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## Bull-Pup Spirit Parade!



Above: "We Love You Teachers!!" says the hand-made signs Bree, Grey and Gracie Leishman hold as they wait along the parade route. Right: Ms. Mendonca loves and misses her Sycamore Bullpups! Photos by Seti Long

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - At 9:00 am last Friday morning, Sycamore School teachers and staff met up outside the school to decorate their cars and trucks with signs and messages of love for their students.

Students have been hit hard by the realization that the 2019-2020 school year may indeed end at home and it's been surprising how much they actually miss going to school. Sycamore student Avery Mendenhall says that what she misses most during this time is "hanging out with my friends because I'm very social," and of course, her teachers. Teachers are definitely feeling the impact of the "shelter at home" order and miss their

students immensely. Gridley Unified School District bus drivers Maggie Graham and Tracy Smith say that the days are "too quiet" without them.

On Friday, nearly 20 vehicles piloted by Sycamore and GUSD staffers put on a spirited parade for their students. Families were notified through the all-call system the night before, giving the students something special to look forward to in the morning.

As the caravan departed the Sycamore School campus, signs waved, horns honked, and teachers

hollered as they waved to the excited students lining the street as they went by. Some students even made signs of their own, like Gracie Leishman and her brother Grey and sister Bree. As they waited for the caravan to arrive in their neighborhood, Gracie said,

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## Red Suspenders Day Has Been Cancelled



Firefighters, who are always eager to gear up for Red Suspenders Day Parade and games, will have to wait for next year's event. Photo: Seti Long

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - It's official. One of Gridley's biggest celebrations, Red Suspenders Day, has been cancelled.

The Gridley Chamber of Commerce, who hosts the event honoring our Firefighters, made the announcement on April 4th. In a Facebook post, the Chamber says, "We wished

and hoped, but it didn't seem to be in the cards for this year. Sadly we had to make the choice to cancel this year's Red Suspenders Day Parade. But don't be sad, we're gonna work

twice as hard to make it better next year!"

This year's Red Suspenders Day would have marked the 58th anniversary of the historic Gridley celebration. ★

## Orchard Hospital Seeks Help from the Community

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - In anticipation of California reaching the peak of COVID-19 cases here in the next two weeks, Orchard Hospital is preparing the best they can.

Orchard Hospital CEO, Steve Stark says, "Orchard Hospital is facing a shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE). During this crisis, we are pursuing different avenues to increase our supplies so that we can meet the critical need and to support our frontline staff and patients."

Orchard is now accepting donations of new: N95 masks, face masks (with ties or elastic - including homemade fabric masks), face shields, protective glasses/goggles, body protective wear (rain ponchos, coveralls and bunny suits) and gloves. Other hospitals that have agreed to accept home-made fabric masks have asked for the inside of the mask to have a different pattern from the outside so health-care professionals can easily identify between the two.

Items can be dropped off at the hospital's entrance during regular hours with the security guards or you can schedule a drop time with Matt Washburn at (530) 846-9064.

Stark goes on to thank some of those that have donated supplies to the hospital up to this point: The Mendo-Lake Complex Fire Relief, Oroville Center and Lynne Spencer. Stark says, "Thank you for thinking of our patients and our staff. We are grateful for your generosity." ★

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# The New Pi-Line



**The new Pi-Line  
Honoring Publisher  
W.D. Burleson  
By Josh F.W. Cook**

As we head into another week of the “zombie apocalypse end of times-latter-day Armageddon quarantine,” a scripture came to mind that I thought would be worth sharing. It’s the one where the prophet says because of the exceeding length of their wars and conflicts many of the people became hardened in their hearts, and then in the next verse it goes on to say because of the exceeding length of their wars and conflicts many people became softened and kind. I’ve noticed that in many areas of life, those are the choices. The circumstances remain the same, but people basically react to stress, uncertainty, doom, gloom, and conflict in one of two ways.

What we see around us today are many good people who find ways to reach out to other people in this time of difficulty, with small acts of service. Others decide to price gouge, rip people

off, be angry, and use the circumstances as some sort of license to be mean to people. Everybody’s going through the same thing, how people choose to react to it tells you a lot about their character. It’s my hope that we can all choose to make the best of this historic event.

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For those of you new to the Pi Line, the three little dots means I’ve switched to another thought.

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One of the ways that people can reach out is through technology, it has been amazing how good video conference software has gotten. We have been able to visit with a lot of families who we can’t personally visit using the Zoom app (application or software). Also, millions of people have iPhones, and the iPhone has FaceTime, an app with which you can talk to each other and see each other, and Apple has now a group FaceTime so you can call five or six people and see them all at once. It’s a great way to reach out and connect with people even if you can’t be with them for real.

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I think handshaking as a social custom is going to take a big set back. For the last few weeks, handshaking

was terrifying; as of this week, it is not done at all. I think we may adopt fist-bumping as the new typical greeting when we emerge from our isolation. When I lived in Italy, we all kissed on the cheek and hugged every time friends would meet up. Wonder what will happen to that tradition? I hope it survives as human affection is a good thing. A world with no hugs or handshakes would really change how we interact. A handshake has always been the symbol of making a deal. How do we deal with no shake?

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The guy who saved the Gridley Herald bought the Territorial Dispatch newspaper in Yuba Sutter. So now he has all of Sutter County covered as Live Oak people read the Herald and Yuba City people can read the Dispatch. It will be interesting to see how the small-town papers do with ads during our economic downturn. The advertising is an essential part of an economic rebound, but the ups and downs may be a wild ride every small enterprise.

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Be well and check on your neighbors and family. *W.D. Burleson published the Gridley Herald for 50 years. Josh F.W. Cook is a public administrator and educator.* ★

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



**Bruce Johnson**

*Dear Gridley Residents and Businesses;*

Over the past three years we’ve experienced the mass evacuation due to the Oroville Spillway emergency, the significant long-term impacts of the Camp Fire and now we find ourselves in the grasp of a global pandemic. While we cannot be sure when this situation will end, we can rest assured that Gridley will persevere due to the quality of our residents! Gridley residents and businesses have proved themselves to be compassionate, generous, and strong during our past disasters. In fact, we’ve developed a very positive reputation throughout the State and with FEMA as being a generous and “can do” community.

