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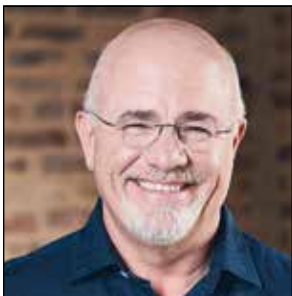
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Three graduates celebrate at the 2022 gala fundraiser for Women's Empowerment's program that educates, empowers and employs unhoused women. Photo by Diana Miller Photography

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SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento nonprofit Women's Empowerment will hold its Transformation Gala on Sept. 21 at 5:30pm at the Pavilion at Haggin Oaks, where guests will raise funds and celebrate the program that educates, empowers and employs unhoused Sacramento women so they can support their families. Fifty program graduates will join community members at the event for dinner, live auction, Fund-A-Dream and award ceremony. Two graduates will share their stories rising from homelessness. The annual gala is the organization's largest fundraiser of the year, raising a fifth of

the annual budget. To purchase tickets, sponsor a graduate to attend or become a sponsor, visit WomensEmpowerment.org/Gala.

"We are proud that many community members consider the Women's Empowerment Gala to be one of the most inspirational events in Sacramento each year," said Lisa Culp, executive director, Women's Empowerment. "This event is unique because it brings together women once unhoused with the community who supported them in their rise from homelessness. They leave our program transformed and proud to be Women's Empowerment graduates, and it shows in their radiant smiles and passionate voices at our Gala. We hope the community will join us for this genuine, powerful event that

raises critical funds so Sacramento's unhoused women and children can thrive."

Women's Empowerment provides a two-month employment-readiness and empowerment program, paid job training, childcare, transitional workforce housing and support services so women and their children can break the generational cycle of homelessness. Last year, 121 graduates secured employment or enrolled in paid training or education. Since 2001, 1,822 women have graduated from Women's Empowerment's program with their 3,882 children.

Women's Empowerment is funded through private donations from the community and grants. To make a donation visit WomensEmpowerment.org. ★

Farm Bureau President Applauds Assembly Passage of SB 505

California Farm Bureau
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson praised on August 24, 2023, the California Assembly for the passage of Senate Bill 505 to expand the insurance "clearinghouse" program of the California FAIR Plan, the state's insurer of last resort.

SB 505, by state Sen. Susan Rubio, D-Baldwin Park, previously passed in the state Senate and now heads to Gov. Gavin Newsom for his signature.

California Farm Bureau and the California Department of Insurance co-sponsored the bill, which will allow commercial policies under the FAIR plan to move back to the competitive market with coverage protecting farming and ranching operations.

"Farmers and ranchers have truly felt the pain of California's insurance crisis," Johansson said. "Many lost their insurance after devastating California wildfires. We earlier worked with Sen. Rubio to help them gain access to coverage under the FAIR plan. Now we thank her for her leadership on SB 505, which will help those farmers and ranchers – and all Californians – gain access to affordable residential and commercial property insurance.

"Our farmers and ranchers want to focus on producing America's food supply, not on trying to become experts in procuring what was once routine insurance coverage," Johansson added. "We urge Gov. Newsom to support them by signing this important legislation."

Sen. Rubio earlier carried Senate Bill 11 on behalf of California Farm Bureau. Signed into law in 2021, it allowed agricultural properties to get fire insurance coverage under the FAIR Plan.

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of nearly 29,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of 5.3 million Farm Bureau members. ★

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Three Indicted for Fentanyl and Methamphetamine Trafficking

FBI News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A federal grand jury returned a seven-count indictment on Thursday, August 31, 2023, against three defendants, charging them with drug trafficking offenses, U.S. Attorney Phillip A. Talbert announced.

Jiovanni Eleazar Paco, 25, of Modesto; Carlos Daniel Gastelum Bustamante, 25, a Mexican national residing in Pasadena; and Brayan Missael Nunez Mendoza, 22, of Sacramento; are each charged with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute fentanyl, para-fluorofentanyl (a fentanyl analogue), and methamphetamine. Each defendant is charged with distribution of fentanyl. Bustamante is also charged with possession with intent to distribute

fentanyl and methamphetamine, and Paco is charged with possession with intent to distribute fentanyl.

According to court documents, the defendants distributed thousands of counterfeit M30 pills containing fentanyl on behalf of a source of supply in Mexico. On Sept. 29, 2022, Mendoza sold over 1,000 counterfeit M30 pills containing fentanyl and para-fluorofentanyl in Sacramento. On Dec. 21, 2022, Bustamante sold over 2,000 counterfeit M30 pills containing fentanyl in Stockton. Several months later, on May 2, 2023, a California Highway Patrol officer initiated a traffic stop of Bustamante in the Stockton area, searched his vehicle, and found approximately 5,530 counterfeit M30 pills containing fentanyl, and approximately 1 pound

of methamphetamine. On June 12, 2023, Paco sold approximately 3,000 counterfeit M30 pills containing fentanyl. Paco was later arrested during a traffic stop on June 27, 2023, where officers found him in possession of nearly 8,000 M30 pills containing fentanyl.

