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Volleyball Offers Fun



The United States Youth Volleyball League is a non-profit youth sports organization that hosts more than 15,000 participants annually, nationwide. Image by Tania Van den Berghen from Pixabay

USYVL News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The United States Youth Volleyball League (USYVL) is pleased to announce that registration is open for our 2023 Fall Leagues. These signature programs provide a fun, safe, and supervised environment for boys and girls to learn and play volleyball.

The West Sacramento USYVL runs from September 14 – November 4, 2023, on Thursdays 5:30 – 6:30 PM and Saturdays 10:00 – 11:00 AM at Patwin Park in West Sacramento.

Our eight-week Fall Leagues provide instruction to boys and girls ages

7 to 15 that is designed to teach basic volleyball skills in a positive environment. The leagues operate twice per week beginning the second week of September and ending the first week of November. Practices and games operate in a co-ed format and offer participants the opportunity to develop self-esteem and confidence.

Programs fill quickly, so register early to reserve a spot for your child. Registering early also allows participants to save with our regular registration pricing available until August 1. The registration fee includes a uniform t-shirt and participation medal for each participant.

Visit our online registration page at www.usyvl.org to locate a program in your area.

For information on registration, programs, locations, or schedules visit www.usyvl.org or contact us at 1-888-988-7985 or info@usyvl.org.

Founded in 1997, the United States Youth Volleyball League is a non-profit youth sports organization that hosts more than 15,000 participants annually, nationwide. USYVL's mission is to provide every child between the ages of 7 and 15 a chance to learn and play volleyball in a fun, safe, and supervised environment. Visit www.usyvl.org today! ★

Local Umpire
Chosen for
Little League
World Series



Joey Tignor's years of umpiring pay off as he's headed to the Little League World Series, Senior Division. Photo courtesy of Joey Tignor

By Michele Townsend

SACRAMENTO REGION (MPG) - Local Little League umpire, Joey Tignor, is going to the Little League World Series, this year. Joey has been umpiring since he was 11 years old, following in his father's (Jon Tignor) footsteps. Jon was the Umpire in Chief for District 6 throughout the 80s and 90s. The position that is now held by his son, Joey. District Umpire in Chief oversees scheduling and conduct of all umpires, for all leagues and tournaments, across their district. They ensure that all rules of the game are being followed and answer any questions about interpretation of rules. They also ensure that any training has been done (new rules and rule changes), settle any disputes or issues, verify the umpires are current in their background checks, and are always recruiting for more umpires.

Joey is the only umpire from Northern California, at any level, chosen to umpire the Little League World Series this year and is the first ever umpire from District 6 (in baseball) to umpire the World Series at any level. Joey will be umpiring the Senior Division, ages 14 – 16, which is held in Easley, South Carolina. He will be gone from the end of July until August 6, 2023. He has umpired roughly 50 games this season, traveling to the Bay Area, San Diego and Nevada – always at his own expense. This is because of the relationships that he has built through baseball over the years, and has made a name for himself.

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More Explanation from
Port Management

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO (MPG) - As part of the landlord/tenant business plan that the City of West Sacramento has with "the port", there are multiple companies that do business through the Port of West Sacramento. The biggest and primary account is with SSA Marine. In addition to West Sacramento, SSA is located in thirteen other ports in California. From these ports they ship bulk loads all over the world. In West Sacramento, SSA Marine handles a variety of bulk, breakbulk and project cargo, including rice, fertilizer, lumber, cement, minerals/ore, metals, wind turbines, machinery, generators, steel and heavy lifts.

SSA has been located in West Sacramento since 2006, where they lease and operate the North Terminal maritime facilities, the largest of the terminals that



Rick Toft, West Sacramento Port Manager. Photo courtesy of City of West Sacramento

belong to the Port. On the Port of West Sacramento's website you can read in part, "The Port manages several other non-maritime leases and owns over 600 acres of vacant, developable property in West Sacramento. The Port collaborates with the City of West Sacramento on development projects which support mutual economic development goals."



West Sacramento City Manager Aaron Laurel and Port CEO. Photo courtesy of City of West Sacramento

SSA's current lease expired this year, and they were recently granted a five-year extension on their lease, but only after the International Longshoremen & Warehouse Union, Local 18 fought for them to get at least five years. In AB 2939 (the 2006 port governance restructuring) an agreement provision was included that said the City of West

Sacramento agreed to preserve the North Terminal. In other words, they agreed to keep the port open and operating. That governance agreement provision ends in 2026. This means that in 2026, the City can do whatever they deem is in the best interest of the city and the goals or plans for the city. Because the agreement provision ends in 2026, people are questioning the actions and plans that are being made regarding the port and its assets.

Port CEO Aaron Laurel originally suggested a three-year lease extension for SSA, and people are wondering if after leasing to them for the last 20 years, why would they only be offered three years? And does the length of the new lease coincide with the 2026 date of city plans?

Laurel says no. "The reason it was three years was to give us enough time to

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get through with the study we are going to be doing for the enterprise crossing,” Laurel said. It was for the flexibility of the studies and what they will require. On every other level, 5 years works.” We asked Laurel if he is planning on shutting down the port in the next few years. Again he said no.

“It’s about two things”, he said “traffic and flood protection.” Laurel explained that a crossing at Enterprise is vital. The goal is for this crossing to be accessed from Southport to Highway 50 and Interstate 80. In order to do that, a bridge would have to be built that goes from Southport, over the deep-water channel and to the highways. We asked if a submission for a grant for a fixed bridge had been submitted. Laurel said, “Yes, but it’s in legislature right now.” However, Port manager, Rick Toft said “No” and that they had submitted a request for “a study for alternatives” (to a fixed bridge). Laurel explained that when you are asking the government to pay a half a billion dollars, they want all options investigated. This grant was denied. “Our goal is to have a bridge that allows shipping to go by,” said Laurel.

