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Front Line Workers Hard at Work



Carmichael's Raley's supermarket has almost 80 staffers working during the COVID-19 crisis. Presenting a cheerful front are florist Kamellia Bonev (left) store manager Nathan Smith and courtesy clerk Tyler Juba.

Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - They stock, they mop, they serve. In stores deemed vital during the COVID-19 crisis, staff keep calm and carry on. deservedly applauded. But food provision is equally crucial and, a month after restaurants and retailers closed, three million American grocery workers are serving longer hours with greater risks. When COVID is conquered and medals are assigned, let's remember our stores as a battle front

Shop workers are professionals, some with high corporate ambition. But they're also parents, spouses and

max. A Manzanita Avenue cashier last week reported his shift time doubled. "Six weeks ago, I worked 30 hours a week," he recalls. "Now Health workers are universally and busy and there's not enough staff. worker risk is recognized. Many My paycheck is good. But we're all exhausted."

> Keeping shelves filled is a herculean chore. A stocker rejoiced as staff leave. quitting time neared: "Oh boy, I can't wait till I can get up and do this all again tomorrow."

Staff health is as valuable as any store commodity and supermarket bosses are protecting their teams. In many markets, shifts begin with compulsory temperature checks. Gloves

caregivers. And – you can see it in and masks are allowed for staff – but many faces – they're stretched to the not yet mandatory. Quickly-erected Perspex screens divide cashiers from shoppers. Cart handles are constantly sanitized and customers' reusable bags are forbidden on counters. I'm doing 60 hours. We're just so All through the industry, increased workers are sacrificing family time to self-isolate at home. Some corporations are providing compassionate

Extra customer protections have also been implemented. Our re-education begins in measured spaces at we line up for opening times. We form similar lines to check out. We order home deliveries and the discounted sacks of staples now offered

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Drive-in Church **Services Now Permitted**

Center for American Liberty Special Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As a result of the Center for American Liberty's lawsuit (@Liberty_Ctr) and request for a temporary restraining order, drive-in religious services are now permitted in California during the COVID crisis.

This policy change, reflected in announcements from the two counties sued in our lawsuit, comes hours after Governor Newsom and Attorney General Becerra filed their brief in response to our TRO filed on Tuesday.

In their response, Governor Newsom and AG Becerra explain that because cars are "technology," drive-in church services are permitted under the state's shelter-in-

Subsequently, Riverside County released its final amended Order which references the Governor and Attorney General's opposition brief to our TRO.

The Order states - "the State confirmed that in-per son services are prohibited but clarified that "...drivein worship services are permitted under the existing Executive Order, which expressly allows 'faith based services that are provided through...other technology."

San Bernardino County's press release states, "The state has declared that drive-in worship services are allowed 'as long as the individuals engaged in such services abide by physical distancing guidelines and refrain from direct and indirect physical touching of others.'

"This is heartening progress for our clients, and all Californians" said Chief Executive Officer of the Center for American Liberty, Harmeet K. Dhillon (@pnjaban). "But while this is a step in the right direction, it is still not enough."

"The state is still holding houses of worship to a different standard," Dhillon said. "AG Barr's statement on Tuesday was clear, states cannot have two sets of restrictions - those that apply to churches and the more relaxed standards that apply to other entities. The State's orders still do not define worship as an essential activity that permits travel in California, even while at the same time the state is now saying drive-in worship is permissible. The orders are riddled with contradictory and confusing language."

"Even after these policy changes, houses of worship are still very limited in their permissible Continued on page 11

Sac DA: Enforcement of Public **Health Order in Sacramento County**

Sacramento County District Attorney's Office Special Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Since the Public Health Order went into effect on March 20, 2020, Sacramento area law enforcement agencies have primarily taken an education-based approach to gain voluntary compliance when addressing violations of the Public Health Order. While education continues to be the primary focus of all agencies when it comes to violations of the Health Order, law enforcement agencies in Sacramento County will now also take enforcement action on violations of the Public Health Order that clearly put the health and safety of our communities in jeopardy. This includes the cities of Sacramento, Elk Grove, Citrus Heights, Folsom, Galt, Rancho Cordova, Sacramento County Parks Police, Fulton-El Camino

County Sheriff's Office, and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office. Each of the police chiefs and Sheriff have continued to collaborate on a measured and balanced approach to enforcement of the Health Order in

Sacramento County. On April 12, 2020, Sacramento Sheriff's Office and Sacramento Police Department responded to multiple reports of "sideshows" that occurred throughout Sacramento County. These incidents involved estimates of 100 or more people gathered closely in the streets and resulted in one collision into a police vehicle. These sideshows are not only dangerous, but are an obvious violation of the Public Health Order.

Over the past three weeks, law enforcement agencies in Sacramento County have also responded to calls involving large

Parks, the Sacramento house parties and other Public Health Order." gatherings that were clearly in violation of the Public Health Order. Events like these under-

mine the efforts of our communities which have worked hard to make a difference in this health crisis. Because of this, in addition to citing appropriate vehicle code and penal code violations, law enforcement agencies throughout the Sacramento region will begin conducting enforcement on reoccurring or blatant violations of this Health Order.

majority of our community will continue to comply with the Public Health Order, and an educational approach will still be effective," said Sacramento Police Chief Daniel Hahn. "This move towards limited enforceblatantly put the commuobvious violations of the of up to \$1,000.

"It is important for folks to understand that all of Sacramento law enforcement is united in our desire to keep our communities safe, and in our willingness to enforce the order against unreasonable violations," Sacramento County Sheriff Scott Jones also stated.

Health and Safety Code 120295 states that violating either a state or a local isolation order constitutes a misdemeanor with a penalty of up to 90 days in jail and/ or a fine between \$50 and \$1,000. Each day of vio-"We know that the vast lation is a separate offense with jail and/or a fine between \$50 and \$1,000.

Government Code 8665 provides that anyone who violates, refuses, or willfully neglects to obey any lawful order or regulation during a State of Emergency is guilty of a misdemeanor. ment addresses those that The penalty for a violation of this code is up to 6 nity at risk by engaging in months in jail and/or a fine

Help Needed For 6-Year-Old "Silent Angel" with Rare Disease

Alisandra Zamora of Gold River is Fighting Rett Syndrome



living with an extremely rare diagnosis of Rett Syndrome. Photo: Help Hope Live

By Emily Progin, Help Hope Live

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - "When you combine ANGEL and FIGHTER, you get Alisandra." That's how Gold River mom Veronica Rodriguez describes her six-year-old, Alisandra Zamora, who is living with the extremely rare diagnosis Rett Syndrome as well as Charcot Marie Tooth 1A. Veronica and her "silent angel" need help from their community to cover the cost of Ali's care.