This case is the product of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and Homeland Security Investigations with assistance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the California Highway Patrol, the Sacramento Sheriff's Office, and the San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office. Assistant U.S. Attorneys David Spencer and Haddy Abouzeid are prosecuting the case.

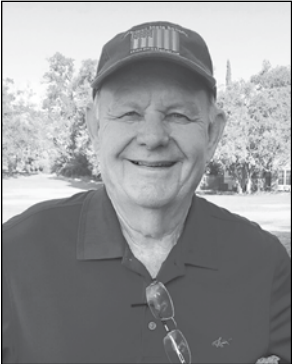
If convicted, all defendants face a mandatory minimum penalty of 10 years in prison, a maximum

statutory penalty of life in prison, and a \$10 million fine. Any sentence, however, would be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of any applicable statutory factors and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables. The charges are only allegations; the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

This effort is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) operation. OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level criminal organizations that threaten the United States using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach. Additional information about the OCDETF Program can be found at www.justice.gov/OCDETF. ★

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Taxpayer Hero Retires



Jack Frost, Sacramento Taxpayers Association. Courtesy photo

Sacramento Taxpayers Association News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Taxpayers Association (SacTax) Executive Director Jack Frost, who has been an instrumental leader within SacTax for the past 30 years, has announced his retirement from his position but will remain as a member of the Board of Directors. In an outgoing speech, Frost said, “It’s been a very long time since an organization could point to the success that we have enjoyed. Much of the success is due to many of our members who showed up at the rallies, the meetings, and who helped us turn out concerned citizens.”

In 2019 Frost sat down with W. Bruce Lee, SacTax President, and asked if he would serve as the Association’s President during a time when he saw that the organization needed more structure, leadership and “pizzazz.”

After many hours of discussion, Bruce accepted the job.

Under Lee and Frost, SacTax’s successes include the defeat of a few county and city tax initiatives such as Measure A, a 40-year half-percent sales tax increase in Sacramento County, and the defeat of Measure M, a one percent forever sales tax increase in Citrus Heights.

SacTax also contributed to the defeat of Proposition 15, which sought to create a split roll property tax; Proposition 21, which proposed increased local government rent control authority; and the change of election cycle for the County Sheriff, District Attorney, and Tax Assessor. Additionally, SacTax was instrumental in the withdrawal of COVID-19 enforcement fines of up to \$10,000 on businesses within the county.

“Jack Frost has contributed immeasurably to the Sacramento Taxpayers Association,” Citrus Heights City Mayor Tim Schaefer said, “His measured approach to necessary taxes should be studied before any additional tax measure is put before the voters. I am proud to have served on the Sacramento Taxpayers Association Board of Directors with Jack. I wish him well in the next step of his journey.”

Frost will be succeeded by current Secretary, Nick

Blaise, into a new role as Director of Operations. Blaise, who brings a wealth of experience to the job, is eager to carry on Frost’s legacy and continue to push for fiscal responsibility and accountability in government.

“Jack Frost has proven himself to be one of the Sacramento area’s most effective defenders of taxpayer rights. He is a stalwart defender of Proposition 13, ensuring that Sacramento homeowners can stay in their homes without being forced to sell due to excessive taxation and he has advocated for government transparency throughout his tenure with SacTax,” said Jon Coupal, SacTax Board Vice President, and President of Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association.

The SacTax Board of Directors has expressed its gratitude to Frost for his service and commitment to the organization. Per SacTax President, Bruce Lee, “Jack is so much more than a co-laborer for quality, effective government within our region, he is a true friend who is always ready to support the cause of taxpayer rights. Always eager to give credit where credit is due, he has served faithfully, diligently, and with distinction for years. He has been my beloved “right arm” and certainly will be missed by all of us! It is an honor to serve the community with him.” ★

Together’s “Operation Cross Country” Recovering Human Trafficking Victims

Sacramento County DA News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The FBI, working with its state and local partners, identified and located 200 victims of sex trafficking during a nationwide enforcement campaign, called “Operation Cross Country.” Through targeted operations and collaborative efforts, Operation Cross Country achieved significant milestones in recovering victims, apprehending offenders, and raising public awareness about these heinous crimes during its 2-week operation in July.

The operation led to the location of 59 minor victims of child sex trafficking and child sexual exploitation offenses and located 59 actively missing children. It also resulted in the identification or arrest of 126 suspects of child sexual exploitation and human trafficking offenses and 68 suspects of trafficking were identified or arrested.

The Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office along with its Sacramento Together Human Trafficking Task Force partners participated in this nationwide operation, with the following results:

Number of Operations: 4, Juveniles Recovered: 2, Potential Adult Human Trafficking Victims Offered Services: 12+, Exploiters Arrested: 5, Other Exploiters Identified: 2, Other Arrests: 1 adult male for concealing a firearm

This nationwide operation, in partnership with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), focused on identifying and locating victims of sex trafficking and investigating and arresting individuals and criminal enterprises involved

in both child sex and human trafficking. Law enforcement agencies conducted targeted operations to identify and apprehend offenders, dismantling criminal networks and preventing further harm to victims. Those suspects identified will be subject to additional investigation for potential charges.

A multidisciplinary team (MDT), to include victim specialists, child/adolescent forensic interviewers, and other victim service personnel, in addition to special agents, ensures a victim-centered, culturally responsive, trauma-informed investigative response. The FBI MDT works with state and local partners to make resources available to meet the unique needs of trafficking victims.

Victim specialists provide services based on the individual needs of human trafficking victims, to include crisis intervention, emergency food and clothing, transportation to receive emergency services, and locating shelter or housing. The victim specialists also serve as conduit between the victims and the investigative team to help ensure they are receiving case updates, as appropriate.

The Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office and the Sacramento Together Human Trafficking Task Force remain committed to combating child exploitation and human trafficking. Operation Cross Country is just one of many efforts being made to protect the most vulnerable members of society and hold offenders accountable. Other efforts include raising awareness about how the public can help identify and recover victims and bring perpetrators to justice. ★



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Project Roomkey Closes with 1350 Hopeful Outcomes

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Friday, August 25, the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance, through the steadfast work of County staff and community partners, was able to close Project Roomkey (PRK) earlier than the originally anticipated October timeframe.

The end of Project Roomkey marks nearly 40 months of operation and is a testament to what the community can do in a time of great urgency.

During the ramp-down phase of the final PRK site, every participant was offered shelter or housing. The PRK participants that have been transitioned to shelter or are on a motel voucher will continue to work with County staff and Next Move on their path to rehousing.

PRK Ramp down support and transition stats

On May 1, 2023, there were 192 people still in PRK. On May 21, Next Move brought their rehousing team onsite to transition participants into housing.

The transitions for the 192 people are as follows:

- 42 in housing; 7 in Behavioral Health interim or permanent housing; 40 enrolled in County Scattered Site shelter; 60 people placed with a motel voucher.

For those vouchered:

- 42% have housing lined up and are waiting on their unit to be ready; 14% are working with BHS to transition into interim or permanent housing; 10% have housing vouchers and are close to housing; 30% are transitioning into the County Scattered Site Shelter; 4% are working with other providers on next steps
- 13 self-exits; 22 exits due to rule violations (violence, destruction of property); 8 exited due to long-term hospitalization or other institutions

Behavioral Health supports June – August 2023:

- 28 clients agreed to screenings for services; 26 consented to referrals to mental health programs; 6 into Community Outreach Recovery Empowerment (CORE) Program; 20 into Full-Service Partnerships (FSPs)

The History of PRK

Sacramento County has been funding

and operating PRK since April 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program started out as four motels with 522 prevention rooms and 41 medical isolation motel rooms and trailers. While in PRK, residents received three meals delivered to their door daily and were provided laundry services, transportation, and connections to community resources, public benefits and health providers.

By August 2020, it was clear that the sheltering model was transitioning into a longer term COVID-19 prevention approach, and the PRK team, inclusive of county staff from DHA and Behavioral Health, the City of Sacramento and Sacramento Steps Forward, incorporated new oversight measures that supported the rehousing of PRK participants.

While there were many partners, including other jurisdictions, PRK was initially funded primarily through CARES Act and Federal funding through FEMA. These funds were braided together to operate this program which, for the most part, went away with the end of the Public Health Emergency, leaving the County to fund the program solely with General Fund and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

In late May 2023, five rehousing navigators and one behavioral health representative, dedicated solely to participants in PRK, began meeting with clients to create a comprehensive rehousing plan for each participant, as well as assess behavioral health service and program needs. Rehousing navigators assessed client resources and housing needs and worked with each participant to offer options and a path to housing. Behavioral health staff screened willing and eligible clients and connected them to existing county programs.

As of August 30, 2023, County staff and community partners supporting the rehousing of PRK participants have directly housed 580 people in permanent housing and 892 people to safe, transitional locations – many of which eventually led to housing.

