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## PARK CLOSURE

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE L.A. COUNTY SAFER AT HOME ORDER FOR CONTROL OF COVID-19

City parks, picnic areas, and pavilions will be closed on Easter Sunday

The following facilities are closed and will remain closed during and after Easter

- PLAYGROUNDS
- VOLLEYBALL COURTS
- TENNIS COURTS
- NATURE TRAILS
- BASKETBALL COURTS
- DOG PARKS

Please continue to check the City's website and social media for updates as the situation changes. Thank you all for your cooperation.

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Needed are material, elastic, if you know how to sew, your talent, etc.

Contact Carol Canterbury at [carolcanterbury@hotmail.com](mailto:carolcanterbury@hotmail.com)



## STAY AT HOME ORDER EXTENDED UNTIL MAY 15

Los Angeles County has extended its "safer at home" order to May 15, as public health officials expressed optimism that the order has helped slow the spread of the coronavirus.

The order bans public gatherings, and has forced the closure of beaches, hiking trails, parks, and non-essential businesses. Barbara Ferrer, the county's public health director, said at a press conference on Friday afternoon that the order has helped "flatten the curve" of the pandemic.

"We know it's effective, but we still have a ways to go to in order to both protect the lives of the people in our county and make sure the health care system remains fully able to service all who need their care," Ferrer said. "I'm as sad as you are to not that this is not the time to lift."

"Essential" businesses are now required to provide employees who work in proximity to others with a cloth face covering. They have also been ordered to post plans that explain how physical distancing and cleaning requirements are being adhered to.

County officials first issued the stay-home order on March 19, and initially said it would expire on April 19. California Gov. Gavin Newsom issued a similar order on the same day, and said it would remain in place until further notice.

Ferrer also reported on Friday that 18 more people have died in the county of COVID-19, bringing the countywide total to 241. The county has recorded 8,430 positive tests. Of those, 1,062 cases are among staff and residents of institutional facilities, including nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities, shelters, and jails.

## Celebrate together, separately

### SAFE TO DO

- CELEBRATING WITHIN YOUR HOME ONLY WITH THOSE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD
- EASTER EGG HUNTING WITHIN YOUR HOME WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD ONLY
- FACETIME OR VIDEO CALLING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

### PROHIBITED

- GROUP GATHERINGS OF ANY SIZE ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY
- INVITING FAMILY AND FRIENDS OVER WHO DO NOT LIVE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD
- NONESSENTIAL TRAVEL AND TRAVELING TO ANOTHER HOUSEHOLD TO CELEBRATE

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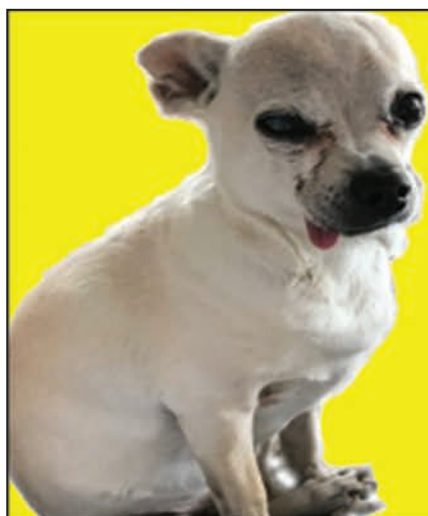
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## PARK AREA CLOSURES

### PARK AREA CLOSURES INCLUDE:

- PLAYGROUNDS
- VOLLEYBALL COURTS
- TENNIS COURTS
- NATURE TRAILS
- BASKETBALL COURTS
- DOG PARKS

Please remember to use social distancing and remain **six feet** away from others.

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## WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis



Easter is tomorrow! A time of celebration that has a lot to do with bunnies; chocolate ones – yes, most of us eat the ears first. The stores have some Peeps candies, now in all sorts of flavors and I've been trying to find a Cadbury caramel egg with no success at all. This year we won't be seeing any hunts in various parks for tie-dyed eggs and, sadly, you're not going to get invited anywhere good for lunch. Easter might have had something to do with new outfits, but extensive biblical research has not proven that, one way or the other and you won't be out shopping for those anyway. What Easter is really about is the fact that the stone was rolled away and there was an empty tomb. As the angel said, "He is not here, He is risen!" An amazing concept upon which many of us base our lives. You will be live-streaming your Easter service, but it might be the most meaningful Easter of your life as our world is a very different place this year. I hope this poem helps you to see that first Easter through the eyes of Jesus' friends. Their world had changed completely, too.

Before Dawn.... Easter Sunday

The sky was gray,  
The world was hushed,  
Before dawn... Sunday.

The women walked  
Toward a tomb,  
Jars of spices in their hands,  
To tend the One,  
The One Who died,  
Crucified that Friday.

The women walked,  
Toward the tomb,  
Mary Magdalene and another.  
They walked, and wondered,  
Wondered who would roll away the stone.

The sky was gray,  
The world was hushed,  
Before dawn, Sunday.

They stopped to rest,  
Await the day,  
Sad eyes filled with tears,  
Sorrow for the One,  
Who died,  
Crucified that Friday.

Another dawn,  
Another day,  
What did it matter, anyway?  
The One who loved her as she was,  
Who changed her life, was gone.

She raised her eyes to see the sky,  
Streaks of pink and gold.  
And then they saw,  
The guards were gone,  
The stone was rolled away!

The grief she'd felt since Friday,  
Like the stone, was rolled away!  
She grabbed that jar of spices,  
And running like a child,  
Climbed the hill,  
To tend her Lord before dawn, Sunday.

They looked inside that borrowed tomb,  
Petrified with fright,  
An angel sat there on the stone,  
Clothed in brilliant white.  
"I know the one you seek," he said,  
"Jesus, crucified."

"He is not here, he's risen!  
He's risen, as he said  
He's risen! He's risen!  
He's risen, as he said!"

"Now go! And tell the others,  
He's risen, as he said!  
Look not for the living,  
Here among the dead!  
He is not here, he's risen!  
He's risen, as he said!"

And joy broke free...  
Before dawn,  
That first Easter Sunday.

May this Easter bring Jesus closer to you than ever before. Many thanks to Susan Blakeslee for the Easter lilies she puts out each year.

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## Safer at Home You Can You Can't

Go to the grocery store and order food delivery

Get medication or supplies

Go to the bank or post office

Call a plumber, electrician, or exterminator

Go to the gas station or auto repair shop

Ride public transit, walk, bike, and drive

**\*\*Always practice social distancing and wash your hands**

Host a gathering larger than 10 people

Hoard supplies or overbuy

Go to a bar or club, except to take food to go

Go to a gym, theater, bowling alley, arcade, or music venue

Dine in at a restaurant

Go to a playground

Go to a nonessential retail store or mall

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Wed:	Ptly Cldy	Hi 60s	Lows 40s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 60s	Lows 40s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 60s	Lows 40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

**SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS**

**CITY COUNCIL**  
February 25th, 2020 at 6:30PM  
March 10th, 2020 at 6:30PM

**Planning Commission**  
March 5th, 2020 at 7:00PM

**Community Commission**  
February 17th, 2020 *Cancelled*

**Community Services**  
February 24th, 2020 at 6:30PM

**Senior Community Commission**  
March 5th, 2020 at 6:30PM

**CANCELLED**

## THE SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY BEGINS NEW CHECK-OUT SYSTEM IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 CLOSURE.

In an effort to continue supporting our patrons during this difficult time, the Sierra Madre Public Library will offer a single, over the phone check-out per patron. To the extent to which we can, a Library Staff Member will take patron requests for materials over the phone, and materials will be checked out to the member's card and prepared for pick up. Upon arriving at the Library, patrons will call from a designated waiting area outside of the building, and a staff member will check their identification and transfer materials to them, in keeping with social distancing standards.

We at the Sierra Madre Public Library believe that everyone has the right to access materials and information; however, this opportunity will be revoked out of a greater concern for the Sierra Madre Community and City Staff, should the need arise.

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Any local non-profit or non-commercial organization can have their event information broadcast to the public on Sierra Madre Community Information Radio. The station covers the city of Sierra Madre, plus surrounding areas of Pasadena, Arcadia, and Monrovia.

Your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
- Be open to the public
- Be of general interest to local citizens

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# Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

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## Pasadena COVID-19 Death Toll Climbs to 7

*City Officials Close all parks today and Easter.*

The City of Pasadena Public Health Department, (PPHD) said, as of Friday, seven people have died from novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and additional cases have been reported bringing the total number of confirmed cases in the city to 117. They said due to patient confidentiality, no other information on each case is given.

Officials also said, any close contacts of the infected persons are monitored for signs and symptoms of illness and quarantined.

The Safer at Home Order issued by the city to slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect the Pasadena community, as of now, has no end date. All parks will be closed over the weekend.

Pasadena Public Information Officer Lisa Derderian said they wanted to avoid any holiday services or gathering in the parks, to be consistent with other local nearby communities. South Pasadena also announced the closing of all parks there. Derderian said this includes dog parks. "They will re-open on Monday," she said. "Dog parks are closed until further notice."

Derderian also said that all of decedents were in long-term care facilities (residents or employees).

For the latest on COVID-19, visit: cdc.gov.

## Altadena Reminders for the Holiday Weekend

As we approach Passover and Easter, Los Angeles County continues to remind all residents that the Health Officer's Safer at Home order remains in full effect.