"Ali was in and out of the hospital since she was nine months old," explains Rodriguez. "Doctors discovered she was silently aspirating, meaning that food was going into her lungs. She couldn't eat by mouth anymore, and from there, it was a downhill battle with seizures, sleep apnea, and life-threatening situations." Just before she turned four, doctors diagnosed Alisandra with Rett Syndrome, which affects just 1 in 10,000 female children. Because of the diagnosis and other physical issues, she cannot speak, walk, eat, or breathe without assistance, which means she requires 24-hour-per-day care.

Rodriguez, who has two other children, was born and raised in San Diego but moved to Gold River specifically to secure better care for Ali and stronger professional opportunities. Though Alisandra's care takes up most of Rodriguez's time, she still volunteers at her children's school and regularly attends St. John's Church in Folsom. "The coronavirus has put a stop to that," she explained—Alisandra's diagnosis could make her uniquely vulnerable to the virus because of her compromised immune system.

"Through all the trials and tribulations, she is resilient, always happy and content," Rodriguez says of Alisandra. "Finding a balance between her needs and raising two other kids can be difficult." The family's biggest struggle is financial: insurance refuses to cover the cost of a wheelchair-accessible van, which will allow Alisandra to continue attending weekly doctor's appointments and physical therapy sessions as she grows. To help with the cost, Alisandra's family has turned to the national nonprofit Help Hope

Make a donation in honor of Alisandra Zamora at https://helphopelive.org/campaign/17205/ Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, and all funds raised will be managed by the nonprofit to cover only verified medical and related expenses. Help Hope Live verifies medical and financial need for every patient.

Help Hope Live is a national nonprofit that specializes in engaging communities in secure, tax-deductible fundraising campaigns for people who need a transplant or are affected by a catastrophic injury or illness. Since 1983, campaigns organized by Help Hope Live have raised over \$136 million to pay patient expenses.

Ask Joni

Laid Off...Turn 65 April 30th What Do I Do??



Toni King

Toni:

I need your help to enroll in Medicare because I will turn 65 on April 30 th. On April 10th, I was laid off due to the current economic conditions. My employer benefits ended the day I was laid off. I have no idea what to do!!

A friend recently gave me a Toni Says® newspaper article with your information and said I could email you regarding getting my Medicare started as quickly as possible. I am concerned that I will get the dreaded Medicare Part B penalty because I didn't have Medicare start April 1 st . I cannot get a straight answer as to what we need to do. Help me Please!!

~ Mary Ann from The Woodlands Area

Mary Ann:

Every day I am hearing from Americans who are losing their jobs due to these trying times with Coronovirus and downfall of the economy. Don't fret, Mary Ann ... April is your birthday month and you can enroll anytime in April and your Medicare Part B will begin May 1st.

You do not have to wait until April 30th to enroll nor have you made a major

mistake because your Medicare Part A and B did not begin on April 1st.

Medicare has a special enrollment window called the enrollment effective date schedule, which is NOT mentioned in the Medicare and You handbook but is discussed in my new Medicare Survival Guide® Advanced edition.

On page 5 of Chapter 1in the Medicare Survival Guide® Advanced edition, there is achart with a timeline explaining when and how to enroll when turning

The official Medicare & You handbook, only discusses Medicare's "Initial Enrollment Period" and does not go into detail.

Below is what you need to understand regarding Medicare's effective date schedule:

- Enrolling anytime 3 months before turning 65, your Medicare begins the first day of the month you turn 65. Since you, Mary Ann will turn 65 on April 30 th of this year; you could have enrolled in Medicare Part A and/or B in January, February, or March (3 months prior) for an April 1 st effective date. But you missed this window of opportunity and have other options.
- Enroll in Medicare the month you turn 65 which is April, then your Medicare will begin 1 month after you sign up which is May 1st . You can enroll in a Medicare Supplement without answering one health

question because you are in your Medigap 6-month enrollment period.

Now the fun begins:

- Enroll in Medicare 1 month after you turn 65, your Medicare will begin 2 months after you sign up. Enroll in May; Your Medicare Parts A and B begin August 1st.
- Enroll in Medicare 2 months after you turn 65, your Medicare will begin 3 months after you sign up. Enroll in June; Medicare will begin October1st.
- Enroll in Medicare 3 months after you turn 65, your Medicare will begin 3 months after you sign up. Enroll Medicare in July your Medicare will begin November 1st.

Mary Ann, your important 6-month Medigap/ Medicare Supplement open enrollment application period begins on the 1st of the month, which you have enrolled in Medicare Part B and you do not have to answer one (1) medical question. There is a 6-month window to apply for any Medicare Supplement without health underwriting.

Toni King, author of the Medicare Survival Guide® Advanced edition, which is a simple guide that puts Medicare in people terms, is having a \$5 Toni Savs® readers discount at www. tonisays.com. If you have any questions regarding this article or any Medicare issues reach out to Toni at 832-519-8664 or email at info@tonisays.com.





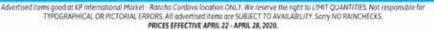
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Local Mask Makers Fill Critical Need

Story by Shaunna Boyd

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- As COVID-19 continues to spread, essential workers are facing a dwindling supply of protective masks. So, volunteers from around the region have stepped up to fill the need, sewing and donating thousands of masks.

Jodi Groves, a member of the Golden Valley Quilt Guild, made more than 50 masks, enough for each employee at the Front Street Animal Shelter to have two each. Groves said that the employees at the animal shelter are not considered safety workers, so they are not offered any protective gear. "But they're still out there," said Groves, "taking care of the animals."

Groves said other members of the Guild are making masks for staff at hospice, the VA, and Mercy San Juan. "When someone reaches out, we're on it," said Groves. "Quilters are known for being very giving people. One of us will take it on."

Tayva Singer, owner of Cali Quilt Co at 7900 Winding Way in Fair Oaks, wanted to do something to help during the pandemic. So, each day for weeks Singer set out more than 100 kits of fabric and elastic so people could make masks at home. She estimates that well over 1,000 masks were created from the kits.

"There's a need, and we had the fabric," said Singer. "We all now," said Singer. In the face need to chip in. We all need to help each other."