For more information of Sacramento County’s response to homelessness, visit the Department of Homeless Services and Housing website. ★


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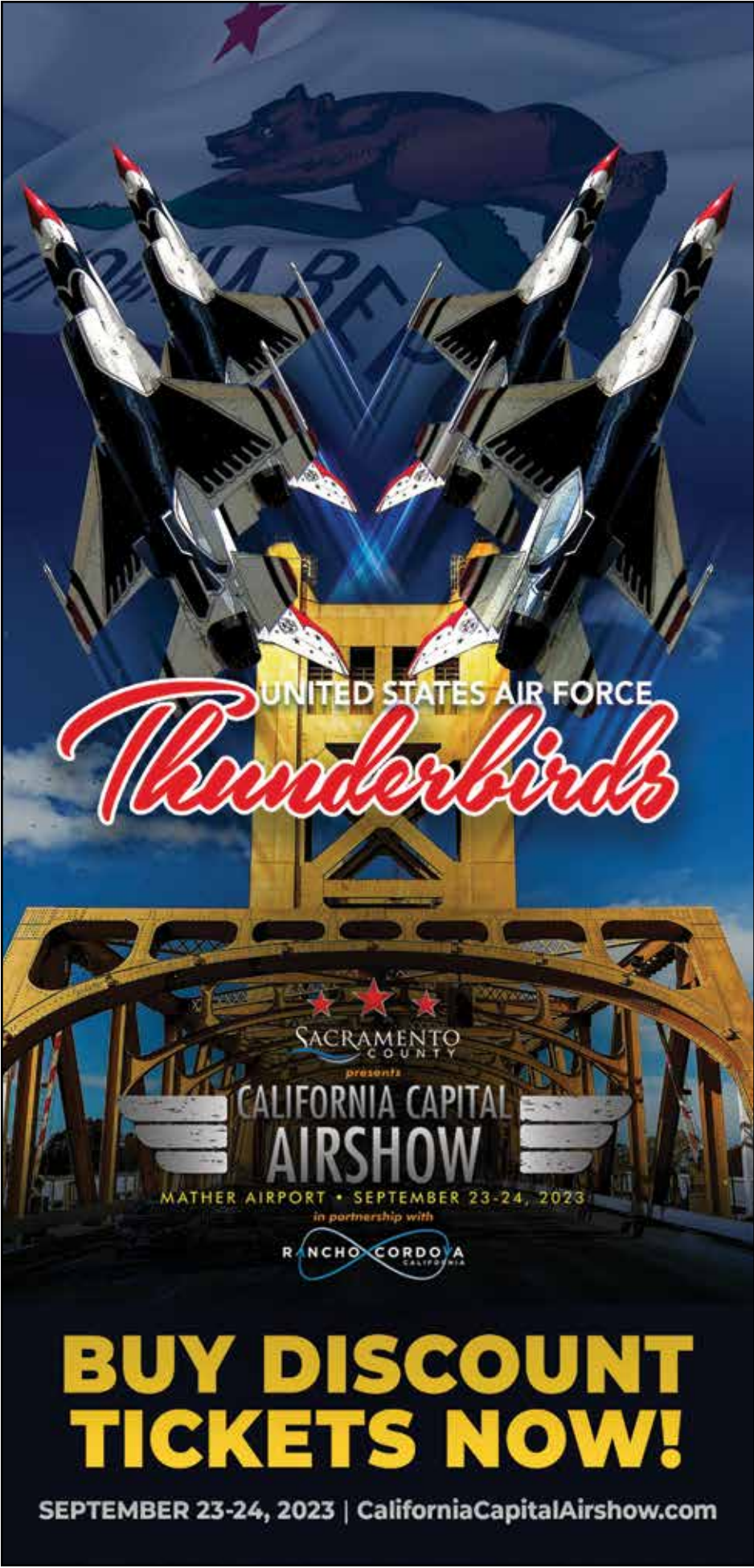
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Manufacturer Pleads Guilty to Manufacturing and Selling Illegal Defeat Devices

Sacramento FBI News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Diesel performance parts manufacturer Sinister Mfg. Company Inc. – doing business as “Sinister Diesel” – pleaded guilty to criminal charges on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, in federal court and agreed to pay a total of \$1 million in criminal fines and civil penalties. The company also agreed to implement a compliance program and to not manufacture, sell or install any device that defeats a vehicle’s emissions controls.

Sinister Diesel pleaded guilty to a two-count Information, charging it with conspiracy to violate the Clean Air Act (CAA) and defraud the United States, and with violating the CAA by tampering with the monitoring device of an emissions control system of a diesel truck. Under the plea agreement, the defendant agrees to pay a \$500,000 criminal fine.

Sinister must pay an additional \$500,000 under the civil consent decree, which the United States filed simultaneously with its civil complaint against Sinister, alleging violations of the CAA’s prohibition against the sale or manufacture of devices that bypass, defeat or render inoperative emissions controls. The civil consent decree prohibits the company from making, selling, or offering to sell defeat products, including delete tuners, and prevents Sinister Diesel from transferring intellectual property that would allow others to make such products. To ensure compliance with these requirements, Sinister Diesel will implement a robust internal training program and notify its distributors and former customers about the settlement.

