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Orange County, CA Elections Certifies Primary Election Results Highest turnout in Presidential Primary Election since 2000

SANTA ANA, CA – March 23, 2020 - Registrar of Voters Neal Kelley has just certified the official results of the March Presidential Primary Election, held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

Total turnout from the election was 50.1% with 79.21% of voters casting their ballot by mail and 20.79% casting their ballot in-person at one of 189 Vote Centers throughout Orange County. The ballots cast for this Presidential Primary (817,844) was 18.2% higher than the 2016 Presidential Primary Election (691,802) and 91.5% higher than the 2012 Presidential Primary Election (426,869).

On Friday, March 20, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-34-20, which, among other things, extended all deadlines associated with the official canvas of the March 3, 2020, Presidential Primary Election by 21 days. This relief was in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the “ability of relevant state and local officials, including county elections officials and the Secretary of State...to meet statutory deadlines associated with (their) responsibilities”.

Quote by Registrar of Voters Neal Kelley:

“I am thankful to the Governor for granting this statewide relief by extending the official canvas period for those counties needing the extra time. Despite the obstacles and challenges, we were able to complete the official canvas ahead of the original statewide schedule. I am grateful to the dedicated team members of the Registrar of Voters for their tireless efforts to implement a new way of voting and a new system of voting to the voters of Orange County”.

Prior to certification two audits were conducted to verify the correct outcomes of the election. The legally required one percent manual tally of precincts was completed. During this audit, 8,995 ballots were examined and manually tallied among 22 precincts chosen at random and then compared with the election results that were produced.

While not legally required, a risk-limiting ballot comparison audit (with a risk limit that was set at 5%, which means that there was a 95% chance that the audit would correct an incorrect outcome) was also conducted. 708 ballots were examined and compared to the original cast vote record in the risk-limiting audit with 0 discrepancies. Details on the audits can be found at ocvote.com/rla.

The Orange County Registrar of Voters also produces detailed reports focusing on overall turnout, turnout by precinct, turnout by districts, turnout by cities, and more. These detailed reports can be found by visiting ocvote.com/detailed-results.

About the Registrar of Voters:

The Registrar of Voters is responsible for conducting elections in the County of Orange, the fifth largest voting jurisdiction in the United States with 1.6 million registered voters. We are a County agency, which receives funding from the County's General Fund and periodic reimbursement from the federal government, the State of California and local jurisdictions. [Read more >>](#)

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President's Message by Pearl Mann, LWVNOC President

Greetings and best wishes for healthier and happier times to the members of League of Women Voters of North Orange County and other Leaguers, as well as to other readers of **The Voter!** I hope all of you and your families are faring well in good health and keeping safe despite the pandemic and cessation of all gatherings.

Our March and April Lunch with League meetings have been cancelled because Coyote Hills has closed until April 20, when they will reassess the situation. It is especially difficult because we had such excellent speakers scheduled.

The LWVNOC Board of Directors are beginning to prepare for the Annual Meeting in May and will keep you posted if that has to be cancelled, postponed, or conducted electronically or telephonically. Contact a board member or me at pearlmann@aol.com if you would like to volunteer to help or to serve on a committee. New members are welcome to volunteer.

The New Member Orientation which we were planning before the April Lunch with League has been postponed until we are able to hold our meetings safely again.

Please do not forget to mail in your Census 2020 forms if you received them. The visits by 2020 Census workers to non-responders surely will be dramatically affected by the Coronavirus threat.

Until we meet again, Happy Easter and Happy Earth Day to all, especially if you have to celebrate alone or in a necessarily small group.

A Salutory Shock to the System by Jim Hill

I know this corona virus is highly contagious because all my investments have caught it, and they're looking pretty sick. Meanwhile, as a consequence of social distancing, businesses have been shuttered and millions of employees have lost their jobs. In short the whole economy is going quickly down the drain, and everyone is asking whaddawedoo??

The federal government and many state governments are implementing short-term financial stimulus programs to support workers, small businesses, and large corporations all across the country while we contend with the virus. It's fair to argue about the details, but these plans have justifiably wide-spread support.

Implementation, however, is revealing the ugly truth about how little resilience there is in our economy. We've known for years that many households are only one appliance failure or health emergency or car breakdown from financial ruin. We've known that even 40 hours-a-week jobs (and those are getting rare) often don't pay enough to make ends meet, so people are forced to take second jobs just to get by. Homeless encampments are commonplace all across the country. These deprivations have been getting steadily worse while the corporations and the wealthy enjoy tax breaks and exponentially ballooning incomes. An economy with a more equitable distribution of wealth would be better equipped to withstand a crisis like that posed by Covid-19.