Anytime a doctor or nurse reached out, Singer gave them enough kits for themselves and for others on their staff. And she was moved by the amount of



Giana DeGracia and her daughter, Sawyer Huff, show off their **new masks.** Photo courtesy of Cali Quilt Co

people who wanted kits so they could donate the masks to local healthcare workers: "The generosity is overwhelming."

Singer was happy to help her community in this time of need, and she never even considered selling the kits: "We don't want to profit off hardship."

"People don't feel safe right of all that fear, she said it feels good to be able to do something that can help people feel a little

The Folsom Mask Makers group was launched in midalready made and donated thousands of masks throughout the greater Sacramento area. Karla Burgess, an intensive care unit (ICU) regis-

Sacramento, Placer,

and El Dorado coun-

masks, members are also picking up materials, washing and iron-March, and volunteers have ing the fabric, preparing sewing unteers working on the N95 Mask Makers Facebook page. ★

masks. The masks are donated to local hospitals, medical centers, and other healthcare workers on the frontline of this crisis. Some masks are donated to community members as well since guidelines from the Centers for Disease the group site. When Mercy Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommend everyone wear required a more experienced a mask when out in public.

The shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) for healthcare workers is so critical that the Folsom Mask Makers created a subgroup focused solely on making N95 ICU cover masks for local Sacramento area hospitals. Karen Pizzo

kits, and delivering the finished cover masks approved for donation to ICUs at Mercy San Juan Hospital.

With her sewing experience, McConnell said she was "the resident [sewing] expert answering questions all day on San Juan asked for a mask that hand, we realized we needed a second group dedicated to (N95 mask covers)." Hundreds have already been delivered to Mercy, filling that critical need for those who spend their days caring for others.

"Each of us are trying to keep up with the needs of family and

> an ever-dwindling supply," said McConnell, "but we will produce until the need is longer there."

Volunteers with Folsom Mask Makers understand the need for these masks since many of them are healthcare providers, already working long shifts to care for patients. They spend their free time volunteering to make masks because they know firsthand that these masks are what keeps them and their coworkers safe and healthy so they can keep doing their jobs.

The group needs more volunteers

ties. In addition to sewing the McConnell, costume design and and donations of elastic and 100% cotton fabric. For more Theatre, is coordinating the vol- information, visit the Folsom



In addition to making masks for medical staff, Lori also uses her extensive collection of fabric to make customized masks for family members. Photo courtesy of Cali Quilt Co

seamstress at El Dorado Musical

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Social Security Matters

Social Security for Children and Younger Wife



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am 59. My wife is 48 and has been a stay at home mom for 15 years. We have children aged 13, 10, and 5. I know it makes sense to delay the start of benefits, but I understand that it's more complicated when small children are involved. Does it make sense for me to begin receiving benefits at 62 so I can also collect more for the children? Signed: Older Father

Dear Older Father: Yes, the issue is more complicated when children are involved. Here's why: If you claim your own Social Security (SS) at age 62, your minor children would be able to receive child benefits, and your wife would also be able to receive "child-in-care" benefits, even though she is not yet age-eligible for regular spouse benefits. Usually, a minor child is entitled to 50% of the parent's full retirement age (FRA) SS amount, and a younger care-giving wife is entitled to the same. But dependents collecting on the same worker's record the Family Maximum

The Family Maximum limits the amount of the worker's FRA ben-Security determines the Family Maximum for each individual case with a complex formula that you owe because you



uses your "primary insurance amount" (or "PIA," the amount you get at your FRA). Your PIA is broken into 4 parts and a different percentage of each part is taken and summed up to arrive at your Family Maximum. Then your PIA is subtracted from the Family Maximum amount and the remainder is equally divided among your minor children and wife. Once a minor child turns 18 (or 19 if still in high school) that child no longer receives benefits and the Family Maximum is recomputed, with the new amount equally divided among the remaining dependents. When your youngest child turns 16, your wife will no longer be eligible for child-in-care benefits. But there's more to consider.

By taking your benefit at age 62, it will be cut by 30% from what it would be if you waited until your full retirement age to claim, and that reduction is permanent. Plus that reduced benefit will mean your wife's benefit as your widow, should you pre-decease her, would be less than it might otherwise be if you waited until later to claim.

when there are multiple retirement age, you will also be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits the amount of money you can earn before Social Security takes back some of your benefits. The total benefits which can limit for 2020 is \$18,240 be received by the fam- and if you exceed that Administration or any ily to 150% to 188% of amount, SS will take back other governmental entity. benefits equal to half of efit amount. Social the excess over the limit. visit our website (amac-They take back those ben- foundation.org/programs/ efits by withholding your social-security-advisory) SS until they recover what

exceeded the limit. And, if your benefits are withheld because you exceed the earnings limit, your children and wife will not get their benefits for any month(s) that your benefits are withheld. FYI, the earnings limit increases by about 2.6 times in the year you reach your FRA and no longer applies once you reach your FRA, but any dependent benefits not paid because you exceeded the earnings limit are lost and cannot be recovered.

So, as you can see, there are many things you should consider. If you will be retired from working at age 62 and don't need to worry about the earnings limit, then claiming then, along with the dependent benefits, could be a prudent choice. But if you will continue to work and earn a significant salary, you might very well find that the benefits you and your dependents lose due to the earnings limit will overshadow any advantage you might gain by filing at that time. And, you might also find that the permanent cut in your own benefit because you claimed early, along with the reduction to your wife's future survivor benefit amount, will make claiming at age 62 less attractive.

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SacRT Adds Additional Bus Service to Peak Commute Routes

By Jessica Gonzalez, Sacramento Regional Transit District

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) is adding additional bus service to busier routes in an effort to provide transportation for essential workers while promoting social distancing. On March 23, SacRT temporarily reduced service due to COVID-19 related school and business closures and Administration orders to "shelter-in-place."

Since that time, SacRT has been closely monitoring ridership and is happy to announce that they will be adding more frequency and earlier start times to five highly utilized bus routes (15, 30, 51, 72 and 87) starting Monday, April 13.

Most routes will have earlier start times and increased frequency of 15 to 30 minutes during peak commute hours. SacRT heard from riders that they needed more peak hour commute options on bus. and the added frequency should help essential employees get to work and allow customers to get to other vital destinations, like grocery stores and medical appointments.