“Sinister Diesel sold products that allowed drivers to strip the emissions controls from their trucks, causing a dramatic increase in the release of pollutants that worsen air quality and harm the quality of life,” said U.S. Attorney Phillip A. Talbert for the Eastern District of California. “Environmental laws that control diesel pollution are especially important to protect sensitive populations such as the young, the elderly, and people who suffer from respiratory conditions. My Office will continue to vigorously prosecute those who place profit above the public’s health and the environment.”

“Businesses that manufacture and sell illegal devices to defeat a vehicle’s emissions controls foster pollution and risk decades of progress in curtailing harmful emissions from motor vehicles in this country,” said Assistant Attorney General Todd Kim of the Justice Department’s Environment and Natural Resources Division. “The plea agreement and civil settlement show that we will take strong action to enforce the Clean Air Act and ensure that emissions control requirements for cars and trucks are being followed.”

“For close to ten years, Sinister Diesel sold parts designed to override or disable the emissions control systems on trucks,” said Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator Larry Starfield for the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. “EPA testing has shown that a vehicle altered with these parts can emit more than 100 times the amount of certain harmful air pollutants, compared to a vehicle with an intact emissions control system. This case shows that we will aggressively prosecute those who manufacture and sell devices designed to defeat vehicle emissions controls.”

According to court documents, Sinister Diesel – from its 2010 incorporation to April 2020 – manufactured and sold parts intended to be installed on motor vehicles, particularly diesel trucks, to enable “deleting” the trucks by removing or disabling the trucks’ emissions control systems. Various

products, referred to as “delete devices” or “defeat devices,” are used in the process of “deleting” a vehicle. Sinister often sold its products as part of “delete kits,” sometimes bundled with “delete tunes.” The delete tunes were software produced by another company which could alter a diesel truck’s onboard computer to allow a truck with its emissions controls “deleted” to appear to run normally.

Through its employees, Sinister Diesel reached agreements with other companies that manufactured tuners or tuning platforms to sell their products bundled together. Sinister would often advise customers on other needed parts for their deleted vehicles to run properly with Sinister’s delete kits — such as a tuner or tuning platform and delete tunes — and sell them those products, too. Sinister also counseled customers on how to evade state emissions tests.

Though Sinister sometimes labeled its delete products for “racing” and included disclaimers in marketing materials indicating that its products should be used only in off-road settings, the company knew most of its delete products were purchased by diesel truck drivers who used those products on public roads, not racetracks. At times, approximately 25% of Sinister’s gross revenue stemmed from its delete products. According to Sinister’s sales statistics, between October 30, 2015, and July 17, 2017, it sold 39,792 defeat devices, including at least 35,960 kits that disable vehicles’ exhaust gas recirculation systems.

Deleting a diesel truck causes its emissions to increase dramatically. For example, for a fully deleted truck with all emissions equipment removed, EPA testing has quantified the increased emissions as follows: Nitrogen oxides increased 310 times, non-methane hydrocarbons increased 1,400 times, carbon monoxide increased 120 times and particulate matter increased 40 times. EPA’s Air Enforcement Division released a report in November 2020 finding that more than 500,000 diesel pickup trucks in the United States – approximately 15% of U.S. diesel trucks that were originally certified with emissions controls – have been illegally deleted.

Diesel emissions contain multiple hazardous compounds and harm human health and the environment. Diesel emissions have been found to cause and worsen respiratory ailments such as asthma and lung cancer. One study found that 21,000 American deaths annually are attributable to diesel particulate matter. Additionally, exposure to polluted air in utero has been associated with a host of problems with lifelong ramifications including low birth weight, preterm birth, autism, asthma and brain and memory disorders.

The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced in the criminal case by U.S. District Court Judge John A. Mendez for the Eastern District of California on November 14, 2023. Though Sinister Diesel agreed to pay a \$500,000 criminal fine under its plea agreement, the company faces – for each count – a maximum fine of \$500,000 or twice the gross pecuniary gain derived from the offense. Its sentence will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of all applicable statutory factors and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables.

Stopping the manufacture, sale, and installation of illegal delete devices is a priority for EPA. To learn more, visit: www.epa.gov/enforcement/national-compliance-initiative-stopping-aftermarket-defeat-devices-vehicles-and-engines. To learn more about EPA’s criminal enforcement actions on defeat devices, visit www.epa.gov/enforcement/criminal-press-releases-2023 and <https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/criminal-press-releases-2022>. ★

Will California’s New Math Curriculum Improve State’s Woeful Rankings?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Gov. Gavin Newsom and other political figures like to brag about California’s role as a national or even international leader in all things wonderful.