This week is Holy Week, and it is a time when many want to be with their family and faith communities. Dr. Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Los Angeles County Public Health, applauded the faith-based organizations that are finding ways to reach out to people online through virtual services and the people who are finding ways to practice their faith together -- from afar. She asked that any planned gatherings in person, as well as in cars, be canceled and sent a reminder that the order prohibits such physical gatherings.

Stay home (stay unexposed and do not expose others) Only go out for essential services or if they are an essential worker Stay six feet or more away from others Not gather in groups of any size

Though the need to connect with friends and family is strong, group meals and social gatherings make social distancing difficult, and therefore, put everyone at risk. Face-to-face interactions with individuals from other households are prohibited under the Safer at Home order.

## Fire and Police Honor Healthcare Workers



*Huntington Hospital to use Pasadena Convention Center as Temporary Medical Facility*

By Dean Lee

Pasadena police and fire personnel lined the front of Huntington Hospital Thursday afternoon, with lights and sirens, to show appreciation to the healthcare workers throughout the hospital.

Healthcare workers from inside the emergency room met the procession waving and taking pictures, as they wore masks, (pictured bottom right). Some held signs showing support back. Some firefighters stood atop their trucks waving. The above picture (top) was taken and given to this newspaper by fire department personnel from their point of view.

**In Related News: City Council Approves Convention Center as Temporary Medical Facility**

The Pasadena city council approved unanimously Monday an agreement to establish a temporary medical facility at the Pasadena Convention Center for a three month period, supplying an initial 250 beds.

The \$700,000 contract with Redrock Entertainment Services, would cover labor, materials and supplies. The center, as a medical facility, would be staffed by Huntington Hospital employees to care for COVID-19 patients, requiring

less medical attention.

Huntington Hospital Chief Executive Officer Lori Morgan told the council they could need as many as 400 beds. City Manager Steve Mermell said they had the funding if more beds are needed. Mermell called the agreement an insurance policy saying they hoped on not needing to use it. He said staff would seek reimbursement from FEMA.

The Convention Center has 97,000 square feet of flexible space that can be configured as needed, a subterranean loading dock, full food service and is approximately one mile from Huntington Hospital according to Mermell.

Pasadena Public Information Officer Lisa Derderian said the Convention Center should be ready by Wednesday.

Redrock Entertainment was chosen for having extensive experience staging thousands of concerts, festivals and large-scale events.

At press time Derderian released a list of long-term care facilities with one or more

confirmed COVID-19 Case(s) including, Brighton Care Center, Camellia Gardens, Fair Oaks by Regency Park, Garfield Care Center, Golden Cross Healthcare, Huntington Post Acute (Pasadena Meadows) Jasmine Terrace, Rose Garden and St. Vincent Health Care.

She said the Convention Center would only be used for anyone with COVID-19 and not any displaced seniors from care facilities that have not tested positive for COVID-19.

## Chamber Organizes Donation Campaign

To provide some help and assistance to those facing the Coronavirus, the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce is raising money through its Foundation to purchase meals from local restaurants for delivery to our emergency room personnel as well as first responders and urgent care center staff. The Food for First Responders effort will deliver fresh food from local restaurants to emergency rooms, urgent care centers and first responders in our local community.

Pasadena Chamber CEO Paul Little said "It is important for us to let the Emergency Room personnel and everyone who is dealing first-hand with the COVID-19 pandemic understand how much we appreciate them. We are doing this small thing to help them continue with their work."

To donate visit: [pasadenayouthworks.org/node25](https://pasadenayouthworks.org/node25) or visit: [pasadenayouthworks.org](https://pasadenayouthworks.org) and click on the pull down to donate to support Food for First Responders then click on the link to donate. We encourage people to donate as much or as little as they can afford.

Donations are tax deductible and will help support those who are keeping us safe and healthy during the crisis.

The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce will continue this effort until the COVID-19 Coronavirus Safer at Home orders are lifted.

## Tournament of Roses Set to Host Rosebud Parade

*First-ever virtual parade, featuring floats homemade by you.*

The public is invited to join the Tournament of Roses as they host our first-ever virtual parade, featuring floats homemade by parade enthusiasts.

"We're excited to see what those creative, young minds can build," While our staff and volunteer members are diligently working on the 2021 Rose Parade presented by Honda, we thought we'd have a little celebration along the way."

How to participate: Imagine - What your float could be about or look like? Gather - materials from around your house - recycled newspaper, construction paper, leaves from your yard - whatever can help bring your vision to life. (Even some of your dolls or action figures) Build your float - anyone in your home can help. Record a video of your float - show us what you've got, either in motion or standing still. We want to see it all and the special parts up close. Also, tell us a little about your float - the theme, what inspired it, what you used to make it and anything else you want to highlight!

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[tournamentofroses.com](https://tournamentofroses.com) by Monday, May 11.

Tune in - we'll compile the videos and premiere them via Facebook Live on May 28.

For complete guidelines, please visit: [tournamentofroses.com/events/rosebudparade](https://tournamentofroses.com/events/rosebudparade).

The Tournament of Roses is a volunteer organization that hosts America's New Year Celebration with the Rose Parade presented by Honda, the Rose Bowl Game and a variety of accompanying events. 935 volunteer members of the association will drive the success of 132nd Rose Parade themed "Dream. Believe. Achieve.," on Friday, January 1, 2021, followed by the College Football Playoff Semifinal at the 107th Rose Bowl Game. For more information, visit: [tournamentofroses.com](https://tournamentofroses.com). Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

## Council Approves Stimulus to Support Utility Customers

The Pasadena City Council approved a plan, Monday, to issue rebate checks to all Pasadena electric customers—both residents and businesses—in the coming weeks.

According to a press statement, at the meeting, councilmembers approved suspension of the collection of the Utility Underground Surtax (UUG) for a period of six months, and approved a proposal to refund all electric customers an amount equal to the UUG Surtax for a two-year period from April 2018 through March for this year. Former customers having paid the surtax during this period would also be eligible for rebates. The total estimated value of the rebates exceeds \$11 million.

"These efforts are some of the many ways in which the City is working to minimize the financial burden to the Pasadena community during the novel coronavirus outbreak. Providing direct rebates will be the fastest way to ensure that every electric customer receives some financial relief," said City Manager Steve Mermell.

All current residential and commercial electric customers

can expect to receive a rebate check for the UUG Surtax within four to five weeks. Those who were Pasadena electric customers in the past two years but who no longer have an account will receive information on how to apply for their refund if their new address is known.

To further provide financial relief, councilmembers also approved a proposal to temporarily stop collection of the UUG Surtax for six months, resulting in about a 4percent lower utility bill for most electric customers.

Financial efforts began in March to provide relief from COVID-19 when City Council took action to suspend the accrual of any Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) late fees and penalties on delinquent utility bills until further notice. Additionally, any PWP customer in delinquent status would not experience shutoff to their water or electric service until further notice according to city officials.

For information on additional benefits PWP offers to low-income customers and those who rely on medical devices, visit: [PWPweb.com/COVID19](https://PWPweb.com/COVID19).

## Portantino and PTA to Host Virtual Family Health Forum

Senator Anthony Portantino and First District PTA are again partnering for an important public health discussion. This morning from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Portantino and the PTA will be joined by four family therapists for a virtual Family Health Forum. The forum will provide strategies for families abiding by social distancing recommendations to better cope with the effects of COVID-19.

"I always approach my job from the perspective of being a dad. Families are coping with this unprecedented situation remarkably well. But, we have also seen a rise in tensions, calls to hotlines, and struggles to maintain appropriate academic and social balances and health. It's my hope that by having experts on the line answering your questions we can all work together to get through this crisis," commented Senator Portantino.

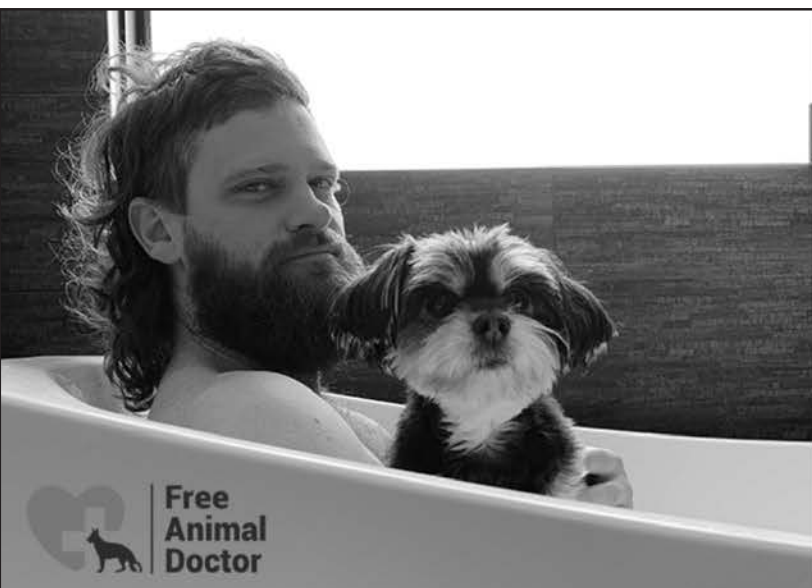
Every family faces both unique and common challenges during this unprecedented situation necessitating a calm, strong, and effective response to allow

kids to continue to thrive in their home life and education. The event will include Senator Portantino, the First District PTA, local non-profits, and Marriage & Family Therapists answering questions and discussing how best to respond to this crisis.