The other main topic of concern is flood protection. There are three options that have been presented to the Port Commission including shoring up 40 miles of levees, remapping or the construction of a flood gate, with the suggested

option of choice being a “flood gate” built somewhere in the deep-water channel. This gate would be constructed to have the ability to be closed in a time of high water and flood danger. It is the most expensive of the three options and would require continual money to fund the required maintenance it will need to ensure proper operation. However, shoring up the levees would take too long, and remapping would put the port in an unsafe flood zone.

We asked if the gate would prevent ships from getting through. “There is an option where it wouldn’t,” said Laurel. The flood gate location is to be determined. “We are looking for safety and maximum recreation benefit, but it would be irresponsible to officially comment on where that would be. We don’t want to create expectations,” Laurel said.

We also asked if any grant applications have been submitted for transportation grants. “We never preclude going after funding for other things, but to be competitive for grants you have to show what your plan is and we’re asking our partner (SSA) to give us a plan of what improvements they need,” said Laurel. Toft explained that through a lease amendment they told SSA to do the marketing research, find out what funding they can compete for, put together a plan and then they will talk about how to finance it.

“There are people that

would say let’s grow the port to be doing ten times the amount of business we are doing now,” Laurel said, “but how will it affect the residents of West Sac? We have to balance that.” The problem is port operations are the biggest factor in the improvements needed at the port, but in order to bring in more business, the improvements have to already be made. “It’s a catch 22,” Laurel said. Laurel said that he understands how some of these things can make people think, “Wow, what does that mean?” and the media asking things like “Is the port closing,” makes people nervous, but the reality is that they don’t want the port to close, they want to fix these things.

Laurel said it’s not just about the port. “We have a project in design right now called Complete Streets Project that would include all the roadways between the Harbor interchange, down Harbor, down Industrial, across the bridge and all the way down Southport Parkway. You may not think of that as Port property, but it has huge benefits to the port because it would improve all of the infrastructure that’s accessing the port,” Laurel said, “It’s all about balance.”

Laurel finished with “We can’t commit to any particular outcome because we have to do the studies and cost benefit analysis, but we can tell you what we want. We want one (a plan) that allows everything to occur.” ★

Board of Supervisors Expands Services to Combat Gun Violence

Yolo County News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Board of Supervisors is delighted to announce the approval of an agreement with RISE, Inc. in the amount of \$400,000 to expand Advance Peace services. This expansion will bring the highly effective gun violence prevention program to the City of West Sacramento, as well as the communities of Knights Landing, Dunnigan, and Esparto. The agreement will be in effect from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Chair Oscar Villegas emphasized the importance of this decision, stating, "On behalf of the Board, we are pleased to expand these services to areas of our county that have limited access to preventative resources. This expansion provides another viable option to mitigate gun violence in our communities. The Advance Peace program has already achieved remarkable success in Woodland, significantly reducing criminal activity involving guns. It is our goal to do everything possible to avoid another person losing their life due to senseless violence"

The expansion of Advance Peace services is made possible through

the Local Innovation Subaccount, which receives funds from various accounts authorized by state law. The Yolo County Board of Supervisors, through the Local Innovation Subaccount Ad Hoc Subcommittee, has diligently prioritized the use of these funds and selected the Advance Peace program for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Advance Peace is a highly regarded community program that originated in Richmond, CA, with a mission of ending cyclical and retaliatory gun violence in urban neighborhoods by investing in the development, health, and well-being of those at the center of this crisis. It employs a team of dedicated community members serving as Neighborhood Change Agents (NCAs) and Peacekeepers. The NCAs manage participant cases and provide direct services to program participants, known as "Fellows," while the Peacekeepers offer support and maintain close connections with the community. The program collaborates closely with local police departments to identify potential Fellows who can benefit from program services.

When the program expands to a new area, comprehensive outreach efforts are conducted to engage potential Fellows. Fellows receive personalized services and resources tailored to their specific needs, with a budget of approximately \$1,500 allocated per Fellow. As Fellows demonstrate progress, commitment to the program, and positive change, they become eligible for a monthly stipend. Throughout the program, Fellows maintain daily contact with their assigned NCA. The initial half of the enrollment period includes personalized training, field trips, and excursions designed to promote positive growth and showcase alternative life paths.

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors has selected RISE, Inc. to administer the expansion of the Advance Peace program. Currently, the program operates successfully within the City of Woodland in close coordination with the Woodland Police Department (WPD). The operations in Woodland have received overwhelming positive reports from both the WPD and the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP), which provides partial funding for the program. ★

