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Above: Orchard Hospital staff and management team delivered a special treat to the Gridley Police Department, showing their appreciation and support of their service to the community. Right: Orchard Hospital EMS crewmembers are all smiles after receiving their tasty reward for their dedicated service to the community. Photos provided by Orchard Hospital

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Sirens, Smoke, Crime, Pandemics, Emergencies and Fire – whether it be law enforcement officers, EMS or firefighters, our first responders have been working overtime in our area. As a part of their Leadership Development Institute Meeting, Orchard Hospital Staff, Management, and Medical Specialty Center Staff carried out a few “sweet” community service projects for those

on the frontlines.

On September 3rd, the group visited the Gridley Police Department, Gridley CALFIRE station and Butte County EMS bearing treats in the form of artisan sugar cookies and goodie boxes. The crews were beyond thankful. Gridley PD Lieutenant Quihuiz said, “It’s good to have continued support...” referencing the negativity currently broadcast

on social-media and in the headlines surrounding law enforcement agencies. On a much lighter note he says it makes the officers feel really appreciated to find goodies waiting in their breakrooms. “The fastest

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Service Above Self

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - This isn’t the first time that SEWA International has been to Gridley to donate supplies and help during this time of need.

The non-profit service group SEWA International has organized to help provide supplies to those in need in our area; be it due to the Coronavirus and resulting food insecurities or economic hardships, to aid in recovery from wildfires.

Members of the Bay Area Chapter passed through Gridley recently to donate goods for those in need. Joint Coordinator for the Bay Area Chapter Srilatha Janardan shares that a few months prior, SEWA had organized a large food drive for those affected by COVID. That day the two husband and wife teams happened to be delivering 22 lb. boxes of produce comprised of vegetables and fruits, alongside the school supplies kits for the Camp Fire Distribution Center, via the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce.

Their next stop was Oroville, where fellow Joint



Coordinator Nivedidha Jain said that they would be donating school supply kits for “about 300 kids.” When the pandemic first started, Jain says that “we donated about 700 grocery bags and hygiene bags to Oroville and then Concow.” SEWA has also been working for months with volunteers, including

children, traveling to donate their time and funding to the building of tiny homes in Oroville for those affected by wildfire.

Of SEWA’s dedication and work in our area, chamber President Lynne Spencer said, “They’ve helped us so much. They have kids that they have involved, and the kids come

and helped stock the shelves (of the Distribution Center) with their donations. They’ve been wonderful.”

The Sanskrit word and the group’s founding principle, SEWA, “stands for service above the self,” says Ajith Jain. To learn more about SEWA International, visit their webpage at sewusa.org. ★

FEMA Fire Assistance Granted for the Bear Fire

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has authorized the use of federal funds to assist the state of California in combating the Bear Fire burning in Butte, Plumas and Yuba counties.

On Sept. 9, 2020, the state of California submitted a request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Bear Fire. At the time of the request, the fire threatened approximately 2,000 homes in and around Oroville, Feather Falls, Forbestown, Clipper Mills, LaPorte, Little Grass Valley, Cascade, Strawberry Valley and Rackerby. The fire also threatened the Oroville Dam and associated power lines, multiple fire stations and schools, radio and emergency communications towers, and the Plumas National Forest.

The FEMA regional administrator approved the state’s request on Sept. 9, 2020, as the fire threatened to become a major incident.

FMAGs provide federal funding for up to 75 percent of eligible firefighting costs. The Disaster Relief Fund provides allowances for FMAGs through FEMA to assist in fighting fires that threaten to cause major disasters. Eligible costs covered by FMAGs can include expenses for field camps, equipment use, materials, supplies and mobilization, and demobilization activities attributed to fighting the fire.

For more information on FMAGs, visit fema.gov/assistance/public/fire-management-assistance.

Apply for critical, immediate needs

A Major Disaster Declaration for the wildfires in California was approved.

Individuals who have immediate or critical needs due to being displaced from their homes as a result of the wildfires may be eligible for FEMA financial assistance.

Apply with FEMA one of three ways: online at www.disasterassistance.gov; by downloading the FEMA app to a smartphone or tablet; or by calling the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585) between 7 a.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Applicants with questions about their FEMA registrations should call the FEMA Helpline. between 7 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. PST.

All FEMA disaster assistance will be provided without discrimination. ★

Legislature Ignores Fire Insurance Crisis



By Dan Walters
CAL Matters

As wildfires of record magnitude swept through Northern California last week, destroying thousands of homes and other structures, the Legislature closed its 2020 session without doing something about the fire insurance crisis that afflicts fire-prone areas.

It ranks near the top of a long list of legislative failures this year, right up there with housing shortages and police reforms.

Insurers have sustained massive losses, tens of billions of dollars, from wildfires in recent years and are increasingly reluctant to continue coverage in fire-prone communities, even threatening to quit the market if they cannot increase premiums enough to cover projected future liabilities. Often, homeowners can only buy coverage through the state's FAIR plan, which is bare-bones and expensive.

The ultimate solution would be to stop building and rebuilding homes in the "wildland-urban interface" – essentially the outer suburbs of major metropolitan areas – where the risk of catastrophic losses is highest. However, for the foreseeable future, much of California's population will continue to live in those communities,

such as Sonoma and Napa counties, the Sierra foothills and the mountain ranges ringing Los Angeles.

We need a new approach. A truly comprehensive solution would be layers of coverage, beginning with a basic statewide policy financed by mandatory fees on all residential property, adjusted by region. The statewide policy would be backed by reinsurance from the global market and, by covering the first layer of fire losses, would make private insurers more willing to offer additional layers.

The national flood insurance program more or less takes that approach. Homeowners in designated flood-prone areas must buy it, but it has limits, so they can purchase supplemental insurance to fill the gap between coverage and loss.

The insurance industry itself took a stab at a solution this year with legislation, Assembly Bill 2167, allowing insurers to include the cost of reinsurance in their rates, as well as allowing them to base premiums on calculations of future losses – two aspects banned by current law.

The shorthand for what insurers proposed is a "market assistance plan" that would make insuring homes in fire-prone areas less risky.

However, AB 2167 drew fierce opposition from consumer groups, saying it undermined Proposition 103, the 1988 law that imposed direct regulation on premiums by an elected insurance commissioner. And the current commissioner,

Ricardo Lara, joined the opposition.

"In an era where climate change is contributing to more severe and frequent wildfires, homeowners need more protection – not less," Lara wrote in an op-ed article. "COVID-19 might be the Legislature's primary focus, but we cannot let the insurance industry use it to gut important consumer protections that have existed for decades."