"It's consistent with our PTA mission to look out for the welfare of our entire school family community. We are thankful for the Senator for initiating this Family Health Forum and we hope many parents, teachers, students and administrators can tune in," added Diane Hyland, President First District PTA.

Panel Participants include, First District PTA, Senator Anthony Portantino, Lara Mekhitarian, LMFT, Anna Marie Rossi, MA - LMFT, Nora Chitilian - LMFT, Typical & Special Needs Children and George Holbrook, LMFT, Clinical Director - Family Service Agency

Two ways to participate: Call: (844) 721-7241; Access Code: 4471730 or Live Stream: [sd25.senate.ca.gov](https://sd25.senate.ca.gov). Participants are encouraged



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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, through Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, the Police Department responded to 822 calls for service, of which 43 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

- Sunday, March 29:
1. Shortly before 11:34 a.m., an officer took a telephonic report of a package theft that occurred in the 1600 block of Highland Oaks Drive. Surveillance footage revealed the suspect stole the victim's packages. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, between the ages of 20 and 30-years-old, 6' tall, 170 pounds, with brown hair, and he was wearing a green jacket with blue jeans. The investigation is ongoing.
  2. At approximately 8:07 p.m., an officer took a telephonic report of a fraud incident that occurred in the 1000 block of West Huntington Drive. One roommate discovered the other roommate had accessed his checking account and completed unauthorized transactions without the victim's knowledge or permission. The suspect is a 46-year-old female from Arcadia. The investigation is ongoing.

- Monday, March 30:
3. Just after 10:22 a.m., an officer responded to the front counter of the Arcadia Police Department regarding a commercial burglary that occurred at Foothills Middle School, located at 171 East Sycamore Avenue. The reporting party determined an unknown suspect smashed a kitchen window. There was no loss to report. The investigation is ongoing.
  4. At approximately 3:10 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a fraud incident that occurred in the 600 block of West Naomi Avenue. The officer discovered an unknown suspect pried open a community mail box and fled with an unknown amount of mail. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

- Tuesday, March 31:
5. Just before 6:39 p.m., an officer took a report of a theft from vehicle that occurred in the 1100 block of West Huntington Drive. Sometime between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on March 31<sup>st</sup>, an unknown suspect stole the rear mounted tire from the victim's vehicle. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

- Wednesday, April 1:
6. Around 8:58 a.m., an officer took a telephonic report of a commercial burglary that occurred at Sun General Construction, located at 11700 Goldring Drive. Sometime during the previous night, unknown suspect(s) accessed the roof of the building and fled with stolen skylights. The investigation is ongoing.

7. Shortly after 8:31 p.m., an officer took a telephonic report of a package theft that occurred in the 2000 block of Elkins Place. The victim discovered the suspect stole two credit cards from his incoming mail, activated the cards, and made fraudulent purchases. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

- Thursday, April 2:
8. Before 8:54 a.m., an officer took a report of a vehicle that had been stolen from the 100 block of El Dorado Street. Sometime during the previous night, the victim's vehicle was stolen but the victim located the van a short time later at the intersection of Diamond Street and First Avenue. The investigation is ongoing.
  9. Around 2:20 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of Stanford Drive regarding a burglary report.

The officer discovered the suspects entered by smashing a rear window, then, once inside, they ransacked the home and fled with an unknown amount of property. The investigation is ongoing.

10. At 5:13 p.m., an officer took a telephonic report of a grand theft that occurred in the 00 block of Fano Street. The victim reported two of his tires had been stolen from his vehicle sometime between 4:30 p.m. and 5:13 p.m. on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

- Friday, April 3:
11. At about 7:26 a.m., an officer took a report of a theft from vehicle that occurred in the 500 block of Valido Road. The officer discovered the unknown suspect stole the victim's property from her unsecured vehicle. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.
  12. Shortly after 10:59 a.m., an officer took a report of mail theft that occurred in the 300 block of Diamond Street. The officer determined an unknown suspect damaged the victim's mail box in an effort to steal her mail. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.
  13. Just before 2:19 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 800 block of Fallen Leaf Road regarding a burglary report. Surveillance footage revealed a lone male suspect entered the home on two separate occasions. No loss was reported. The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 18 to 25-years-old, with a slim build and light colored hair. The investigation is ongoing.

- Saturday, April 4:
14. At approximately 2:03 p.m., an officer took a telephonic report of a theft that occurred at Albertsons, located at 298 East Live Oak Avenue. Surveillance footage revealed a female suspect stole the victim's wallet from her purse while she was shopping, then proceeded to make fraudulent purchases with the victim's credit cards. The suspect is described as a white or Hispanic female, 23 to 27-years-old, approximately 5'9" tall, and 150 to 165 pounds. The investigation is ongoing.



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ARCADIA ISSUES NEW PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Excerpt below)  
Effective 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2020, and continuing through the state of emergency and local emergenc

1. Essential businesses within the City that provide sales of retail goods and/or food and/or banking services -including without limitation, grocery stores, pharmacies, home improvement stores, gas station convenience stores, restaurants providing take-out or delivery services, banks, savings and loans, and credit unions -that remain in operation during the term of this Order ("Covered Businesses") shall cause their employees to wear face coverings, such as scarves (dense fabric, without holes), bandanas, neck gaiter, or other fabric face coverings. All persons, including Essential Workers are discouraged from using medical grade personal protective equipment, such as N95 masks, for non-medical reasons. Face coverings should be washed frequently, ideally after each use, or at least daily.
2. Covered Businesses shall, and shall cause their employees to, follow the Social Distancing and Infection Control Guidelines published by the CDC and CDPH. All essential businesses must identify and cause all required measures to be implemented as necessary to ensure social distancing and sanitation at that particular facility. If the measures identified and implemented are not effective in maintaining proper social distancing and sanitation, additional measures shall be identified and implemented or the facility shall be closed.....

Violations

.....10. Violation of this Order is a crime and may also be pursued as an infraction, or a misdemeanor, in the City's sole and absolute discretion. (Penal Code section 19; Government Code sections 8665, Arcadia Municipal Code Sections 1200 and 2215.)

11. Violation of this Order is a violation of the Arcadia Municipal Code. This Order may be enforced through any means available under the laws of the State or the Arcadia Municipal Code, including but not limited to the issuance of administrative citations and remedies pursuant to chapter 4 of the Municipal Code and/or suspension or revocation of a business license pursuant to section 6216. 7 of the Municipal Code. A violation of this Order shall be grounds for suspension or revocation pursuant to section 6216. 7(3) as a violation of a law or ordinance applicable to the premises and pursuant to section 6216.7(4) as conduct detrimental to the public welfare.

To view full proclamation

Copies of this Order shall be broadly publicized, including but not limited to being promptly: (1) made available at the City of Arcadia City Hall located at 240 West Huntington Drive, Arcadia, CA 91007; (2) posted on the City of Arcadia's website (www.arcadiaca.gov); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

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Pasadena Senior Center is Asking for Donations

Coronavirus Crisis Impacts Pasadena Senior Center's Ability to Provide Vital Services

Vital programs and services at the Pasadena Senior Center that serve basic daily needs for older adults are being impacted by the COVID-19 issue.

Those who rely on the center for critical services such as daily hot lunches available to members, the food distribution program for low-income members and non-members who need essential food at home, the telephone reassurance program that helps homebound older adults combat isolation and loneliness and stay connected to the center and other vital programs consider the center a lifeline that benefits their mental, emotional and physical health.

"Without the financial help of the Pasadena community, we may have to cut these and other services that are critical to thousands of vulnerable people at a time when they need our help the most," said Akila Gibbs, executive director of the Pasadena Senior Center. "I am appealing to the Pasadena community to help us get through this precarious time, which may last many months."

The center's revenue stream and investment fund, which Gibbs and other key staff rely on to operate the center and provide critical services,

have diminished drastically because of the COVID-19 issue. Entry fees for the Pasadena Senior Games are being refunded to the more than 1,500 registrants, and facility rentals for weddings, conferences and other special third-party events have been canceled for the foreseeable future. Fee-based spring classes cannot be offered, and digital alternatives are being explored.

"It is likely we will be in the same position this coming autumn," Gibbs added. "This crisis is forcing me to make decisions I never imagined I would have to face - decisions that will impact the lives of thousands older adults throughout the greater Pasadena area."

An additional \$2 million is needed to cover COVID-19-related losses this fiscal year if the Pasadena Senior Center is going to get through the crisis with the resources necessary to continue providing services and programs. The center is one of only a few 501(c)(3) nonprofit senior centers in the U.S. and the only one in the greater San Gabriel Valley that offers such a breadth of services. No funding is received from any government agency. If the center is forced to close, there will be no other organization to fill the void.

To donate, visit: pasadenaseniorcenter.org and click on the Donate button. Call 626-685-6756 for more information.

Local Library Updates

Altadena Library District: Altadena Library District buildings remain closed. The Friends of the Altadena Library have canceled their monthly meetings until further notice and ask that the public do NOT drop off donations during the building closures.

Due dates for borrowed materials will be automatically extended until June 1, and no late fines will be assessed. While libraries are closed, we ask that you please NOT return your materials. Book returns have been locked. Find details about

Altadena Library District's services during closure at: altadenalibrary.org.