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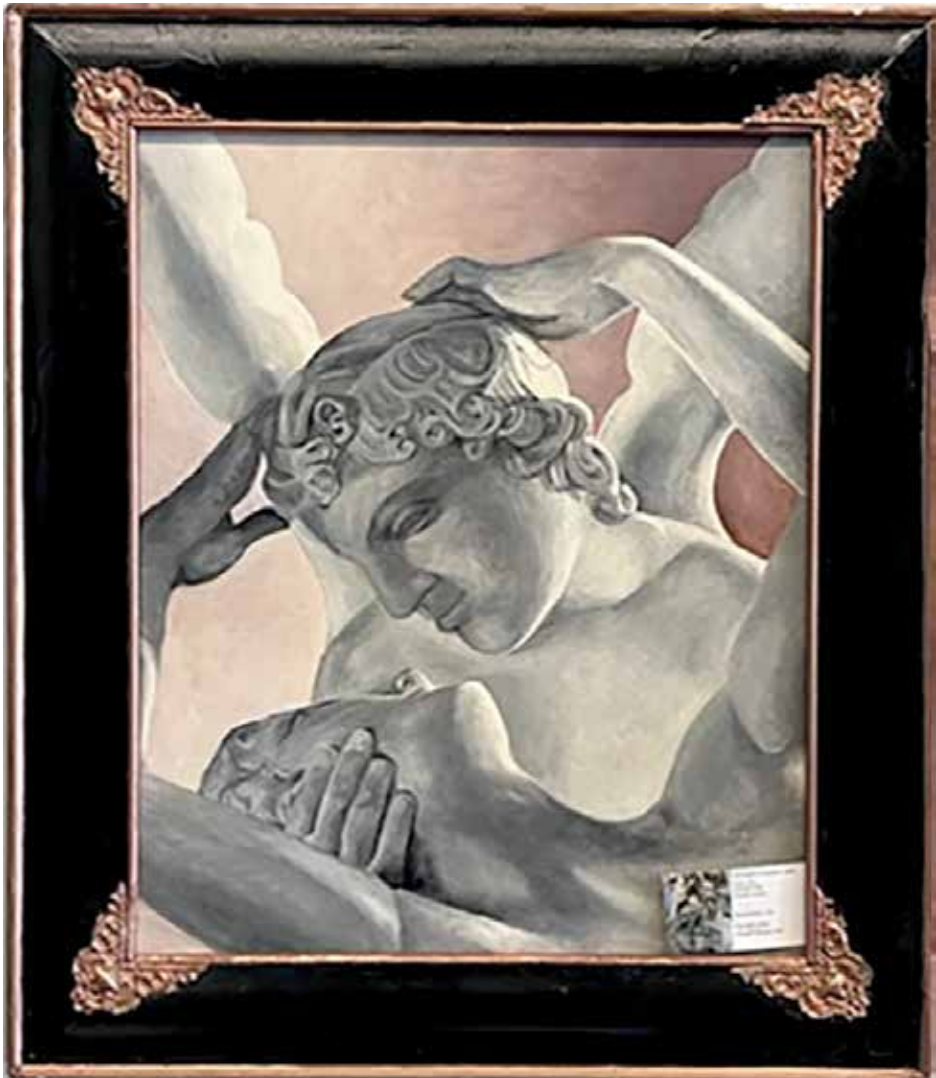
Artist Guild to Hold Annual Art Show and Sale

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO (MPG) - The West Sacramento Art Guild is getting ready to hold their annual Reception and Exhibit and would like to invite you to attend. The event will be held in the West Sacramento Community Center Gallery, located at

1075 West Capital Ave. This event is free of charge and will take place on July 20, 2023 from 5 – 7 PM. Light refreshments will be served as you enjoy the artwork of local artists. There will be pieces for sale, and many will have special event pricing. Judie Martinez will be selling handmade greeting cards for

\$4 or 3 for \$10. Why buy a greeting card at a store, these cards can be more personal and can be a gift as well as a card. In addition to the art show, you may also have the opportunity to win raffle prizes. If you have any questions or would like to purchase some cards email judiemartinezart@gmail.com ★



Visit the West Sacramento Community Center to see this and other works of art. Image provided by West Sacramento Art Guild



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Visit the West Sacramento Community Center Gallery for the West Sacramento Art Guild's annual Reception and Exhibit on July 20, 2023. Image provided by West Sacramento Art Guild

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90 Alleged Unlicensed Contractors Face Legal Action Following Sting Operations

CSLB News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Contractors State License Board (CSLB) recently completed a statewide sting and sweep enforcement operation to uncover unlicensed activity in the construction industry. The multi-state agency effort organized by the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA) resulted in 90 legal actions related to unlicensed contracting. An additional 37 legal actions were taken for workers' compensation insurance violations.

Over three weeks, CSLB joined forces with local law enforcement to conduct undercover sting operations in Sonoma, Sacramento, Madera and San Bernardino counties. The stings targeted unlicensed contractors, with investigators contacting the suspects through their advertisements.

During the four sting operations, suspected unlicensed operators arrived at designated locations to bid on various projects, such as drywall, bathroom remodeling, turf installation, framing, flooring, exterior and interior painting, concrete, tree removal, landscaping, and plumbing. As a result, 50 individuals may face criminal charges for contracting without a license. These individuals were provided with information on how to obtain a license.

The individuals involved submitted bids that exceeded the legal limit of \$500. California law prohibits unlicensed contractors from bidding and/or contracting for construction work that exceeds \$500 in value, including labor and materials. All may now face legal consequences, which can include substantial fines and potential jail time. Such activity puts consumers at risk in many ways, including failure to meet minimum competency requirements, lack of

a license bond, or workers' compensation insurance.

A total of 66 construction sweep operations were conducted in various California counties, including Sacramento, San Diego, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Fresno, Monterey, Solano, Yolo, Orange, Fresno, Riverside, Butte, Alameda, Placer, Santa Clara, Marin, Santa Barbara, Sutter, Amador, and Santa Cruz. Forty unlicensed contractors were identified during the sweeps and now face an administrative citation or referral to a local prosecutor for contracting without a license.

Additionally, 37 Stop Orders were issued to halt employee labor at active job sites where contractors did not have workers' compensation insurance for their employees.

"Unlicensed contractors pose a significant danger to consumers," said CSLB Registrar David Fogt. "CSLB's Statewide Investigative Fraud Team performs sweeps and stings regularly, and we are proud to be a top contributor in this year's NASCLA's coordinated enforcement effort."

CSLB will continue to partner with agencies throughout the state to combat unlicensed contracting activities. These joint efforts will focus on enforcing contractors license law, safeguarding consumer interests, and maintaining the construction industry's integrity.

