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HOMETOWN HEROES

TFCF Inc., a Santa Fe Springs-based clothing manufacturer, has pivoted to creating masks during the current Covid-19 pandemic.

The locally-owned company has donated to more than 30 different local governments, including the Norwalk Sheriff's Station, in addition to police departments, churches, schools, and community service organizations.

Photo by Eric Pierce



'Is this a nightmare?'

Norwalk teacher Marie Garcia chronicles unprecedented times away from the classroom.

By Marie L. Garcia Contributor

NORWALK - Friday the 13th of March, much to my surprise, was my last day of work in school. Starting Monday, we were told, schools would be closed due to the coronavirus. Parents would be contacted, students given their passwords, loaned iPads with work-at-home packets to complete.

Life has not been the same after that.

Substitute teaching for the Norwalk-La Mirada School District for some 13 years, with no more assignments, made me as it is, live history in progress.

It's a great opportunity to redirect myself to unvisited territory: sort out clothes to donate or keep, assign travel souvenirs to give away, read unopened books, organize photos, check for expired food in the pantry and freezer. The self-quarantined timeline and stay home order has provided time for what I had long procrastinated.

Lockdown brought us two cancellations: flights to visit grandchildren in Beaverton, Oregon, and San Jose are now history.

Advanced substitute teaching assignments were cancelled by the District. Attendance to Mass services at church is available only through live streaming. Memoirs writing classes are accessible through Zoom teleconferencing. Bible Study groups will not meet until further notice.

My Matthew 25 Renew Prayer group will share faith via Zoom. Dentist, doctors visits are phone appointments only. Our 50th wedding anniversary reservations were put on hold.

Social distancing took me to alternative ways to continue family tradition and holidays. Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, graduation through video chat. Visits from daughter and grandkids doing cartwheels on my front lawn are as near as they can get. St. Linus parish breakfast club FaceTimes and texts each other to avoid boredom. Food photos of breakfast, lunch and dinner are posted for virtual dining together. Recourse to social media throughout the day and night to send greetings and to avoid missing out on anything and anyone.

Accepting no guests, not even the cleaning lady. Sharing

food and fruits with family and friends left on our front porch for pick-up.

Down to the essentials. Geared with a mask, I shop for food items and toiletries taking the minimum of grocery trips. Pharmacy refills are ordered online. Fast food places to visit for take out, grab, and go.

Fear of the known and the unknown. Should I even watch the news and endanger breaking my spirit as scores of coronavirus fatalities and affected patients rise on the curve? When is it really going to flatten? Will I wake up saying to myself, "It was all a nightmare"?

I am tethering on negativity with "what if's." What if I contract the virus? Is my living trust updated and will it be carried out? Negativity lurks but I refuse to let fear "dominate my mind nor paralyze my heart."

The great writer CS Lewis' ("Chronicles of Narnia") quote from 72 years ago has gone viral, asking to replace "atomic bomb" with the word coronavirus: "The first action to be taken is to pull ourselves together. If we are going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb, when it comes, find us doing sensible and human things -- praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends

over a pint and a game of darts -- not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs."

I choose to live life in the here and now. I wake up with a hymn, greet my Maker, check the time to allot an hour for meditation, contemplation, and journaling.

If I were to meet CS Lewis, I would tell him: "Praying is first on your list. Check! Then work, yes, I prepare breakfast, as lunch and dinner too, and do my chores. I listen to organ and piano music played with hymns sung as I attend live streaming Mass at St. Linus. I teach the Filipino language via Echo Show to my grandkids in Oregon. I chat with my friends and family through Messenger, text messages, video chats and Zoom teleconferences. You said for us to not be afraid like frightened sheep...so I turn my fears over to the Good Shepherd Himself who had told us, "Do not be afraid or fear not", said 80 times in the Good Book. I choose to trust that this coronavirus pandemic shall pass."

"You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you... For he will command his angels concerning you, to guard you in all your ways..." Psalm 91.

Fearing infections, 3,500 inmates released from jail

Calling it a matter of life or death, authorities move to release inmates still awaiting trial.

LOS ANGELES - More than 3,500 people have been released from L.A. County jails in an effort to slow the spread of Covid-19.

Those released include suspects in the pretrial portion of their criminal cases.

They were presumed innocent at the time of their release, authorities said.

"We all know too well this is a matter of life and death," public defender Ricardo Garcia said during the Los Angeles County daily press briefing Tuesday.

"As we think of the extraordinary precautions we are all taking, physical distancing, wearing masks, and constantly washing our hands, and remaining at home, we must remember that right now thousands of people are trapped in close quarters with no ability to take these basic precautions in order to protect themselves.

"Our mothers, fathers, grandparents and children in custody are as afraid of Covid-19 as any of us."

Officials said they were also looking to reduce the population numbers at juvenile detention centers.

The probation department recently got the approval to release 66 youths and the agency is working to evaluate more cases for possible release.

Although no children have tested positive for Covid-19, there are 16 cases of probation

staff testing positive, including six who work at juvenile detention centers.

Officials are working to find more places within facilities to safely isolate and quarantine youths if need be.

Gatherings, including at meal times, were limited. Visitation at juvenile halls and residential treatment facilities have been suspended, and daily cleanings and sanitation measures were increased.

Norwalk reaches 88 Covid-19 cases

NORWALK - Coronavirus showed no signs of slowing down this week as the number of Covid-19 cases continued to climb daily in Norwalk.

As of Thursday morning, there were 88 confirmed coronavirus cases in Norwalk. That number is higher than some neighboring cities, including Whittier (56) and La Mirada (25) but lower than Downey (111).

L.A. County health officials on Wednesday announced 42 new deaths related to Covid-19, the largest increase in deaths since the start of the pandemic.

To date, Public Health has identified 10,496 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of LA County, and a total of 402 deaths. Eighty-four percent of people who died had underlying health conditions.

"One of the tragic realities of this pandemic is the daily report of lives lost to Covid-19. The frequency of these reports does not diminish our sympathy or our resolve to restore wellness to our community," said Barbara Ferrer, Director of Public Health.