Pasadena Public Library: Central Library and all nine (9) branch libraries will be closing effective Tuesday, March 17 and until further notice.

Due dates for borrowed materials will be automatically extended until June 1, and no late fines will be assessed. While libraries are closed, we ask that you please NOT return your materials. Find details about Pasadena Public Library's closure at: cityofpasadena.net/library.

An Important Message From Pasadena Heritage

As our guests and supporters, your health and well-being are our top priorities. We want to let you know that Pasadena Heritage is closely monitoring the developments of the rapidly changing coronavirus (COVID-19) situation.

In keeping with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention(CDC) and the Local Health Department guidelines, we are implementing policies around events that are aimed at inhibiting the spread of the virus.

As of now our March events, including our Spring Home Tour, have been postponed. We hope to announce new dates in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your patience with this situation. If you are already registered for events in March you will receive a separate email through Eventbrite regarding your ticket purchase.

SOUH PASADENA CITY MEETINGS

Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday April 15

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## SCHIFF PRESSES CALIFORNIA LABOR AGENCY TO OPEN APPLICATION FOR PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

*New Program Extends Unemployment Compensation to Freelance, Contract and Gig Workers;*

*Benefits Retroactive to February*

Washington D.C. – Today, Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) sent a letter to California Labor Secretary Julie A. Su urging the Employment Development Department (EDD) to prioritize making the application for the new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program publicly available as soon as possible. This federally funded program provides compensation to unemployed workers who are not eligible for regular state benefits—including self-employed, freelance, gig, and contract workers—but EDD has not begun accepting PUA claims.

“I represent thousands of independent, freelance, contract, and gig workers—including many in the entertainment industry—who often do not fully qualify for standard unemployment benefits,” Schiff wrote in the letter. “The CARES Act, which was signed into law two weeks ago, dramatically expands unemployment coverage, and I led an effort in the House to extend this coverage to nontraditional and independent workers. As states are now working to implement these expanded federal benefits, I am hearing from many of my newly eligible constituents who are concerned because they are not yet able to apply and who are increasingly worried as their financial responsibilities continue to mount without anticipated income.”

Governor Newsom recently announced that workers who qualify for regular state benefits will receive the \$600 CARES Act Pandemic Additional Compensation (PAC) payments beginning this Sunday. However, because the application for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance is not yet available, thousands of self-employed, freelance, gig, and contract workers newly eligible for federally funded PUA payments under the CARES Act have not yet been able to apply.

“I recognize the extraordinary volume of claims that the EDD is now facing, and I am confident that you and your staff are working with all possible speed to process claims quickly, including those who the CARES Act made newly eligible for benefits,” Schiff’s letter continued.

Schiff also requested that the EDD update its coronavirus webpage daily so that workers awaiting new benefits know they are accessing up-to-date information. In addition, Schiff asked EDD to consider letting these workers create accounts and indicate their intent to apply so they can be notified as soon as the application is available. In doing so, EDD could ensure workers are fully informed and understand that benefits are available retroactively to February 2, 2020 for work impacted by the pandemic, and they will not miss out on assistance due to delays in processing.

The State of California has processed 2.3 million unemployment insurance claims in the past four weeks. Applications for the most recent week were up 2400% over 2019.

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### Your census responses are safe and secure.

The Census Bureau is required by law to protect any personal information we collect and keep it strictly confidential. The Census Bureau can only use your answers to produce statistics. In fact, every Census Bureau employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life. Your answers cannot be used for law enforcement purposes or to determine your personal eligibility for government benefits.

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Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about individuals, households, or businesses, even to law enforcement agencies.

The law states that the information collected may only be used for statistical purposes and no other purpose.

To support historical research, Title 44 of the U.S. Code allows the National Archives and Records Administration to release census records only after 72 years.

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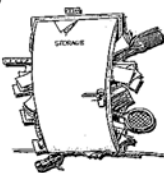
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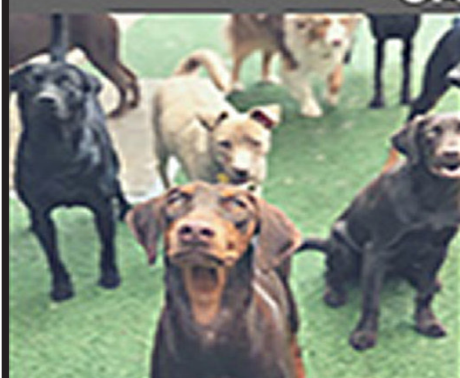
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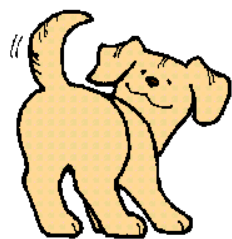
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## Happy Tails

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### A FEW FUN FACTS ABOUT OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS

Just when I think I've heard it all regarding the non-human creatures we share this planet with, I come across yet another interesting fact about how animals survive or why they behave the way they do. This is when I am, yet again reminded of how little I actually know. Few things stimulate my mind as much as learning the how's and why's pertaining to our fellow life forms, and this week I thought I'd share a few fun animal facts that I hope you will find stimulating as well.

For example, did you know that penguins use their feces to create cozy coves in which to breed their young? That's right, when the time comes to lay their eggs, they gather closely together and intentionally deposit their poop within the proximity of their partners in order to melt the ice, so their eggs and subsequent hatchlings will have a nice warm spot to hatch and mature in. Talk about recycling, penguins put us humans to shame in their practice of the adage, "Waste not, want not"!

Another interesting tidbit that I had never before been privy to is one that the average adult male human will likely appreciate. We all know that snakes are, by nature, active breeders. But did you know that male snakes spend mega calories just doing "the deed"? The fact is, every spring, red-sided garter snakes leave their hibernation burrows to engage in a frenzied jumble of mating, and studies show that this is no easy feat for the males. Indeed, this particular type of male snake spends up to a whopping 18% of his daily energy to ensure his personal mating success.

Male red-sided garter snakes use all that energy to create gelatinous copulatory plugs that they put on the female after they mate, to trap the sperm inside and prevent other males from penetrating and interrupting the process of their own sperm's procreation. Unlike many couples these days, who question paternal identity after the birth of a baby, red-sided garter snakes apparently don't have to worry about taking a DNA test to know "who's the daddy" when their hatchlings arrive!

And here's a fun fact about bats that I thought was pretty amazing; It's no news to most of us that bats are excellent flutterers, hoverers and dive-bombers. This is quite obvious to anyone who has observed them flitting about in the local skies. Scientists have long known that bats owe most of their incredible aerial agility to echolocation. However, recent research results attribute the bat's remarkable navigation skills not only to its brain's ability to sense space through echolocation, but also to sensors instilled in the bat's wings themselves.

In a relatively recent issue of the journal, Cell Reports, bat wings are described as sporting a unique touch-receptor design. The design consists of tiny sensory cells associated with fine hairs that enable the animal to change the shape of its wings in a split second, granting them impressive midair maneuverability that modern-day man-made drones would die for, if indeed they were alive to die. Oh the wonders of nature!

Here's one more new-found fact that doesn't exactly fit into the category of fun, but it is interesting, and could help save a senior feline's life. The United Kingdom-based charity, International Cat Care recently reached out to veterinary specialists after receiving surprising complaints from cat owners that their feline friends were apparently having seizures in response to high-pitched sounds.

A scientific survey of the cats' owners revealed that the sound-induced seizures were more common in older cats, and the most common triggers were crinkling tinfoil, hitting a ceramic bowl with a metal spoon and tapping glass. For all you cat owners out there this may or may not be a prevalent problem, but it certainly can't hurt to be cautious and aware.

In my constant quest to learn more about animal behavior and nature's wonders, I am amazed on a daily basis and I hope you are equally impressed with these off-the-beaten-trail fun facts about our fellow beings. Take the time to enjoy nature and the wildlife it inhabits. Although we must all comply with the "safe-at-home" mandates for the time being, do try to spend a little time outside each day, taking a stroll around the block or sitting quietly, simply absorbing the peaceful sanctuary of nature and its ways. Stay safe everyone. Keep a respectful distance. Love and let live.

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### A WORD FROM THE PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY

Dear Friends,

With the developing news regarding coronavirus COVID-19, I wanted to take a moment to share how Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA is addressing the concern at our shelter, as well as our community programming and events.

We are taking all the necessary steps to protect the health and well-being of the animals in our care, our staff and the community we serve by modifying our services. At this time, our Adoptions Center will be closed to the public - but if you are interested in adopting a pet you have seen on our website, we will be open by appointment only during our normal business hours.

We have also temporarily suspended the following activities:

Community outreach programs (including our mobile outreach events). If you are a current event registrant, we will communicate with you directly regarding any changes, so please watch your email. Updates will also be shared on our social media pages and website.

Humane Education activities which include our Kids Club, Animal Adventure Workshops, Scout Sundays, group tours, Sunday Morning Helpers, and Barks and Books program.

Public spay/neuter and vaccine clinics

Dog training classes

Pet Boarding, except in case of emergency.

The following services will also be available by appointment only:

Reclaiming your lost pet AND Relinquishing your pet

Please limit calls to our Field Services Department to emergencies only.

There have also been questions about whether pets can get sick from COVID-19 or if they can make us sick. According to the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization, there is no evidence that companion animals such as cats and dogs have been infected or could spread the virus that causes COVID-19.