Summary of the added service:

Route 15 (Del Paso): Adding 21 new trips, including six earlier morning trips with 30 minute frequency; Route 30 (J Street): Adding 29 new trips to provide 30 minute service; Route 51 (Stockton/ Broadway): Adding 20 new trips, increasing frequency to every 15 minutes during peak commute hours; Route 72 (Rosemont): Adding 30 new trips, including additional morning trips and increasing frequency to every 30 minutes; Route 87 (Howe): Adding 11 new trips, including a new morning trip and increasing frequency to every 30 minutes

SacRT has also added extra buses to routes 51, 67, 68, 84 and 93 during peak commute hours to allow for social distancing. SacRT will continue to monitor ridership and has additional buses standing by to assist on other routes if needed.

Light rail service will continue to operate as follows:

Blue Line (Operates on Sunday schedule seven days a week); Gold Line - Weekday (Modified Sunday schedule) - Train service departs Historic Folsom starting at 6 a.m.; Gold Line - Saturday (Modified Sunday schedule) - Train

service departs Historic Folsom starting at 7:30 a.m.; Gold Line – Sunday (Operates on regular Sunday schedule) Green Line (Operates on regular Monday - Friday only schedule)

In addition, SacRT will continue to operate most of its peak commuter/ express service Monday through Friday (routes 102, 103, 106, 107, 109, 113, 129, 161 and 193); SmaRT Ride microtransit service (in all zones) and Folsom Stage Line bus service (routes 10 and 30). To view the adjusted schedules, visit sacrt.com/schedules.

At this time, most of SacRT's contracted services, including Elk Grove's e-tran bus, Rancho CordoVan shuttle, and ADA paratransit services will not be affected. North Natomas Jibe service has been temporarily suspended for 60 days effective April 3 and the launch of the new Causeway Connection (route 138) zero emission electric powered bus service will be postponed until further

SacRT continues to take proactive measures to slow the spread of the virus including fogging and sanitizing our buses, light rail vehicles and facilities every day. To further protect customers and employees, SacRT is installing protective plexi-glass and detachable chain barriers near the driver's area, and requiring all riders board from the rear of the bus and. In addition, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, disposable gloves, masks and safety glasses have been distributed to employees. SacRT is urging riders to download the free ZipPass fare app or pick up a Connect Card at participating Raley's/Bel Air markets or by calling Customer Service at 916-321-BUSS (2877) to reduce touchpoints while paying fare.

SacRT wants to remind everyone that public transit should only be used for essential travel to access food, medicine and essential employment. All other trips should be avoided and everyone should follow the guidance of Governor Newsom's order to shelter-in-place to help flatten the curve. SacRT understands that the service it provides is critical to the Sacramento community and will continue to communicate timely updates as soon as possible. For more information on SacRT preparations to reduce the spread of COVID-19, visit sacrt.com/ covid19.

PG&E Contributes \$150,000 to the California Food Banks

By Paul Moreno, Pacific Gas and Electric Company

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (MPG) - Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is assisting the California Association of Food Banks to establish the California Food Bank Rapid Response Fund with a \$150,000 charitable contribution. Through the Rapid Response Fund, the Association will provide critical funding for food banks to increase food and supplies, and to supplement their staffing needs through the COVID-19 pandemic and future

emergencies. The Rapid Response Fund will distribute funding to 40 food banks serving all 58 California counties, with 34 located in PG&E's service area. Customers in need of assistance can find a food bank close to them by searching their zip code here: http://www.cafoodbanks. org/find-food-assistance or by calling their local 211

number or the statewide hotline at (833) 544-2374. "Food banks are a

vital resource in every community, working individuals, we recogthroughout the year to ensure that no one goes first responders. During hungry. During this current this difficult time, food

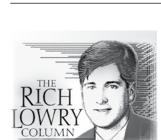
crisis, food banks are at the forefront providing an unprecedented amount of food to millions of Californians," explained Stacia Levenfeld, Chief Executive Officer of the California Association of Food Banks. "Thank you to PG&E for this inaugural donation to the California Food Bank Rapid Response Fund. My hope is that this donation inspires others to contribute, supporting our essential work to deliver healthy food to those who the state."

This donation is part of \$1 million in charitable contributions that PG&E and The PG&E Corporation Foundation have committed to providing to nonprofits focused on supporting individuals and families coping with the impacts of the current health crisis. The \$1 million funding will seek to address general relief and food insecurity, as well as assist small businesses with the economic impacts of the public health emergency. These donations come from shareholder funds, not customers.

"As a company and as nize the need to support banks have become one of many important first responders supporting the most vulnerable members of our communities. We're proud to be able to support them and hope others will join us. This new Rapid Response Fund will be available to help 34 food banks in our service area during this emergency as well as others in the future," said Robert Kenney, PG&E's Vice President of State and Regulatory Affairs.

The Fund will distheir capacity to purchase need it most throughout tribute 85 percent of the donations to support local food banks as they scale up their operations to meet the increased demand for food and resources, and 15 percent will support the California Association of Food Banks' critical role in response efforts.

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Blaming China, WHO Isn't Scapegoating

President Donald Trump slammed the World Health Organization at a recent news briefing and was immediately accused of scapegoating.

There's no doubt that Trump is inclined to shift blame when possible (and even when it isn't). He'll never take ownership of the testing debacle at the outset of our coronavirus response or admit it was wrong initially to minimize the virus.

Yet none of this detracts from the force of his critiques of China (although he blows hot and cold on that) and the WHO, which are at the center of this international catastrophe and must that "preliminary investigabe held to account.

Without China's deceit and WHO's solicitude for Beijing, the outbreak might have been more limited. and the world at the very least would have had more time to react. China committed unforgivable sins of tory illnesses. commission, affirmatively lying about the outbreak and punishing doctors and disappearing journalists who told the truth, whereas the WHO committed sins of omission

it lacked independence and courage at a moment of great consequence.

In effect, China and the WHO worked together to expose the rest of the world to the virus, at the same time they downplayed its dangers.

China acted as you'd expect. Countries that run gulags aren't typically noted for their good governance and transparency. The WHO is supposed to be different. According to its constitution, "The health of all peoples is fundamental to the attainment of peace and security and is dependent on the fullest co-operation of individuals and States."

But it's hard to see how the WHO would have acted any differently if its constitution contained a proviso stipulating that it should validate Chinese propaganda as much as possible, especially in the midst of a world-threatening outbreak of a novel virus.

On Jan. 14, WHO tweeted tions" by Chinese authorities had found no evidence of human-to-human transmission. Several days later, it reported "limited" humanto-human transmission, although it downplayed the finding as typical of respira-

Then, the WHO declined to call the outbreak in China a public health emergency of international concern on Jan. 22, at the same time there were confirmed cases

in Taiwan, Australia, Japan, Thailand and South Korea. After the WHO finally declared the emergency, it proceeded to drag its feet on declaring a pandemic, waiting until March 12.