Last December, after several years of wildfires, Lara barred insurers from refusing to renew policies in ZIP codes where fires were common, but that order expires in a few months and cannot be renewed.

Although rural counties endorsed AB 2167, the opposition prevailed. In its last incarnation, the bill merely ordered a study by Lara's Department of Insurance – the time-dishonored way politicians duck tough issues. But even that version died without a vote when the legislative session ended.

Obviously, the crisis will not solve itself. Insurers are facing many more billions of dollars in losses from this summer's fires – and the traditional autumn fire season hasn't even begun. When Lara's order expires, we probably will see insurers refuse to renew policies in the wildland-urban interface or even pull out of California altogether.

The status quo may be unsustainable, but the men and women in the Legislature can't be bothered to change it.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★

Sweet Rewards



Orchard Hospital CEO (center) stands with Gridley's CALFIRE Station 74 crew members, recipients of sweet treats courtesy of Orchard's leadership development community service project. Photo provided by Orchard Hospital

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way to a police officer's heart...when days are long...is through food and coffee and snacks! It's true!" Gridley CALFIRE Station 74 Captain Rob Kenyon echoed that sentiment: "We're very thankful to have them come by and support us. We've been out on duty for a long time so... we're very appreciative to have our neighbors do that for us. It's really nice."

Orchard Hospital CEO Steve Stark said, "It felt like a great time to thank our local police, fire, and ambulance crews for their support of not only Orchard Hospital, but for our entire community. We couldn't do what we do without the great men and women that work tirelessly everyday to make Gridley safer. On behalf of the entire Orchard Hospital staff and physicians - Thank you!" ★

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**MEMORIAL NOTICE**

Vida Van Beek
May 1, 1934 to August 27, 2020





Vida (Vi) Van Beek passed away on August 27th after a rapid bout of dementia. Vi was born on May 1, 1934 in San Jose, CA to Richard and Mary Ham. She spent most of her life there until she moved to Gridley in 1986. Vi had been married a few times before she moved up here but in 1988, she met Richard Smith. They traveled around the country as much as they could and enjoyed going to Nascar races. They both loved Dale Earnhardt Sr. They were married for 18 years before Rich passed away in 2006. In 2009 she met and married Bob Van Beek. He passed away less than 2 years later. Vi had a large family who meant the world to her. She loved holidays, family barbecues, picnics, camping and the ocean. She enjoyed being around her kids and all the grandkids as much as possible.


Vi loved to sing and really enjoyed karaoke where she met and made a lot of great friends. She was a huge San Francisco Giants and a San Francisco 49er's fan.

Vi was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Mary, her brother Tim Ham, her infant son Donnie Moomau, her daughter Melva Valencia, her great grandkids Meagan and Joshua Moomau and her great-great grandson Damon Montero.

She is survived by her children: Curtis (Tomi Karen), Moomau Sr. of Newaygo, MI, Becky (Jim) Sanderson of Gridley, Ken (DeAnna) Valencia of Foresthill, Matthew Santiago of Citrus Heights and Mark Santiago of Yreka; 19 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. She was loved by her family and friends and she will be greatly missed.

**MEMORIAL NOTICE**

Caroline Suzanne Edwards
June 8, 1970 to September 1, 2020



Caroline Suzanne Edwards (Carlquist), 50, passed away peacefully September 1st, 2020, with her family by her side. Caroline was born June 8th, 1970, to her parents, George and Anne Carlquist. They raised her and her 6 siblings in Sunnyvale, CA and moved them to Gridley in 1985. After high school, she worked at Continental Athletic Supply for many years, became a mother to 5 children and made lasting friendships.

Caroline enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, going on road trips to the beach, family camping trips, scrapbooking and looked for any reason to throw a party. She was a very loving woman and had a contagious personality. She always had a

way to make everyone in the room laugh and she fought hard to spend as much time with loved ones as she could. She was a miracle more than once.

She spent the last 22 years adoring her loving Husband, Oscar "Tommy" Bonner.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George Sr & Anne Carlquist and her two sisters, Cynthia & Cathy.

She is survived by her husband Tommy; her 5 kids: Andrew, Julia, Nash, Shelby, & Cynthia; her sister, Charlotte; her 3 brothers, Steven, George Jr, & Raymond; many nieces & nephews; 2 grandsons and soon to be granddaughter.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

**IMPORTANT
SOCCER ANNOUNCEMENT**

I am so sad to inform the public that in accordance with State and Local health mandates, we will not be having a Fall Soccer Season. My heart is broken for our youth and families who love this sport. As Gridley Recreation, our first concern is your health and safety.

All registration payments have been held and will be available to pick up and sign out at City Hall.

YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR PAYMENT BACK IN FULL.



Ominous Clouds Haunt Valley

Cleanup at the River



The plume of smoke carrying ash and darkness can be seen making its way through Gridley. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - An apocalyptic scene began to play out Tuesday afternoon as the Bear Fire gained steam, tearing through mountain communities, shrouding the valley in black smoke and raining down thick layers of ash.

Part of the North Lightning Complex fires burning above Oroville since late August when a lightning storm passed through the state, the Bear Fire flared up around 10 am Tuesday morning due to high winds. The fire continued to spread rapidly, following the north fork of the Feather River over towards the Berry Creek area burning 1,000 acres every 30 minutes.

Since then, the fast moving blaze has more than doubled in size, threatening multiple communities in a wide area shaped almost like a diamond. Mandatory evacuations have been ordered for 3 counties: Butte, Plumas and Yuba, with orders spanning from Strawberry Valley in the East, Pulga to the north, parts of Oroville, and Bangor to the south. Evacuation warnings stretch to and along Hwy 70 as far south as

Loma Rica Rd, just east of Gridley.

CALFIRE's Rick Carhart told Action News Now that aerial strikes to combat the blaze were not possible due to unsafe conditions caused by high winds and low visibility from dense smoke. The forecast calls for continued winds, with gusts as high as 50mph in some areas, which is expected to further complicate containment efforts.

Reports are circulating that Fire Station 62 in Berry Creek has been serving as a triage center, receiving burn victims and survivors awaiting transport out of the area for safety.

Once again, Gridley's fairgrounds have become the home of a temporary evacuation center for those fleeing the blaze and Red Cross is onsite. Officials warn resources could become strained due to COVID19 and are urging evacuees to reach out to friends and family for accommodations. Additionally, due to COVID precautions, evacuees are asked to remain in their vehicles until members of the Red Cross or volunteers approach them for further instructions. ★



A steady rain of ash has been falling since late Tuesday afternoon, blanketing cars and the ground throughout the valley. Photo provided by Crystal Robinson



A few of the many volunteers at the 2-weekend long project of cleaning up illegally dumped debris take a moment to smile for the cameras. Left to right: Matt Kelly of Sunsweet, Jeff Stephens of SAYlove, Cherie Stephens of SAYlove, and Sarb Thiara. Photo provided by Money Dhami and Sarb Thiara

By Seti Long

YUBA-SUTTER, CA (MPG) - For the past two weekends, volunteers from multiple non-profits, members of the community, law enforcement agencies and local businesses have been hard at work cleaning up the river-bottoms in the Marysville area.