They tend, however, to gloss over or ignore indications that California is falling short in some very important indices of societal achievement, such as public education.

When measured against other states, much less other nations, California’s nearly 6 million public school students rank among the lowest in national education testing for mathematics and language skills.

The latest round of National Assessment of Educational Progress test results, released last fall, revealed that California’s fourth- and eighth-graders were once again in the bottom tier of states in reading and math.

Moreover, California’s unusually long school closures during the COVID-19 pandemic reduced achievement even more, as a recent report from the Public Policy Institute of California revealed.

Before the pandemic, 51% of students met standards in English language arts, or ELA, and it had dropped to 47%. In mathematics, proficiency declined from 40% to 33%.

“Only 35% of low-income students met state standards in ELA and 21% were proficient in math,” PPIC reported, “compared to 65% of higher-income students in ELA and 51% in math.”

Furthermore, PPIC noted, the nationwide tests of reading and math proficiency “shows that California has consistently lagged behind most other states ... 38th in math and 33rd in reading.”

We may not need more evidence that Californians lack competence in basic skills, but last week we got another data dose from the Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies, a global program of testing supported by the U.S. Department of Education.

A new analysis of its data reveals that in “numeracy” – the ability of adults to use mathematics in daily lives – California ranks near the bottom of states, virtually identical to Georgia and other states in the second lowest tier. Within California, just one of its 58 counties – Marin – scored in the highest tier.

By happenstance, the numeracy report was issued just a few weeks after the state Board of Education adopted a new framework for math instruction that advocates claim will increase the computational acumen of California students by making it more culturally relevant.

Board member Gabriela Orozco-Gonzalez, an elementary school teacher in Montebello, said, “The framework’s focus on fundamental concepts, open-ended tasks, justice, student inquiry, reasoning and justification aligns with effective mathematics teaching practices. I am encouraged by the incorporation of strategies to support diverse learners, such as promoting multilingualism, facilitating group work, employing visual aids, and establishing cultural connections.”

Tom Loveless, a former senior fellow at the Brookings Institution who wrote a book on the Common Core standards, was one of many critics during a three-hour hearing prior to adoption, saying the framework sends a “message that math facts can be treated lightly.”

The climactic board meeting reflected years of often bitter debate, dubbed the “math wars,” over how best to raise math skills, not unlike a similar conflict over language skills dubbed the “reading wars.”

Traditionalist supporters of phonics finally emerged triumphant in the battle over reading but traditionalists lost on math. Ultimately, the board made a few tweaks aimed at placating critics but left the original concept of downplaying rote skills and early introduction to algebra largely intact.

Obviously California has a math skills problem. Too many of our students and adults are “innumerate” – the mathematical equivalent of illiterate – and that has vast societal impacts, from lessening Californians’ ability to manage personal finances to depriving the economy of workers with critical skills.

We’ll see if California’s new woke math curriculum improves its standing, or drives us even lower.

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

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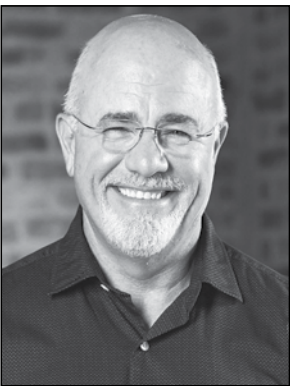
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Helping Take Care of Mom

Dear Dave,

My mother-in-law is 85, and she's had some health setbacks recently. The family got together with her, and as a group, we decided it was time to sell her property and move her into an apartment at a nice senior living facility. She should see a little over \$300,000 from the sale of her house. Aside from that, she has about \$10,000 in a savings account. The problem is, she'll only receive \$2,100 a month in Social Security, and rent at the facility is \$2,600 per month. Plus she loves making donations to charities. With interest rates where they are, is a CD ladder a good place to put the money to help her cash flow expenses in the future?

— Ed

Dear Ed,

If this were my mother-in-law, I'd want her to do better than a CD (certificate of deposit) ladder. Even with the deficit between her Social Security income

Dave Ramsey Says

and the cost of rent, she'll only need to see \$6,000 a year from the investment to make up the difference. And plus, she's 85. Even if she got nothing in terms of interest, the chances of her burning all the way through her nest egg before she dies are almost zero. I know the thought of her passing away isn't pleasant, but it's something you have to take into consideration.

As far as the charities go? Right now, she's the charity. Maybe not in the traditional sense of the word, but it's time for mom to come first. Only the strong can help the weak. I didn't let my toddlers carry our newborn. And when it comes to money, you've got to have the financial strength—the free and clear assets—to carry others. Take care of your own household first. That's her responsibility at this point.