Norwalk residents - and all of L.A. County - are under order to shelter at home until at least May 15.

The public is required to wear a face covering to enter essential businesses as well. Beaches, trails and trailheads and non-essential businesses remain closed, and all public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside the home remain prohibited.

Norwalk restaurant grades

Burger King
13400 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/1/20
Grade: **A**

Dos Amigos
13310 San Antonio Dr.
Date Inspected: 3/13/20
Grade: **A**

Hola Pho
11575 Rosecrans Ave.
Inspected: 3/13/20
Grade: **A**

Taco Bell
12503 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/13/20
Grade: **A**

Noemi's Mexican Restaurant
14350 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/13/20
Grade: **A**

Hibachi Grill Buffet
14021 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/12/20
Grade: **A**

The Poke Co.
12200 Civic Center Dr.
Date Inspected: 3/12/20
Grade: **B**

Ana's Bionicos
10977 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/12/20
Grade: **A**

RC Burgers
14041 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/12/20
Grade: **A**

Costco - Bakery
12324 Hoxie Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/12/20
Grade: **A**

Costco - Pizza
12324 Hoxie Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/12/20
Grade: **A**

El Eden
10628 E Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 3/11/20
Grade: **A**

Casa Adelita
12842 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/11/20
Grade: **A**

Un Rinconito Argentino
10633 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 3/11/20
Grade: **A**

El Pollo Loco
11473 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/10/20
Grade: **A**

Yoshinoya Beef Bowl
12555 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/10/20
Grade: **A**

Angelina's Famous Pizza
12553 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/10/20
Grade: **A**

Food 4 Less Bakery
10901 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 3/10/20
Grade: **A**

Kikka
11660 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/10/20
Grade: **A**

Santos Juice Bar
13324 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/9/20
Grade: **A**

IHOP
12623 Norwalk Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/9/20
Grade: **A**

Chinatown Express
13935 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/9/20
Grade: **A**

California Bakery
11860 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/5/20
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 68°

Saturday 67°

Sunday 68°

THINGS TO WATCH



Our Planet

All Weekend - Netflix

Experience our planet's natural beauty and examine how climate change impacts all living creatures in this ambitious documentary of spectacular scope.



LA Originals

All Weekend - Netflix

Photographer Estevan Oriol and artist Mister Cartoon turned their Chicano roots into gritty art, impacting street culture, hip hop and beyond.



Operation Odessa

All Weekend - Netflix

A Russian mobster, a Cuban spy and a smooth operator from Miami scheme to sell a Soviet submarine to a Colombian drug cartel for \$35 million.



Mrs. America

All Weekend - Hulu

Conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly leads an unexpected fight against the Equal Rights Amendment movement during the 1970s.



Little Fires Everywhere

All Weekend - Hulu

Starring Reese Witherspoon and Kerry Washington, Little Fires Everywhere follows the intertwined fates of the picture-perfect Richardson family and an enigmatic mother and daughter who upend their lives.



The Outsider

All Weekend - Hulu

A gruesome murder leads a local detective into a disturbing search for the truth in this series based on Stephen King's novel.

New law protects renters who were laid off

Renters who have lost their job or had their hours slashed are now protected against eviction.

On Tuesday, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors issued an executive order which expands an existing temporary rent freeze and moratorium on evictions in parts of Los Angeles County in response to the coronavirus health emergency.

The new order expands the temporary eviction moratorium to cover all residential and commercial tenants in Los Angeles County, except those who live or conduct business in cities that have already enacted their own eviction moratorium.

The moratorium includes a ban on evictions for:

Nonpayment of rent, if the tenant can show they have been financially impacted by the health emergency

Nofault reasons, such as owner/relative move-in or Ellis Act evictions (The Ellis Act is a California state law that allows landlords to evict tenants in rent-controlled units if they are planning to "go out of business.")

Violations due to additional occupants, pets or nuisance related to Covid-19

The expanded temporary rent freeze now prohibits owners of mobilehome parks in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County from increasing the space rent for their tenants during the moratorium period.

These actions, which are retroactive from March 4 to May 31, 2020, unless extended, are the latest in a series of protections the Board has enacted to protect renters in Los Angeles County, many of whom have been severely impacted by

the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA), at the directive of the Board of Supervisors, will work to educate renters and property owners of these new rules.

"Renters in Los Angeles County have faced extraordinary financial difficulties due to the COVID-19 health emergency. Many tenants simply cannot pay their rent on time and desperately need the additional protections the Board of Supervisors have issued today in order to remain housed," said Joseph M. Nicchitta, Director of DCBA.

"Our department knows landlords are struggling, too. We are expanding our L.A. County Disaster Help Center services by providing foreclosure protection to assist mom-and-

pop landlords in L.A. County."

A partial list of Tuesday's actions includes:

Renters will have 12 months after the moratorium ends to pay any back rent (Previously six months)

Landlords may not impose any new passthroughs or charge interest or late fees for unpaid rent during the moratorium period

Landlords may not attempt to collect interest and late fees incurred during the moratorium period after the Executive Order is terminated for renters covered by the Rent Stabilization Ordinance and the Mobilehome Rent Stabilization Ordinance

Payment plans that allow landlords to accept partial payments from tenants during the moratorium are encouraged

Tenants may provide self-certification of their inability to pay rent, and landlords must accept this as sufficient notice

Landlords may not harass or intimidate tenants who choose to exercise their protections under this moratorium

For more details about the Board's recent actions and other landlord-tenant issues, please contact the L.A. County Disaster Help Center. Call (833) 238-4450; email rent@dcba.lacounty.gov; or visit lacountyhelpcenter.org.

\$1,000 for renters?

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a



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proposal by Supervisors Janice Hahn and Hilda Solis to create an Emergency Rent Assistance Program during the COVID-19 crisis. When it is created, the program could provide up to \$1000 per month for three months to renters who have lost income due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"As we fight the spread of this virus and do everything we can to save lives, this crisis has devastated families who were already living on the brink of poverty," said Supervisor Janice Hahn.

"The eviction moratorium we have in place has provided some relief, but many families are going to struggle to pay back the rent they owe after this crisis is over. Rent assistance will help keep people in their homes and lessen some of the long-term economic damage this pandemic will have on families."