The cleanup events have been a yearly undertaking, but this year's haul was quite impressive. The result of the extensive cleanup was 126 dump slips. Among the televisions, old stoves, refrigerators, and other refuse collected from the area between North Beale road and Stimpson Lane, were 145 vehicles. Of those vehicles recovered, 19 had been reported stolen.

Volunteers from SAYlove, 530 Recovery and Everything Off-Road, Yuba County Code Enforcement, Yuba-Sutter CHP, Sunsweet and concerned community members labored for hours on Saturday and Sunday, August 29th and 30th only to return to the job again September 5th and 6th. The massive effort saw volunteers picking garbage up by hand, using safety precautions and PPE of course, and loading truck after



Caution - Heavy Load. A driver of a semi-truck weighed down with recovered vehicles checks his load one last time before heading to Empire Steel for processing. Photo provided by Sarb Thiara

truck with the rubbish. Sarb Thiara graciously donated the use of his flatbed semi-trucks, excavators, forklifts and dozers to load some of the heavier items, including the vehicles, for removal. According to Money Dhami, one of the volunteers on site during the mass effort, vehicles and other metals were sent to Empire Steel in Yuba Sutter for disposal after VIN numbers had been checked to establish if the vehicle had been stolen.

While the river tends to be a haven for area homeless, the heavy accumulation is not attributed solely to the homeless encampments around which much is found. In an interview

with the Appeal Democrat, property owner in the Yuba-Sutter area, Greg Bock, said that much of it comes from "opportunity criminals who are making money hand over fist". He continues, "We have people chopping vehicles, stealing..." and dumping the leftovers in the area. And sadly, the recreation area is a magnet for drug paraphernalia and is constantly the site of dumped vehicles.

Regardless, the community is doing its part to help keep it clean so it can be enjoyed by all. Of all the willing volunteers and organizations present at the event, Dhami says, "Everybody comes together whenever there's the need." ★

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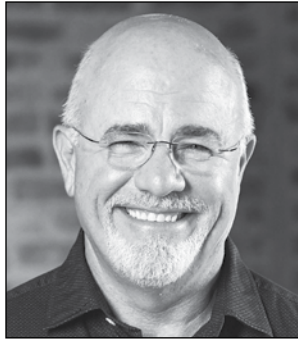
By Barbara Ott

I may have conquered my snail problems. Not eliminated but they are certainly within the realms of acceptability. I have not applied snail bait since last spring. I see a few, wandering around leaving shiny slime trails. But few of my plants are snail eaten. When I move rocks there

are very few there. Hardly any shiny trails of slime on the sidewalk. How did this miracle happen I ask myself? The snail games have been so intensive I don't think I really thought I might win enough battles to keep them under the destruction threshold. Three changes have contributed to this wonder. 1. The cedar mulch I've applied onto my flower beds is one. 2. Removing some plants so the amount of cool shade is reduced. I still have many places that have cool shade but no high snail infestation. 3. I'm watering on a set schedule with set times. I use the sprinkler a little but rarely compared to before. The ground is not as moist. So, it seems the snail

highways are not in good repair for slimy travel. Not so many little snails so no big snails... not too much munching of wonderful flowers and their leaves. I'll keep watch to see if these observations are true and accurate.

Even with triple digit temperatures, fall is on the horizon. The cedar mulch helped with the snails but it then encouraged the crab grass. That pesky grass is so happy. I've been ripping it out on cool mornings. I've also started cutting back my perennials. Not the severe cut backs I do when it is cooler but definitely strong hair-cuts. I'm ready for the Autumn Equinox. Let the leaves change color, let the nights be cooler. ★



Simple Steps

Dear Dave,

With COVID-19 and all the resulting economic problems, do you have any advice for what a young person can do to prepare for the future?

– Kyle

Dear Kyle,

Regardless of the coronavirus or any economic situation that might arise, there are always a few smart, simple things people can do to protect themselves financially. The number one thing is to live on a written, monthly budget. When you give every dollar a name, and write it down on paper, you're telling your money what to do, instead of scratching your head and wondering where it went.

Staying out of debt and saving as much money as possible are two other

Dave Ramsey Says

great ideas. Remember, your income is your biggest wealth building tool. If you're saddled with a bunch of debt, your money goes to creditors – not into your pocket. Saving prepares you for the future and all the unexpected things, both good and bad, life will throw at you.

Even though you're young, investing is a key component in creating a stable financial outlook for yourself. In your twenties, just \$100 a month invested properly in good growth stock mutual funds can make you a millionaire by the time you're ready to retire.

Like I said, these are all simple things. But they'll make a huge difference in your financial situation now and in the years to come!

– Dave

Pay That Thing Off!

Dear Dave,

My only debt right now is a car payment. I still owe \$12,000 on the vehicle, and currently I have \$25,000 in

savings. I'm in a very stable line of work, but my income can vary somewhat from month to month. Should I hang on to my savings, or pay off the car?

– Erik

Dear Erik,

Debt is a bad thing to have in your life, especially when your income can vary from paycheck to paycheck. You're in good shape, except for the car note, though. It's like a ball and chain around your neck.

You'd still have \$13,000 left if you paid off the car. And with the money you'd free up, you could rebuild your savings in no time. Pay off the car, dude!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 16 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey. ★

Dear Dietitian

Insulin Resistance



Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Dietitian,

My doctor says I have insulin resistance syndrome. I need to lose about 40 pounds, and the doctor said this would help my insulin resistance; otherwise, I'm likely to become diabetic. He gave me a sheet with diet information, but I need more help.

Sincerely, Janet

Dear Janet,

Insulin resistance is a condition in which the pancreas secretes insulin, but it has difficulty reaching the cells where it is needed. As a result, glucose (blood sugar) levels rise, and the pancreas secretes more insulin in an effort to get blood sugar into the cells where it is needed for energy. Insulin resistance is also known as metabolic syndrome.