Behind the complexity of the government's financial stimulus programs is a very simple core idea: **sharing**. Ordinarily, sharing of this sort would be regarded by some as presenting a moral hazard. The idea is that giving people money they haven't worked for corrupts their moral character, makes them lazy, encourages them to expect someone else to look after them. However, if sharing in an emergency is a good idea, why isn't it a good idea all the time? Do we really want to build a society in which so many people live constantly on the precipice of collapse, just to teach people a lesson? If some are insecure, aren't all insecure?

Historically, important features of our social safety net, including social security, unemployment insurance, the federal school lunch program, child labor laws, and so many other protections have been initiated as a result of facing up to shocking problems and crises. Maybe our struggles against corona virus will bear similar fruit that will make us all safer in the future.

Dealing With It

by Sue Fisher

Starting Week Two of Exile. OK, not really “exile,” but I am pretty sure that my dog is already completely over me being home all of the time. I think I have disrupted his normal day-long nap time. And because I am constantly walking around the house, he has to follow me to make sure I don’t get lost, or suddenly have a treat... We will settle in, I assume, but for now, let me share some things that have come to my attention – Some crazy, some, well, you decide...

“Vodka is a hand sanitizer.”

--It is not. Martini’s? Yes. Bloody Mary’s? Yes. Sanitizer? No. See the Consumer Reports Link below on DIY hand sanitizers.

“Corona Beer has coronavirus.”

--Corona is not the beer for my hoppy palate, but it definitely does NOT contain that virus. Enjoy how you want.

“Going outside makes me susceptible.”

--Actually, as long as you keep your distance from others, you probably need a nice walk every day. Get some exercise, eat right, enjoy some fresh air.

“Wearing a surgical mask will keep me safe.”

--Surgical masks were made for surgeons to wear during (you guessed it!) surgery. It simply keeps any particles coming from the surgeon’s mouth to the open body, which is highly susceptible to infection. It does NOT protect the surgeon (or any wearer) from tiny, respirable particles, such as viruses.

“Use an old t-shirt to make a DIY N-95 mask.”

--I’ve seen some astonishing sites about this, but the bottom line is that viruses are VERY TINY particles. N-95 masks are made from very specialized non-woven material made to block 95% of all particles greater than 3 microns (micro-meters) in size, which are the most penetrating sized particle to your lungs. They are designed to hug your face fairly tightly. T-shirts? Not so much.

There are lots of sites out there on all this, so I have created a little list for you to investigate for yourselves. They are listed at the end of this article.

In the meantime, the message is still the same:

1. **WASH** your hands. Wash them every time you enter your house and any time you think you have touched something someone else has touched. Unsure? Wash them again.
2. **SOCIAL DISTANCING**. This is how we slow and eventually stop the spread. Stay away from others outside those who live with you. (And hopefully your housemates are using safety precautions too.)
3. **WIPE DOWN** stuff. If you get in/out of your car, wipe off the steering wheel. Wipe off your cell phone and your credit card. Keep clean hand towels in your car, with a spray bottle of soap and water.
4. **WIPE** down stuff with **SOAP AND WATER**. You can use bleach and alcohol, too, but use the guidance in the Consumers Reports article linked below.
5. **STAY WELL**. Unplug from electronics and just relax. Enjoy friends by phone, or read a book. Watch an old movie, like Princess Bride, Nacho Libre, or anything else that makes you smile.
6. **WALK**. The strange upside to this situation is how quiet it is outside. Wave to your neighbors and check out what’s blooming.
7. **SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES** if you can. Get take out food and shop local grocers. Just remember all of the above.
8. **SCAMS!** Do not click on links that say “Learn the Real Truth about COVID19,” or nearly anything else that sounds “unbelievable.”
9. **BE INFORMED**. Do not give into fear, or conspiracy theories. Use reliable sources for all information.

See **Dealing With It** on the next page.

Dealing With It (from previous page)

We will all get through this and hopefully unscathed. And we all have our preparedness kits all stocked and ready, right???

Here are some links to stuff that I have found interesting (but be SURE to click on the last one):

- Johns Hopkins GIS mapping. Honestly the site EVERYONE is looking at every day.