For further information or to report suspected unlicensed contractor activities, please visit the CSLB website at www.cslb.ca.gov or contact CSLB toll-free at 1-800-321-CSLB (2752). For ongoing information and updates from CSLB, connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

CSLB operates under the umbrella of the Department of Consumer Affairs and licenses and regulates nearly 285,000 contractors in California. ★

Assembly Committee OKs Sen. Dodd's Water Shutoff Protection Bill

Office of Senator Bill Dodd

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Legislation advanced on June 20, 2023, from Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, that would expand provisions of his Water Shutoff Protection Act, ensuring more low-income Californians have uninterrupted access to essential drinking water, especially in times of skyrocketing costs.

"Today's vote is a step toward ensuring the tap does not get turned off just because someone falls behind on their bills," Sen. Dodd said. "Access to water is a fundamental right. This bill enhances my previous legislation by covering people in smaller, rural communities who are struggling financially. It will allow them to continue using water for drinking,

cooking and necessities such as washing clothes while they get caught up on missed payments."

Sen. Dodd has a long history of water-related legislation. In response to rising water rates, he authored the Water Shutoff Protection Act of 2018, which extends due process protections to people at risk of service discontinuance because they are unable to pay their bills. Among other things, it affords those served by water systems of 200 customers or more a 60-day grace period to cover past debt and establishes a system for making payments. The bill was signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown.

With Senate Bill 3, Sen. Dodd is proposing to extend those same protections to more people, reducing the threshold

for compliance to water systems of 15 customers or more. The change is expected to affect thousands of low-income families across California and extends an executive order from Gov. Gavin Newsom that has expired. SB 3 is sponsored by Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability.

The bill cleared the Assembly Environmental Quality committee with overwhelming support. It previously was approved by the full Senate.

Senator Bill Dodd represents the 3rd Senate District, which includes all or portions of Napa, Solano, Yolo, Sonoma, Contra Costa, and Sacramento counties. You can learn more about the district and Senator Dodd at www.sen.ca.gov/dodd ★

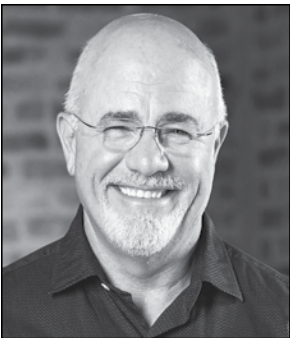
Local Umpire Chosen for Little League World Series

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According to Joey, umpires can apply each year to umpire the World Series. The umpire is required to have umpired at least one Regional Tournament game (Joey's was in 2017) and cannot have been paid at

any time to umpire. Joey says he has never taken payment to umpire since age 11. Joey is a youth advocate and an umpire trainer, so he's always on the lookout for people who can keep up with the game and rules... and maybe

make some money. If you are interested in becoming an umpire, check your local Little League or Softball League for posted clinics. "They come to some clinics and we'll teach them what they need to know", Joey said. ★



Dave Ramsey Says

No Second Mortgage!

Dear Dave,

My husband was recently told layoffs are about to happen at his company, and that it might be a good idea for him to start looking for another job. He has found a couple of good possibilities, but the jobs are located 100 miles away. In preparation for a possible move, we spoke with a real estate agent who told us we'd have to remodel our kitchen to sell the house. We've got about \$4,000 in savings, but the agent said remodeling would take between \$2,500 and \$3,000. Should we get a second

mortgage to pay for the work?

— Natalie

Dear Natalie,

For starters, I'd suggest cutting expenses any way you can, living on a strict budget and saving as much cash as possible. But taking out a second mortgage? No! You don't want that hanging over your heads.

You might want to get another opinion on the kitchen remodel, too. Sure, a new kitchen would be nice, but would it be a make-or-break kind of thing if you decide to sell your home? Probably not, unless it's in really terrible shape right now. Regardless, there's no way I'd go into debt to make this happen. I mean, your house isn't even on the market yet. There's no reason to fix up a house that's not for sale, especially

when you've got just \$4,000 to your names.

My advice is to wait and see how the whole job situation plays out before making any big decisions. Then if you end up selling the house and moving, you might take \$500 or so from savings to freshen up the kitchen a little bit.

—Dave

**Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show." He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company Ramsey Solutions.* ★