Researchers aren't sure what causes insulin resistance, but genetics are likely a factor. The American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE) has established the following criteria for the diagnosis of insulin resistance:

- Overweight with a body mass index (BMI) of 25 or higher
- Triglycerides of 150 mg/dl or higher
- High-Density Lipoprotein (HDL) of less than 40 mg/dl in men or less than 50 mg/dL in women
- High blood pressure
- Fasting glucose of 110-126 mg/dL
- Glucose level of more than 140 mg/dL 2 hours after consuming 75 grams of glucose

Does this mean you will automatically develop diabetes? Thankfully, it

does not, but it is time to make some lifestyle changes. The first step is exercise. When you exercise, insulin sensitivity is improved, so your muscle cells are better able to use insulin to take up glucose during and after activity. When your muscles contract during exercise, your cells can take up glucose and use it for energy, whether insulin is available or not (1). Moderate exercise of 30 minutes 5 times a week has been shown to improve insulin sensitivity. Other benefits of regular exercise include improved mood and better sleep.

Weight loss will improve insulin resistance. Fat blocks the insulin receptors on cells, thereby preventing insulin from bringing glucose into the cells where it belongs. Once weight comes down, glucose can enter the cells instead of staying in the bloodstream.

When beginning a weight loss program, consider a plan that offers group support, as this is an essential factor for success. If you make no other change in your diet, avoid added sugars, like those in regular soda. Opt for whole grains instead of refined carbohydrates. Choose fresh or frozen fruits and vegetables, healthy fats such as polyunsaturated (nuts, seeds, seed oil) and monounsaturated fats (olive or canola oil), and lean proteins. If you need more education on your diet, consult a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) near you. Most insurances will cover the cost of the consultation, but contact your provider to be sure.

Until next time, be healthy!

Dear Dietitian

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1. Blood sugar and exercise (n.d.) <https://www.diabetes.org/fitness/get-and-stay-fit/getting-started-safely/blood-glucose-and-exercise>

Leanne McCrate, RDN, LD, CNSC, is an award-winning dietitian based in St. Louis, Missouri. Her mission is to educate consumers on sound, scientifically-based nutrition. Do you have a nutrition question? Email her today at deardietitian411@gmail.com. Dear Dietitian does not endorse any products, health programs, or diet plans. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

We were just getting the branding fire going well at the Rafter E when Dud brought out the tape measure. We stared at him until he said something through his corona mask.

"How long do you figure a calf is?" he asked.

We looked at each other. Steve said, "I don't know ... four feet?"

"I mean when they're

My Catch Rope is Way Socially Distant

lying down and being worked. You know, from the head to the hind legs?"

"Stretched out, maybe five feet," Herb said.

"Gotta measure that branding iron," Dud added. "Three feet. So two branding iron lengths is a social branding distance."

"The virus, right?" Dud and his mask nodded.

Steve scratched his head, then put his hat back on. "Dud, I'm pretty sure you can't catch that danged virus from a calf."

"I know that," Dud said, "But Anita told me I had to treat you guys just like

the people I run into at the store."

We all looked at each other and grinned.

"Dud, you like that horse of mine, don't you?" said Steve. "Well see, Ol' Snort likes you, too. So why don't you just get on him and do some heeling and dragging. I happen to know my catch rope is 'way socially distant.'"

In such ways do some of us deal with change.

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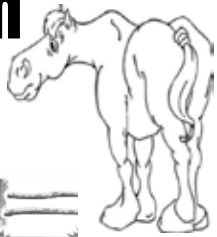
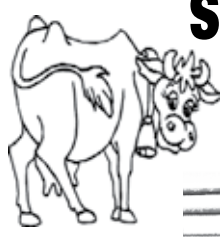
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Today's Optimism Index Findings



John Kabateck

NFIB Special Release

SACRAMENTO, CA, (MPG) - Were California able to leave well enough alone, today's release (September 8, 2020) of NFIB's latest monthly Small Business Economic Trends report would give our state's Main Street entrepreneurs more than just hope that economic recovery is gaining real traction, but – uniquely – our Legislature's recent actions are doing their best to slow things down – with one more expected action adding to the down-shift.

“Coming right on the heels as it does of the promising news from NFIB's latest Jobs Report and the U.S. Labor Department's latest Jobs Report, today's SBET findings that its Optimism Index increased to ‘a reading slightly above

the historical 46-year average’ would make for a nice trifecta that in measurable ways, real economic recovery is underway,” said John Kabateck, California state director for NFIB. “But California of late goes out of its way to be the big asterisk to any good national trends.”

Kabateck pointed to the passage of Assembly Bills 685 and 3216 as two examples of his point, and the expected signing into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom of Senate Bill 1383 greatly expanding employee leave time, an issue that particularly rankles, according to Kabateck, because leave time is something 73 percent of small-business owners have been providing for years and in the best possible way: tailored to the need of the employee not forced into an ill-fitting suit of a state law. Brief descriptions of the bills, and even some ones that were mercifully derailed can be found here.

“You don't need a degree in economics to know what it takes to turbocharge our state's economy, you just need an ounce of common sense,” said Kabateck. “The common sense to know you

don't lure small businesses to re-open or stay open by adding more costs, rules, and regulations on them. In addition to doing things counter to common sense, our Legislature took a few extra steps in not providing some liability protection against COVID-19 lawsuits, which other states made a priority, and it failed to relax its ‘Sue Your Boss’ law for even the best of reasons. Fine message we're sending the state's No. 1 job generators.”

Keep up with the latest on California small-business at www.nfib.com/california or by following NFIB on Twitter @NFIB_CA or on Facebook @NFIB.CA.

For more than 77 years, NFIB has been advocating on behalf of America's small and independent business owners, both in Washington, D.C., and in all 50 state capitals. NFIB is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, and member-driven association. Since its founding in 1943, NFIB has been exclusively dedicated to small and independent businesses and remains so today. For more information, please visit nfib.com. ★

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal



“And the waters came and covered the earth.” (Genesis 7:10) Our world is threatened by new “flood” of poverty, hunger, violence, environmental destruction, and a pandemic. Saving the earth its' animals and its' people is not an easy task.

Our world is faced with a new type of flood. We are drowning in our own sin and failure as a human race to save our fellow man and our world. Just as in Noah's time, we are forgetting that God has an overall plan for life and that if we fail to save our fellow members of the World Ark, we may fail ourselves as well.

When God looked around the earth at the

beginning and found only one family worthy of saving His creations, He made plans to start over by wiping the slate clean. As Noah worked 120 years on the ark, he and his family spread the word that God was displeased and that a great flood would end life if things did not change. Man refused to believe it and even laughed at Noah's folly. Noah and his family were saved by God's Ark, modern man has a saving ark as well.

When God gave man control over the world and its creations, He gave us an awesome responsibility. That power means we have a life and death hold over man and animal. How we handle that power is the degree of our knowledge of God and eternity.