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has implemented a rent freeze and eviction moratorium to prevent families from losing their homes during this epidemic. However, renters will still need to pay back rent owed in the months after the crisis. Rent assistance would not need to be paid back and could prevent families from

falling into even worse economic hardship.

The number of families that will be helped by the program will depend on the level of funding. Funding for the program would come from the second round of funding Los Angeles County expects to receive from the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Additional funding could come from philanthropy and private sources.

"Housing stability is crucial for residents both during and after the COVID-19 crisis. We know the County's eviction moratorium helps protect renters against homelessness now, but it won't help them once past-due rent needs to be paid back," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, co-author of this motion. "This Emergency Rental Assistance Program can provide sorely needed support to cost burdened households while they are earning little or no income as a result of the pandemic."

The Los Angeles County Development Authority will report back to the Board of Supervisors with an implementation plan for the Emergency Rent Assistance Program in 30 days.

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The struggle between government power and personal liberty

By Judge Andrew Napolitano

During the past month, as Americans have been terrified of the coronavirus, another demon has been lurking ready to pounce. It is a demon of our own creation. It is the now amply manifested inability of elected officials to resist the temptation of totalitarianism. And it is slowly bringing about the death of personal liberty in our once free society.

It is one thing for public officials to use a bully pulpit to educate and even intimidate the populace into a prudent awareness of basic sanitary behaviors — even those which go against our nature — to impede the spread of the virus. It is quite another to contend that their suggestions and intimidations and guidelines somehow have the force of the law behind them.

They don't.

The government in America — at both the federal and state levels — is divided into three branches: legislative, executive and judicial. This separation of powers was crafted at the Constitutional Convention in 1787 after heated debate. The essence of the debate was this: how to establish a government strong enough to protect individual liberty but not so strong as to enable the government to destroy it. James Madison and his colleagues devised the separation of powers to keep power from accumulating in one branch.

The legislative branch writes the laws, and the executive enforces them, and the judiciary interprets them and articulates what they mean. The president cannot write laws. The courts cannot enforce them. And Congress cannot interpret them. When Congress has gotten lazy or presidents have gotten ambitious and we've seen presidential lawmaking, the courts have struck it down. Stated differently, the separation of powers is core to our freedoms and the courts have consistently ruled that core functions assigned by the Constitution to each branch cannot be ceded away to another branch.

The same is the case for the states, as each state's constitution mimics the U.S. Constitution and mandates separation. The separation is not mandated to protect the prerogatives of each branch. It is mandated to protect individual liberty by preventing any branch from accumulating power assigned to the others.

This has been Madison's genius. It has become Madison's sorrow.

These "orders" — stay at home, close your business, don't run in the park, don't go to Mass, practice social distancing — are not laws that can carry a criminal penalty for violation. They are guidelines, without the force of law. A governor or mayor can no more craft a law and assign a punishment for its noncompliance than the courts could command the military or police.

Even if legislative bodies did order churches and businesses closed, and governors and mayors were just enforcing those laws, the laws would be profoundly unconstitutional. The Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment firmly establishes freedom of religion as a fundamental liberty and the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment firmly establishes your right to purchase a lawful product in interstate commerce from a willing seller as fundamental.

Fundamental liberties are in the highest

category of liberty, akin to freedom of conscience and speech and press and privacy and travel.

Let's say you are at a big-box store looking for groceries and other items. The government cannot constitutionally limit your choices to food and paper towels if you prefer to buy grass seed and a garden hose. These are intimate personal decisions. You need not explain or justify them to the government and you don't need a government permission slip to exercise your free will and make those choices.

Until now.

Now, we have become a nation of sheep. We have elected officials with constitutionally assigned duties — and constitutionally imposed limitations — who have assumed to themselves dictatorial powers and have falsely claimed that they can interfere with our personal choices. Who are the governors to decide which human activities are essential? Abortion is essential but Mass is not? No constitution gave them that power.

There are two schools of thought on the impairment of fundamental liberties. One requires strict scrutiny and the other requires due process. The strict scrutiny standard mandates the existence of a compelling state interest addressed by the least restrictive means. The procedural due process standard mandates a trial at which the state must prove fault or guilt. The substantive due process standard puts certain personal decisions beyond governmental reach.

Closing churches meets no constitutional standard. There is no question that fighting a pandemic is a compelling state interest, yet there are far less restrictive ways to address it than preventing worship. Wearing masks and gloves, staying 10 feet apart, holding Mass outdoors, even taking a personal risk and then self-quarantining are far less restrictive and constitutionally offensive than closing churches.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio violated his oath to uphold the Constitution when he threatened to use force to close permanently all houses of worship that defied his guidelines. And a small-town police department in northern New Jersey exquisitely violated the constitutional rights of Catholics — while enforcing the ever-changing whims of Gov. Phil Murphy. The police claimed they were following the governor's orders when they barred a priest on Palm Sunday from distributing palms in sealed plastic bags while he and each parishioner wore masks and gloves and were six feet apart in the fresh outdoors.

Enough is enough.

The employment of government power to assault personal liberty and cut constitutional corners is never justified in a free society, no matter the exigency. The Constitution protects our rights in good times and in bad. Those in power who steal freedom are unworthy of office. But don't expect them to give us our freedoms back. We will need to pry it away from their cold and covetous hands.

Judge Andrew Napolitano is the senior judicial analyst for Fox News.

The U.S. Postal Service is in trouble and it deserves a bailout

By Sarah Anderson

The U.S. Postal Service plays a vital role in our nation's health and stability at this time of crisis. Unfortunately, it's financially strapped — and got just crumbs in the \$2.2 trillion stimulus package recently passed by Congress.

President Trump's response? A stream of false accusations.

"They lose money every time they deliver a package for Amazon or these other internet companies," Trump said. "If they'd raise the prices by, actually a lot, then you'd find out that the post office could make money or break even. But they don't do that."

For years now, Trump has repeated the lie that USPS loses money on these deliveries, even though a task force Trump himself commissioned in 2018 contradicted it. In its most recent quarterly statement, USPS reported a 2.3 percent increase in revenue from parcel delivery and increased revenue per package.