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230461
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Kerry P Salisbury, 34320 Canvas Back Street, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 1, 2023.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 5/19/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2023
HERITAGE 7-14-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230515
The following person(s) is doing business as: Good Cars Auto Sale LLC, 1540 South River Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Good Cars Auto Sale LLC, 1540 South River Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 6/15/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2023
GOOD 7-14-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230487
The following person(s) is doing business as:
Eckoeckos Studio, 815 Harbor Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691, County of Yolo. Aaron David Ly, 815 Harbor Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691 This business is conducted by Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A /s/ Aaron David Ly
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on May 31, 2023
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: kquam Deputy
6/23, 6/30, 7/7, 7/14/23 CNS-3710937#
NEWS-LEDGER 7-14-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230513
The following person(s) is doing business as: Celebrating Immanuel, 50 Fourth Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
Walter A Job JR., 50 Fourth Street, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 13, 2023.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 6/14/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2023
WALTER 7-21-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230502
The following person(s) is doing business as: Low Cost Liquor, 960 Sacramento Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95605.
Waseem Fadel Dhalai, 3670 Silverwood Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 25, 2013.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 6/8/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2023
WASEEM 7-21-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230524
The following person(s) is doing business as: Citygrafix, 3825 Tahoe Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Gabriel Garcia, 3825 Tahoe Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 6/20/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2023
GABRIEL 7-21-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230481
The following person(s) is doing business as: Sakred, 2656 Independence Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Jennifer Valcarzar, 2656 Independence Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 5/26/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2023
SAKRED 7-21-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230526
The following person(s) is doing business as: PN Nails Spa, 1263 Merklely Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Dieu T Nguyen, 6190 Fowler Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95828. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 6/20/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder, Karla Lopez, Deputy Clerk
Publish: July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023
NAILS 7-28-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230529
The following person(s) is doing business as: Camitas El Rincon Woodland Inc, 1780 E. Main Street, Woodland, CA 95776.
Camitas El Rincon Woodland Inc, 1780 E. Main Street, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 9, 2023.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 6/21/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder.
Publish: July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023
CARNITAS 7-28-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230443
The following person(s) is doing business as: Window Genie of Folsom and Granite Bay, 844 Dinsdale Circle, Woodland, CA 95776.
Norcal Residential Services LLC, 844 Dinsdale Circle, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on May 12, 2023.
By: Karla Lopez, Deputy Clerk
Publish: July 14, 21, 28, August 4, 2023
WINDOW 8-4-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230552
The following person(s) is doing business as: Carfam Motors, 1540 S River Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Abubakr Mohammad Hashem, 1062 Tulloch Drive, Tracy, CA 95304. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 29, 2023.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on June 29, 2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
Publish: July 14, 21, 28, August 4, 2023
CARFAM 8-4-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230551
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. Enterprise Business Park I, 2. Enterprise Commerce Center I, 1679 ENTERPRISE BOULEVARD, Sacramento, CA 95691 County of YOLO
Mailing Address: 1121 SW Salmon St., Ste. 500, Portland, OR 97205
SN Investment Properties, LLC, 1121 SW Salmon St., Ste. 500, Portland, OR 97205
This business is conducted by a limited liability company The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/31/1997. SN Investment Properties, LLC
S/ Jeffrey F. Nudelman, Secretary, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 06/28/2023.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder [Deputy], Deputy
7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4/23
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230550
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. Riverside Commerce Center, 2. Riverside Commerce Center I, 1050 RIVERSIDE PKWY, West Sacramento, CA 95605 County of YOLO
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230541
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
GERBER COLLISION & GLASS, 800 W OLIVE DRIVE, DAVIS, CA 95616 County of YOLO
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K QUAM, Deputy
7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4/23
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NEWS-LEDGER 8-4-23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2023-1119
Bridget Crenshaw Mabunga has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Bridget Alicia Crenshaw Mabunga to Bridget Alicia Mabunga.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 1, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: June 6, 2023
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2023
BRIDGET 7-14-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2023-1166
Michael William Wood Jr has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Michael William Wood Jr to River Wood.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: June 12, 2023
David W. Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2023
MICHAEL 7-14-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2023-1128
Abdul Ghayoor Ahmadi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Abdul Ghayoor Ahmadi to John David.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: June 7, 2023
David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2023
ABDUL 7-14-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2023-1148
Robin Renee Bell-Wohlgemuth has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Robin Renee Bell-Wohlgemuth to Robin Renee Wohlgemuth.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 3, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: June 8, 2023
David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2023
ROBIN 7-14-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2023-1114
Alex Virasammi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alex Virasammi to Alexander Isaac Guillen.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 2, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: June 6, 2023
David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023
ALEX 7-28-23

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. F20230327
The person(s) or entity listed below are abandoning the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Solar Nails & Hair, 1263 Merklely Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
The fictitious business name was originally filed in Yolo County on June 20, 2019, and is being abandoned by the registrant(s) listed below: AH and DN Corporation, 1263 Merklely Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
The business was conducted by: A Corporation.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 6/20/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023
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SUMMONS

SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW)
CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO): FL2023-269
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name): Ross Hanstad AVISO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre): YOU HAVE BEEN SUED.
Read the information below and on the next page. PETITIONER'S NAME IS: Julie McGregor (NOMBRE DEL DEMANDANTE):
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call or court appearance will not protect you. If you do not file your response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. For legal advice contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org) or by contacting your local county bar association.

Usted tiene 30 DÍAS CALENDARIO después de que se le presente esta Citación y Petición para presentar una respuesta (formulario FL-120) en el tribunal y tener una copia notificada al peticionario. Una carta, llamada telefónica o comparecencia ante el tribunal no lo protegerá. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, el tribunal puede hacer órdenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. Es posible que se le ordene pagar la manutención y los honorarios y costos de los abogados. Para obtener asesoramiento legal, póngase en contacto con un abogado de inmediato. Obtenga ayuda para encontrar un abogado en el Centro de Autoayuda en Línea de los Tribunales de California (www.courts.ca.gov/self-help), en el sitio web de Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpca.org) o comuníquese con el colegio de abogados de su condado local.

NOTICE: RESTRAINING ORDERS ARE ON PAGE 2: These restraining orders are effective against both spouse or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or

seen a copy of them.
AVISO: LAS ÓRDENES DE RESTRICCIÓN ESTÁN EN LA PÁGINA 2: Estas órdenes de restricción son efectivas contra ambos cónyuges o parejas domésticas hasta que se desestime la petición, se dicte una sentencia o el tribunal dicte más órdenes. Son exigibles en cualquier lugar de California por cualquier oficial de la ley que haya recibido o visto una copia de ellos.
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The name and address of the court are: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Yolo County Superior Court, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney are: (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del peticionario, o del peticionario sin abogado es:) Julie McGregor, 1171 Longcroft Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691, phone: (916) 541-3701
Date: (Fecha) March 3, 2023
By: Shawn C. Landry, Clerk of Court
N. Lorenzo, Deputy
STANDARD FAMILY LAW RESTRAINING ORDERS
Starting immediately, you and your spouse or domestic partner are restrained from:
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2. cashing, borrowing against, canceling, transferring, disposing of, or changing the beneficiaries of any insurance or other coverage, including life, health automobile, and disability, held for the benefit of the parties and their minor children;
3. transferring, encumbering, hypothecating, concealing, or in any way disposing of any property, real or personal, whether community, quasi-community, or separate, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court, except in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life; and
4. creating a nonprobate transfer or modifying a nonprobate transfer in a manner that affects the disposition of property subject to the transfer, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court. Before revocation of a nonprobate transfer can take effect or a right of survivorship to property can be eliminated, notice of the change must be filed and served on the other party.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SUZHEN LI
CASE NO. PR2023-0159
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Suzhen Li.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Ke Yin, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Ke Yin be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the dece