While animals may not be at risk from this disease, we urge all pet owners to have plans for how to care for their animals in case of emergency. COVID-19 is no different, and serves as an excellent reminder to pull that plan together now if you don't already have one. Click here for more information.

Right now, more than ever, we need your help. We have a tremendous need for community fosters. As the virus spreads, the number of animals in shelters and rescues will continue to increase. At the same time, we anticipate decreased interest and ability to adopt a new pet. So if you're able to foster a dog, cat, or rabbit for the next several weeks, you could help give animals a break from the shelter and make room for more animals who are in need. For more information about fostering, email [foster@pasadenahumane.org](mailto:foster@pasadenahumane.org). Thank you for your support!



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- Wash hands after emptying waste baskets, touching tissues and similar waste.

**READ THE LABELS ON CLEANING PRODUCTS**



- Follow the instructions on the product labels, including wearing gloves and having good ventilation.
- Use household cleaners and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered disinfectants that are appropriate for the surface.
- To find out if the product works against viruses, read the product label, call the 1-800 number on the label or visit <http://www.americanchemistry.com/Novel-Coronavirus-Fighting-Products-List.pdf>
- A bleach solution can also be used as a disinfectant - mix 1 tablespoon of bleach to 1 quart (4 cups) of water, or for a larger supply, add ¼ cup of bleach to 1 gallon (16 cups) of water.

**CLEAN AND DISINFECT FREQUENTLY TOUCHED OBJECTS AND SURFACES OFTEN**




**Hard (Non-Porous) Surfaces**  
*E.g. high-touch surfaces like counters, tabletops, doorknobs, railings, bathroom fixtures, light switches, toilets, phones, keyboards, remote controls, tablets, and bedside tables.*

- Clean surfaces and items to remove visible dirt and disinfect them to kill germs. When using disinfectants, make sure the surface stays wet for at least 10 minutes and then rinse with water, especially in an area that comes into contact with food. Allow to air dry.
- Read directions carefully when using disinfecting wipes on electronics to make sure they can withstand the use of multiple wipes that are needed to keep the surface wet long enough to meet the required contact time.

**Soft (Porous) Surfaces**  
*E.g. towels, linen, clothing, and stuffed animals.*

- Laundry with hot water, using a household laundry detergent and dry on a high heat setting



**FOR MORE INFORMATION**



CDC guidance on cleaning and disinfection in households with suspected or confirmed coronavirus disease 2019:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/home/cleaning-disinfection.html#disinfect>

Public Health's guidance on the correct way to wash your hands:  
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/> (click on the handwashing menu)

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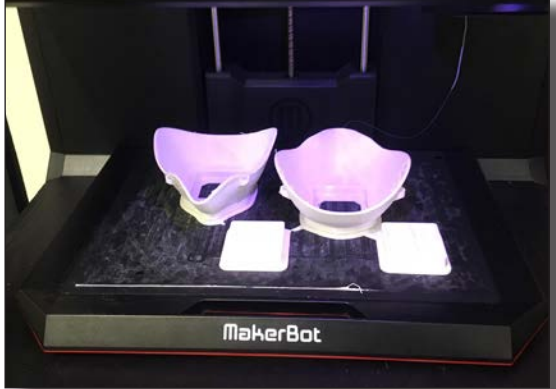
## MARANATHA HIGH SCHOOL USING 3D PRINTERS TO HELP COMBAT CORONAVIRUS

Maranatha High School has embarked on a project to help in the fight against COVID-19. The school's TILE (Technology Integration Learning Environment) Lab, under the direction of Maranatha's faculty member Miguel Almena, is utilizing its 3D printers to create reusable protective face masks for medical professionals who are facing critical shortages of necessary protective gear. Mr. Almena learned of one such need first-hand from a friend of his wife who is a nurse at Kaiser Hospital in Downey. She shared that they were facing a shortage of protective face masks and requested Maranatha's help with 3D printing of about 80 or more high filtration masks.

Mr. Almena (below with 3D mask) saw this as an opportunity for Maranatha to utilize its resources to serve the needs of others, part of the school's mission statement. Maranatha's TILE Lab equipment was sitting unused while the campus was closed due to the "Safer At Home" order and was stocked with plenty of raw materials just waiting to be put to good use. Mr. Almena located information on a website profiling the work of Dr. Dusty Richardson, a neurosurgeon at the Billings Clinic in Montana, who was freely distributing a print file for a 3D mask he had helped create in order to support local hospitals across the globe.



Armed with the proper print files and a plan, and able to work remotely, Mr. Almena successfully sent the first test print from his home. Having determined his plan would work, he received approval from Maranatha's Administration team to begin printing the first batch of masks. Since each mask is reusable and can be easily sanitized, he also ordered disposable hospital-grade filtration squares which can be inserted into each mask. These were delivered along with the printed masks to the nurses at Kaiser Hospital.



The CDC has recently approved "homemade masks" for crisis management and shortages of approved materials. The masks Maranatha High School has printed are about 80% efficient using MERV14 quality filtration that filters down to 0.3 microns. While such masks are not intended to replace N95 masks, with reported shortages impacting healthcare workers worldwide, this is one measure that Maranatha, and other schools with 3D printers, can take to join the fight against COVID-19. Until he runs out of funds or raw materials, Mr. Almena hopes to continue producing the face masks to arm more health care workers with necessary protective gear in their battle against COVID-19. Working together we can save lives.

Organizations that would also like to produce 3D printed masks to donate to health care professionals can obtain the files and information at [makethemasks.com](http://makethemasks.com).

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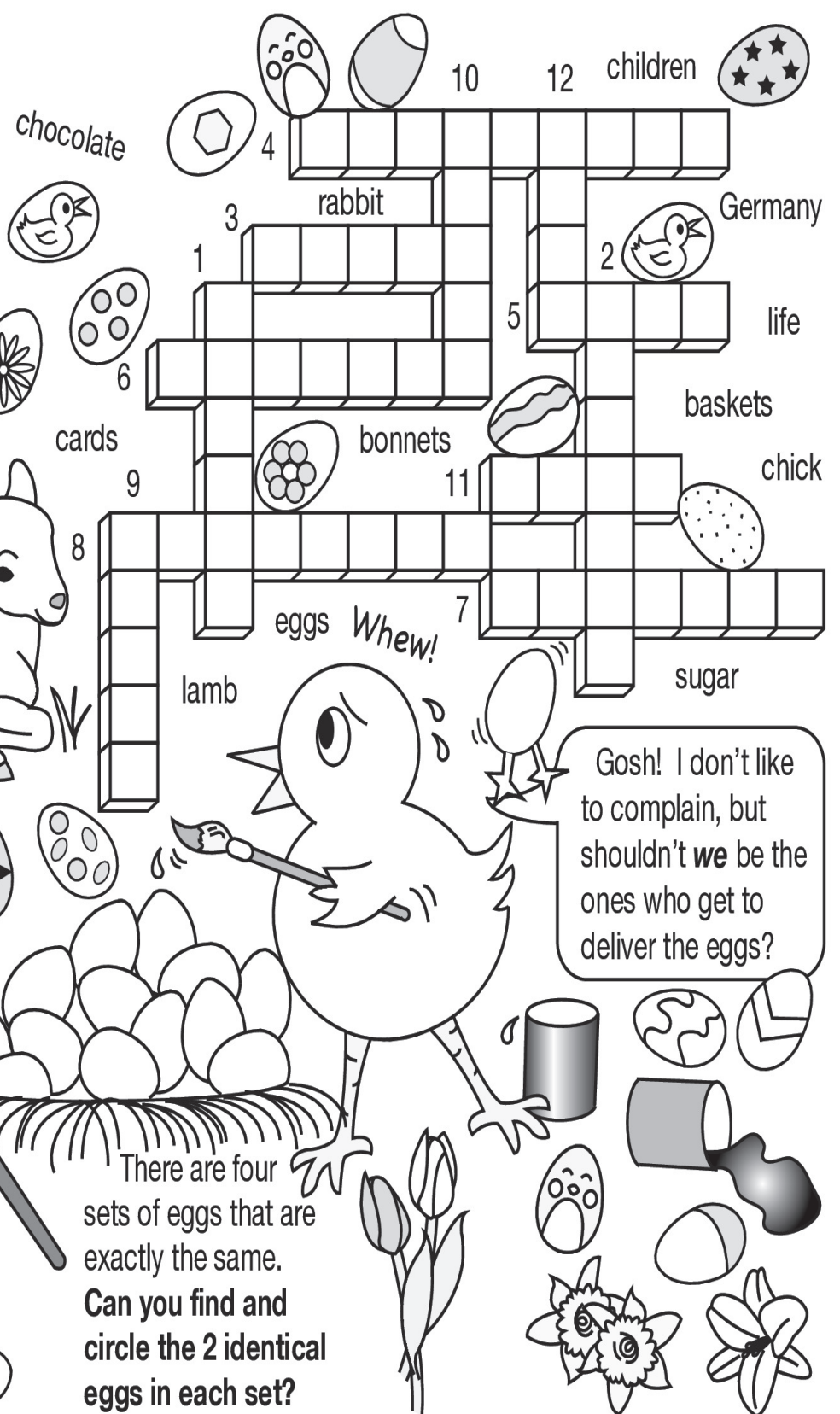
Kids: color stuff in!

## "Hoppy" Easter!

I enjoy delivering Easter baskets. People say that I am as quick as....well...a bunny! I have strong back legs that allow me to jump as high as three feet and as far as nine feet.