The Coronavirus pandemic has not been easy and it will become more challenging in the weeks to come. We will, as we always do, show dignity and respect to one another. We will follow the advice and directives of the public health experts, not necessarily because we want to, but because we know it is the right thing to do for the most vulnerable individuals within our community. So, maintain your social distance. Isolate yourself if you are not feeling well. Encourage those around you to comply with the public health orders.

Check on your friends and neighbors with a phone call, a text, an email, a social media post or a simple shout across the street. Stay healthy physically, mentally and emotionally. Sheltering at home does not mean isolating ourselves from all human contact.

Dedicated City staff, your City Council, Butte County staff and your County supervisors are all working together to provide the best guidance, care and services to minimize the risks and impact of this pandemic on our Gridley community. There are hourly contacts with various state and federal agencies to ensure we are receiving the best information available.

This week I was invited to participate in a briefing with President Trump’s White House officials that you may have seen during daily White House briefings on TV or online. As Mayor, I greatly appreciate the efforts of the White House and I appreciate that they included Gridley in their briefings.

Having now been involved in conversations with the White House and with State, County and other local officials, I can tell you that it appears that all levels of government are working well together. With that said, it’s important to say we should all be mindful that not everything you read on social media is accurate. Be responsible and do not repost information unless it is from a trusted source. Creating anxiety benefits no one and can harm many. This situation is dynamic and we appreciate the patience, understanding and cooperation of our residents as we all work through this unprecedented event.

The City of Gridley remains here to serve you. While we cannot

currently engage with in-person meetings at City Hall, we are open for business through phone calls and emails. Use the city website to connect with the department, staff member or elected representative you need. As is always the case, our Fire, Police, Public Works, and Utilities remain available 24/7.

The local consequences of this global pandemic will be substantial and long-lasting but they will not be insurmountable. Yes, there will be significant financial impacts to our residents, our businesses and to the City. This crisis will have different phases all of which we will work through together as one community.

We have been through many challenges and together we will make it through this one as well. There are times when we may discuss, debate, and disagree on particular topics within our community but we always do so with what we believe to be the best interest of Gridley in mind. Working together during times like this will ensure that there will always be a Gridley here for us to continue to discuss, debate, and disagree over. There is nowhere else I would rather be and there are no others I would rather be with during these challenging times.

Gridley is our home. I’ve worked hard to be here to serve you through the challenges we’ve experienced together. I will remain here to serve you through this challenge as well. Please feel free to call me at 846-3631 if I can provide any help.

Stay safe, stay healthy and please wisely help others in need.

Bruce

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## Driver of Cadillac Found Dead in Local Canal

**By Seti Long**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - A canal in western Gridley was the site of a fatal accident Sunday, April 5th.

According to a California Highway Patrol news release, a 1998 Cadillac Deville, was discovered overturned and partly submerged 4.5-5 feet in a drainage canal at the end of West Liberty Road.

The investigation concluded that the driver, 31-year-old, Dustin Ray Womack, was driving west-bound on W. Liberty Road, at the end of which he drove through a locked gate and entered private property. Womack took the Cadillac off-road, driving through a muddy field before navigating it back onto a grassy levee that bordered the canal. He continued traveling

south on the narrow levee road, approximately 600 feet, before he encountered a sharp 90 degree turn to the west. It was at that time that Womack failed to negotiate the turn and the Cadillac slid off the levee and into the canal. The vehicle landed on its roof, trapping Womack inside. Womack was unable to escape and was later found dead inside the vehicle. ★

## PG&E Sells Narrows Hydroelectric Facility to Yuba Water Agency

**By Alex Boesch, Yuba Water Agency**

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has sold its Narrows Hydroelectric Project to Yuba Water Agency.

Escrow closed and the sale finalized on this facility in Nevada County, which includes the 12-megawatt Narrows No. 1 Powerhouse located on the Yuba River below Englebright Dam, along with associated water conveyance and infrastructure and 23 acres of land, for \$507,500. Narrows 1 has been generating clean, renewable energy since its construction in 1942.

The Narrows Project was marginally economic for PG&E and is far from PG&E’s regional hydropower headquarters. Yuba Water, however, is a natural buyer as the agency also owns the nearby Narrows No. 2 Powerhouse just upstream. For decades, the two entities closely coordinated the operations of these facilities, including the flows.

“We appreciate the partnership we’ve had with PG&E,” said Curt Aikens, general manager of Yuba Water Agency. “Our acquisition of the Narrows 1 facility really complements our other hydropower assets, but most of all, it enables our agency to continue to provide reliable flows for salmon and steelhead in the lower Yuba River.”

PG&E and Yuba Water began negotiations for the sale in December 2017 and reached an agreement in September 2018. As required, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and California Public Utilities Commission have approved the sale, which is unrelated to PG&E’s bankruptcy.

There will not be any impact to PG&E employees as a result of the sale.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, a subsidiary of PG&E Corporation (NYSE:PCG), is one of the largest combined natural gas and electric energy companies in the United States. Based in San Francisco, with more than 20,000 employees, the company delivers some of the nation’s cleanest energy to nearly 16 million people in Northern and Central California. For more information, visit [www.pge.com/](http://www.pge.com/) and [www.pge.com/en/about/newsroom/index.page](http://www.pge.com/en/about/newsroom/index.page).

Yuba Water Agency is a stand-alone public agency created to serve the people of Yuba County. The agency’s primary missions are flood risk reduction, water supply reliability, fish habitat protection and enhancement, hydroelectric generation, and recreation at New Bullards Bar. Today, Yuba Water Agency owns and operates facilities with a capacity of storing approximately one million acre-feet of water and generating nearly 400 megawatts of hydropower. ★

**Office of Congressman  
Tom McClintock**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)** - Covid-19 didn’t kill our economy. Government policies, however well-intentioned, did. In just a few weeks, they have derailed the most prosperous and promising economy of our lifetimes and put us in imminent danger of permanently destroying

millions of American jobs.

The unprecedented spending in this bill threatens to destabilize the fiscal structure of our federal government and suppress future economic growth. But in order to deal with those issues, we must first arrest the damage caused by actions that have plunged us into recession.

Temporary job losses will very soon become

permanent job losses without federally guaranteed loans to preserve those jobs and a way for families to recoup their financial losses. This bill does so – although inefficiently, wastefully and at enormous cost.