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

- Orange County Health Care Agency. Good local information

https://www.ochealthinfo.com/phs/about/epidasmt/epi/dip/prevention/novel_coronavirus

- Making your own N-95 masks

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/258525804_Testing_the_Efficacy_of_Homemade_Masks_Would_They_Protect_in_an_Influenza_Pandemic)

[258525804_Testing_the_Efficacy_of_Homemade_Masks_Would_They_Protect_in_an_Influenza_Pandemic](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/258525804_Testing_the_Efficacy_of_Homemade_Masks_Would_They_Protect_in_an_Influenza_Pandemic)

- Science of immune response to COVID

[https://www.sciencealert.com/doctors-have-mapped-how-our-immune-system-fights-covid-19?](https://www.sciencealert.com/doctors-have-mapped-how-our-immune-system-fights-covid-19?fbclid=IwAR3Amgn0OgS16Uz21T4WYvvYR1xSm24YxZ3mlYH6gyQHjJD11TGZ0JUg9Yo)

[fbclid=IwAR3Amgn0OgS16Uz21T4WYvvYR1xSm24YxZ3mlYH6gyQHjJD11TGZ0JUg9Yo](https://www.sciencealert.com/doctors-have-mapped-how-our-immune-system-fights-covid-19?fbclid=IwAR3Amgn0OgS16Uz21T4WYvvYR1xSm24YxZ3mlYH6gyQHjJD11TGZ0JUg9Yo)

- DIY cleaning spray and other tips by Consumers Reports

[https://www.consumerreports.org/cleaning/common-household-products-that-can-destroy-novel-](https://www.consumerreports.org/cleaning/common-household-products-that-can-destroy-novel-coronavirus/)

[coronavirus/](https://www.consumerreports.org/cleaning/common-household-products-that-can-destroy-novel-coronavirus/)

- You Tube video explaining difference between surgical and N-95 masks

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YI7r99RbbvY>

USE THIS ONE FIRST!!!

Some people believe that music heals a lot of things. I tend to agree. Enjoy!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3eXT60rbBVk&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2nckG-](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3eXT60rbBVk&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2nckG-zoz20yyLhqwAu7H1SRexPmIKX0sRsBXjPa4FCgP5IJZ8RtDDEjM)

[zoz20yyLhqwAu7H1SRexPmIKX0sRsBXjPa4FCgP5IJZ8RtDDEjM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3eXT60rbBVk&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2nckG-zoz20yyLhqwAu7H1SRexPmIKX0sRsBXjPa4FCgP5IJZ8RtDDEjM)

Be Prepared, my friends!

The Beauty of Resilience



On the left: After the snow fell

On the right: After the snow melted



Lunch With League

by Marge Imbler

The April Lunch With League has been cancelled. Our President, Pearl Mann, made the decision after conferring with the Coyote Hills Catering staff. Coyote Hills catering is closed until late April, and it was felt that there was not sufficient time to do a wonderful lunch service.

So as we “shelter” in place, set your sights for May Lunch with League. Hopefully we can make the May luncheon happen!!

Read with League

by Lucina Moses and Cheryl Zimmerman

Consistent with Governor Newsom’s order and after consultation with our President Pearl Mann, we are cancelling the April RWL meeting. We are tentatively rescheduling **The Overstory** to the May meeting which will be hosted by Frann Shermet and co-hosted by Deborah Vagts. Lucina Moses will review the book. We will revise the schedule again if necessary.

Stay well, dry and safe.

Work Together by Staying Apart

by Jim Hill

Because of Covid-19 there isn’t much going on right now, and scheduling future events is difficult. Nevertheless, **The Voter** soldiers on, utterly indifferent to pandemic or pandemonium. Hey, we are in full compliance with upholding social distance. Right now I’m sitting six feet from the keyboard and typing with straightened wire coat hangers. It has taken an hour and a half to get this far.

Seriously though, until we can concoct a vaccine for this virus, social distancing, refraining from touching the face, and washing our hands frequently are the best weapons we have. Here’s why. Unless it finds a host, the new coronavirus cannot live for long. The better job we do of keeping the hosts, all of us, far enough apart, the less likely it is that the virus can bridge the gap. This is how we can slow down the