See if you can read the clues below to fill in this week's puzzle about me and a couple of other favorite "Easter" animals. Hop to it!

1. The Easter Bunny is a young \_\_\_\_\_.
2. No one is sure how the Easter Bunny started his work, but it is thought that he "hopped" across the ocean with the people who came to America from \_\_\_\_\_.
3. It is believed that the first bunny-shaped treats were made out of pastry and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Today, milk, dark or white \_\_\_\_\_ bunnies are a favorite treat at Easter.
5. Many families hard-boil, dye and decorate \_\_\_\_\_ to eat or to hunt at Easter.
6. The Easter Bunny delivers \_\_\_\_\_ full of treats to children for Easter morning.
7. Easter baskets began with children leaving their hats or \_\_\_\_\_ to be filled with treats by the Easter Bunny.
8. The Easter Bunny hides colored eggs for \_\_\_\_\_ to hunt!
9. Another popular Easter animal is the soft, yellow, peeping \_\_\_\_\_.
10. On \_\_\_\_\_ they are often shown popping out of eggs or sitting in baskets.
11. A woolly, soft, white baby \_\_\_\_\_ or kid is often shown as a cake.
12. Baby animals are signs of new \_\_\_\_\_ in the springtime.





## MEDICARE EXPANDS TELE-HEALTH SERVICES TO HELP KEEP SENIORS SAFE AT HOME



*Dear Savvy Senior::Does Medicare cover tele-health services? My 71-year-old mother has chronic type 2 diabetes but is very concerned about going to the doctor for fear of exposing herself to coronavirus. What can you tell us? Avoiding the Doctor*

Dear Avoiding:

Yes! Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Medicare recently announced that it will be expanding coverage for telehealth services to help keep vulnerable seniors safe at home. Here's what you and your mom should know.

### Telehealth Services

If you're not familiar with telehealth or telemedicine services, they are full visits with a health care provider who isn't at your location using telephone or video technology device – i.e. smartphone, tablet or computer.

Telehealth services allow Medicare beneficiaries to take care of ongoing medical problems as well as new concerns, while following public health advice to stay home during the coronavirus outbreak.

Medicare patients with chronic health conditions now don't have to postpone a regular follow-up visit with the doctor to keep safe. They can do it via Skype or FaceTime. And people concerned they may have the virus could see their doctor or nurse practitioner virtually to find out how to get tested. Nursing home residents will also be able to have telehealth consultations with their doctors.

If your mom isn't familiar or comfortable with technology, you or another relative or friend can assist her. You may need to go over to her house to help her do this. Bring your smartphone, tablet or laptop – but remember, don't visit if you're feeling sick.

Risk of serious illness from the coronavirus is much greater for older people and those with underlying health problems such as lung conditions, diabetes or heart problems. Many seniors are also managing chronic health issues that put them at heightened risk.

Until recently, telehealth coverage under original Medicare has been limited to beneficiaries only in rural areas, and patients often need to go to specially designated sites for their visits.

The expanded telehealth coverage, which will remain in effect during the coronavirus outbreak, now allows doctors and hospitals to bill Medicare for visits via telemedicine that previously had to take place in person, at a medical office or facility.

If your mom happens to get her Medicare benefits through a private Medicare Advantage plan, they will also be expanding their telehealth services. For coverage details, contact her plan directly.

### Other Medicare Coverage

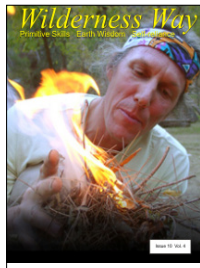
In addition to the expanded telehealth services, Medicare will also be covering all coronavirus testing costs to see your mom has been infected, and medically necessary hospitalizations, so if her doctor recommends that she remain in quarantine at the hospital rather than self-isolating at home, she will not have to pay for these costs.

And if your mom has a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, it will cover the coronavirus vaccine when it becomes available and will waive prescription refill limits so she can have extra medication on hand during the pandemic.

For more information on how Medicare is covering the coronavirus see Medicare.gov/medicare-coronavirus. And for the latest information on the coronavirus, visit Coronavirus.gov.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit Savvy-Senior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

## CHRISTOPHER Nyerges



### HOW TO SURVIVE THE CORONA-VIRUS INSANE "LOCK-DOWN"

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We all have a lot of time right now, wondering what has happened, and why. Yes, we know that there is this virus, and that people have died, and that it is contagious. And a lot of people have discussed that the virus was probably on the West Coast back in the fall of 2019, causing a possible "herd immunity" which has resulted in far fewer numbers of infection and death than some "experts" predicted. We do know that we're still way below the numbers of infection and death for a normal flu season, and that the number of pneumonia deaths are way down this season, leaving some to believe that many of the deaths by pneumonia are just being reported as Covid-19. Lots, and lots of ideas and speculation, most of which you and I can do nothing about.

Lord, give me the strength to change the things I can change, and to accept those I cannot, and the wisdom to know the difference. Wise words by a wise person.

Let's focus now on the things we can change, regardless who is right or wrong in the political decisions that surround this virus.

When I look at the actual verifiable numbers, and compare these with the Swine Flu a few years back, and even with "normal flu season" statistics, I am not very worried about getting this flu and dying.

I am far more concerned about the drastic economic impact that the political decisions will cost us, very likely for years into the future. But let's talk about a mindset of healthful living, and keeping the immune system strong, and then we'll look about what it takes to be mentally strong.

### IMMUNE SYSTEM

Dr. James Adams in his book "The Balanced Diet," discusses what it means to live in balance. He tells the story when he was seven years old and his grandfather said that he should learn to live in balance. So he asks grandfather, "I don't know what it means to live in balance."

His grandfather replied, "Love God, Love your family, Respect all people, Take only what you need, Keep yourself thin and strong, Work for your community, and Work for your environment."

Adams explores each of these seven precepts in his book, and explains how they not only make you feel good about yourself, but that these are the principles of living that give you a healthy immune system.

He advises a five-step guideline to living well:

1. Eat a low-fat diet, such as lacto-ovo vegetarian diet.
2. Drink only one alcoholic beverage every day.
3. Never smoke anything.
4. Keep yourself thin.
5. Exercise about one to two hours every day.

He points out that this is how he lives his life; he takes no drug, and his blood pressure and blood cholesterol are normal.

Enrique Villaseñor is an educator who promotes the use of prickly pear cactus to improve your body's immune system.

"Complete health is really about complete balance," he explains, and by "balance" he means that each of us need to find balance physically, spiritually, socially, and financially within our community and family. "You should work at each of these every day," he explains.

Thanks to all who have supported this fundraising effort. You will never know how much it is appreciated by myself, the newspaper staff and the community! We are moving toward our goal and have been able to publish 3 editions since we began but we still have a way to go. Please share this campaign with your friends.

Villaseñor points out that the natural immune boosters include sleep, a plant-based diet, exercise, not-smoking, having minimal stress in your life, maintaining a healthy weight, minimal alcohol consumption, maintaining healthy relationships, and avoiding infections.

Consuming prickly pear cactus daily is just one part of this overall balance. A healthy diet of good natural foods, exercise, exposure to the sun, and a good mental attitude are all part of maintain a good immune system.

TO BE CONTINUED

# SENIOR HAPPENINGS

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...APRIL Birthdays\*



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### Seniors Communications Plan

The City of Sierra Madre is following these procedures to provide current communication in light of COVID-19 and keep the Senior Community and families informed of essential information and resources. City staff are monitoring email communication daily, and although employees are minimizing direct engagement and practicing social distancing in the community, please note that voice messages, emails, and social media responses are being addressed in the most efficient and timely manner.

If at any moment additional information is needed, please contact City Hall Administrative Services at (626) 355-7135, Monday-Thursday from 7:30a – 5:30p, as they are taking messages and e-mailing the appropriate person.

For messages that may trickle in otherwise, please note our team is remotely checking voicemail daily at the Community Services Department, (626) 355-5278 x702.

1. Continuum Services Department will continue email communication with Senior residents and aging community members.

If you know of family members or neighbors who may benefit from accessing information electronically, and to receive the department's Seniors Newsletter via email but may not otherwise have been included on an email group list, please send your request with email address to the following team members:

Lawren Heinz Lheinz@cityofsierramadre.com and Clarissa Lowe Clowe@cityofsierramadre.com.

2. Community Services Department will continue Electronic Seniors Newsletter on a weekly-basis distribution.

3. Community Services Department will continue with mail drop-off of newsletters at the Sierra Madre U.S. Post Office Box (unless otherwise advised).

4. City Social Media will continue via Facebook as well as Instagram, and information sharing will include updates as details becomes available.

5. Mater Dolorosa - Sierra Madre Meal Pick-Up Program provides seal-packaged frozen meals, 5-per person every Thursday, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at Hart Park House Senior Center 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Donations are accepted. Call (626) 355-5278; x702 or 704. 6. YWCA Intervale Meal Program - Effective Wednesday, April 1, 2020

YWCA has transitioned their distribution of take home meals at the Sierra Madre Hart Park House Senior Center to a home-delivery meal program. Rev 4/1/2020

Participants previously reserved for meal pick-up as of Wednesday, 3/25/20 were informed that they would begin to have their meals delivered to their homes, beginning next Wednesday, April 1, 2020 until further notice.