Despite all its flaws, passage of this bill is therefore imperative. But it is no substitute for getting Americans back to work. ★

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## Governor Newsom Grants Additional Relief for Business Taxpayers



Gavin Newsom

### California Department of Tax and Fee Administration Press Release

#### SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- In accordance with the Executive Order issued by Governor Newsom to expand tax relief for small business taxpayers, the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) announced today that all small businesses will have an additional three months to file returns and pay taxes administered by the department. Additionally, all businesses will have an extra 60 days to file claims for refund from CDTFA or to appeal a CDTFA decision to the Office of Tax Appeals.

CDTFA is providing a three-month extension for a tax return or tax payment to any businesses filing a return for less than \$1 million in tax. For the approximate 99.5% of business taxpayers below the \$1 million threshold for their current California sales and use tax obligation, returns for the 1st Quarter 2020 will now be due on July 31, 2020. The same provisions apply to the other tax and fee programs administered by CDTFA. Qualifying taxpayers are not required to file a request for extension

or request relief from penalty or interest. This automatic extension will remain in effect through the reporting of taxes and fees due on or before July 31, 2020.

"This expands on the relief previously granted to small businesses, giving them an extra 90 days to file and pay any business taxes and fees administered by CDTFA without incurring any penalties or interest," said Director Nick Maduros. "By including the \$1 million threshold, we're able to offer much-needed relief to small businesses across the state while still maintaining the integrity of our local finance system. Approximately 55% of the sales and use tax collected goes back to our cities and counties, which count on this revenue to provide essential public services."

In addition to the three-month extension of time to file and pay taxes, the Executive Order issued by Governor Newsom last night also provides business taxpayers with additional time to file claims for refund and appeals to the Office of Tax Appeals. Taxpayers looking to make refund claims with CDTFA during this period will have an additional 60 days to file. Similarly, taxpayers seeking an appeal of a CDTFA tax determination to the Office of Tax Appeals will have 60 additional days to file the appropriate request.

Additional information on the relief offered can be found at [www.cdtfa.ca.gov/services/covid19.htm](http://www.cdtfa.ca.gov/services/covid19.htm). Taxpayers who need

additional help or have questions are encouraged to contact CDTFA by:

Visiting the CDTFA website to find answers on specific topics; Phoning the Customer Support Center at 1-800-400-7115 (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time, except state holidays); Calling or emailing a local CDTFA office; Emailing or chatting with the CDTFA regarding their general, non-confidential tax questions; Following CDTFA on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram for the latest information; Watching "How To Videos" and other online instructional resources; or Writing a letter by mail.

To find the latest information on CDTFA's COVID-19 efforts, visit [www.cdtfa.ca.gov/services/covid19.htm](http://www.cdtfa.ca.gov/services/covid19.htm). For information about California's COVID-19 efforts, visit [covid19.ca.gov](http://covid19.ca.gov).

*The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) administers California's sales and use, fuel, tobacco, alcohol, and cannabis taxes, as well as a variety of other taxes and fees that fund specific state programs. CDTFA-administered programs account for more than \$70 billion annually which in turn supports local essential services such as transportation, public safety and health, libraries, schools, social services, and natural resource management programs through the distribution of tax dollars going directly to local communities.* ★

## Bull-Pup Spirit Parade!

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"We appreciate it because it's hard being inside all the time." Mother Julie Bunn says as she waits with her children and their friends, "We're so excited – I think it's great! The kids have been cooped up, you know, so it's something to look forward too."

It was then that horns were heard in the distance and around the corner came the caravan. The cars and trucks paraded by, putting smiles on the faces of their students, their families and other passersby. The parade was followed by GUSD's first electric school bus, which was supposed to make its maiden voyage the week that the schools were shut down.

When asked what they would like to say to their teachers for doing this, the students we spoke to along the parade route all said, "We miss you!" and "Love you!" ★



Gridley students from all schools, not just Sycamore, turned out to see the spirited parade of Sycamore teachers cruise through neighborhoods last Friday. Pictured left to right: Front: Ty Mendenhall, Avery Mendenhall, and Cooper Bunn. Photo by Seti Long.



Sycamore School teachers show their students some love! Photo by Seti Long

## Gridley Lions Easter Egg Hunt Cancelled!

**By Robert Trueax, Gridley Lions Club**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Due to confusion, Social Distancing and Sheltering in Place because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Gridley Lions Club has decided the prudent course of action is to cancel the Annual Easter Egg hunt for this year, 2020. This hunt normally would have been held on April 11th, the day before Easter and has been an annual event for more than 30 years.

We are aware that many kids will be

disappointed, if they are old enough to remember past hunts. If they are not old enough, it will be the parents and grandparents that will be disappointed! Of course, we Lions hate to miss it also.

However the health and wellbeing of everyone, and especially the kids, is important to the Lions and we don't want to put anyone in the position to compromise their health.

Please accept our regrets and look forward to another great egg hunt in 2021.

Gridley Lions Club

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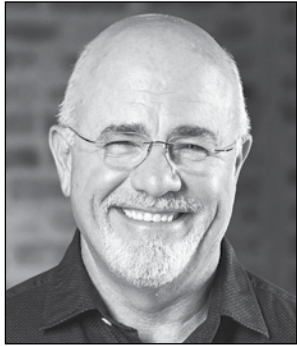
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## Is it an Emergency?

Dear Dave,

My husband and I just completed Baby Step 3, and we have six months of expenses saved for an emergency fund. How should we determine when something is actually an emergency?

— Riley

Dear Riley,

Congratulations on doing the work, being disciplined, and saving like crazy! Now you've got peace of mind, and a pile of cash, that will help turn an emergency into nothing more than an inconvenience.

There's no shame in using your emergency fund if you really need to. That's what it's there for. Just remember to ask yourself a few questions anytime

## Dave Ramsey Says

something pops up to make sure you've got a real reason to use it.

Is the expense really unexpected? Christmas happens on December 25th every single year. You know your semi-annual car insurance payment is coming, too. Make sure things like this are part of your regular, monthly budgets. Some examples of unexpected expenses might be a job loss or pay cut. Emergency medical expenses and car accident repairs might fall into this category, as well.

Is it absolutely necessary? Most people say they know the difference between a want and a need, but that's not always the case. Replacing your only mode of transportation would be a need. Upgrading to a newer, fancier car is not. If your car goes down for the count, you need transportation. Use your emergency fund to buy something affordable and reliable you can pay cash for. But don't dip into it just to upgrade your decent car for one with a

million bells and whistles.