Ed, you're not going to mess this up unless you put the money in crypto, or something stupid like that. If you want to do some high-yield savings as a part of it, that's fine. If it were me, I'd probably end up investing some of it too. Here's the thing: Overall, if you could make 8% on it, that's \$2,000 a month, and it lasts indefinitely. That's not even touching the principal. But like I said before, even if you make nothing on it, just divide \$6,000 into \$300,000. See what I mean? It's probably going to last as long as she does.

Of course, there may be some other medical bills, and you'd probably want her to have a life other than just paying bills. That's why I'd like to see that extra \$2,000 a month happening. It would provide a little cushion. And there may be a few other little things from time to time the family would have to pick up, but that's not unusual in a situation like this.

You all can make this work for her. Just don't be super aggressive, but don't be super conservative either.

— 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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A new avocado, developed by the University of California Avocado Breeding Program, is about to hit the world market. The Luna UCR avocado will complement the widely known Hass avocado. According to UC researchers, the Luna variety grows on a tree of about half the size while producing approximately the same yield per tree as the Hass variety. The original Lunas were planted in Camarillo and advanced trials were conducted in Tulare, Orange, San Diego and Ventura counties.

Researchers: Chemical that can Harm Crops Increasing in Forests


University of California researchers say satellite data is revealing increasing levels of nitrogen dioxide in remote forest areas of the state. The chemical can harm plants and crop yields. While short-lived in the atmosphere, it contributes to ozone and particulate pollutants, which can cause respiratory issues and asthma. Researchers say wildfire and soil emissions are contributing reasons for the increase in nitrogen dioxide levels. Their findings from satellite data were published in the journal Environmental Research Letters.

Grant Awards to Support Climate-Smart Demonstration Projects

University of California Cooperative Extension scientists will be partnering with regional farms to demonstrate climate-smart agricultural practices. The project, to be led by the UC Agricultural and Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program, recently received a nearly \$2 million funding award from the UC office of the President. The effort will strengthen the California Farm Demonstration Network and support regional farms in practices such as cover cropping, reduced tillage, composting, hedgerow planting and optimized irrigation.

USDA Announces \$800 Million Investment in Rural Infrastructure


The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced an \$800 million investment to help rural cooperatives and utilities improve infrastructure and increase electric grid reliability. The funding will also provide clean water and sanitary wastewater systems in rural areas. The USDA said the program will benefit communities in California, 35 other states and two U.S. territories. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said, "Powering people with modern infrastructure creates good-paying jobs and supports opportunities for people to build brighter futures." ★



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Maui, Devastation Can Happen Anywhere

Commentary by Dr. Glenn Mollette

Maui has long been the go-to destination for millions to experience paradise. Life has changed.

Maui is now the site of the deadliest fire in modern U.S. history. At this writing, over 90 persons are being reported dead. The lovely town of Lahaina is nothing but charred remains and embers.

The news reports of people fleeing for their lives via any means of escape possible are horrific. People who were trying to escape in automobiles have been found unrecognizable except through eventual DNA testing. The entire island is now a humanitarian crisis. Medical supplies, food, and shelter are at crisis levels.

Like you, I've watched it on my television. Maui is a tragic global news story that no one wants to hear. Maui's story reminds us that devastation can happen anywhere. It was a hurricane that swept away Ft. Myers Beach last year. A Tornado and flood destroyed parts of Kentucky. Or it may be the fires that have destroyed so much in California. Maui reminds us that no paradise is untouchable.

You might feel safe and isolated in Appalachia. You may feel very comfortable in some remote Western terrain. You may live in a comfortable suburb or city surrounded by all types of Emergency Responders; you may be living in a tropical paradise. There are

no guarantees that your community is insulated from disaster.

When a tornado, hurricane or flood cripples a community there is nothing to do except pick up the pieces and try to start over. Likewise, Maui has no other choice, but it will take years. There is no overnight recuperation for disaster.

There will be ongoing questions about Maui's emergency response abilities. What kind of fire department did Lahaina have? How often had they drilled and prepared for the possibility of a widespread fire? Was it even something that the island thought possible? As the smoke settles, these questions and more will be asked.

If you are reading this in the comfort and safety of your home or apartment, then consider this; value what you have when you have it. We all take the present for granted. We take our towns, schools, stores, jobs, incomes, residences, food, health, and each other for granted. We look back to the past and cherish a town that used to be. We cherish a parent or friend who used to be with us. We value and cherish old jobs and past experiences. It's good to cherish the past. However, why not look around you today and value what and who you have today.

In the meantime, we certainly pray for the hurting people of Maui. Most Americans will do what they can to be helpful and supportive. We always do. That's one of many reasons our country is so great and blessed. ★

California Comment on Latest National Small Business Findings

NFIB News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On August 8, 2023, release of the National Federation of Independent Business' (NFIB) monthly Small Business Economic Trends report showed a few tiny upticks in the outlook Main Street enterprises have for a better future, but nothing that would indicate the beginning of a reversal of its continuing two-year slide.

