter. Meanwhile, the average IRA balance dropped 14 percent from last quarter and the average 403(b) balance dropped by 19 percent from last quarter. **<br>** 

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## Navigating Disruption: Five Hallmarks of Leadership

<br><br><a href="https://imgur.co m/FKKxUNG"><img src="https://i.imgur.co m/FKKxUNG.jpg" title="source: imgur.com" /></a> <br><br>> As businesses navigate extreme disruption, the leader must steer

their organizations through a myriad of immediate challenges. However, a small number of leaders concurrently bring an additive lens to immediate management activity. These

## leaders distinguish themselves in five ways. <br>

1. They pay attention to their own internal state and how it influences their behavior. They are therefore able

to **respond** rathe r than merely react in times of challenge. <br> 2. They observe how others are working together and they influence them to collaborate a

nd galvanize around a common purpose. <br> 3. They keep an eye on the **bigger** picture whilst managing the immediate crisis. <br>

4. They invest in building their own and others' energy, setting their teams up succeed in the **marathon** ra ther than the sprint. <br> 5. They eliminate what is of limited

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seldom can sustain efforts like that even during normal times. In times of crisis or disruption, it is even more of a challenge. So how can we avoid the decline of D&I efforts during times of crisis and dislocation? Here are some ideas that may help. **<br>> <br>>** Upgrade or Reboot <**br**>If your D&I efforts were adding tangible

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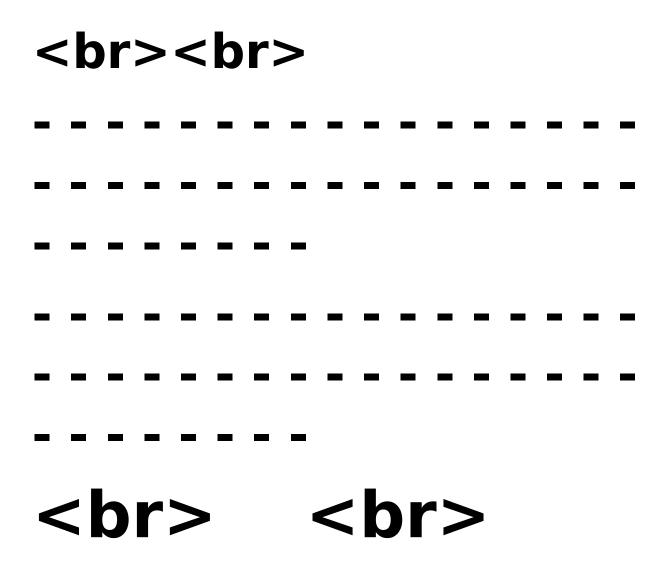
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