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## Wooden Jigsaw Puzzles to Share

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In the May issue of the BI, the Jensen family shared with us all how they'd been spending their time while sheltering in place. Among their activities was tackling a challenging jigsaw puzzle of Klimt's "Apple Tree" manufactured by Liberty Puzzles. There was something about the amazing shapes of the pieces that appealed to Eve and me, so we went online and placed an order for a puzzle for ourselves. (<https://www.libertypuzzles.com/wooden-jigsaw-puzzles>) Well, to be more accurate, we placed an order to place an order – they were so backed up in production that they had a queue of customer requests.

About 3 weeks after establishing our place in line, we received an email giving us 24 hours to log on and place an order for one puzzle. We had already reviewed the many puzzles available, so we quickly settled on the puzzle, "A Family of Macaws." It took weeks to solve – but we found the challenge of the wooden jigsaw, with its amazing piece shapes, a delightful experience, just as the Jensens had.

We had such fun that we've already done a "rinse and repeat," getting in line and then buying a puzzle of Edgar Degas' "The Ballet Class." During the period of waiting, the Jensens lent us their Apple Tree puzzle, which proved harder to solve than the Macaws because the picture included more repetitive patterns. In solving it, we had to learn that not all apples look alike! Our experience solving the Macaws and Tree puzzles helped the Ballet puzzle go a bit faster, but it was no less enjoyable.

Now that we've solved the two puzzles, they are sitting fallow in our house, so we'd like to make them available to interested neighbors to solve. **Please contact us via email, phone, or post on [bowfininquirer.com](http://bowfininquirer.com) if you'd like to borrow a puzzle to enjoy and help keep your senses sharp!** (Photos of the puzzles are on page 2)

## Status of Covid-19

The San Mateo County Health website (<https://www.smchealth.org/coronavirus-county-data-dashboard>) shows that Foster City now has 122 confirmed cases, up from 99 last month and 67 cases two months ago at this time. Our county stands at 9,785 cases, up from around 8,000 cases last month.

## Aaron's Answers

**Question:** What was the Globe Theater of London? Whose plays were performed there? Is the theater still in existence?

**Aaron's Answer (A'sA):** The Globe Theater of London was a theater created by Shakespeare's playing company, the Lord Chamberlain's Men, in 1599 in London. The Globe Theater was built from timber from the original theater that stood there, called "The Theater." William Shakespeare was one of the shareholders in Lord Chamberlain's Men, and his famous plays were the main ones played at the theater. The original Globe is no longer in existence, having burned down in 1613. During a performance of Henry VIII, a prop cannon misfired and set the rafters and thatch roof on fire. It was at that point that the Globe went up in flames. The Globe was rebuilt in 1614, only to be demolished in 1644. Shakespeare's Globe is a new reconstruction of the original and was made in 1997. In February of 2016, a second replica of the Globe Theater, called the Pop-Up Theater was created in Auckland, New Zealand.