God gave Noah perfect blueprints for building

the ark and plans of how to gather the animals and care for them as the earth was re-created. Today, we have the same set of blueprints, the same guiding Hand, and the saving ship that God presented early man, Christ our Savior, our ship tossed upon the tide of sin.

Are we builders of the Ark or are we laughing at the contractor? Are we gathering all living creatures together for a better world, or are we running in circles watching for thunderstorms and sprinkles?

Come join the Gridley United Methodist Church Sunday at 9:30 am for our outdoor service. We are located at the corner of Magnolia and Haskell Streets. We will follow all COVID-19 safety protocols. We have masks for you if you do not have one. ★

No Pandemic Shutdown for Scammers; They Are Still on the Prowl

By Ashley Pontius

COVID-19 may have shut down portions of the economy and put restrictions on Americans' daily lives, but cyber scams and other efforts to defraud people continue to thrive.

“Scammers are tapping into the uncertainty related to the global pandemic,” says Chris Orestis, the president of LifeCare Xchange who is known as the “Retirement Genius” (www.retirementgenius.com).

“They are using social engineering to target people with tactics that take advantage of today's technology. Seniors need to be especially mindful of the mechanisms that have been explicitly designed to target people in retirement.”

Some scams to be on the lookout for include:

Dishonest retailers. Many dishonest retailers and fake products are popping up, Orestis says. “The shortage of toilet paper, hand sanitizer, soap, and masks at the beginning of the quarantine resulted from people's panic,” he says. “The fear of scarcity created a gateway for scammers. Fraudulent online retailers are showcasing these items as bait, especially medical supplies.” But they don't have any inventory, so stick with reputable stores, Orestis says. Scammers also try to sell products to prevent or cure COVID-19, even though they do not exist. “Anyone who receives a message from someone selling any of these items should not respond,” Orestis says.

Phony advertisements. Scammers also try to advertise hard-to-find products through social media, email or ads that pop up on certain sites. Avoid clicking on anything unfamiliar because cyber criminals may be trying to steal your personal information or infect your computer with a virus, Orestis says. “Be cautious of people who try to contact you under odd usernames and do not have a profile picture,” he says. “If anyone asks for your personal information or invites you to click on a link, block them immediately or report them as spam.”

Government or organization disguises. Is a government official or someone from the CDC or from the World Health Organization trying to contact you? Maybe, but probably not. Scammers often try to convince potential victims that they are with a legitimate agency or group, Orestis says. “For example, an email might claim that there have been

new COVID-19 cases in your area and ask for your personal information to see if you have been in contact with anyone infected,” he says. “Be suspicious of any COVID-19 related emails and use only official government websites to get information about the virus.”

Fake charities and crowdfunding. Criminals have also created counterfeit charities and crowdfunding sites. They ask for money in the form of cash, gift cards, and wire transfers. “Real charities will never use these resources,” Orestis says. “Be sure to use reputable sites and research the charities you want to donate to for coronavirus relief.”

Phone scams. Phones are still the No. 1 way scammers target seniors, both through calls and text messages. The Federal Communications Commission warns about these methods being used by people who claim to be the IRS or have coronavirus treatments, at-home testing kits, and vaccinations. “If you receive a robotic voice call, do not press any buttons or return any calls,” Orestis says. “Hang up immediately. If you receive text messages regarding this information, do not respond or click on any links.”

“It's important to be wary of these and other scams, both off and online,” Orestis says. “The more conscious people are of how scammers are trying to trick them, the less likely they are to fall for one of those tricks.”

Chris Orestis, known as the “Retirement Genius” (www.retirementgenius.com), is President of LifeCare Xchange and a nationally recognized healthcare expert and senior advocate. He has 25 years' experience in the insurance and long-term care industries, and is credited with pioneering the *Long-Term Care Life Settlement* over a decade ago. Known as a political insider, Orestis is a former Washington, D.C., lobbyist who has worked in both the White House and for the Senate Majority Leader on Capitol Hill. Orestis is author of the books *Help on the Way* and *A Survival Guide to Aging*, and has been speaking for over a decade across the country about senior finance and the secrets to aging with physical and financial health. He is a frequent columnist for Broker World, ThinkAdvisor, IRIS, and NewsMax Finance, has been a featured guest on over 50 radio programs, and has appeared in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, CNBC, NBC News, Fox News, USA Today, Kiplinger's, Investor's Business Daily, PBS, and numerous other media outlets. ★

By Will Martin, VA Northern California Health Care System

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - September is Suicide Prevention Month and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) wants to remind Veterans and their loved ones through the Be There campaign that small actions can make a big difference to Veterans experiencing difficult times.

During this and every month the Sacramento VA Medical Center and the entire VA NorCal Health Care System remain committed to spreading awareness of suicide prevention to Veterans and their supporters and connecting them to the resources they need.

“Veterans who access VA mental health services are much less likely to experience suicide than those who choose to struggle alone,” said VA NorCal Director David Stockwell. “It's imperative, then, that Veteran caregivers and other supporters connect Veterans with VA health care so we can get these men and women the help they deserve.”

Be There suggests several simple actions that can help make a difference for a Veteran to include:

Learning about the warning signs of suicide, found on the Veterans Crisis Line website; Watching the free S.A.V.E. training video to learn how to respond with care and compassion if someone indicates they are having thoughts of suicide; Contacting VA's Coaching Into Care program where a licensed psychologist or social worker will provide loved ones with guidance for motivating Veterans to seek support; Sharing stories of hope and recovery from VA's Make the Connection; Reaching out to the Veterans in your life to show them you care by sending a check-in text, cook them dinner or simply asking, “How are you?”; Northern California Veterans and their caregivers can get local support by contacting the VA NorCal Suicide Prevention Program Manager at 530-531-1408.

For more information and resources visit BeThereForVeterans.com.

If you or someone you know is having thoughts of suicide, contact the Veterans Crisis Line to receive free, confidential support and crisis intervention available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, text to 838255, or chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat. ★

PG&E Kicks-Off National Preparedness Month for Wildfire Safety

By Paul Moreno, Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (MPG) - September is National Preparedness Month, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) reminds its customers that being prepared for the unexpected, especially after the events of the last few weeks, has never been more important.

With peak wildfire season off to an early start and COVID-19 altering the dynamics of evacuations, having an emergency plan and reviewing it and sharing it with family and friends is essential. PG&E's online Safety Action Center is a great place to start. More than 1 million Californians have used the resources at this one-stop source. The website helps ensure that customers are prepared before an emergency, with links to sign up for wildfire safety alerts and printable emergency checklists. The Safety Action Center also includes a helpful video demonstration of how to

manually open an electric garage door, should you experience a power outage during an evacuation.