Is it urgent? Practice the art of patience whenever possible. If your home's air conditioning unit goes out in the middle of summer, that's probably an urgent fix. But hearing about the "sale of the century" at your favorite retail store? Grabbing the newest, hottest cell phone when yours works just fine? Nope!

Your emergency fund is all about long-term security, not instant gratification. Don't blow it impulsively, but don't be afraid to use it when it's really needed. Be wise, and ask those three questions. Check yourself so you don't wreck yourself—or your budget!

*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 14 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.* ★

## Are Locked-Down Small Business Owners Committing Financial Suicide?

**Commentary from SaveCalifornia.com**

Small business owners, will you defend your God-given rights?

If the always-paid government bureaucracy wanted to kill off capitalism, they're not wasting this opportunity. For every day, small businesses fail because they "aren't open." Yet if you stay closed like the government wants, you might be committing financial suicide. Ask yourself — how long can you go without income?

Small business owners shouldn't be overly-afraid of the government. Have you heard of a single business owner in America being fined for staying fully open during the virus scare? I haven't. And so what if you're fined? Wouldn't a couple hundred dollars be a small price to pay compared to all the value you'll receive by staying open?

And consider the various "bugs" that can be on every public door handle — whether it's coronavirus, the flu, stomach flu, strep throat, pink eye, or the common cold. Which is why small business owners who are "open for business" should exercise (and require from their customers) an improved

level of good hygiene.

What's more, the "cure" for COVID-19 might already be here. On Sunday, the FDA approved the anti-malaria drug *hydroxychloroquine sulfate* and *chloroquine phosphate*. Millions of doses are being donated to the nation's hospitals right now.

Is the COVID-19 lockdown overkill? One decade ago, America had another epidemic. But the 2009-2010 swine flu occurred when there was a Democrat in the White House, who the Big Media protected, and the opposition party Republicans did not politicize the virus.

Yet the death toll was higher than (or some might argue, similar to) COVID-19. "According to the CDC from April 2009 to April 2010 there were about 60.8 million cases of the swine flu with 12,469 deaths in the United States. Unlike COVID-19, swine flu targeted the younger population, who health officials said had little to no existing immunity." Source

Yet now we have a Republican president, who the Big Media hates, and who the opposition party Democrats seem to blame for everything. They unsuccessfully tried to oust him twice. Is it the Big Media's

turn to defeat Trump by eliminating his booming economy?

We are now at a point where the cure is worse than the disease. As R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr. wrote a week ago: "... we need not destroy our economy over this pandemic ... The state we had arrived at by last weekend was explained cogently by Bob Luddy, the CEO and founder of CaptiveAire, in *The American Spectator* on Monday. He wrote: "Our leaders are creating an economic crisis and a major national security risk with limited data. The cure is far worse than any perceived impact by COVID-19."

For small business owners, and workers who've been laid off without pay, the big question is how much more financial bleeding can you stand? Consider that big stores like Wal-Mart and Target haven't closed. So why must you?

For the sake of your constitutional rights, your God-given ownership rights, your family, and your in-born need to succeed, I encourage you to be "open for business," along with taking wise steps of good hygiene. Don't let the establishment destroy your livelihood ★

## Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal



"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matt 27:46) "Why, God, why?" Even Jesus cried these words as He hung from the cross.

How often have we cried the same? Why God? Many of us are thinking this as we go through the current COVID-19 crisis we are in now. That child was so young — so good and was a worker for your mission. Why, God? He was Your son and he died on a cross surrounded by people who refused to accept Your gift of Paradise? Answers don't come easily to such cries. But God, in His wisdom, knows the outcome of all actions and it is within His workings that we struggle to live.

Jesus did not leave us to cry in despair alone. He experienced neglect, abuse, bruising, and death so that when we cry in despair, He knows firsthand the pain we go through. He went to the very pits of Hell and faced Satan head-on to experience what we also have to go through. He was rescued and so will we be when we hit the pits of

despair.

When we cry out, "Why, God, Why?", the One who is truly God's Son speaks to us, "I've been there myself-in the big pit-and since I have been there, you will not stay there." Victory!! We have His word on it and that is our lifeline from eternal darkness. When we are sinking beneath the waves of pain and earthly problems, we need to hear our Lord's invitation, "Call on me in days of trouble, I will deliver you." (ref. Psalms 41:1; Psalms 27:5)

God hands us tasks in order to strengthen us toward Him. It may be strife, pain, disease (like an unknown virus), or death. He handed His Son such a task, and Jesus carried through with His Father's support.

On the cross, Jesus cried, "My God. My Father." And the answer came ringing back, "My Son". This is true for us for we are His children, no matter how wayward. If He cared enough to send His Son as a sacrifice for us, then we should respond with, "My God here I stand."

In His own Son, at the moment of anguish, God reclaimed, repossessed lost sons and daughters. Jesus started with His Father's blessings and He finished with His Father's blessings.

God walked side-by-side with Jesus and later with the disciples as they spread the Word, and with us in this time of need.

He didn't keep them in a sterile bubble away from Satan's ways. He gave them strength to walk through the snares and traps. He does the same for us. Satan tries to keep us tuned to the present and earthly prizes. God lifts us up to the future and away from the thorns that cause us to fail. "My God, Why?" "Because I love you and want you to live."

If we are ever to get to Paradise, Paradise must come to us. In Jesus, this is what happened. On the cross, Paradise came to all sinners. We, too, hang helpless on crosses of sin. But God's kingdom runs on mercy. He is there for us when we cry out "Jesus remember me!" the response is always, "Yes. Today. With Me." And that is Paradise.

Don't be afraid to cry for help. We all feel as if God walked away from us at one time or another, but the reality of it is that we, more often than not, have walked away from Him! So, take 40 steps back to Jesus Christ this Lenten season, and hear the answer to your cries for help: "Take My hand, I will walk the way with you." ★

## California Gun Rights Lawsuit: Part II

*NRA, Along with Coalition of Gun Rights Groups, Files Second Lawsuit in California to Fight Constitutional Violations*

**National Rifle Association Press Release**

**FAIRFAX, VA (MPG)** - The National Rifle Association (NRA) joined other individuals, retailers, and gun rights groups in filing a federal lawsuit on Tuesday challenging local policies and enforcement practices that violate Second and Fourteenth Amendment rights.