For any additional participants calling in that are at a high risk and need meals delivered to, please provide us their name, date of birth (they must be 60+), address and phone number and Community Services Department will forward this information to our County Contact.

### 7. Food Banks Support

#### Seniors & Families:

If someone is outside of our local area and in need of a food bank, they can find one nearest them by going to [www.lafoodbank.org](http://www.lafoodbank.org) and typing in their zip code; or call from the list here:

1) First Church of the Nazarene-Pasadena

3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

626-351-9631

Wednesday 10:30 am-12 pm

2) Pasadena Senior Center

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626-685-6732

April 3rd 8 am-10:30 am

3) Foothill Unity Center

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626-358-3486

Monday 1 pm-3:30 pm, Wednesday & Friday 9 am-

11:30 am

4) Lifeline Community Services & Economic Development

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626-797-3585

2nd and 4th Wednesday 12 pm-2 pm & 8:15 pm-9 pm

5) Morning Star Outreach Ministry

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626-794-4875

2nd & 4th Saturday 11 am-1 pm

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9. NIXLE Alerts which send messages through public safety agencies via cell phones and social media networks will be issued through the Sierra Madre Police Department. This enables local response agencies to get that information into the community as quickly as possible. VOICE TO TEXT messages from Police Department will further offer automatic pre-recorded voice messages that reach approximately 4,000 phones within our community. Social Media platforms will include direct phone numbers provided by PD to the pre-recorded messages for accessibility.

Anyone interested in receiving the NIXLE alerts may do so from their mobile phone:

hit 888-777 and follow the prompts. OR go to Nixle.com and do the same. For non-emergency help or guidance on Nixle, please call 626-355-1414.

10. Sierra Madre Channel 3 will provide information and what the city is doing for the Senior Community, including transportation and food services. Currently, Sierra Madre transit support has been operating in accordance with our regular schedule and will continue as such. Extra precautions are being taken with the sanitization and cleaning of buses due to the recent circumstances.

11. Pasadena Senior Center, a collaborator of the Sierra Madre Senior Community, has also provided a resource, Telephone Reassurance Program, which offers daily calls to home bound seniors to provide support and contact with others on a regular basis. If any senior, in this time of emergency, finds themselves home bound and needs to talk with someone, please refer them to (626) 685-6732 and they are available Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

### THERE'S ALWAYS TOMORROW

For almost four weeks now, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and Yours Truly have enjoyed some exceptional time together. It has been the rich experience I never thought I would experience until I retired from everything. But, if this is retirement, "Lord, let it be so."

Nothing to complain about here. We have enjoyed spending quality time together and catching up on things that happened 50 years ago. Her memory is a lot better than mine, to be sure. This time off has really been a rejuvenating experience, at least for me.

I must confess that I have had a Pajama Dilemma I never experienced before.

When do I take my pajamas off in the morning, get dressed, and then later, when do I undress and put on my pajamas? This new schedule has not been clearly outlined, at least from my wife's perspective. How long can I wear my pajamas? And, do you wear a tie with pajamas?

I tried to explain to my wife that we are saving a lot of water by not having to wash clothes as much as we used to. That does not sit well with her.

Although we may be on a rather relaxed schedule, she still maintains a schedule.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are always prepared at the same time every day. I would not mind if I munched on something (other than vegetables) all day long, particularly an Apple Fritter. But, no, we are on a strict diet. And when I say "strict," I mean what she determines to cook.

Don't take me wrong; she is a terrific cook. It is the schedule that I have an issue with.

I said to her last week, "Why don't you just fix up some nice food to eat and let me eat anytime I want to?"

That sounded like a beautiful schedule for me, but it did not go down very well with her. According to her, there is a time to eat, and then there is a time NOT to eat. She emphasized the word NOT. I got the message.

During the last several weeks, my wife spent a lot of time in her "Craft Room." She does a lot of crafts, and I am not allowed in that room.

The other day as I walked by the craft room, I looked in, and she said, "Is there anything you want?"

I knew the answer she was expecting, and so I gave it to her and went to the other end of the house. She does a lot of work in there. In fact, she has been making face masks for people.

With a smile on my face, I asked her, "Are you going to make me a face mask?"

Without even looking up, she said, "I don't have enough material."

There was no way I was going to ask her to explain what she meant by that. Down deep inside, I knew what she meant. Every once in awhile, she would ask me to do something, and I would respond by telling her that I'll get to it and do it. The difference between my wife and me is that she takes everything seriously, and I have yet to find anything that I will take seriously.

"I thought you were going to take out the garbage," she said to me the other day.

"I will," I mumbled to her as I was doing some reading.

"When?" She said with a very stern tone in her voice. "You said you would do it yesterday."

Being very nonchalant, I said, "Well, there's always tomorrow." Then I would laugh. I noticed, though, she never laughed.

I am not quite sure how many times I pulled that one on her, but she finally had enough.

Looking at me, she said, "You said that yesterday. This is the tomorrow you were talking about yesterday."

I had to stop and think about what she was talking about. Tomorrow and yesterday are just words as far as I am concerned.

During this hiatus, I didn't think too much about the schedule. And so as far as I was concerned, yesterday and tomorrow have no real significance to me. One day is as good as the other.

My wife, on the other hand, has a schedule that she loves to keep to. In fact, since this hiatus, she has cleaned the house from top to bottom 117 times. At least it seems that way to me.

Our house is so clean that I have no reason to sneeze anymore. If was any dirt, pollen, or dust, it is completely gone. I did not know how much I enjoyed the dust.

We were watching television together the other night, and a ridiculous idea danced through my head. With nothing more to think about, this idea took focus.

Doing a commercial, I stared across the room, and my wife said, "What are you looking at?"

Staring intently, I pointed and said, "Is that dust I see over there?"

As I watched her search for that maverick dust particle, I could not help but think of a verse of Scripture. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8).

One thing I have learned, and that is, all of my yesterdays, todays and tomorrows are in God's hands, and I have nothing whatsoever to worry about.

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## STUART TOLCHIN



No, that's not a misspelling on the top of this article. You've heard of suicide, the act of killing oneself; homicide, the act of killing another human being; matricide, patricide, infanticide—all involving the willful and knowing acts of destroying life. Well folks, I believe we are

all involved in and potentially participating in this system's unknowing, but we should have known, act of killing itself. No, I don't believe there is such a word as "countrycide" To put it more bluntly, I am trying to say that AMERICA IS DESTROYING ITSELF and we are all to blame based on our indifference willful ignorance, and inaction. We have allowed partisanship to so cloud our views that incompetence, or simple greed, or perhaps the influence of an enemy, to so affect our precious United States of America that it is possible that we are facing what Jared Diamond has described in his 2005 book entitled Collapse, HOW SOCIETIES CHOOSE TO FAIL OR SUCCEED.

Looking around today which of those two alternatives seem more applicable today. On Tuesday, the day I write this, Americans in Milwaukee Wisconsin who wish to vote in a Primary election were forced to choose between following public health orders to stay home and miss the opportunity to vote or to risk their lives standing in line for hours at one of just five polling places the city kept open amid the corona virus pandemic. Is America finished? In an attempt make sense of all of this confusion I thumbed through Jared Diamond's book which I read something like fifteen years ago when the book first came out.

One of the first things I noticed was his discussion of periods when societies fail to perceive a problem which is when the problem takes the form of a slow trend concealed by up and down fluctuations. Diamond states, "As of the time that I write these lines, President Bush of the U.S. is still not convinced of its reality, and thinks we need more research". Diamond is talking about Climate Change and the book was written more than fifteen years ago. Today our perhaps elected leader still refuses to take necessary actions to positively respond to Climate Emergency that faces the entire planet and there is no need for further research to believe that the health of the entire world is imperiled. So how can this inaction be explained and why have Americans tolerated it?

Diamond creates another category to explain the failure of societies even when the danger is perceived. This is the term used by economists and other social scientists as "rational behavior" arising from clashes of interests between people. "That is, some people may reason correctly that they can advance their own interests by behavior harmful to other people. To call this "rational behavior in the face of global catastrophic consequences I find not only irrational but disgusting and unforgivable. It may be "rational" but it is morally repugnant and violates all basic values except the desire to make a quick buck. Another unbelievable but hardly unexpected fact revealed today is that Donald Trump, his sons, and some close friends are investors

## HOW DO WE STOP THE "COUNTRYCIDE"?

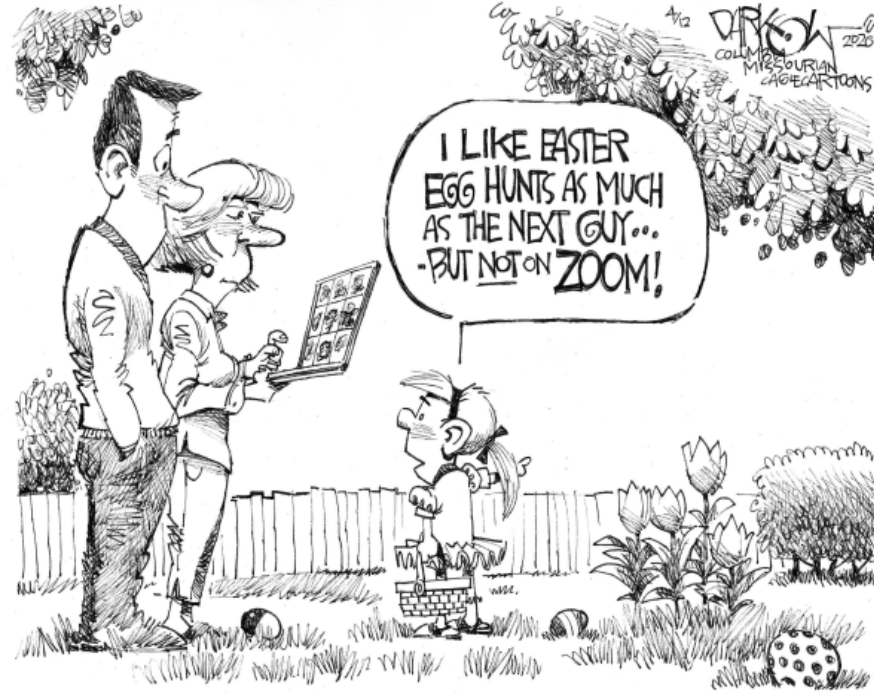
in the company that is attempting to push the drug hydroxychloroquine typically used against malaria and lupus as a treatment to be used against the coronavirus. Trump's own medical people have explained to the public that this drug has not been approved for that purpose and may be harmful at it lowers immunity to other illnesses.