“We are in the heart of wildfire season, in the midst of a pandemic, and in earthquake country. We don't need to be afraid, but we do need to be prepared,” said Rod Robinson, PG&E's senior director of Emergency Preparedness & Response. “At PG&E, we plan for emergencies by regularly training, working closely with first responders, and tracking the weather 24/7/365. We encourage customers to also have a plan for emergencies and, above all else, stay safe.”

HOW CUSTOMERS CAN PREPARE:

Build or restock your emergency kit with flashlights, fresh batteries, first aid supplies and cash. Keep face masks and hand sanitizer in your emergency kit; Identify backup charging methods for phones and keep hard copies of emergency numbers; Plan for

medical needs like medications that require refrigeration or devices that need power; Keep in mind family members who are elderly, younger children and pets; Update your contact information online or by calling PG&E at 1-866-743-6589 during normal business hours so you can receive Public Safety Power Shutoff alerts; Learn more about wildfire risk and what to do before, during and after an emergency to keep your family safe at PG&E's Safety Action Center.

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health" for all

9. Faculty member, for short

13. Rekindled

14. Western omelet
ingredient

15. Trailblazer Daniel

16. Not a minor

17. Spud bud

18. Nonsense

19. "Colorful autumn
attraction21. "Popular fall decor
item, pl.

23. Leave speechless

24. Thailand money

25. Belfry dweller

28. Dwarf buffalo

30. Eccentric one

35. 2nd word in fairytale?

37. Overnight lodgings

39. Marilyn Monroe's given
name40. Between a trot and a
gallop

41. "Pressed beverage

43. _____ Blanc

44. Type of saltwater fish

46. Like a broken horse

47. Larger-than-life

48. Sound setup

50. "CliffsNotes," e.g.

52. Fifth note

53. Genreflecting joint

55. "_____ he drove out of
sight..."

57. "Back to what?

60. "_____ weather

64. Cell dweller

65. Tokyo, pre-1868

67. Out of the way

68. Be needy

69. Sticky stuff

70. Conical dwelling

71. Heidi's shoe

72. Asian capital

73. Move furtively

DOWN

1. Famous Steffi

2. Do over

3. Twelfth month of Jewish year

4. Locomotive hair

5. Canadian capital

6. Cry of glee

7. "Wagon "cushion"

8. Last letter, to Homer

9. Standard's partner

10. Crucifix

11. Change for a five

12. Funny Poehler's funny friend

15. Himalayan kingdom

20. Relating to genes

22. Unit of electrical resistance

24. Boo-boo wrap

25. "Next spring's flowers

26. To the left, on a boat

27. Safari hat

29. Fonzie: "Sit _____!"

31. Top of the Capitol

32. "Fall bounty

33. Prenatal test, for short

34. "Pumpkin garden

36. Not far

38. Big rig

42. Stitch again

45. Vietnam river

49. Lennon's widow

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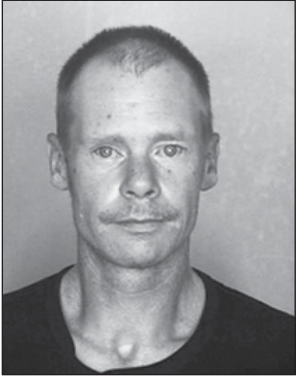
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Four Oroville Residents Arrested During Burglary Investigation

One Stabbed, 3 Others Nabbed at Gridley Fastrip

Butte County Sheriff's Office Press Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - On August 25, 2020, Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) deputies responded to a report of a residential burglary in Bangor. Deputies arrived and cleared the residence. While clearing the residence and property, deputies contacted



Jeremiah Lee

Jeremiah Lee of Oroville, 38, and Heather Lee of Oroville, 36. Deputies conducted an investigation and arrested Jeremiah and Heather for the following charges: One felony count of burglary, one felony count of theft of utility



Heather Lee

services, and one misdemeanor count of possession of a controlled substance. Jeremiah was also booked for a felony arrest warrant. The arrest warrant was issued after BCSO investigated a burglary in July of 2020.

Deputies and detectives conducted a follow-up investigation and determined large amounts of property had been stolen during the aforementioned Bangor burglary. On August 27, deputies and detectives served a search warrant at a residence located near the 100 block of Mission Olive Road, Oroville. During the service of the search warrant

detectives contacted Gene Gleason of Oroville, 51, and Misty Adams of Oroville, 38.

During a search of the Mission Olive residence detectives located multiple items which had been stolen from the Bangor residence. Detectives also located a firearm, ammunition and methamphetamine.



Gene Gleason

Gleason was placed under arrest for the following charges: One felony count of being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm, one felony count of being a prohibited person in possession of ammunition, one felony count of removing/altering the serial number on a firearm, one

felony count of possession of stolen property, and one misdemeanor count of possession of a controlled substance. Adams was placed under arrest for one felony count of possession



Misty Adams

of stolen property.

The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with additional information about this investigation to contact Detective Tristan Harper at 530-538-7671.



By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - At roughly 8:30 pm on Wednesday, September 2nd, Gridley Police Department received a call stating that a potential shooting/stabbing was currently in progress at Gridley's Fastrip gas station.

The incident is currently under investigation by GPD Detective Michael Mitchell, but Lieutenant Quihuiz can confirm a stabbing did occur - no shooting. Lieutenant Quihuiz says that the original dispatch was for multiple reports of a physical altercation in progress at Fastrip. The 911 calls stated that four males were involved in a violent quarrel, with witnesses reporting suspects involved using both sticks

and a vehicle as weapons. Video surveillance is being reviewed by investigators to establish a clear and detailed outline of the incident. Lieutenant Quihuiz says, "We believe that there were rocks being used as weapons," he continues, "We know for a fact that one of the involved did get stabbed."

Gridley PD is currently not releasing the identities of the suspects involved until the investigation is complete, although they have been identified as Gridley residents. The injured suspect was transported to Orchard Hospital for the treatment of his wounds that Lieutenant Quihuiz described as a "critical injury". He was later transferred out to Enloe Hospital for continued care.

Gridley Police Department expects Chief Harr will be putting out a press release upon the completion of the investigation, wherein the subjects will be identified and any additional shareable details will be made known.

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Crime Reports

Gridley- Biggs Police Report

August 29th - September 3rd

8-29-20: At 10:35 pm on the 100 block of Washington St., Gridley CA, Diana Conception Padilla, 33, was arrested for causing a fire on a property (452 (d) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

8-29-20: At 11:45 pm on E. Hamilton and Larkin Roads, Gridley CA, Britney Morgan Flores, 32, was cited for possession of a controlled substance (11377 (a) H&S), possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S) and driving with an expired registration (4000 (a)(1) CVC).