"Local governments aren't promoting safety or 'common sense' by targeting gun stores for closure; the closures only serve to disarm law-abiding families while criminals roam free," said NRA-ILA Executive Director Jason Ouimet. "Because these closures violate our Second Amendment rights when we need them most, the National Rifle Association continues to fight such infringements in court alongside fellow Second Amendment groups."

This is the second lawsuit the gun rights coalition has filed in California after a number of counties deemed firearm and ammunition stores, as well as indoor and outdoor ranges, "nonessential." The gun rights groups includes the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF), the California Gun Rights Foundation (CGF), and the Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC). A copy of the lawsuit can be found at <https://www.nraila.org/media/2852/2020-3-31-ca-altman-complaint.pdf>

Individual arms applicants/purchasers and retailers affected by 'stay-home' or shutdown orders can report potential civil rights violations to the NRA-ILA COVID-19 <https://www.nraila.org/coronavirus>

Information on other gun rights groups:

**Second Amendment Foundation** ([www.saf.org](http://www.saf.org)) is the nation's oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing, and legal action group focusing on the Constitutional right and heritage to privately own and possess firearms. Founded in 1974, The Foundation has grown to more than 650,000 members and supporters and conducts many programs designed to better inform the public about the consequences of gun control.

**California Gun Rights Foundation** ([www.cagunrights.org](http://www.cagunrights.org)) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that serves its members, supporters, and the public through educational, cultural, and judicial efforts to advance Second Amendment and related civil rights.

**Firearms Policy Coalition** ([www.firearmspolicy.org](http://www.firearmspolicy.org)) is a 501(c)4 grassroots nonprofit organization. FPC's mission is to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, especially the fundamental, individual Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms, advance individual liberty, and restore freedom. ★

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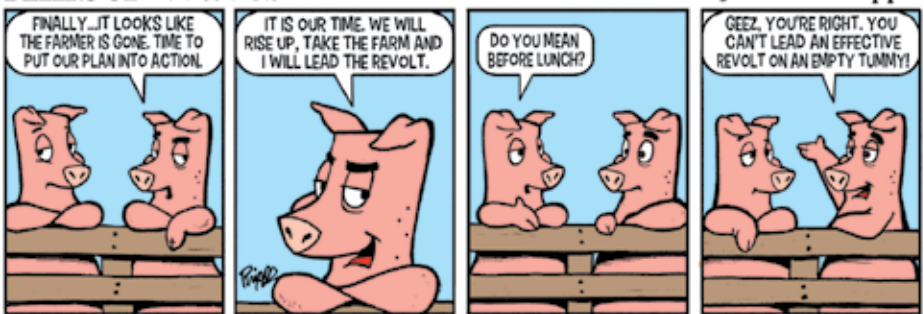
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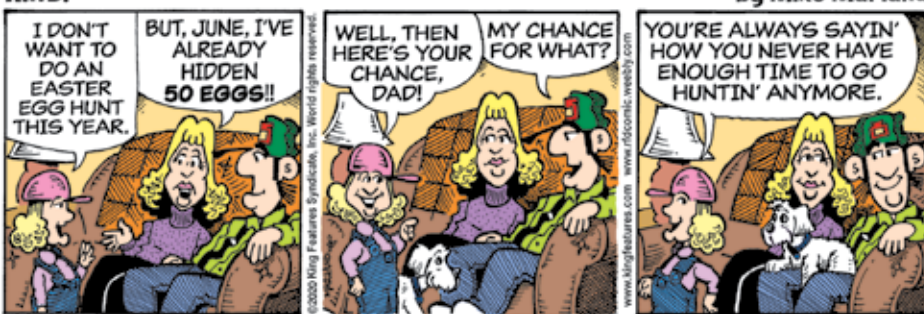
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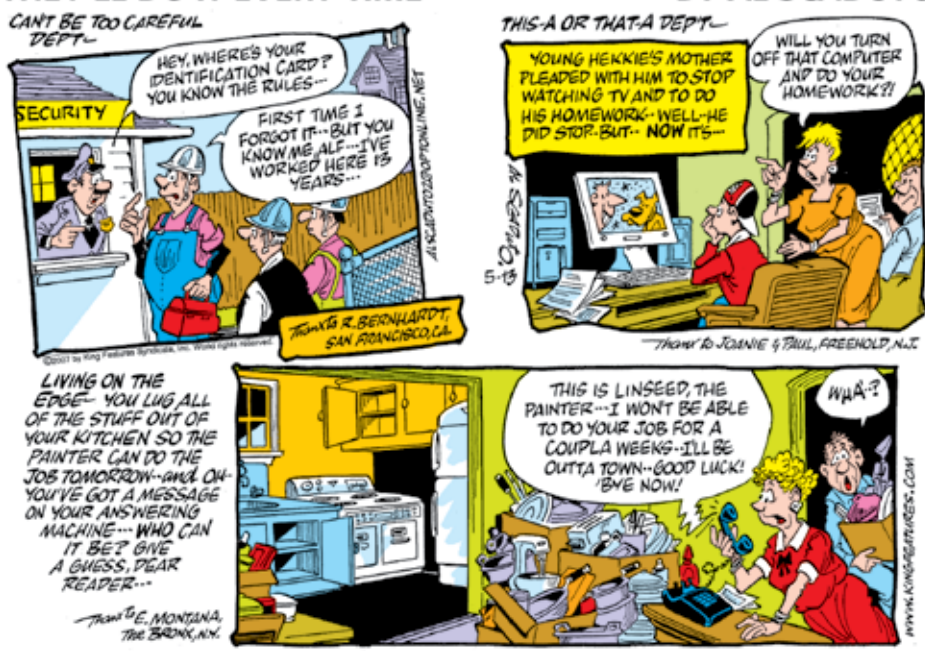