One of the worst things China did was seal off Hubei province from the rest of the country while flights continued around the world. Was the WHO concerned about that? No, it was fully on board. As a headline in Reuters put it in early February, "WHO chief says widespread travel bans not needed to beat China virus."

Incredibly enough, in late January, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus was praising Chinese officials for "the transparency they have demonstrated." Despite the emerging consensus that China has lied about its number of cases and deaths, WHO hasn't yet said a discouraging word about China's actions. It's been resolute, though, in excluding Taiwan from its workings, just as Beijing

Trump takes more than his share of potshots, but that doesn't mean he's always off the mark. China and the WHO are genuine malefactors who deserve all the obloquy the president, and anyone else, can heap on them.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Nancy Baker, President of **Assistance League of Sacramento**

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I hope that you and your virus halted much of our has been closed since March 14, 2020. We estimate a devastating loss of \$85,000 of income from the resources to continue this funding source alone.

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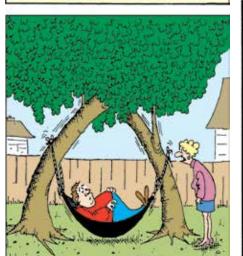


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Midnight Fire in Carmichael



The remains of the burnt building located near the intersection of Marconi Avenue and Fair Oaks Boulevard. Photo by Patrick Larenas

By Patrick Larenas

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - According to reports, a fire broke out in Carmichael around midnight on April 19th, destroying most of the 5713 Marconi Avenue building located in the back of Oak Leaf Plaza.

The plaza's fire was contained by Sacramento Metropolitan Firefighters who were on the scene immediately.

The inside of the business building was sufficiently burned to cause the eventual collapse of the roof.

No injuries were reported and firefighters said the case is under investigation.★

Front Line Workers Hard at Work

Continued from page 1 to seniors for curbside pickup.

We encounter masked fellow shoppers without a blink and don't touch produce more than necessary. Our days of scooping bulk muesli from a bin are gone – perhaps forever. We respect retail hours set aside for seniors and the disabled. As Americans used to plenty, we've quickly acquired a wartime acceptance of shortages. If we find handsanitizer, we share the retail location –with happy-face emojis – on social media. We celebrate toilet paper purchases like prospectors finding gold.

consumer habits are disrupted, perhaps a kinder, gentler shopper emerges. We share we're-all-inthis-together smiles as we line up; drivers surrender coveted parking space to seniors. Samaritans take groceries to the house-bound. We're told to be good to ourselves and to others. Well, most of us have more time now, so why not?

Above all, let's treat our grocery workers like the front line heroes they are. Let's applaud them as they arrive for work. Let's ask after their health. Let's buy a bouquet in the floral department and give it to a cashier. And let's thank these troop-Even as comfortable ers from the bottoms of our

Manager Nathan Smith is a smiling presence at Raley's Fair Oaks Boulevard. "Keeping a positive attitude is the best thing we can all do," he considers. "Store teams are working extra hard. Getting a smile and a thank you is our best reward."

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Footnote: Raley's corporate CEO Keith Knopf advises against grocery hoarding: "The food system in the United States is the most sophisticated and robust in the world" he says. "If we all normalize buying behavior and resist the unnecessary need to stockpile, everyone can have what they need."

Trekboxx Facility to Produce Face **Shields to Support Health Care Workers**

By Becky Warren, Elevate Public Affairs

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -Sacramento area company, Trekboxx, which specializes in custom storage units for sport utility vehicles, is keeping their employees working by now converting its manufacturing facilities to produce protective face shields, at cost, for local healthcare providers treating COVID-19 patients. Trekboxx is using clear plastic sheet donated by Dart Container to construct the face shields. The first shipment of over 10,000 face shields will be delivered to UC Davis.

"I saw a need locally and we wanted to do our part. Now is a time for us to do all that we can for those risking their health in order to save lives during the COVID-19 outbreak," said Trekboxx owner and founder, David Walter. "The least we can do is actively find ways to support health care workers, and we have already received support from partners like Dart Container."

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to make these shields during this crisis. Trekboxx is also providing on its website's call to action ways other companies can also produce face shields including a video explanation and more information on the face shield's design and material suppliers.

"We want to support what Trekboxx is doing to help protect and equip health care workers," said Michael Westerfield, Director of Recycling for Dart Container. "It's each of us doing our part that will make a difference during this crisis."

Face shields produced at-cost by Trekboxx will be manufactured from twenty 1,500 lb. rolls of clear polyethylene terephthalate (PET) with 50% recycled post-consumer content.

Trekboxx is asking other businesses or residents who have a CNC router, laser, or plotter that want to help to contact them by email at faceshields@trekboxx.com. The community can also help the effort with a donation on their GoFundMe page.

For more information on Trekboxx, visit https://www.trekboxx.com, or on their face shield production, visit https://www. trekboxx.com/helping-heros.



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Over the intervening seven-plus decades, the United States has become entangled in less popular conflicts where the enemy and the objectives have been more elusive. While the reasons for these wars and the outcomes have seemed less tangible and more distant, the sacrifices of the men and women of the U.S. military are every bit as courageous and selfless as those in World War II.

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Over 150 Ph.D. Economists and Political Scientists Call for Governor to Suspend AB 5

By Joshua Hoover, Office of Assemblyman Kevin Kiley

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As Governor Gavin Newsom tweeted that "SCIENCE - not politics - must be California's guide" in its economic recovery, over 150 California economists and professors sent the Governor an open letter calling on him to suspend AB 5.

Using their training in economic and political science, these experts, including Nobel Laureate Vernon Smith, concluded AB 5 is causing "substantial, and avoidable, harm to the very people who now have the fewest resources and the worst alternatives available to them." The letter

Employment decisions hinge on the costs of distributing risk. While employers are not hiring, gig workers could shoulder myriad tasks that are needed to flatten out

the effects of the temporary emergency. It doesn't really matter how great the pay is, how predictable are the hours, nor how generous the benefits may be, if the law prevents a job from existing in the first place...Blocking work that is needed and impoverishing workers laid-off from other jobs are not the intentions of AB-5, but the law is having these unintended consequences and needs to be suspended.

Assemblyman Kevin Kiley (R-Rocklin) has introduced legislation to suspend AB 5 and has urged the Governor to use his emergency powers to do so.