The real cause of the Postal Service's immediate financial crisis is the coronavirus pandemic. Mail volumes have plummeted under the economic shutdown, and package delivery profits cannot make up for the loss. USPS management has warned that mail volume and revenue could drop by 50 percent or more this year.

Support for the Postal Service crosses partisan lines. You'd think a bit more compassion might be in order at a time when postal workers are on the frontlines, straining to meet the skyrocketing need for home deliveries of essential goods.

But playing hardball on crisis aid gives Trump and his administration the leverage they've been seeking for years to gut the public Postal Service.

The crumbs in the stimulus law amount to \$10 billion in additional debt, subject to conditions imposed by Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. By contrast, House Democrats had proposed a \$25 billion cash infusion to prevent the Postal Service from possible collapse.

Frivolous litigators bite the hands that care for them

By Veronique de Rugy

In good economic times, the burdens of big government and excessive regulation are easy for many to ignore. When the system comes under heavy strain, however, those costs quickly become intolerable.

That's why, even as freedoms are being restricted to unprecedented degrees in hopes of slowing the spread of COVID-19, politicians are also lifting regulations that hinder economic activity. These rules and mandates have always been counterproductive, but only now are their costs glaring enough to compel action.

Perhaps the same will prove true once politicians spot the coming lawsuit tsunami. As Manhattan civil lawyer Elizabeth Eilender remarked to the New York Post, "You could teach several law school courses based just on all the different kinds of cases that will come out of this. There are going to be a million lawsuits."

Even though many, if not most, of these suits are likely to be frivolous, their sheer volume will significantly raise the costs of future economic recovery.

But there are also ill effects today. The threat of the lawsuits might obstruct the response of medical professionals who are fighting on the front lines against COVID-19. Indeed, we can predict that many of these lawsuits will target health care workers who are forced by medical circumstances to quickly make tough decisions, including how to ration care or which makeshift machinery could be used to treat as many patients as possible. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act has a section protecting volunteer health care workers from liability. Several states — including New York, New Jersey and Michigan — have also recently issued executive orders or passed legislation to protect doctors, nurses and other hospital staff from frivolous lawsuits.

But every type of business will be vulnerable, too. If we're in for anything akin to the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, unscrupulous trial lawyers will test legal boundaries and attempt to apply standards of care that were designed for normal times to businesses and professionals now facing unprecedented emergency circumstances. Of course, nobody can reasonably expect every business to have all of the necessary medical supplies on hand and worker training already in place to immediately respond to such a rare and unanticipated pandemic.

Health care professionals and businesses are both worried. For instance, COVID-19 has hit seniors disproportionately, and nursing

In the final law, USPS competitors FedEx and UPS got a much better deal than the Postal Service. Under the airline bailout, both of these companies are eligible for a portion of the \$4 billion in cash assistance for payroll support and another \$4 billion in loans and loan guarantees for air cargo carriers.

While Mnuchin's loan conditions are not public, they likely echo recommendations from the 2018 task force he chaired, which included partial privatization, draconian cuts to wages and services, and elimination of employee collective bargaining rights.

Unlike many other industries, the Postal Service cannot furlough workers and still achieve its essential mission. Like health care professionals and emergency responders, postal workers are essential to our public health because their deliveries make it possible for people to stay at home and not spread the virus.

Millions of people are relying on them to deliver medications and other essential goods, as well as the stimulus checks they're waiting for to help cover their bills. Come November, postal workers will also be needed to protect the integrity of our election system by facilitating vote by mail.

Without the Postal Service's network of 157 million daily delivery points and 35,000 post offices, there would be no way to carry out these essential activities. Jacking up package delivery rates now, as Trump is demanding, would harm postal customers, particularly in rural areas — just when they need these services most.

Postal workers are rising to the challenge of a crisis unlike any we've ever experienced. The last thing they need is for the president to dismiss the gravity of the Postal Service's financial situation.

The American Postal Workers Union has organized a petition demanding urgent financial support for USPS. Trump and Congress must heed their call and save our public Postal Service — and the many businesses and families that depend on it.

homes have become a significant target of these attorneys. Recently, the Florida Health Care Association urged Gov. Ron DeSantis to provide legal immunity to protect facilities and their workers from lawsuits that attempt to hold them liable for the harm spread suddenly by this virus.

Beyond the immediate impact, these medical malpractice lawsuits would also have long-term consequences, since studies show that they raise the cost of health care. According to estimates examined by my Mercatus Center colleagues Jared Rhoads and Robert Graboyes, because of fears of being sued, physicians resort to a form of defensive medicine that consists of doing more than is strictly necessary to treat a patient, at an aggregate cost ranging between \$650 to \$850 billion per year.

Extraordinary circumstances make these problems even more obvious. In 2002, Congress passed the Support Anti-Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act to protect airlines, airplane manufacturers and other industries hit hard by 9/11 from needless suits. Part of the concern was that investment in anti-terrorism technology and procedures would be stunted by the uncertainty created by a lack of case law establishing reasonable standards of care.

Pandemics are similarly infrequent, and as this one unfolds, the last thing we should want is medical professionals worrying about unwarranted lawsuits instead of delivering the best care possible under seemingly impossible circumstances.

Sen. Deb Fischer, R-Neb., has already released a bill — the Health Care Workforce Protection Act — to provide liability protection to manufacturers of masks and respirators, as well as to other professionals fighting COVID-19.

With the pandemic bringing the U.S. economy to its weakest state in decades, it's crucial that protections are quickly put in place to prevent a climate of excessive legal uncertainty and fear that threatens to slow recovery and prolong suffering.

But policymakers shouldn't stop there. The tort system, we must always remember, provides a crucial economic service by adjudicating legitimate conflicts between private parties. That said, it can be abused and end up stunting, rather than facilitating, commerce. Permanent, constitutional-minded tort reform will prevent a scramble to enact protections following the next unexpected event.

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Trash pickup

Dear Editor:

As a resident of Downey, I realized an increase in trash pickup fees during Covid-19. Good timing.