8-30-20: At 2:40 am on the 1100 block of Hwy 99, Gridley CA, Joshua Allen Rogers, 36 was cited for possession of a controlled substance (11377 (a) H&S), possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S), driving with a suspended license (14601.1 (a) VC) and carrying a concealed dirk or dagger (21310 PC).

8-30-20: At 6:34 pm on the 1400 block of Hwy 99, Gridley CA, Joshua Darren Waters, 29, was arrested for driving under the influence (23152 (a) VC), having a blood alcohol level of .08% or higher (23152 (b) VC), displaying false registration (4462.5 VC), violation of probation (1203.2 (A) PC), operating a vehicle without an interlock device (23247 e VC) and driving with a suspended license due to DUI (14601.2 (a) VC). Subject was booked into Butte County Jail.

8-31-20: At 4:10 pm on Spruce and Kentucky Streets, Gridley CA, Jessica Grace Velasquez, 26, was arrested for obstruction of justice (148 (a)(1) PC) and booked into Butte County Jail.

9-1-20: At 12:48 am, on the 1600 block of Hwy 99, Gridley CA, Mark Anthony Toms, 45, was cited for possession of a controlled substance (11377 (a) H&S).

9-1-20: At 12:48 am, on the 1600 block of Hwy 99, Gridley CA, Amber Lynn Baldry, 27, was cited for possession of a controlled substance (11377 (a) H&S), possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S), violation of probation (1203.2 (A) PC) and driving without a license in a parking lot (12500 (c) VC).



9-3-20: At 2:22 am on the 200 block of Spruce St., Gridley CA, Vincent Colt Moreno, 30, was cited for a local misdemeanor bench warrant and for an outside agency misdemeanor bench warrant.

9-3-20: At 9:15 am at the GPD lobby, Gridley CA, Juan Antonio Moran, 41, was cited for two local misdemeanor bench warrants.

9-3-20: At 10:44 am on the 300 block of Sage St., Gridley CA, Christopher Ryan Calhoun, 39, was arrested for an outside agency felony warrant and booked into Butte County Jail.

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- There is no charge for our service which includes responding to medical aids, fires, rescues, hazardous material issues and much more!
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ESTATE OF CRAIG S. PAUL
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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Craig S. Paul, deceased

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Clinton J. Paul, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Clinton J. Paul, be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests that the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. 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 September 22, 2020 9:00 a.m. in Dept C-10 at Superior Court of California, County of Butte 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928.

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.

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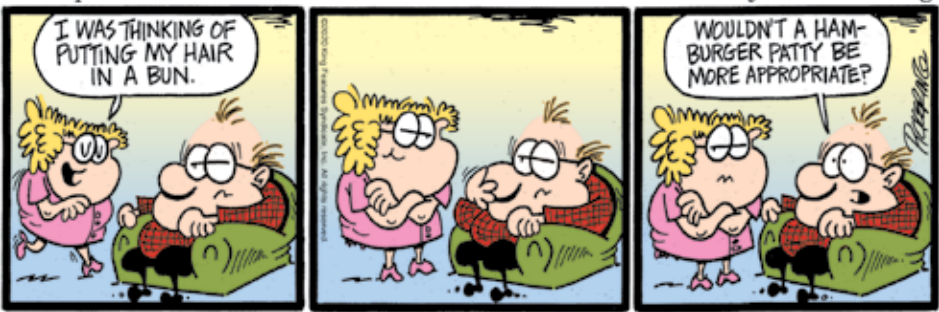
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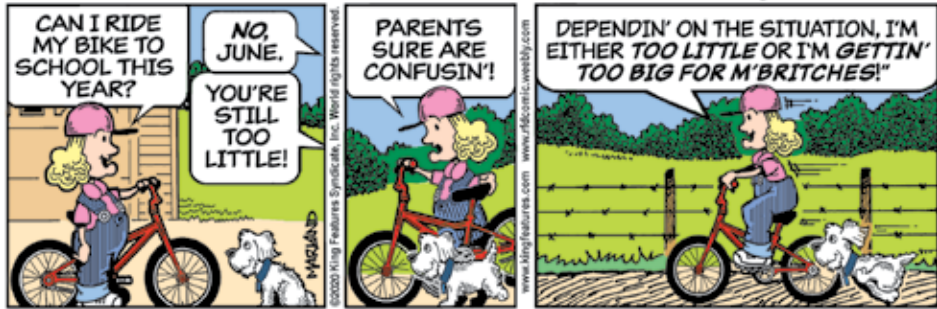


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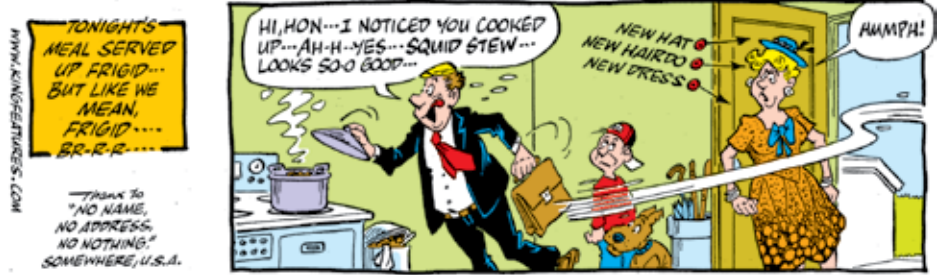
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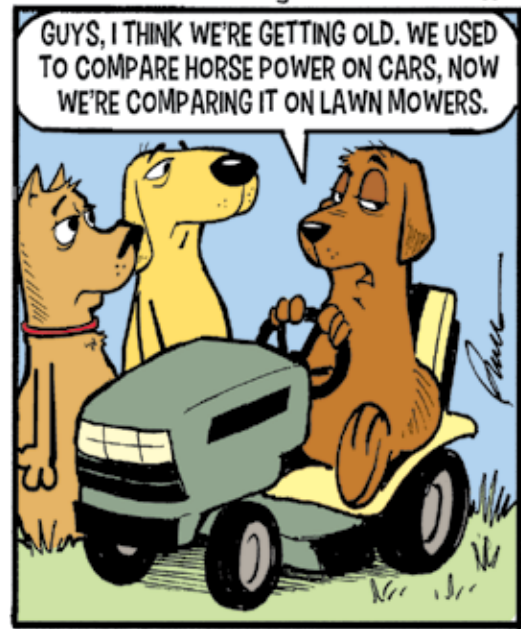
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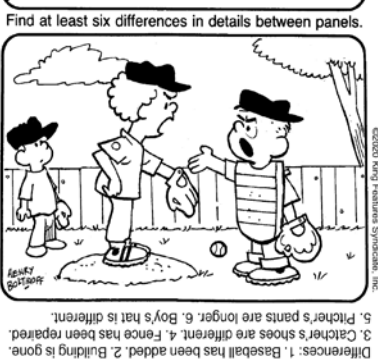
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California’s Coronavirus Stimulus was a Bust. What now?