"If Governor Newsom believes in putting science before politics, he should listen to our state's leading economists rather than special interests and political allies," Kiley said. "Keeping AB 5 in place while Californians remain at home defies expert opinion, common sense, and basic decency."

Keep on Truckin': Suspend AB 5

Commentary by Senator John Moorlach

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - 'It's absurd to effectively ban "gig" workers while millions are trying to figure out how to make a living from home'

With most Californians hibernating in their homes for "social distancing," trucking has become even more important. Independent truckers bring us our food, water, medical supplies, clothing and, when available, the most essential commodity: toilet paper.

Which is why my Senate Bill 990 is absolutely crucial and ought to be passed when the California Legislature returns to Sacramento. When amended, it would suspend until January 2022 the severe restrictions on independent workers imposed by Assembly Bill 5 from last year. AB 5 restricts the freedom to work in many fields: translators, transcribers, writers, dancers and teachers, among many others.

There are too many businesses opportunities that do not fit in the "employer/ truckers who work for multiple companies throughout the year, using their vehicles and

Independent truckers are truly essential because, if food is not delivered, people go hungry. If the medicines don't go to hospitals, patients may die.

Trucking is one of the few industries recruiting more people, for obvious reasons. ... Despite the health crisis, independent truckers continue climbing into the cab of their individually owned 18-wheelers every day to make sure the routine, everyday items we take for granted are delivered. No drivers, no deliveries. No deliveries, no store shelves stocked with products.

One official who just doesn't get this is California Attorney General Xavier Becerra. He's continuing his legal actions against independent truckers

Gig workers need similar flexibility. ... And independent truckers need the freedom to keep on truckin.'

SB 990 gives Californians room to debate AB 5, while keeping the economy rolling down the Interstate Highway.

Tax Time During Coronavirus: What Retirees Need To Know

By Chris Orestis

Retirement and the effects of aging come with a lot of changes, but at least one thing remains constant.

Every year, Uncle Sam wants to make sure you're paying any taxes you might owe him, and that's true whether you are retired or not. That said, though, there are tax rules that are specific to older Americans, so it's important to be aware of the different ways you might be able to reduce your tax bill that weren't available to you when you were younger.

Normally, of course, April 15 is the deadline to file your tax returns. But this year, because of the disruption caused by the coronavirus, the deadline has been extended to July 15. Remember also, if you currently receive Social Security and don't file taxes anymore, you will receive a government stimulus check (or autodeposit) of \$1,200 automatically without filing any additional paperwork.

Meanwhile, that tax deadline extension means you've got extra time to explore some of those rules that seniors can take advantage of. A few to be mindful of include:

You may qualify for a larger standard deduction. For many Americans, including many seniors, there's no reason to itemize your deductions anymore because the standard deduction is so high - \$12,200 for a single person and \$24,400 for a married couple filing jointly. But you can get an even higher standard deduction if either you or your spouse is 65 or older, and a still higher deduction if either of you is blind. If you aren't itemizing, then you want to make sure you're getting the maximum standard deduction that you are allowed because that's going to impact how much of your income is taxed.

Yes, your Social Security benefit may **be taxed.** The rules for how much – if any of your Social Security benefit is taxed can be tricky, so you want to be extra careful with that. According to the Social Security Administration, if you're filing as an individual, and your Social Security benefit plus any other taxable income you

have is between \$25,000 and \$34,000, you may be taxed up to 50 percent of your benefit. If your combined income is more than \$34,000 then up to 85 percent of the benefit may be taxable. For married couples filing jointly, if the combined income is between \$32,000 and \$44,000, you may have to pay tax on up to 50 percent of your benefits. If your income is more than \$44,000 then up to 85 percent of your benefits may be taxable.

You may be able to deduct long-term care insurance premiums. Owners of long-term care insurance policies can take tax deductions on premiums they pay for qualified plans - as well as other reimbursed medical expenses such as Medicare premiums - as long as the premiums are greater than 7.5 percent of adjusted gross

Selling your life insurance policy has advantages. There can be significant tax benefits for people who sell their life insurance policy through what is called a "life settlement." Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the proceeds from a life settlement are fully exempt from federal taxes if the policy owner is terminally or chronically ill. Those who are not terminally or chronically ill do pay capital-gain taxes on the proceeds from the sale, minus the amount in premiums the policyholder paid over the life of the policy.

You may want to increase contributions to your retirement accounts. Of course, many seniors aren't adding anything to their IRAs or 401(k)s. Instead, they are regularly withdrawing money to pay for monthly living expenses. But if you're still working, you can increase your contributions, which can both reduce your tax bill now and give you an even larger nest egg when you do retire. The IRS limits how much you can contribute each year, but that limit increases once you turn 50.

The important thing to remember is that you may have options at tax time that you hadn't thought about. Knowing the tax rules and how they apply to your personal situation, and seeking professional advice, can make a huge difference.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2020-02266 Samani Aya Hunter, 5018 Marconi Avenue #149 Carmichael, CA 95608 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Aya Zu Art & Graphix, Aza Graphix" 5018 Marconi Avenue #149 Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 17, 2020 Publish: April 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2020 180201

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2020-02394 Ronna Flag, 7855 Cotton Wood Lane #115 Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ronna's Housecleaning and More" 7855 Cotton Wood Lane #115 Sacramento, CA 95828, Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 26, 2020 Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, and 8, 2020 180201 **RONNA**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2020-02361 U-Haul Co. of California, 44511 Grimmer Boulevard Fremont, CA 94538 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "U-Haul Co. of East Sacramento" 1650 El Camino Avenue Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 25, 2020 Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, and 8, 2020 180201

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2020-02369 Michael J. Webb. 1948 Rossmoor Drive Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Graphic Ruler" 1948 Rossmoor Drive Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 25, 2020 Publish: April 17, 24, May 1, and 8, 2020 **GRAPHIC** 180201

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2020-02838 Robert B. Means, 3725 Wingate Drive Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Creative Innovations" 3725 Wingate Drive Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 13, 2020 Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, and 15, 2020 CREATIVE 180201

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2020-02458 Heather D. Miller and Jeffery C. Miller, 4900 Livoti Avenue Fair Oaks, CA 95628 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Jump Media Services" 4900 Livoti Avenue Fair Oaks. CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2020 Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, and 15, 2020 JUMP 180201 5-15-20

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FBNF2018-01520 The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of "YG Services" located at 836 57th Street Suite 460 Sacramento,