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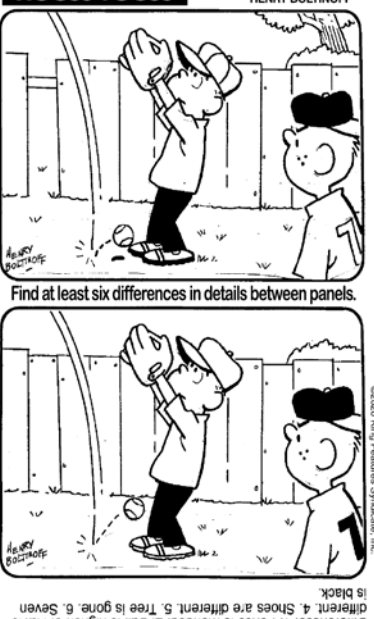
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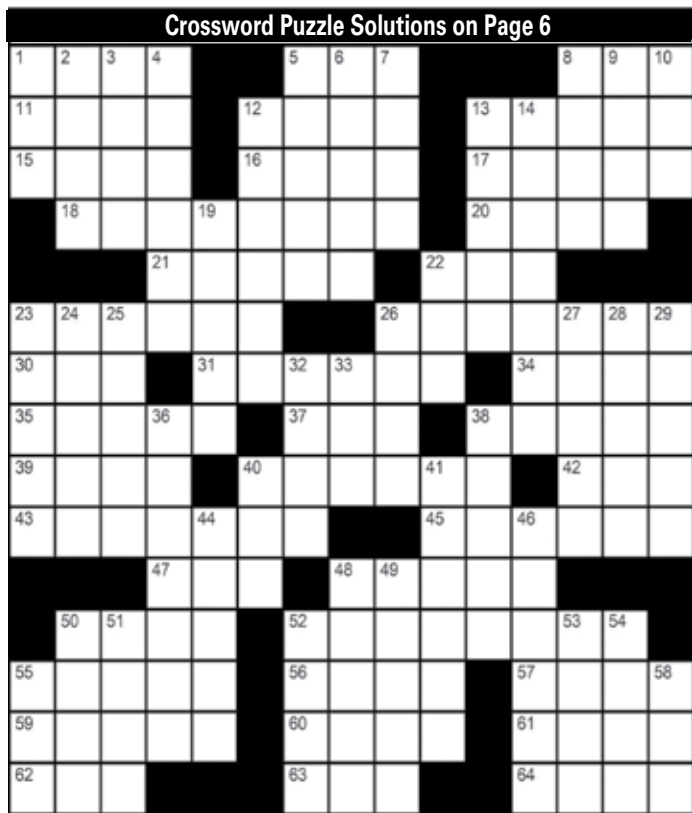
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# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

April showers bring May flowers. We’ve had a great beginning for the April showers. It feels like we might be catching up on rain after a dry February and light March. I think flowers will be needed so we can see joy in the world. When I breathe and work at building joy within myself

my flowers are the key. I visualize them in their glorious colors and glowing intensity of renewal and reproduction. I think we all are hoping for renewal of life after sheltering in place. Nature is pursuing the usual. The birds are building nests, the flowers are getting ready to make seeds. The faded daffodils are sending energy into their bulbs so they can spring forth, fresh and strong next year. My neighbor’s maple has sent its’ helicopter seeds twirling around our neighborhood ... its job is done for the year. Succulents throughout the garden are making offsets to expand their horizons and add to their population. The job of renewal is done, all that is needed now is

for the new young succulents to get bigger so they can reproduce next year. Soon weed seeds will be sprouting faster than we can get rid of them. This is the rhythm of nature ... this is how earth abides. As human life is disrupted around the world, nature continues on in the exact way it does every year. If something gets in the way of that procession then nature adapts. A way is found to move forward, to fulfill the promise of life for each being, animal, plant or mineral. Perseverance is a value for our current time. Keep the image of May flowers with you as we move through April. I will be seeking the good, the true, and the beautiful. ★

# Slim Randles’ HOME COUNTRY



## An April Morning Can Make us Want to Sing

in-spring is kept just among us, because we might be accused of being ... well ... poetic if we told people why we were really carrying that coffee cup out into the yard. So we say lame things like “I think I’ll get some of that fresh air this morning.” What we really mean, of course, is “I want to see if Richardson’s bay mare has had that foal yet.”

Some of us have worked very hard last fall and winter to prepare for this spring.

By grafting. OK, we have a Granny Smith apple tree. Let’s see if we can’t get a branch of Rome Beauties or Jonagolds to grow on it, too. And we understand completely that where we live no olive tree can survive the winter. That isn’t supposed to stop us from trying, is it?

Nature pitches us a boatload of challenges each day that we’re alive. This plant

needs more water than falls naturally here. That tree can’t take the temperatures we get. This little tree needs soil with more organic matter in it.

And those challenges are the stuff winter dreams are made of. We do the best we can to cure the lack, the freeze, the drought, and then we wait for April. We wait impatiently until we can come out of the house some morning and check the grafts on the apple tree and see tiny green leaves coming on the grafted branch. We search the bare ground where we planted that new kind of seed that won’t grow here - to see if it’ll grow here.

It is a continuing feast of green, a triumph of anticipation. An April morning can make us want to sing.

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# Dear Dietitian

## Caloric Intake



Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Dietitian,

I just read an article that said a permanent 25-30% reduction in caloric intake produces anti-aging benefits and results in a longer lifespan. Is this true?

Signed, Seth

Dear Seth,

Let us first define anti-aging. It is not the presence of fewer wrinkles unfortunately; rather, it is slowing down the aging process by decreasing disease. Studies have been performed on animals in which their caloric intake was decreased by about 30%, and the result was a longer lifespan. But does this transfer to humans?

The CALERIE study (Comprehensive Assessment of Long-term Effects of Reducing Intake of Energy) involved over two hundred healthy, non-obese people. This group decreased their caloric intake by about

25%, so a 2000-calorie diet became a 1500-calorie diet. The results were compared to a control group that maintained their regular diet (AL for ad libitum). At the end of two years the calorie-restricted (CR) group had lower blood pressure and lower cholesterol levels than the AL group, thereby reducing the risks of heart disease and stroke. However, this study fell short of positively linking calorie restriction to longevity.

Lowering cholesterol and blood pressure levels can be achieved by maintaining a healthy weight, following a heart healthy diet, and regular exercise. This can be done with consistent, moderate behavior changes.

This type of study is difficult for the simple reason that it is tough to maintain a 25-30% calorie reduction over time. There is a small segment of the population who would be willing and able to do this, but I am not among them.