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dent'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: August 22, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept TBD. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California

statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Kristin N. Capritto, Downey Brand LLP, 621 Capitol Mall, 18th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814; 916-444-1000
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California Avocado Growers Grapple With Increasing Competition

A cold spring coupled with increased imports and a persistent labor shortage has challenged California avocado growers, as many have kept fruit hanging on trees for months in search of a market opportunity. Terry Splane, vice president of marketing for the California Avocado Commission, said an oversupply drove down the prices offered by retailers and packinghouses. As a result, he said, “growers have been hanging on, trying to keep the fruit on the trees until prices rebound.” Pricing has dipped as a result of increased global production.

Wet Winter Leads to Decline in Alfalfa Hay Prices

Thanks to more rain this year, supplies of alfalfa hay and other forages in the state have rebounded, with prices falling after climbing to record-high levels last year. Hay growers say dairy and livestock producers are in no rush to buy much hay right now, as pastures are still flushed with grass for grazing and the price of other feeds has also dropped. Over the past two years, lack of rain, poor crop yields and less hay being grown diminished availability of forage. The hay shortage forced dairy farmers and livestock ranchers to look for supplies far away, driving up hauling costs.

State Agrees to Extension For Sale of Pork That Fails to Comply With Proposition 12

The California Department of Food and Agriculture has agreed to a six-month extension to allow retailers to continue selling pork products that don't comply with animal housing rules of California's Proposition 12. The extension resulted from a lawsuit from grocery and restaurant owners that sought postponement of some provisions of the initiative passed by voters in 2018. On June 16, the Sacramento County Superior Court approved a stipulated agreement to allow noncompliant whole pork meat that is already in the commercial supply chain to be sold through Dec. 31.

Six state subbasins may face probationary hearings on groundwater plans

Local agencies have learned more about next steps for six San Joaquin Valley subbasins facing possible state intervention after their groundwater sustainability plans were deemed inadequate by state officials. At a workshop of the California State Water Resources Control Board last week, members identified a schedule for potential probationary hearings for the six plans, including for the Tulare Lake, Tule, Kaweah, Kern County, Delta-Mendota and Chowchilla subbasins. Local groundwater agencies must implement plans to balance aquifer supplies within 20 years.

West Sacramento News Briefs

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Solar Nails - Solar Nails & Hair, located at 1263 Merkley Ave, West Sacramento has sold their business, but would like for the community to know that any previously bought gift certificates will still be honored and there is no expiration date on those certificates.

Reservations Now Open for Backpack Giveaway – Yolo County Children's

Alliance registrations are now open for free backpack giveaway to occur on August 5, 2023. Registration will be open from July 5th to July 21. Registrations are required this year to receive a backpack. 3 backpacks per family (address must be in Yolo County). Backpacks will be picked up August 5th, 2023. To register for backpacks visit YCCA at <https://bit.ly/2023YCCABackpacks> or (916)572-0560.

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Summer Adventures and Magic Collide



Secret of The Moon Conch
by David Bowles, Guadalupe Garcia McCall; Bloomsbury

With nowhere else to turn, Sitlali has decided to make the dangerous trip across the US border in search of her father, but the night before she leaves, she discovers a beautiful conch shell.

Beautiful and luminescent, Sitlali knows the conch was special and old and her way out of Mexico; what she didn't expect what how true that thought was.

Calizto has been fighting to save his city from Spanish imperialists. As an Aztec warrior in 1521, he understands the sacrifice and horror of war. He asks the moon conch for guidance, not knowing what powerful plan it has in store. Now, connected by the magic of the moon conch, Sitlali, and Calizto have found each other, but finding a way to stay with each other through centuries of time will take magic even stronger than love.

Described as a sweeping romance fantasy, *Secret of the Moon Conch* takes readers on a love story that defies time. Readers will be taken from present-day to 1521 Aztecs while blending in culture, gods, ghosts, ancient weapons, historical locations, with powerful story-telling.

Something Close to Magic
by Emma Mills, Atheneum

Aurlie doesn't dare to dream of magic and adventure. Instead, she focuses her time and energy as an apprentice at Basil's Bakery. Then one day, a strange traveler appears and gives her a set of seeking stones, an ancient and rare type of magic, and one that Aurlie possesses.

So, when the bounty hunter asks Aurlie for help, she jumps at the chance for an adventure. Yet Aurlie's life quickly becomes upended when the bounty hunter turns out to be a prince on a magical quest. As her feelings grow, so does the danger, and Aurlie must decide between life at the predictable bakery or following her heart, no matter how dangerous that might be.

A story of high-stakes adventure and love, *Something Close to Magic* is a fun, fast read that will have readers lost in the magical world. Described as a cozy fantasy, this story will warm readers' hearts and is the perfect summer escape.

A Hunger of Thorns
Lili Wilkinson; Delacorte

Maude and Odette used to spend their childhood swinging from the weeping willow tree, telling stories of princesses and dragons and how they would rescue each other from towers if they were captured. But children grow up, and friendships drift apart.

But when Odette goes missing in search of dark magic, everyone thinks she is dead except Maude. Maude knows exactly where to look. Now, Maude finally has the chance to be the hero of her own story and save Odette as she always did in her stories, even if there is a monster that needs to be slayed.