CA 95819. Priscilla Yang-Gamez, 6832 Lindbrook Way #T2 Sacramento, CA 95823. The Fictitious Business Name Statement referred to above was filed on February 23, 2018 in the County of Sacramento. Publish April 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2020 170707

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26, 2019 in the County of Sacramento.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF OLA MAE THOMPSON CASE No. 34-2020-00273458

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate or both of Ola Mae Thompson, deceased A Petition for Probate has been filed by Dominic Thompson, in the Superior Court of California, County requesting Dominic County of Sacramento, Dominic Thompson, be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless

to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in a.m. in Dept 129 at Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento 3341 Power Inn Road Sacramento, CA 95826 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner is: Dominic Thompson 7824 Polo Crosse Avenue Sacramento, CA 95829

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CAMERON RICHARD TURNER, AKA CAMERON R. TURNER CASE No. 34-2020-00277689 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Cameron Richard Turner, aka Cameron R. Turner, deceased A Petition for Probate has been filed by Richard B. Turner, Kathleen T. Turner in the Superior Court of California County of Sacramento, requesting Richard B. Turner, Kathleen T. Turner, be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows May 14, 2020 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129 at Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento 3341 Power Inn Road Sacramento, CA 95826.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition

you should appear at the hearing and state

your objections or file written objections with

the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent

creditor of the deceased, you must file your

claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by

the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date notice under section 9052 of the California and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attornev knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing

of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner is: Richard B. Turner and Kathleen T. Turner Chico. CA 95973 530-521-2128, 530-354-6118

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING (Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010, subd. (a)(1))

TO CONSIDER PUBLIC INPUT PRIOR TO DRAWING DRAFT ELECTION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Folsom Cordova Unified

School District ("District") intends to hold a public hearing, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010, subd. (a)(1), at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the composition of districts the District intends to establish for board member elections before drawing a draft map or maps of the proposed boundaries of the districts (the "Proposed Action"). The time for the

April 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as practicable)

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 29-20, the public may participate in the meeting and provide public comment via Zoom video conference. The link to the meeting will be provided 15 minutes prior the start of the meeting on the District's website at:

https://folsomcordova.agendaonline.net/public/

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 29-20, persons who require reasonable accommodation modification to observe and/or offer public comment are directed to contact Kelly Goldst Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, at 916-294-9001 or KGoldsmi@fcusd.org.

Testimony of all interested persons for or against the Proposed Action will be heard through the public comment means set forth above. Protests may be made in writing. Any protest pertaining to the regularity or sufficiency of the proceedings shall be in writing and shall clearly set forth the irregularities and defects to which the objection is made. All written protests shall be filed with the District on or before the time set for the hearing. The District may waive any irregularities in the form or content of any written notice and at the hearing may correct minor defects in the proceedings. Written protests may be withdrawn, in writing, at any time before the conclusion of the hearing.

DATED: April 24, 2020

Sarak Kaligrain Dr. Sarah Koligian, Superintendent Folsom Cordova Unified School District

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PUBLIC NOTICE OPEN APPLICATION PERIOD

Citizen Oversight Committee Park Maintenance and Recreation Improvement District (PMRID)



The Cordova Recreation and Park District announces an opportunity to serve on its community-based, advisory Oversight Committee. Members review and recommend how special tax assessments (PMRID/Measure J) are spent. One (1) seat is currently available, and applications are being sought from residents of Rancho

The Oversight Committee consists of five residents appointed by the CRPD Board of Directors. Members are encouraged to engage with their communities and bring feedback and input to the Committee. Experience with public sector finance is recommended, but not required. Terms are for four years and members do not receive financial compensation. The Oversight Committee meets several times a year and all meetings are open to the public.

Applications are available online at www.crpd.com. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, May 29, 2020. Please contact Danielle Jones, Clerk of the Board at (916) 599-4583 or djones@crpd.com for additional information.

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Treasury, IRS Unveil Online Application to Help With Economic Impact Payments

By David A. Tucker II, Internal Revenue Service

WASHINGTON, DC (MPG) - Working with the Treasury Department, the Internal Revenue Service unveiled the new Get My Payment with features to let taxpayers check on their Economic Impact Payment date and update direct deposit information.

With an initial round of more than 80 million Economic Impact Payments starting to hit bank accounts, this new tool will help address key common questions. Get My Payment will show the projected date when a deposit has been scheduled, similar to the "Where's My Refund tool" many taxpayers are already familiar with.

Get My Payment also allows people a chance to provide their bank information. People who did not use direct deposit on their last tax return will be able to input information to receive the payment by direct deposit into their bank account, expediting receipt.

"Get My Payment will offer people with a quick and easy way to find the status of their payment and, where possible, provide their bank account information if we don't already have it," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "Our IRS employees have been working non-stop on the Economic Impact Payments to help taxpayers in need. In addition to successfully generating payments to more than 80 million people, IRS teams throughout the country proudly worked long days and weekends to quickly deliver Get My Payment ahead of schedule."

Get My Payment is updated once daily, usually overnight. The IRS urges taxpayers to only use Get My Payment once a day given the large number of people receiving **Economic Impact Payments.**

How to use Get My Payment

Available only on IRS.gov, the online application is safe and secure to use. Taxpayers only need a few pieces of information to quickly obtain the status of their payment and, where needed, provide their bank account information. Having a copy of their most recent tax return can help speed the process.

For taxpayers to track the status of their payment, this feature will show taxpayers the payment amount, scheduled delivery date by direct deposit or paper check and if a payment hasn't been scheduled. They will need to enter basic information including:

Social Security number; Date of birth, and; Mailing address used on their tax

Taxpayers needing to add their bank account information to speed receipt of their payment will also need to provide the following additional information:

Their Adjusted Gross Income from their most recent tax return submitted, either 2019 or 2018: The refund or amount owed from their latest filed tax return; Bank account

type, account and routing numbers

Get My Payment cannot update bank account information after an Economic Impact Payment has been scheduled for delivery. To help protect against potential fraud, the tool also does not allow people to change bank account information already on file with the IRS.

A Spanish version of Get My Payment is expected in a few weeks.

Don't normally file a tax return? Additional IRS tool helps non-filers

In addition to Get My Payment, Treasury and IRS have a second a new web tool allowing quick registration for Economic Impact Payments for those who don't normally file a tax return.