Until next time, be healthy!  
Dear Dietitian




Leanne McCrate, RD, LD, CNSC, is an award-winning dietitian based in 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. ★



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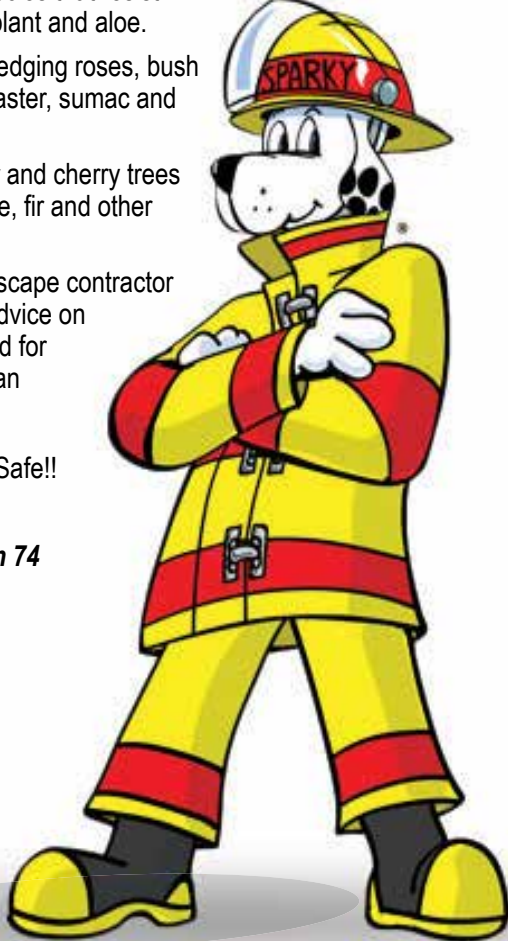
With the spring planting season finally here, the Gridley Fire Fighters would like to talk a little about some landscaping options while still staying fire-safe!

- A fire-safe landscape isn't necessarily the same thing as a well-maintained yard. A fire-safe landscape uses fire-resistant plants that are strategically planted to resist the spread of fire to your home. Fire resistant plants are great in California because they are often drought tolerant too.
- The good news is, you don't need a lot of money to make your landscape fire safe. You will find that a fire-safe landscape can increase your property value and conserve water while beautifying your home.

- Create fire-safe zones with stone walls, patios, decks and roadways.
- Use rock, mulch, flower beds and gardens as ground cover for bare spaces and as effective firebreaks.
- There are no "fire-proof" plants. Select high moisture plants that grow close to the ground and have a low sap or resin content.
- Choose fire-retardant plant species that resist ignition such as rockrose, ice plant and aloe.
- Fire-resistant shrubs include hedging roses, bush honeysuckles, currant, cotoneaster, sumac and shrub apples.
- Plant hardwood, maple, poplar and cherry trees that is less flammable than pine, fir and other conifers.

Check your local nursery, landscape contractor or county extension service for advice on fire-resistant plants that are suited for your environment, and help to plan your landscape.

Thank You, and Be Safe!!  
**Sparky the Dog  
Gridley Fire Station 74**



## Crossword Puzzle on Page 5

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# Social Security Matters

## About Working Overseas and Earning U.S Social Security



**By Russell Gloor,  
AMAC Certified Social  
Security Advisor**

**Dear Rusty:** My daughter had mental jobs - part time - here in the USA during high school and college but shortly after college moved to South Korea to teach English. After 8 years there



she will be going to Belgium and getting married. She will be living there and working there. Will she ever have access to any Social Security benefits? **Signed: Interested Father**

**Dear Interested Father:** It will depend upon how many U.S. quarter-credits your daughter has from her work here in the U.S. The

U.S. has bilateral agreements (known as "Totalization Agreements") with both South Korea and Belgium (and 24 other countries) and these agreements allow someone who has worked in both the U.S. and another country to aggregate their credits from both to qualify for U.S. benefits (and vice versa). But your daughter will need to have earned at least 6 U.S. credits from working in the U.S. in order for her credits from either South Korea or Belgium (or both) to be counted under the Totalization Agreement, thus entitling her to U.S. Social Security benefits.

The U.S. requires a minimum of 40 total

quarter-credits to be eligible for Social Security benefits. If your daughter has at least 6 U.S. credits now and can get enough additional credits via the Totalization Agreements to achieve minimum 40 required, then she may be eligible for at least a small U.S. Social Security benefit when she is 62.

Since you say your daughter had only "menial part time" jobs here in the U.S., key for her to eventually get benefits will be if she has worked enough in the U.S. to earn at least the 6 credits which will allow her to take advantage of the Totalization Agreements and meet basic eligibility for Social Security. FYI, Social Security credits are based upon how much is earned each year, and the amount required for a credit varies annually. A maximum of 4 credits can be earned each year - for example, in 2020 a credit is given for each \$1410 earned, up to

a maximum of 4 credits per year (\$5640 in annual earnings). Essentially, if your daughter had at least the minimum earnings for 1 ½ years of U.S. employment to earn 6 credits, she could eventually use the Totalization Agreements to become eligible for U.S. Social Security benefits.

I suggest that your daughter contact Social Security and ask how many quarters of credit she now has under the U.S. Social Security system. If she already has the minimum 6 needed to eventually qualify under the Totalization Agreements, she may be entitled to a small SS benefit when she becomes age-eligible (62). But remember, even if she qualifies for a U.S. Social Security benefit, it will be based upon her minimal U.S. earnings; her foreign earnings won't be used when computing her U.S. benefits. Be aware also that if

she also earns a pension from either South Korea or Belgium (or both), any U.S. Social Security benefit she may eventually get would be affected by the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) which reduces the SS benefit of anyone with a pension from work which did not contribute to U.S. Social Security.

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The successful proposer must possess a valid and active Class B license at time of submittal of the proposal. The proposer and all subcontractors (of any tier) must be currently registered and qualified to perform public works in accordance with Labor Code section 1725.5.

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# The Constitution is Designed to Deal with the Coronavirus



**Commentary  
by Harold Pease Ph. D.**

I taught the U.S. Constitution and Current Events simultaneously at the college level for forty years using the Constitution as written in solving controversies or problems – so well designed was it. Students quickly discovered that there were no issues that could not be resolved. So how should the Coronavirus crisis be resolved under the Constitution? States would be taking the lead.

The overall principle of free government and the Constitution as written is to never elevate to a higher level that which can be resolved at a lesser level. Problem solving should begin with the individual and proceed in sequence from him to the family, city, county, and state and elevated only if a

lower level of government could not do it. Outside the family all are elected, can tax for its needs, and each is reasonably accessible to the individual. Who says government further away and less accessible performs better or is freer?