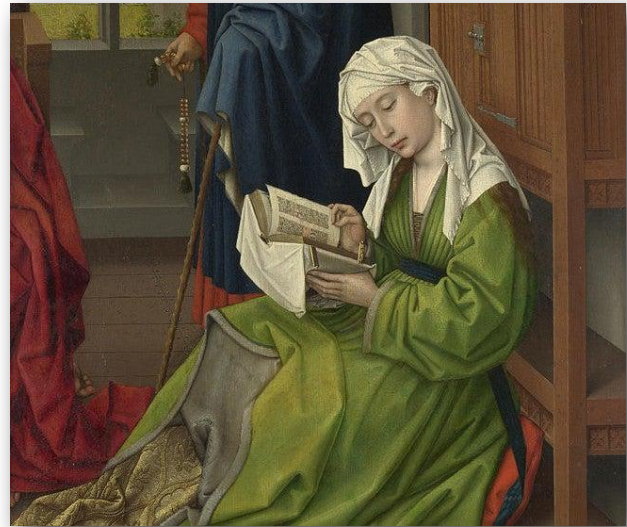
contagion and buy ourselves time to contend with the stricken and conduct the medical research needed to develop a vaccine. Your unbroken skin totally protects you from invasion, but the virus can find access through your eyes, nose, and mouth. That’s why you shouldn’t touch your face unless you have just washed your hands. Washing your hands is important because the virus is so delicate that ordinary soap destroys its protective membrane and kills it. Even so, it’s a dangerous enemy, but we are pretty resourceful and formidable ourselves.

This is not the first global pandemic to threaten us, and we know a lot more now than we did in the past about how to prevail against it. We know, for instance, that we need to work together by staying apart. It’s disruptive, inconvenient, and distressing, but for now it’s the best way forward.

Match the Famous Opening Line with the Novelist Who Wrote It

1. ___ It was a pleasure to burn.
2. ___ It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen.
3. ___ You better not never tell nobody but God.
4. ___ They shoot the white girl first.
5. ___ In the town, there were two mutes and they were always together.
6. ___ It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife.
7. ___ Who is John Galt?
8. ___ All this happened, more or less.
9. ___ In my younger and more vulnerable years my father gave me some advice that I've been turning over in my mind ever since.
10. ___ It was a queer, sultry summer, the summer they electrocuted the Rosenbergs, and I didn't know what I was doing in New York.
11. ___ Call me Ishmael.
12. ___ As Gregor Samsa awoke one morning from uneasy dreams he found himself transformed in his bed into a gigantic insect.
13. ___ Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.
14. ___ When he was nearly thirteen, my brother Jem got his arm badly broken at the elbow.
15. ___ He was an old man who fished alone in a skiff in the Gulf Stream and he had gone eighty-four days now without taking a fish.

- A. Alice Walker **The Color Purple**
- B. George Orwell **1984**
- C. Ray Bradbury **Fahrenheit 451**
- D. Herman Melville **Moby Dick**
- E. Leo Tolstoy **Anna Karenina**
- F. Jane Austen **Pride and Prejudice**
- G. Kurt Vonnegut **Slaughterhouse-Five**
- H. F. Scott Fitzgerald **The Great Gatsby**
- I. Sylvia Plath **The Bell Jar**
- J. Toni Morrison **Paradise**
- K. Franz Kafka **The Metamorphosis**
- L. Ernest Hemingway **The Old Man and the Sea**
- M. Harper Lee **To Kill a Mockingbird**
- N. Ayn Rand **Atlas Shrugged**
- O. Carson McCullers **The Heart is a Lonely Hunter**



Answers

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| 1. C | 6. F | 11. D |
| 2. B | 7. N | 12. K |
| 3. A | 8. G | 13. E |
| 4. J | 9. H | 14. M |
| 5. O | 10. I | 15. L |

Lockdown

by Richard Hendrick

Brother Richard Hendrick, a Capuchin Franciscan living in Ireland, has penned a touching poem about coronavirus.



Yes there is fear.
Yes there is isolation.
Yes there is panic buying.
Yes there is sickness.
Yes there is even death.
But,
They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise
You can hear the birds again.
They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
The sky is no longer thick with fumes
But blue and grey and clear.
They say that in the streets of Assisi
People are singing to each other
across the empty squares,
keeping their windows open
so that those who are alone
may hear the sounds of family around them.
They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
Is offering free meals and delivery to the
housebound.
Today a young woman I know
is busy spreading fliers with her number
through the neighbourhood
So that the elders may have someone to call
on.
Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and
Temples
are preparing to welcome
and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary
All over the world people are slowing down and
reflecting
All over the world people are looking at their

neighbours in a new way
All over the world people are waking up to a
new reality
To how big we really are.
To how little control we really have.
To what really matters.
To Love.
So we pray and we remember that
Yes there is fear.
But there does not have to be hate.
Yes there is isolation.
But there does not have to be loneliness.
Yes there is panic buying.
But there does not have to be meanness.
Yes there is sickness.
But there does not have to be disease of the
soul
Yes there is even death.
But there can always be a rebirth of love.
Wake to the choices you make as to how to live
now.
Today, breathe.
Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic
The birds are singing again
The sky is clearing,
Spring is coming,
And we are always encompassed by Love.
Open the windows of your soul
And though you may not be able
to touch across the empty square,
Sing.

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