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Finding myself intellectually challenged during this period of monastic existence (I can only read the great works of the world so many hours a day) I have decided to communicate with several circles of friends to place upon their shoulders the angst of my ennui. Hence the first issue of The Hermit Herald, which may or may never hit the news stands again. Within this erudite publication the dear reader will discover some true and helpful tidbits, some thoughtful musings and a good sprinkling of innocuous drivel. Proceed at your own peril.

So how did this start? I happened to glance at my feet this morning at 9:03- had just looked at my watch. The next thing I knew it was 9:28 and I was still looking at my feet- really not a pretty sight- what is going on here I asked myself? Out of the knowledge that necessity is the father of invention, the acclaimed pre publication issue of The Hermit Herald was born.

BREAKING: first good news on Covid-19. A long ago FDA approved drug for Malaria- Hydroxychloroquine- looks very promising as both a preventative and a treatment for Covid 19. Probably wishful thinking, but a bunch of medical people are excited.

Olympics- Tokyo- July 2020. You must be kidding. The deputy head of the IOC has the corona virus and they are doubling down on the decision to hold the games as scheduled while thousands of athletes from more than a hundred countries have limited facilities to continue their training.

Corona virus: It is the Chinese Virus, damn it. Just as the Spanish virus was the Spanish virus. There is over a thousand year history of superstition regarding the benefit of killing live animals and consuming organ parts similar to those of humans to enhance performance/longevity- what garbage!!, and thanks for your disease. The only virus name that was discriminatory was Lyme Disease. Those poor folks in Lyme, Ct. just happened to have the problem first identified there, but so

unfair to have their name forever tied to the disease.

Real jails, real prisoners: Wow!! Even though we can go out for a walk, go to the grocery, etc, you can't help but get a personal sense about what total incarceration is like. I know there is heightened interest in studying jail conditions in the U.S. We should really look at the Nordic countries, especially Sweden- much more humane treatment.

Secret escapes: Social distancing. What would you say if I told you there is an excellent restaurant in nearby Florida that is A- still open, B-fastidious about cleanliness- surfaces and servers and C-where we have been one of five diners at both lunch and dinner the past three days? Speak about Social Distancing. The economic model seems improbable and we say a little prayer each day that the doors will still be open when we arrive. Now you may remember when Kennedy was president there was an ultra secret bunker on Peanut Island which was top secret. Well so is our restaurant. However, for our first ten subscribers I will

**reveal the location (send \$10 and a self
addressed envelope.)**

Your faithful scribe,

Piero Bundini