Beautiful and emotional, this lyrical story will wind around its readers, lulling them back to a time when fairytales were told, and dragons were slain. A story that exemplifies the power of love and friendship while also highlighting the fierce strength and power of girls. ★

Annual Crime Report Shows Californians' Fear Of Increasing Crime Is Justified



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Political officeholders at all levels and of all ideological stripes habitually pursue a time-dishonored practice when releasing data. If its positive, politicians try to maximize its importance with lavish news conferences and self-congratulatory declarations. If, on the other hand, the data have a negative cast, they will be released quietly, often late on a Friday afternoon, to minimize media coverage.

California's annual report on crime was released this year on the Friday before what for many would be a four-day, Fourth of July holiday weekend. That's a tipoff that it would not be good news – and, in fact, it received minimal media attention.

The 2022 report revealed that the state's violent crime rate increased by 6.1% since 2021, and property crime was up 6.2%. Homicides dipped very slightly, but robberies jumped by 10.2%.

Attorney General Rob Bonta issued a low-key statement with the data release, saying, "While crime rates remain significantly below their historical highs, property and violent crimes continue to have devastating consequences for communities across the state, and gun violence remains a major threat to public safety."

One can be certain that had California seen a drop in crime in 2022, Bonta would have trumpeted it as loudly as possible.

Let's be clear: Neither Bonta nor any other attorney general can have more than a marginal effect on crime rates. Nevertheless, their campaigns often depict themselves as the state's top cop and imply that they do have such authority.

Why crime rates ebb and flow is the subject of never-ending academic and political debate – and is colored by equally erratic public concerns about being victimized.

At the moment, Californians' worries about crime appear to be on the upswing, as indicated by one of the Public Policy Institute of California's periodic polls, conducted just before last fall's election.

"Californians' perception of crime spiked during the pandemic – as did certain types of crime," PPIC found, adding, "nearly two in three Californians call violence and street crime in their local community a problem. This includes 31% who call them a big problem, a noticeable increase from February 2020 (24%)."

The poll found that among racial and ethnic groups, Black Californians expressed the highest level of concern about crime, women were more concerned than men, and Republicans more than Democrats or independent voters.

The data released on June 30 imply that those concerns are rooted in fact. Crime did increase sharply last year, particularly robberies, and it has not gone unnoticed in the media.

The proliferation of cameras in stores and in the hands of cellphone owners has produced a never-ending supply of crime video snippets, such as smash-and-grab invasions of stores, for television newscasts, which then reverberate on YouTube and other online outlets.

Just a few days after the crime report release, for example, a San Francisco TV station aired video of criminals breaking into a Bay Area visitor's rental car in broad daylight, stealing the contents and driving away.

Bonta and the man who appointed him attorney general before he won reelection in November, Gov. Gavin Newsom, have pursued somewhat ambivalent postures about crime. They lament its effects on victims and take some public crime-fighting steps while championing criminal justice reform to reduce traditional punishment of those caught breaking the law.

A day before the crime data were released, Newsom dispatched more California Highway Patrol officers to battle open air drug dealing in San Francisco, a city he once governed as mayor.

In decades past, spikes in crime have had major impacts on California's political atmosphere – helping Republicans become dominant in the 1980s, for example.


Were crime to continue its currently upward path, it could once again become a game-changing political factor.

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

Crime Reports

WEST SACRAMENTO

June 25, 2023 - July 4, 2023



6-25-23 TERRAN WHALEYWEST Arrested for own firearm w/o serial number, carry concealed weapon in vehicle, carry loaded handgun: not registered owner after Police stopped a vehicle allegedly matching a stolen vehicle report.

6-25-23 JESSICA CHAPMAN Arrested for petty theft and two warrants when Police received a call about a shoplifter in custody.

6-26-23 ESSENCE CARTER Arrested for disorderly conduct: alcohol after Police received a call about a female banging on the walls inside of an apartment complex.

6-26-23 ROGER STILES Arrested for warrant after Police responded to a suspicious vehicle report.

6-27-23 PAUL CORTEZ Arrested for robbery and parole violation after allegedly attempting to rob Chase bank.

6-28-23 JANE COCKERHAM Arrested for disorderly conduct: alcohol after Police responded to a drunk in public call.

6-27-23 ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ Arrested for a warrant after a bicycle stop.

6-28-23 MARIELA ESCOBEDO Arrested for receiving known stolen property, conspiracy to commit crime, possess controlled substance, possess unlawful paraphernalia after Police responded to catalytic converter theft in progress.

6-28-23 STEVEN PANNYASEE Arrested for receiving known stolen property, conspiracy to commit crime, tamper with vehicle, possess controlled substance, possess burglary tools, possess unlawful paraphernalia.

6-28-23 DENNIS SOEUTH Arrested for vehicle theft, possess stolen vehicle, receiving known stolen property, conspiracy to commit crime, tamper with vehicle, possess controlled substance, possess unlawful paraphernalia.

6-28-23 EMMANUEL VALENCIAFLORES Arrested for receiving known stolen property, conspiracy to commit crime, tamper with vehicle, possess controlled substance, possess burglary tools, possess unlawful paraphernalia.

6-28-23 IAN LANDECK Arrested for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

6-28-23 STEVEN GONZALES Arrested for driving w/o a license, DUI causing bodily injury, hit & run causing death or injury.

6-29-23 SAHIBJEET SINGH Arrested for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

6-29-23 STEPHEN FARRELL Arrested for two warrants.

INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

6-26-23 Vehicle burglary – firearm stolen. Burglary.

6-27-23 Shoplifting from Walmart. \$1,867 loss. Grand theft.

6-28-23 Construction site was burgled. \$1 loss. Burglary.

6-30-23 Check fraud. \$8,183 loss. Make/pass fictitious checks.

6-30-23 Hand pick was stolen out of bed of truck. \$45 loss. Petty theft.

6-30-23 Cluster mailbox pried open. Unknown if anything stolen.