The Non-filers: Enter Payment Info tool, developed in partnership between the IRS and the Free File Alliance, provides a free and easy option designed for people who don't have a return filing obligation, including those with too little income to file. The new web tool is available only on IRS.gov, and users should look for Non-filers: Enter Payment Info Here to take them directly to

Non-filers: Enter Payment Info is designed for people who did not file a tax return for 2018 or 2019 and who don't receive Social Security retirement, disability (SSDI), or survivor benefits and Railroad Retirement benefits. Additional information is available at https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/ non-filers-enter-payment-info-here.

No action needed by most taxpayers

Eligible taxpayers who filed tax returns for 2019 or 2018 will receive the payments automatically. Automatic payments will also go in the near future to those receiving Social Security retirement, or disability (SSDI), or survivor benefits and Railroad Retirement benefits.

General information about the Economic Impact Payments is available on a special section of IRS.gov: https://www.irs.gov/ coronavirus/economic-impact-paymentinformation-center.

Watch out for scams related to Economic Impact Payments

The IRS urges taxpayers to be on the lookout for scams related to the Economic Impact Payments. To use the new app or get information, taxpayers should visit IRS.gov. People should watch out for scams using email, phone calls or texts related to the payments. Be careful and cautious: The IRS will not send unsolicited electronic communications asking people to open attachments, visit a website or share personal or financial information. Remember, go directly and solely to IRS.gov for official information.

More information

The IRS will post frequently asked questions on IRS.gov/coronavirus and will provide updates as soon as they are available

Society for the Blind Receives \$25K from Granite Bay Whitmire Foundation

By Kristin Thébaud, Thébaud Comm.

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -Society for the Blind recently received \$25,000 from M&M Whitmire Family Foundation in Granite Bay to provide classes and training for seniors with vision loss and blindness. The grant will fund the group's Senior IMPACT Project that empowers people age 55 and older with alternative, non-visual techniques and skills that enable them to perform day-to-day tasks and activities so they can maintain or increase independence.

"Our Senior IMPACT Project is life-changing for the growing number of seniors in the Sacramento region who find themselves losing their vision and are unsure of how to continue living independently," said Shari Roeseler, executive director, Society for the Blind. "Increasingly, more seniors are still working and need to learn how to do their jobs using non-visual techniques. Thanks to this funding from the M&M Whitmire Family Foundation, hundreds of seniors with vision loss can live life to the fullest."

The Senior IMPACT Project includes an eightday retreat offered monthly at Society for the Blind that gives seniors an immersion experience where they learn alternative techniques and skills to travel safely, efficiently and independently. They practice alternative techniques and use adapted tools to perform tasks of daily living including cooking, cleaning, shopping, home maintenance, organization, personal finance and more. They learn how to use the latest in assistive technology to operate computers and mobile devices for home, school and work, and they learn Braille.



enjoy a meal after learning to cook in the group's new teaching kitchen, one of the skills funded by a grant from M&M Whitmire Family Foundation. Photo: Thébaud Comr

Participants receive individualized attention from instructors and mentors who are blind or low vision, and they have the opportunity to join in discussion groups with peers on issues around vision loss and participate in community activities. For those unable to attend retreats, Society for the Blind sends instructors to their homes to teach skills and offer resources. The Senior IMPACT Project includes monthly peer support groups for English and Spanish speakers and workshops throughout the year.

"On behalf of the M&M Whitmire Family Foundation, I would like to thank Society for the Blind for letting our foundation be a part of such a great organization," said Jessika Cano, director of senior outreach at the foundation. "Blindness comes in various degrees and knows no discrimination. It is something that all can experience in some degree, and something we can adapt to and still have productive and great lives. Society for the Blind makes this possible by having amazing programs and a wide range of tools with great employees and volunteers willing to teach. Thanks again to Society for the Blind for continuing their support and care within our community now and in the years to come."

For 66 years, Society for the Blind has created innovative ways to empower individuals living with low vision or blindness to discover, develop and achieve their full potential. Society for the Blind has grown from a dedicated group of volunteers to a nationally recognized agency and the only comprehensive rehabilitative teaching center that provides services for a 27-county region of northern California. The nonprofit provides low-vision eye care, life and job skills training, mentorship, and access to tools to maintain independence for nearly 6,000 youth, working-age adults and seniors experiencing vision loss each year. For more information or to make a donation, visit SocietyfortheBlind.org.

M&M Whitmire Family Foundation's mission is to assist children in need and senior care within the Sacramento area.

Nielsen to Serve as Vice Chair of Legislative **Hearing to Review COVID-19 Spending**

From the Office of Senator Nielsen

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Respected for his experience and keen attention to detail, Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama) was selected to serve as Vice Chair of the newly created Senate budget subcommittee focused on the state's COVID-19 response. The first hearing is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, at 2 p.m. The public can view the hearing by visiting www.senate.ca.gov.

"We are living through an extraordinary public health event," said Senator Jim Nielsen. "Millions are without jobs, and schools are closed. Thousands of Californians have tested positive for the COVID-19 coronavirus; most are recovering at home and others are hospitalized. Sadly, several hundred fellow Californians have died."

Prior to the state's unprecedented shelter-in-place policy that led the senator.nielsen@senate.ca.gov.

Legislature to shut down, Senator Nielsen voted to provide emergency funding and waive rules to support the Governor as he leads the state in its effort minimize the spread of the coronavirus.

Nielsen praised Governor Newsom for his leadership and swift action as he emphasized the need to review California's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It is the duty of the Legislature to ensure that public funds are used in the most appropriate and cost-effective manner, while also thoughtfully using resources to meet our state's immediate public health and economic challenges," Senator Nielsen said.

"California leaders are doing what we can to work together and minimize the spread of the virus."

To contact Senator Jim Nielsen, please call him at 916-651-4004, or via email at

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Continued from page 1 activities," Dhillon said. "Many of these activities provide immeasurable societal good, be it delivering food to the elderly, hosting addiction support groups, providing spiritual comfort and counseling for Californians in crisis, and so many other essential services."

On Tuesday, United States Attorney General William P. Barr issued a https://libertycenter.org/pf/

statement condemning gish-v-newsom/ restrictions on houses of worship that are not applied "evenhandedly" to all businesses.

"We intend to pursue this case until all Californians are restored the full free exercise of religion guaranteed to all Americans under the Constitution," Dhillon said.

For more information about this case, please visit

The Center for American Liberty is a nonprofit litigation, education, and public policy organization dedicated to advancing Free Speech rights and Civil Liberties. Founded by Harmeet Dhillon in 2019, the Center for American Liberty offers pro-bono and low-bono legal representation to Americans whose fundamental freedoms are violated.



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