I am asking our City Council to initiate a study by city staff or a consultant to find an alternative to track pickup cycles for single-family homes.

For example, if we increase pickup cycles to every other week or every 12, 17 or 18 days for each separate item (green, trash and recyclables), we wouldn't need pickups all at once. I checked my neighbor's containers and found them less than half empty with weekly pickups.

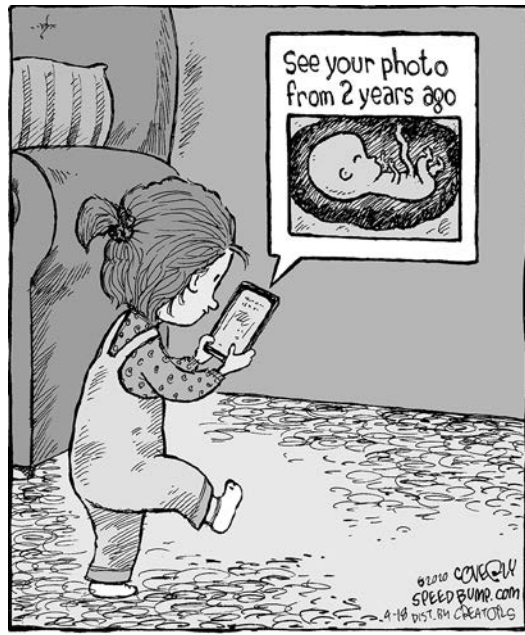
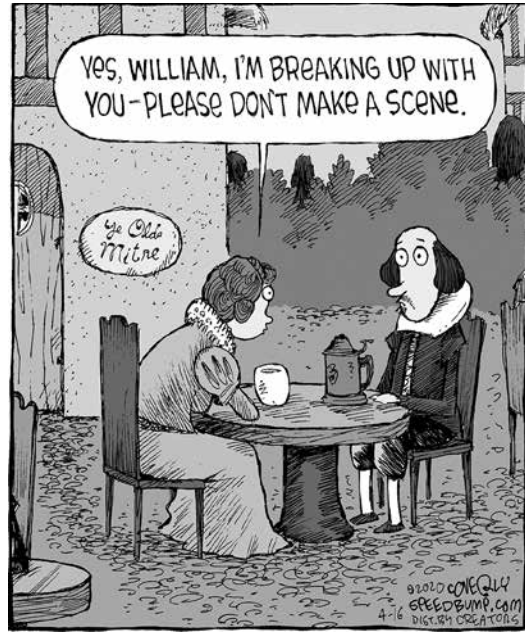
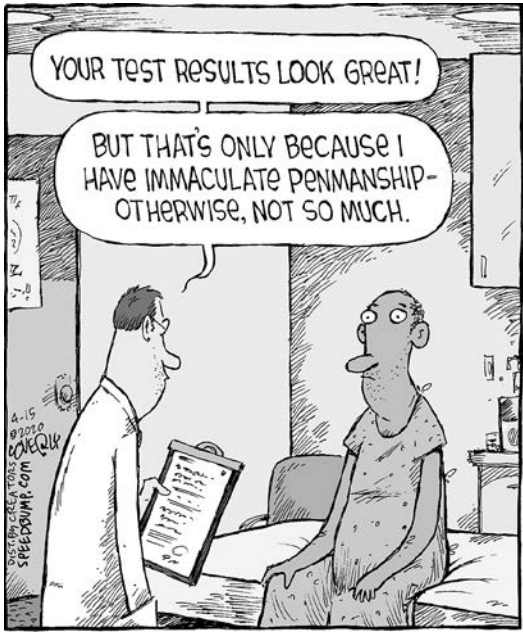
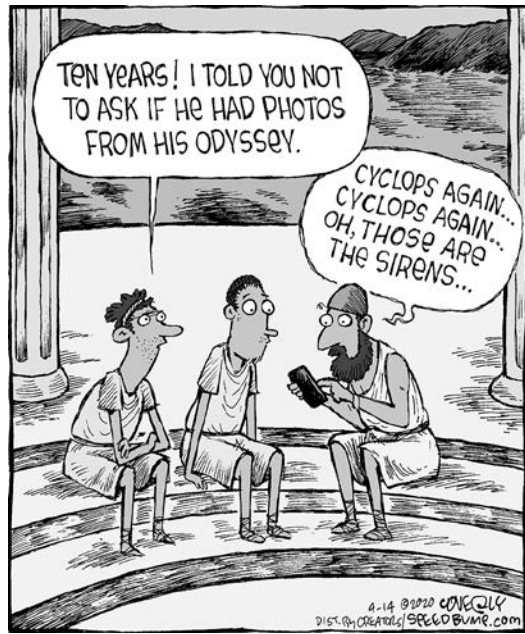
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- MONDAYS**
 1st, 6:00 p.m. - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers
- TUESDAYS**
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 1st & 3rd 6:00 p.m. - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office
 1st & 3rd, 6:00 p.m. - City Council - Council Chambers
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 1st & 3rd, 7:00 p.m. - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant
 2nd, 10:30 a.m. - Norwalk Woman's Club - Masonic Lodge
 2nd & 4th, 1:30 p.m. - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center
 2nd & 4th, 7:30 p.m. - Planning Commission - Council Chambers
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 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church
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On This Day...

April 17, 1951: Baseball Hall of Famer Mickey Mantle made his major league debut with the New York Yankees. During his 18-year career with the Yankees, the switch-hitting slugger hit 536 home runs and was voted the American League's Most Valuable Player three times

1961: About 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched an invasion at the Bay of Pigs on the southwestern coast of Cuba in a failed attempt to overthrow Fidel Castro.

1964: The Ford Motor Co. unveiled the Mustang.

1996: A Los Angeles jury recommended that Lyle and Erik Menendez serve life in prison without parole for killing their wealthy parents.

THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD
 Edited by Stanley Newman (www.StanXwords.com)
MAYBE, WHY NOT: A starter-pair theme
 by Mark McClain

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Eric Garcetti embraces Twitter to share news

With borders blurred, residents turn to L.A. mayor's Twitter feed for updates.