7-01-23 Two subject in an altercation at Joey Lopes Park. Both subjects declined to press charges against each other

7-01-23 Unknown suspect installed a "skimmer" device and a camera inside of an ATM machine. Fraudulent possess/use scanning device.

7-01-23 Hose was cut. \$50 loss. Vandalism.

7-01-23 Bags of dog food stolen. \$116 loss. Petty theft, theft by forged/invalid access card.

7-02-23 Unknown suspect broke window. \$100 loss. Vandalism less than \$400.

7-03-23 Unknown suspects forced entry into the gas station and stole approximately \$7,000 - \$8,000 worth of cigarettes and \$500 worth of cash. Suspects left area in grey colored SUV. \$8,000 loss. Burglary.

7-03-23 Unknown female passed all points of sale and took approximately \$400 in product without paying. \$400 loss. Petty theft.

7-03-23 Unknown female removed victim's dog collar and fled in a vehicle with victim's dog. \$200 loss. Petty theft.

7-03-23 Vehicle burglary. \$1,520 loss. Burglary.

7-04-23 Residence was struck with bullet. Shoot at inhabited dwelling.



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21. *Cut these to skip steps

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44. ____'s, once Canada's famous department store

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47. Barrel-counting org.

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61. *No use crying over this milk

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20. Derive

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26. Writer Asimov

27. Likewise

29. *Don't beat around it

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33. Oil holder

34. *Cut one some of this and don't be critical

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Fraud Hits California's Food Stamp Program

By Jon Coupal, HJTA

And you thought California's \$32 billion in Employment Development Department (EDD) fraud was bad.

A small group of criminals in Detroit has managed to pilfer the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits of nearly 8,000 impoverished California families who were shocked when they discovered their EBT cards had been drained. The criminals stealing access to EBT cards run the gamut from low-level organized criminal gangs in Michigan to criminal syndicates as far-flung as Romania journeying to California, specifically to exploit the gaping security flaws in the SNAP program.

So how is it that they managed to siphon off EBT card numbers and pins with alarming ease? First, the United States Department of Agriculture, which implements the SNAP program, has no incentive to prevent fraud. Like the EDD debacle, these bureaucrats seem completely content to just shovel money out the door with no regard for consequences.

Even worse, in recent federal litigation, it was revealed that retailers who accept SNAP/EBT benefits are not obligated to employ advanced

point-of-sale systems, the type that generates transaction records in standard grocery stores. In fact, a fraudster could become an EBT retailer by purchasing a point-of-sale terminal on the dark web that's linked to an "approved" retailer. This system has so few guardrails and fraud-detection tools in place that thousands of EBT cards from California were used in a single Michigan city with no "red flags" alerting anyone as to what was happening.

Consider the magnitude of these losses. SNAP boasts an annual budget of a staggering \$127 billion. If estimates suggesting that 20% of this amount is lost to fraud are anywhere close to being accurate, it means \$33.4 billion vanishing into thin air every year. Rather than deploying those billions toward helping America's most needy families, SNAP is in fact one of the largest funders of organized criminal groups in the world.

The lack of fraud detection and prevention technology within the USDA's SNAP program places an enormous burden on law enforcement as well— as they need to divert significant resources at the federal, state and local level to investigate and hold these groups accountable.

To restore integrity to our public assistance

programs taxpayers should demand the immediate implementation of front-end identity verification, advanced point-of-sale systems that generate transaction records, mandating the collection of transaction-specific geolocation information, and enforcing rigorous security standards for EBT transactions. To make this happen, we must upgrade the technology of EBT cards to include chips, similar to that on credit cards. This will make it much harder for criminals to skim data. Secondly, merchants should be required to collect data during transactions. The lack of a paper trail makes it nearly impossible to trace fraudulent activity. Thirdly, we must institute identity verification and eligibility determination requirements. SNAP must be easy to access for those who need it, but impossible to access by criminals.

This issue is more than just a financial matter; it's a moral one. It's time to demand that our political leaders and agency heads not only take notice but take decisive action. They must initiate and enforce measures to secure the SNAP program and to ensure that public funds fulfill their intended purpose: to assist those who need them most.

Jon Coupal is the president of Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. ★

Sacramento Kings Unveil New Uniforms for the 2023-24 NBA Season



The new Icon uniforms feature a change in the hierarchy of colors, returning to black being the primary color with purple as an accent. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Kings



New Nike Association designs feature modernized Kings script for the 2023-24 NBA Season. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Kings

Sacramento Kings News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Monday, July 3, 2023, ahead of the California Classic Summer League presented by Ticketmaster and the 2023-24 NBA Season, the Sacramento Kings announced three all-new uniforms. The franchise will wear redesigned Nike Association, Icon and Statement Edition uniforms throughout the 2023-24 NBA Season.

"We are excited to unveil a new collection of uniforms that salutes the team's origins while celebrating the organization's future," said Sacramento Kings President of Business Operations John Rinehart.

"We believe our fans will appreciate the modernized Kings script and the return of the popular color scheme."

The new uniforms feature a change in the hierarchy of colors, returning to black being the primary color with purple as an accent. In May, the team teased the return of the Kings script wordmark, now a focal point of the Association and Icon jerseys.

Fans will get their first look at the Association and Icon editions July 3 with the uniforms on display in the Grand Entrance of Golden 1 Center during California Classic. The Statement Edition will be revealed on the second day

of the event. Kings fans will also be able to sign up to be notified when the jerseys are available for purchase. Related merchandise utilizing the new designs and created in collaboration with Lululemon, Sportique, Authmade, Melin, and the children's brand Sweet Wink, will be available for purchase inside Golden 1 Center.

The three uniforms will debut during the 2023-24 NBA season. The team will wear a simplified version of the new uniform during California Classic and 2023 NBA Summer League in Las Vegas.



For more information and to sign up to be notified about the on-sale, visit Kings.com/Uniforms ★

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