By Lauren Helper, CalMatters

So much for California saving itself from the economic wreckage of the coronavirus.

As state lawmakers ended the year with a profanity-laced, partially remote late-night voting session this week, several pillars of a sweeping \$100 billion economic stimulus proposal became political casualties of a chaotic summer at the Capitol.

Restarting supplemental \$600-a-week unemployment payments? Not happening. Investing in wildfire prevention and broadband infrastructure to create jobs? Nope. Offering tax vouchers to raise revenue and stave off future cuts? Maybe, if state agencies find their own path forward.

“I think we made lives better,” Senate leader Toni Atkins said during a 2 a.m. Zoom press conference after the final votes Monday night. “Were we able to get everything done we’d hoped to? No, we weren’t.”

Among the economic measures that survived were a \$5 billion transportation bond, an eviction moratorium extension, an expansion of low-income tax credits for undocumented Californians and a \$100 million small business hiring credit. There are many reasons that the most high-profile proposals fell through, or were at least left unresolved: federal inaction, Democratic infighting, the risk of digging too deep a financial hole to climb out of, plus the complicated logistics of last-minute negotiations during a pandemic.

Now, as politicians turn their attention to election season, bigger battles loom. During a pandemic that has both deepened inequality and made the state’s wealthiest residents richer, the question is how much California will try to do on its own – and whether liberal enclaves, such as San Francisco, are in the mood to soak the rich. The state is currently relying on borrowing from the federal government, but there’s also the option to take on structural changes to the tax code or make more technocratic changes to how the state handles cash.

“The idea of states running stimulus is not conventional economic wisdom,” said Tracy Gordon, a senior fellow at the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center. “I wouldn’t take the heat off of Congress. This is really their responsibility.”

Still, for state lawmakers under pressure to act, especially given California’s oft-touted distinction as the world’s fifth-largest economy, the stimulus debate is likely just beginning. Gov. Gavin Newsom hasn’t yet signaled his preferred economic path forward, but the familiar barrage of doomsday analysis



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– “California Is Coming for You,” “California is a failed state” – has already arrived.

“This is the problem from hell,” said Jack Pitney, a political science professor at Claremont McKenna College. “On the one hand, the COVID crisis vastly increases the need for economic stimulus. At the same time, it decreases the state’s ability to deliver it.”

So, how bad is the economic outlook for California? By some recent indicators, it’s not as dire as feared – at least for now.

The state was facing a \$54 billion deficit heading into budget season, but “the situation did not significantly deteriorate,” according to a new report from the Legislative Analyst’s Office. As of July 31, the state had a \$37 billion cash cushion to keep paying its bills, or more than triple the predicted worst-case scenario. Tax receipts also came in nearly \$2.6 billion higher than expected.

The state “fiscally is in a much better position than it was” at the beginning of the pandemic, thanks in large part to cash reserves and a stock rally that has buoyed California’s tech industry, said Mark Duggan, an economics professor at Stanford University and director of the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research. Still, he said, the state is likely “in for a lot of pain” with unemployment over 13%. The state has already borrowed more than \$10 billion from the federal government to pay for jobless benefits.

“California is hemorrhaging money right now,” Duggan said. “Thank God that it’s possible for states to borrow from the federal government, because without that, we would be screwed.”

For the millions of state residents relying

on unemployment checks, an August order by President Trump extended a temporary \$300-per-week benefits bump. Congressional Republicans, wary that higher \$600-a-week payments discouraged people from going back to work during the pandemic, have blocked longer-term efforts to extend supplemental payments. Californians left with less cash to buy basic necessities are liquidating retirement funds, scrambling to pay rent and turning to food assistance programs, which is why state lawmakers hoped to intervene.

“Ultimately we ran out of time because the federal government didn’t act,” said Assemblymember Phil Ting, a Bay Area Democrat who pushed for stimulus measures to include more unemployment assistance. “We didn’t want to jump the gun and really take the federal government off the hook.”

Though California is well known for its high state income taxes, economists point out that payroll taxes for unemployment insurance are surprisingly low. As it stands, the state has one of the nation’s most regressive unemployment programs, Duggan wrote in a recent report, where employers are taxed the same amount for an employee earning \$7,000 as one making many times more.

“It just makes absolutely no sense,” he said. “For a big tech company that’s paying six-figure salaries, it’s like a rounding error.”

While unemployment is tied up in federal politics, another stimulus idea – asking businesses to prepay some taxes now in exchange for tax vouchers to use later – would put the state in control of raising more revenue.

Lawmakers didn’t come up with their own voucher plan before they adjourned, but

instead asked the state Department of Finance and Franchise Tax Board to come up with a plan to raise up to \$25 billion. Vouchers would be paid out over several years to avoid a big financial hit down the road, but some economists are skeptical how many taxpayers would volunteer to pay early.

“It seems pretty desperate,” Duggan said.

In the meantime, voters will also weigh in on the future of the state’s economy. Prop. 15 asks voters to approve a tax hike on commercial property owners to fund schools and local government. Prop. 22 will decide (again) if tech companies like Uber and Lyft should pay into state employee benefits systems including unemployment.

Longer term, there’s also the potential for the state to return to infrastructure projects to create jobs. Though one transportation bond measure did clear the Legislature, two other measures failed. One would have extended fees on utility bills so the state could spend \$3 billion on wildfire prevention – including new jobs making electrical improvements, creating storage for renewable energy and thinning trees and vegetation – but stalled amid opposition from utility companies and consumer advocates. A proposal to expand broadband access, including the creation of new jobs, sputtered and was never introduced in legislation.

Proposals to help the state government stay afloat with creative revenue sources also withered. An idea to borrow against cap and trade revenue – the state system that companies pay into for emitting greenhouse gases – fell apart because the auctions are not bringing in much money due to the global oil glut prompted by the pandemic. Behind the scenes, state finance officials are also working on plans to securitize some future revenues, and this week posted a \$2.4 billion bond offering that warns of economic uncertainty and ongoing “liabilities in the tens of billions of dollars” for large state pension funds.

How it all pans out will have big implications for programs reliant on the state budget. Especially with the memory of layoffs, credit downgrades and deep cuts during the last recession still fresh.

“We know next year’s budget is going to be very, very tough,” Ting said. “We’re going to have to make tough decisions.”

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