By Sabrina Picou Contributor

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti has been faced with a challenge, serving L.A. during a global pandemic. Similar to Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York, Garcetti has turned to social media to inform the public regularly.

The mayor has been using Twitter to post the latest updates for the city of L.A. regarding

Covid-19 and other news related to the coronavirus pandemic.

He has increased his social media presence and many people are turning to his tweets to get the absolute latest news.

Garcetti is tweeting daily on information surrounding the virus. His tweets include information on new city wide orders, business closures, testing information and live briefings. His followers are responding to his tweets and they are not getting direct responses.

On March 31 at 6:40 p.m. Garcetti tweeted, "We are expanding testing across L.A. County and opening new sites

so that everyone can access COVID-19 tests. Our registration portal is now available in collaboration with the @CountyofLA. If you are eligible, please make an appointment at <http://Coronavirus.LACity.org/Testing>."

"If someone has symptoms of Covid-19 or has been prevented from working due to contact with someone with Covid-19 then they are eligible for testing according to the mayor's tweet. There are now 22 testing locations provided by L.A. County and they have since tested 37,000 people.

L.A. County's population is over 10 million people as of the

2018 U.S. Census Bureau report. According to the same report, 70.8% of people in L.A. County identify as White and 48.6% of people identify as Hispanic or Latino.

Currently, the county is on a Safer at Home order issued by as of March 19. Angelenos have been ordered to stay at home when possible and to only leave their homes for essentials such as grocery or pharmacy pick-ups.

Restaurants in L.A. County are now pick-up and/or delivery only as dine-in eating is not allowed at this time. On April 10, Garcetti tweeted that the city of L.A. has extended its Safer at Home order to May 15.

Prior to using his @MayorOfLA Twitter account for primarily updating people on the latest news surrounding COVID-19, Garcetti used his mayor Twitter account for other topics such as discussing projects for the L.A. river and the city's progress on the issue of homelessness. After March 7 the mayor's Twitter account has remained focused on reporting on COVID-19.

Garcetti also has a personal Twitter account (@ericgarcetti) in which his bio reads, "Angeleno. Public Servant. Mayor. Not paid for, sponsored by, or hosted by city of L.A. Ads paid for by the DVF. Tweets from Mayor Garcetti signed EG." Within the last month, there were no tweets signed EG.

Garcetti has been highly active on his @MayorOfLATwitter account. In the last week of March alone (from March 25-31) he tweeted, not including retweets, a total of 64 times. His first tweet on April 3 was at 12:08 p.m. later that day, 10 tweets later his last tweet was at 7:39 p.m.

On a particularly more active day such as April 1 when he tweeted 15 times that day his first tweet was posted was at 10:35 a.m. and at 8:20 p.m. he tweeted his last tweet for the day. However, none of these tweets were signed EG and it is unclear who is actually tweeting these.

L.A. is currently at 10,075 confirmed cases and 366 deaths as of this writing, Garcetti has been tweeting daily to the people of L.A. and his followers on Twitter around the world. Many who were not used to seeing the mayor's posts are now used to seeing his posts daily. Like Gov. Cuomo, the mayor of L.A. has begun to receive more popularity on social media since his increased activity during the global pandemic.

"I have noticed his presence more on social media since the pandemic. I see him popping up on my feed a lot more because Angelenos need to see what actions he's taking during the crisis and we need updates more often from him because things are constantly changing every hour. A lot more people even outside L.A. are definitely paying more attention to him because he's made major moves that calls for everyone's attention," Sasha Padilla, a Downey, CA resident said.

His tweets have received many replies and people asking Garcetti questions with their concerns during the pandemic.

Tweets like: "All 'essential' employees should also be receiving hazard pay, instead of being told they can just quit if they aren't happy. Please protect ALL Los Angeles citizens, especially the most vulnerable," from @LaurenAshbury.

And tweets like: "Mr. Mayor, if you are expanding so that 'everyone' can have access to tests, then why is there an eligibility requirement?" from @st3v3Rouss3au.

Garcetti is not responding to his constituent's inquiries, at least not on Twitter. The mayor is, however, continuing to inform his followers on steps people should be taking to ensure their safety as well as informing Angelenos on new policies being put in place during the pandemic. He is using Twitter to ask his followers to join him for live briefings in which he discusses the latest information

surrounding COVID-19.

On March 30, Garcetti tweeted, "We have seen images of dangerously crowded farmers markets -- so I'm announcing the temporary suspension of farmers markets pending City review of physical distancing plans needed to keep communities safe. We will review plans immediately so markets can stay open this week." The mayor responded to no one.

Twitter is a fast and accessible platform for the Mayor's Office to utilize during this time especially when many people don't know where to turn to for information surrounding COVID-19.

On April 2 Garcetti tweeted that he is now urging the people of L.A. to wear face covering in efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19. In an Instagram post from April 1 urging the use of face masks Garcetti's caption stated, "Early data suggests many who are infected with COVID-19 are not symptomatic, which is why we are recommending you use cloth face coverings plus physical distancing for essential activities. Do not use surgical and N95 masks, which are reserved for first responders and medical workers." Since face masks have become increasingly difficult to find many have begun making their own out of cloth materials or are using bandanas.

Since then the mayor has been seen wearing a cloth face mask in photos in his tweets and also changed his Twitter profile photo to a photo of himself wearing a black cloth face mask to reinforce the official city guidance that was issued.

The people of L.A. are responding to the tweets sent out by Garcetti's mayor account but they are not being responded to. In a time of crisis, his constituents and followers are asking for answers to their inquiries.

As every day regarding the coronavirus is a minute-by-minute scenario his next tweet about Covid-19 remains a mystery.

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Pandemic could mean billions in lost tax revenue

Sales tax revenue is expected to drop by about \$1 billion at the same time expenses are rising.

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles County's economic outlook has taken a hard hit from the COVID-19 crisis, with officials forecasting a \$1 billion decline in sales tax revenue this fiscal year ending on June 30, 2020.

Looking ahead, the sales tax decline is expected to surpass \$2

billion between now and the end of the next fiscal year on June 30, 2021.