All right, how do we explain the behavior of the President, his cohorts, and his supporters? First there is Trump and his one-percenters. My view is that these guys, like Trump define themselves as "risk-takers". Even if like the Orangemen they started out with substantial inheritances they have taken chances and live different kinds of lives. They are frequently out of touch with the rest of us as is illustrated and pretty proud of themselves feeling kind of entitled and invulnerable. Forbes magazine printed music and film titan David Geffen's now-deleted instagram post from his resplendent \$400 million superyacht saying "I'm hoping everybody is staying safe" while he was isolated in the Grenadines avoiding the virus. He also included a picture of the beautiful sunset. The very sad thing is that he was surprised to receive negative comments representative of the feelings of the other 99% unable to even leave their homes, that is, if they had homes.

What about Trump's other supporters—the millions of non-rich struggling folk that still support him. My only explanation is that Trump managed to talk directly to these folk. He gained their allegiance as if he was a team they rooted for. By his actions he showed them he was different from those other effete, over-educated elite do-nothing politicians. He talked directly to his constituents, not afraid of being boorish, or vulgar and gaining their loyalty because he was not afraid of doing things that his rivals wouldn't do. I'm afraid that his supporters feel that they would love to act just like him if they could get away with it which is really frightening.

The question remains—why are there so many of them. My only explanation is that it is a complete failure of education at every level. The intellectual life of America has been completely neglected. Colleges and Universities are now viewed only as a place to collect credentials and get a job. Even graduate schools have become so specialized that the idea of inner contemplation and theorizing in a search for meaning and values and ultimate satisfaction is something to be laughed at. Something horrible is missing from our education—something about what it means to be human and to develop a vision of what it means to be a moral person and to try and live in accord with that vision. Maybe the fault lies within capitalism, a system based on greed which for a great many of us has resulted in a material life beyond our expectations even though our families are broken up and we still harbor feelings of jealousy, anger, and isolation. Right; why should I care about other people? What have they ever done for me?

It is all too sad. If there is a post-coronavirus American Society that wakes up in time to deal with the Climate Emergency and adapts to a live with robots I do hope there will be some changes. I won't be around but I do care. Really this is a country worth saving. In the meantime, Stay Home and Be Safe  
Kia Ora



# LEFT/RIGHT/OR IN THE MIDDLE

## PETER FUNT



### POLITICS IN THE PANDEMIC

Donald Trump is running against himself.

Coronavirus has shut down just about everything, including the presidential campaign. With Bernie Sanders out of the way, former Vice President Joe Biden is holed up in his basement with little to do or say. His best chance - and, considering how the administration has botched things during the crisis, a good one - is that Trump will self-defeat.

Few Americans care to think about politics during this time of widespread suffering. Yet, subordination of the presidential campaign, along with other factors related to the pandemic, will certainly affect the election.

Conventional wisdom suggests that a prolonged health emergency and resulting economic collapse would be ruinous to Trump's chances. Trump seems to realize his political vulnerability, which is why he has turned daily coronavirus briefings into a new incarnation of a Trump reality show.

Hogging the microphone as a national television audience looks on, the president rambles through a mixture of self-aggrandizement, exaggeration and outright distortion. As foolish as he often appears to critics - including many reporters in the briefing room - he is relying on the axiom: Any publicity is good publicity.

Trump's approval rating has tracked closely with the amount of TV time he has commandeered. The Real Clear Politics polling average shows him with about 50 percent approval in handling the crisis, up sharply from a few weeks ago.

Biden, on the other hand, is stuck in a small TV studio, sending out messages that at the start looked eerily like hostage videos. He is fighting against the axiom: The only thing worse than being talked about is not being talked about. It's fine to say more coronavirus tests are needed, appropriate to say the nation should not be rushed back to work, understandable to defend the Obama Administration regarding pandemic preparedness. But that's hardly a platform for a presidential campaign.

Biden faces a serious challenge in appearing relevant as the coronavirus outbreak continues. Consider: On April 2, PBS posted briefings by key political figures regarding the crisis. California's Gov. Gavin Newsom got 40,000 views the first day; New York Mayor Bill de Blasio, 20,000; Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine, 37,000; Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker, 16,000. And how many views did Joe Biden get? Answer: 7,400.

Understandably, citizens want information from their state and local leaders; they don't care much right now about national politics. But what impact will this communication gap have over the course of many months? During the Senate impeachment trial several Democratic candidates were forced off the campaign trail and found that it hurt to be silenced, even briefly.

It's possible that no matter what Biden and Democrats do, and despite epic failures in Trump's presidency prior to the coronavirus outbreak, November's election will hinge on what happens with the health crisis and the economy. A warning about that came at a White House briefing from an unlikely source.

The president's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, probably didn't realize the significance of what he was saying when he told reporters: "What a lot of the voters are seeing now is that when you elect somebody to be a mayor or governor or president, you're trying to think about who will be a competent manager during the time of crisis. This is a time of crisis and you're seeing certain people are better managers than others."

Considering Trump's incompetence so far, it could be that come November he'll not only be running against himself, he'll be running on empty.

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## CHRISTINE FLOWERS

### A FINAL, CRUEL SLAP IN THE FACE FOR LIVES TURNED UPSIDE DOWN



When my mother passed away, I was sleeping in the same room. We had taken her home from hospice, and her hospital bed was in the bedroom she had shared with my father for decades.

The night that she died, I was able to sit with her and hold her hand and monitor her breathing, laborious and pained, as she moved from one life to the next. I sang "You are my sunshine" into her ears, not knowing if she heard me, but hoping that there was some recognition of that song, the one that her father used to sing to her as a child. She died in the early hours of an August morning, before sunrise. To have been with her, along with my siblings, was a gift and a grace.

I thought of my mother's passing when I heard of the family in Washington state who lost their own mother to coronavirus. Six children, all under the age of 25, were deprived of those last moments of connection and farewell because of the highly communicable infection that has shut down our cities and made us prisoners in our homes. Six children were forced to say goodbye through a walkie talkie that had been placed by their mother's pillow, since none of them were able to be in the same room with her. They could only watch, through a glass, as she died.

The thought of six orphaned children deprived of their mother's touch, her scent, the rhythm of her breathing and the look in her eyes, crushed me because I knew what it had meant to me. It was especially tragic since their father had passed away a couple of years before. These children had each other, true. But in a very real sense, they were alone against the world.

There have been many similar stories have touched me, including the sad history of an Italian-American family in New Jersey that looked so much like my own, and lost four family members to the virus in less than a week. Another incident that literally stopped me in my tracks was the story of the British doctor who had died after spending days on end treating victims of COVID-19, before becoming infected herself. Only a few weeks before, she had posted on Twitter that she was excited and honored to be hired by a hospital in the National Health System after years of study and apprenticeship.

COVID-19 is a disease of incredible cruelty. Unlike AIDS, which was not airborne, or Ebola, which seemed foreign and didn't really touch us in the United States, this virus is a silent, creeping killer. It is in our neighborhoods, in our streets, in the 6 feet between us as we wait in line for groceries or as we walk in public places. Fear of it flickers in the eyes of strangers, eyes we can only see above masked mouths and covered noses. It is unpredictable, and for that, profoundly unsettling.

We are all adjusting to life in the post-coronavirus environment. We have learned new habits, and are weighing both our options and the repercussions of going out to take the dog for a walk, something that might never again be second nature. We see empty shelves, and for those of us born after the Great Depression, we are learning what it means to be hungry, even though a hidden American population could have told us what that means if we'd asked.

But there are some things you cannot adjust to, and never will. Not being able to hold your loved one as they leave, and being forced to keep a physical distance from the mothers, fathers, spouses, children and other loved ones who only days ago were an arm's length away is a sacrifice and a suffering that no one should have to bear.

Only now, many of us will.  
In that number are six mourning sons and daughters in Washington state.  
Keep them, and those for whom grief is but days or weeks away, in your prayers.

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## He Has Risen

May Your Easter Be Happy,  
May your day be bright,  
May you enjoy the treats,  
That brings you sweet delight,  
May you also remember the meaning,  
May you remember the Resurrection,  
And may your soul uplift,  
Especially, in these days that we are  
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Remember to be Kind.



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