Notice in the problem solving sequence the federal government was not included. In the Constitution this was purposeful. States were sovereign outside foreign policy. The states were required to be republics (Article IV, Section 4) and were independent of the federal government except for the powers given it listed in Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1-18; essentially the power to tax, pay the debts, and provide for the general welfare and common defense – the last two limited by eight clauses each. All other authority not specifically identified by amendment was left to the states as per Amendment 10. “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.”

We live under two political systems: one (federal) centered on foreign affairs, the other (states) primarily

domestic. It’s called Federalism, the two share power, neither subservient or above the other and each with separate duties; like a good marriage, a team. This is why President Donald Trump has been encouraging more state involvement. Federal involvement in our lives is supposed to be minimal.

The advantages of federalism are enormous. States serve as laboratories of experimentation. States look to sister states for models and borrow from them in refining their own programs. These places of experimentation benefit everyone.

In the case of the Wuhun China Virus (coronavirus), the federal government, led by Trump, controls the border under common defense – the last two limited by either coming in. Trump is not constitutionally empowered to mandate national behavior. Constitutionally states have borders and manage themselves. Taxing powers enable them to fund anything they wish and governors have broad powers to experiment, or not, on different solutions.

Nevada governor threatened doctors using hydroxy-chloroquine in the treatment of the virus,

others encouraged its use. The virus apexes in different places at different times more especially in crowded areas and summer (getting outdoors) comes earlier in southern states. Each state would decide what measures were best suited for them regarding “shelter in place” or when to return to work. Trump, or Congress, would have little to do with these decisions.

As of March 25, 2020, New York had 10 times the number infected compared to the next in line state New Jersey, and 15 times the number of third in line California. New York Governor Andrew Cuomo quickly developed a plan of action to slow the virus and simultaneously ramp up the beds, staff, and equipment. He initiated “mandatory playground social density,” and no close contact sports. He also sought dormitories and former nursing homes to facilitate more hospital beds.

Moreover, he expressed some unique ideas as well, such as splitting ventilators (for two beds instead of one) and developed a “surge healthcare force” of retired nurses and doctors, hopefully 40,000 strong, as a backup for

tired healthcare workers. He created a Mental Health Professionals Sign up Program together with a Hot-Line. He suggested a “rolling deployment” of equipment and practitioners serving New York first then “rolling” to different hot spots as each state enters its apex. Federalism was exercised as 49 other governors did similarly rather than dump all responsibility on Trump.

Under Federalism states have the responsibility to be prepared for emergencies and have in place their own programs of assistance and funding. But Governor Cuomo, although commendably now doing something, should have planned for this predicted emergency his first term in office rather than his third. Ventilators, masks, and reserve funding for emergencies, plus a plan for reserve medical staff, should have already been in place. They weren’t! In emergencies when states do not perform their responsibilities they force power to the next level of government as was such in this case. Trump had to provide ventilators, a medical ship, and build three makeshift hospitals in Central Park at federal expense.

Although the

Constitution is designed to deal with the Coronavirus, states have allowed themselves to become subservient and wards of the federal government. They now hold “alms bowl in hand” begging the federal government to do things for them. They allow whomever is president to have power over them. Many states have larger populations than many countries and have their own tax base and authority. Fumbling this responsibility should never happen. Constitutionally, once the borders are secure, under Federalism 50 governors should be on the front lines ahead of Donald Trump.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### FEMA Extension Sham

99 percent of the people left in the camp cannot afford these rates. Shouldn't FEMA be utilizing the same HUD worksheets (30 percent of allowable income) to determine rent?

This seems like a backdoor of recouping costs since the Judge's decision went against them.

Additionally, we were apprised a month

ago these letters were going out that day. This letter is dated March 29th, which indicates to me they redrafted the extension letter to recoup FEMA funds.

Additionally, with stay at home orders how are we supposed to find available housing when all non-essential businesses are closed?

A concerned Camp Fire VICTIM ★

## Crime Reports



### Gridley- Biggs Police Report

**March 25<sup>th</sup> - April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**3-25-2020:** At 4:17 pm on the 1500 block of Hwy 99, Gridley, CA, Marshal James Hollingsworth, 29, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S), and for two local misdemeanor bench warrants and booked into Butte County Jail.

**3-27-2020:** At 6:31 am on 8 th and B streets in Biggs, CA, Katherine Adeline Davis, 41, was arrested for attempted burglary (644/459 PC), vandalism/destroying property \$400+ (594 (b)(1) PC), possession of a controlled substance in prison (4573.6 PC), misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance (11377 (a) H&S), possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**3-30-20:** At 5:23 pm on the 1100 Block of Kentucky St., Gridley, CA, David William McDemus, 42, was arrested for domestic abuse/violence (273.5 (a) PC) and booked into Butte County Jail.

**3-31-2020:** At 2:03 pm on the 100 block of Frank Hall Drive, Gridley, CA, Thomas Matthew Jenkins, 55, was cited for a local misdemeanor bench warrant.

**4-1-2020:** At 4:24 pm on the 1500 block of Hwy 99, Gridley, CA, Danny Ray Thomas, 66, was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S) and violation of probation (1203.2 (a) PC).

**4-1-2020:** At 7:45 pm on the 1800 block of Ohio St., Gridley, CA, Arturo Francisco Fidel Bermudez, 22, was arrested for driving under the influence (23152 (a) VC), for having a blood alcohol level greater than .08% (23152 (b) VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail. 4-2-2020: At 2:24 pm on E. Spruce St. and Hwy 99, Gridley, CA, Marshall James Hollingsworth, 29, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S) and booked into Butte County Jail.

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## BCSO Special Enforcement Unit Eradicates 1,354 Marijuana Plants

**Butte County Sheriff's Office**

**YANKEE HILL, CA - (MPG)** - On April 2, 2020, the Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) Special Enforcement Unit served a search warrant on a property located on Rich Gulch Road, in Yankee Hill. Upon service of the search warrant, deputies encountered two male suspects sleeping inside

a makeshift cabin. Both suspects were detained without incident.

Deputies discovered the suspects had been tending to marijuana plants which were being grown inside eight large greenhouses. In total, deputies eradicated 1,354 marijuana plants from the grow sites and found evidence that the property had been used for the cultivation of marijuana

previously.

Arrested at the scene were Juan Cortez, age 24, from Honduras, for illegal cultivation of marijuana, and possession of marijuana for sale. Nelson Ramirez, age 33, from Honduras, was also arrested for illegal cultivation of marijuana, and possession of marijuana for sale. Both suspects were booked into the Butte County Jail. ★

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