At the same time, Los Angeles County is incurring heavy expenses in responding to the crisis and will be working closely with the state and federal government in the months ahead on issues of potential reimbursement.

"The budget outlook is critically important for Los Angeles County to allocate resources effectively and to

plan for the essential programs and services residents rely on in all of our communities," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Chair of the Board of Supervisors. "As we continue to collaboratively address the COVID-19 public health crisis, we remain committed to meeting the needs of residents across L.A. County."

In anticipation of the economic challenges ahead, Chief Executive Officer Sachi A. Hamai has imposed hard freezes on hiring and purchasing and has directed County department heads to prepare for a range of potential program reductions in the coming fiscal year.

"These are significant losses which, unfortunately, will have a major effect on programs that the County administers on behalf of our 10 million residents," Hamai said. "Our aim is to work with our departments and the Board of Supervisors to prioritize needs and ensure that Los Angeles County continues its vital role as the safety net for our most vulnerable residents."

The recommended budget for fiscal 2020-21—prepared in large part before the COVID-19 crisis was declared a global pandemic—will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on April 28.

Extensive adjustments are expected in future budget phases to address revenue shortfalls and rising expenditures due to the crisis.

In a media conference call hosted by the National Association of Counties on Wednesday, Los Angeles County leaders called on Congress to provide additional assistance, including enabling local municipalities to use federal relief funding to address lost revenues suffered due to COVID-19.

POETRY MATTERS

Try to Praise the Mutilated World

Try to praise the mutilated world.
Remember June's long days,
and wild strawberries, drops of rosé wine.
The nettles that methodically overgrow
the abandoned homesteads of exiles.
You must praise the mutilated world.
You watched the stylish yachts and ships;
one of them had a long trip ahead of it,
while salty oblivion awaited others.
You've seen the refugees going nowhere,
you've heard the executioners sing joyfully.
You should praise the mutilated world.
Remember the moments when we were together
in a white room and the curtain fluttered.
Return in thought to the concert where music flared.
You gathered acorns in the park in autumn
and leaves eddied over the earth's scars.
Praise the mutilated world
and the gray feather a thrush lost,
and the gentle light that strays and vanishes
and returns.

Adam Zagajewski, translated by Clare Cavanagh, World Without End, Macmillan, 2002

Part of the Kraków New Wave of Poets, "I will never write only about birds singing," Zagajewski says "although I greatly admire birdsong." In 2010 he was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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Downey farmers market adjusts to social distancing mandates

By Alyssa Vega
Contributor

Last week Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti announced a temporary suspension of all farmers' markets amid the coronavirus outbreak unless farmers markets submit a plan that enforces physical distancing and ensures safe operations.

"This is a little different from the other [closure orders] because food is essential and I don't want the closing of other farmers markets to have even bigger crowds in the grocery stores," Garcetti said in a press conference on March 30.

On April 1, the Downey farmers market announced the COVID-19 safety procedures on their Facebook page that will allow them to continue operating.

"We want to share with our community all the ways our team has diligently put safety first across the market. We take this very seriously and felt you should

have access to our timeliness and details," the Downey farmers market announced.

The Downey farmers market has taken proactive measures against the spread of COVID-19 prior to Mayor Garcetti's order to temporarily suspend farmers markets across L.A., including chalk line reminders with six feet distancing and health inspection walks. The new safety operations have already been approved by Street Services and will continue to be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

These new measures include restricting one entrance at the farmers market and a separate exit for shoppers. There will be handwashing stations offered to customers at the market, along with hand sanitizer and gloves.

In early March, the health department requested to cut non-essential vendors including crafters and prepared food items. The market is now only selling farmer produce, including agriculture items such as eggs and meat. Flowers will also still

be available for sale.

From now on, vendors are required to set up buffers between the customers and produce in order to keep customers touching the commodities. Food sampling has also been banned during this time. There will now be an option for customers to pay without cash as vendors have been asked to set up Venmo.

The Downey farmers market is limiting the number of guests to two members per household and customers will be expected to have a 20-minute shopping window. Additionally, all children are to stay home during market visits, if possible.

Downey resident, Elleni Rioja, shops at the farmers market at least twice a month to support local businesses.

"If I were going to the farmers market in the future, these safety guidelines would be difficult because I often bring my two younger siblings with me," Rioja said. "The limit of the 20-minute



The Downey farmers market before social distancing was enacted.

period would affect my shopping experience because I like to spend some time there to eat and shop. However, with the COVID-19 circumstances, I agree with how Downey is managing the safety

of the farmers market's vendors and customers."

The safety protocol guide of the farmers market stated, "Please join us as we continue to

maintain a safe marketplace for everyone with this helpful guide. We can do our part, please shop wisely through COVID-19."

Drive-thru testing site opens in Bellflower

Bellflower has been approved for a drive-up Covid-19 testing site, effective Wednesday.

Any resident of Los Angeles County who is experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 is eligible for testing by appointment only.

"This new drive-up site in Bellflower will improve access to testing for residents in southeast LA County and give us a better understanding of the spread of this virus in these communities," said Supervisor Janice Hahn. "I want to thank Mayor Juan Garza for his leadership as well as the southeast city leaders who have been advocating for a local testing site and helped us get it done.

"If you have symptoms of Covid-19, you can make an appointment online for this new site in Bellflower or at any of the 27 testing sites

established across LA County."

The testing site will be located at the parking structure of the Bellflower Civic Center located at 16600 Civic Center Drive. The site was developed through a joint effort between the Los Angeles County Fire Department, the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, and the City of Bellflower.

"It's crucial that our region and Bellflower get a clear picture of how many people are COVID-19 positive, and peace of mind for those that are not," said Garza. "Our city is proud to host this site in collaboration with Supervisor Janice Hahn, the LA County Fire Department and the LA County Department of Public Health in order to save lives."

Assemblymember Cristina Garcia said the Bellflower testing site is critical for southeast Los Angeles County.

"The Southeast has some of the worst air quality and many environmental hazards like lead in the country. We know this is exacerbating the health problems associated with Covid-19," said Garcia. "I'm happy that, together, we will be able to ensure that people in the Southeast have access to drive-through testing and that more facilities and resources will continue to be extending in this region."

