

Fascination with the Mundane

Before boredom sets in, the irony of situations and the humour of people seems to be at the forefront. Obviously, the run on toilet paper is amazing. That it was the first item (or one of the first) to fly off the shelf is still mind-boggling. It was then apparent that tissues and napkins and paper towels would be next. And sure enough, it was, with pasta the next item. And potatoes.

I stopped into a Dollar Store the other day and maybe one employee thought this was humorous but there, on the TP shelf, were brown napkins. Would you use one as TP? What exactly was the thought behind this, eh?

King Sooper announced that their stores would open for seniors only from 7 to 8 am, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Gives new meaning to early rising; not sure most of us can get it together that early, can we? Thinking pajamas might be ok, cause only other seniors will see us and we get to come home and go back to bed.

Doing laundry today. Started two washing machines at the same time. Did they finish at the same time? Nope....twelve minutes apart. Thought I had reduced coming and going to the laundry room, now two more trips. How exactly do the machines become so out of sync? Have they tested positive?

No sports, not a one. How will we survive? OK, because life still goes on: Tom Brady signed with the Tampa Bay Bucs and was offered #12 on his jersey. The Broncos have made a number of moves: signed Melvin Gordon RB and TE Nick Vannett. They re-signed cornerback De'Vante Bausby. Chris Harris JR signed with the Chargers. The Rockies are in limbo. No sports in a town that thrives on sports.

There is always technology. I Have been teaching online for five years, so nothing has changed for me. Schools across the country, teachers as well, are scrambling to transfer work from the classroom to online. While commendable, many households have two or more children and parents now working remotely. Most do not have a computer for each person, thus causing more stress and angst. And remember when new math came into vogue when we had children? And everyone in the house together for who knows how long. Presumes a baby boom? Or people stressed to the limit.

And why did we not buy stock on Zoom? Zoom is the answer to every meeting, a place to co-mingle well past six feet.

Isn't it amazing, with everyone for the most part home, online, on TV, on the phone, that everything still works? We can wi-fi all over but we can't stop the spread of a horrible disease.

Religious services online, ordering online (and having items delivered), face timing with family (now more than ever), binge watching shows we thought we wanted to see. Not quite the same as praying together.

Stay healthy, stay active, be well and use your blinker if you are driving.

PS I am organizing my sock drawer. Yes, it has come to that.