The Bellflower drive-up testing site is one of 27 testing sites launched by the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles in recent weeks.

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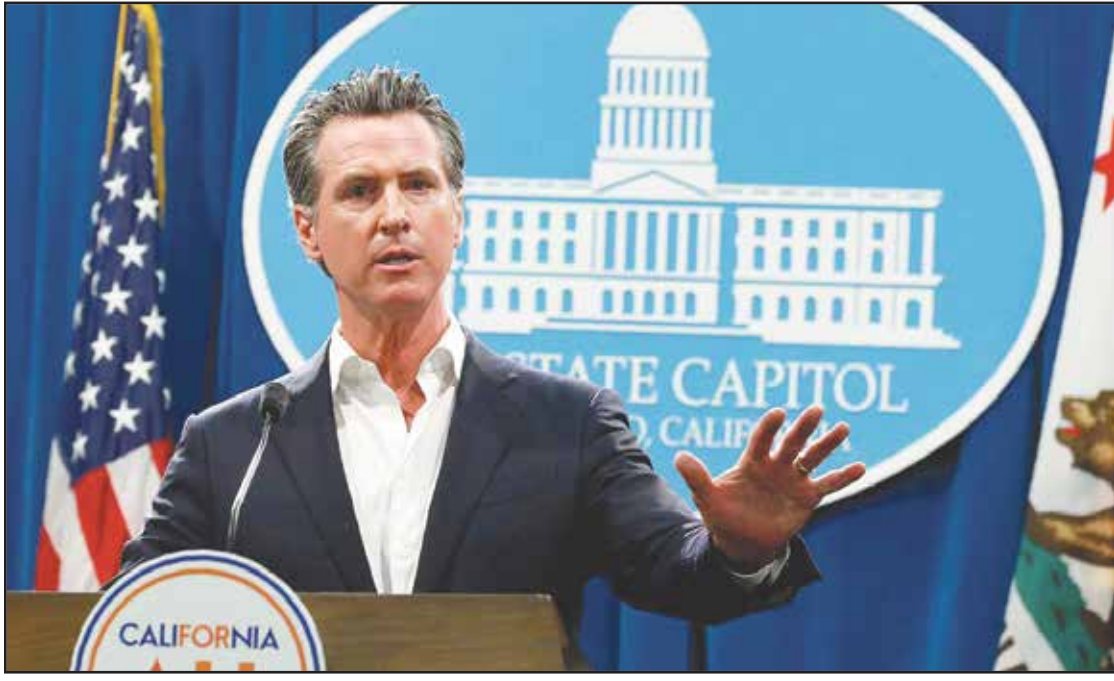
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Newsom pledges \$125M for immigrants



SACRAMENTO - Governor Gavin Newsom on Wednesday announced new initiatives to support the millions of California workers who have lost jobs or wages as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Among the initiatives is a \$125 million commitment to help undocumented workers who have lost work as a result of the coronavirus.

In this public-private

partnership, California will provide \$75 million in disaster relief assistance and philanthropic partners have committed to raising an additional \$50 million.

"California is the most diverse state in the nation. Our diversity makes us stronger and more resilient," said Newsom. "Every Californian, including our undocumented neighbors and friends, should know that California is here to support

them during this crisis. We are all in this together."

California's \$75 million Disaster Relief Fund will support undocumented Californians impacted by Covid-19 who are ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits and disaster relief, including the CARES Act, due to their immigration status.

Approximately 150,000 undocumented adult Californians will receive a one-time cash benefit of \$500 per adult with a

cap of \$1,000 per household.

Individuals can apply for support beginning next month.

The state's Disaster Relief Fund will be dispersed through a community-based model of regional nonprofits with expertise and experience serving undocumented communities.

In addition to the \$75 million in state funding, Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees (GCIR), a network of foundations focused on immigration issues, has committed to raising \$50 million to support direct financial assistance to families of undocumented immigrants.

The network has established the California Immigrant Resilience Fund, with initial lead investments of \$5.5 million from Emerson Collective, Blue Shield of California Foundation, The California Endowment, The James Irvine Foundation, Chan Zuckerberg Initiative and an anonymous donor, among others.

Those interested in supporting this fund can donate at www.immigrantfundCA.org.

"During this moment of national crisis, undocumented immigrants are risking their own health on behalf of the

rest of us, saving lives as health care workers; caring for our loved ones; and growing much of the food we depend on," said Laurene Powell Jobs, founder and president of Emerson Collective.

"With the federal government and so many states failing to provide undocumented immigrants the economic and health supports all Americans deserve, I hope that corporations, foundations and individuals across the country will join us in providing the emergency relief these members of our community need to weather this challenging time."

Last week, Newsom announced that California is seeking to take "appropriate steps" to ensure care and treatment for Covid-19 for its residents, regardless of immigration status.

Given the current public health emergency, Covid-19 testing, evaluation and treatment services are being deemed as emergency services under Medi-Cal, regardless of the location where it is received.

Deeming Covid-19 testing and related treatment services as an emergency will entitle all Medi-Cal beneficiaries, regardless of their scope of coverage under Medi-Cal or their documentation status, to receive all medically necessary inpatient or outpatient services related to a COVID-19 diagnosis.

Meanwhile, the Employment Development Department (EDD)

will launch a new call center on Monday that will operate seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Unemployment Insurance Branch will be upstaffed with 1,340 employees, including 740 EDD employees and 600 employees from across state government.

The governor also directed EDD to expedite access to the Work Share program to avert layoffs.

The EDD will create a one-stop shop for individuals applying for unemployment insurance and the new federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program starting April 28.

The PUA will provide federally funded benefits for certain individuals out of work or partially unemployed due to Covid-19. This includes the self-employed, individuals who may be employees but who lack sufficient work history and independent contractors.

"Many Californians are one paycheck away from losing their homes or from being able to put food on their tables, and COVID-19 has only made these challenges worse," said Newsom.

"California is focused on getting relief dollars and unemployment assistance in the hands of those who need it as quickly as possible.

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