"A lot of what it will take to move small-business owners across the nation from this current era of just coping to one of thriving will depend on what Congress does with the Small Business Deduction on their federal tax forms: to let it expire or to make it permanent," said John Kabateck NFIB's California state director. "Closer to home, our Legislature has already rendered its decision on small business by doing absolutely nothing about its outstanding loan debt with the federal government over the unemployment insurance trust fund.

"When the pandemic surprised the nation, it was understandable California was one of 22 states that needed to borrow from the federal government to keep its unemployment insurance trust fund solvent and benefits going to those in need. What is not understandable is why it remains one of only two states (New York, the other) that has not paid its UI loans back, unless, of course, our state leaders don't care about small business."

The SBET (Optimism Index) is a national snapshot of NFIB-member, small-business owners not broken down by state. The typical NFIB member employs

between one and nine workers. This latest Index rose 0.9 points in July to 91.9, but it marked the 19th consecutive month below the survey's 49-year average of 98. The SBET is released the second Tuesday of every month.

From NFIB Chief Economist Bill Dunkelberg

"With small business owners' views about future sales growth and business conditions dismal, owners want to hire and make money now from solid consumer spending. Inflation has eased slightly on Main Street, but difficulty hiring remains a top business concern."

Highlights from today's report Owners expecting better business conditions over the next six months improved 10 points from June to a net negative 30%, 31 percentage points better than last June's reading of a net negative 61%. This is the highest reading since August 2021 but historically very negative.

Forty-two percent of owners reported job openings that were hard to fill, unchanged from June but remaining historically very high.

The net percent of owners raising average selling prices decreased four points to a net 25% seasonally adjusted, still a very inflationary level but trending down. This is the lowest reading since January 2021.

The net percent of owners who expect real sales to be higher improved two points from June to a net negative 12%, a very pessimistic perspective.

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I've had many guests on POPPOFF talking about ways to lose weight. But **Laura Pickett** takes on a rather unique way in her book **"Get Over Weight."** You know me...always curious! So here are her Steps.

1. SPIRIT. *Work with your personal trainer.* To lose weight, often people turn to personal trainers for knowledge and help. But the Holy Spirit knows all things and was sent to guide and help us succeed in all areas.

2. QUICK TRIP. *QT* is the name of a chain of convenience stores where you buy gas and other necessities like food, etc. She refers to Quiet Time as a "QT" Stop to get spiritually fueled and fed for your weight loss journey.

3. KNOW THE TRUTH. Scripture teaches us that if you continue in the Word, you'll know the truth and the truth will set you free. She learned a truth that broke the chain so she could finally lose the weight.

4. STOP, DROP AND ROLL. Laura found there are things we can carry that are too heavy for us like unforgiveness, worries, cares etc. Whatever is keeping us stuck, we need to stop or drop or roll that weight and Let It Go.

5. STEPS FOR SOUL. Keep your G.P.S. on...Goal Positioning System. Having a specific goal is vital to succeeding weight loss. Vague goals produce vague results. Set the goal and the way will be made.

6. REBOOT: Your body is not the only thing that needs to change. Often we try to lose weight and get our bodies to change

when we fail to get our minds to change. Remember: As a man thinks, so is he.

7. BELIEVING IS SEEING. Scriptures say if you can believe all things are possible, then believing is an act of your will. Decide to believe and you will achieve.

8. BEAT THE B.E.A.S.T. Not yourself. She found that when we struggle with weight loss we often are struggling with the B.E.A.S.T. That is Boredom, Emotional eating, Anger, Stress. Learn to beat them and not yourself.

9. STEPS FOR BODY. The weight loss Plan is Eat, Drink and Get Moving. To lose weight we need a healthy eating plan. Not a Die-IT, but a LIVE-IT Plan. Any plan can work if you work it. She shares the right plan for you.

10. FASTING IS YOUR RESET BUTTON. Fasting is a great way to remove foods that challenge us and reset eating habits. But more important, fasting connects us to God, the real source of POWER to succeed on this journey

11. DECLUTTER YOUR WAY TO WEIGHT LOSS. Clutter affects our weight like things out of order, not dealt with and stuffed away. They represent issues we're facing when struggling with weight loss.

12. FEED THE HUNGER THAT MEAT CAN'T MEET. Christ said my meat is to do the will of HIM that sent me. It's like no matter how much you eat, you're still not satisfied. You may be hungry to fulfill your purpose, not our plate! That's her take. Check out **Laura** at **www.LauraPickett.org.** Keep **POSITIVE!!!**

Another Scary Reminder of the Superbug Crisis

By Dr. Rachael Lee

More than 80 Americans across 18 states have been struck with a serious bacterial infection thanks to contaminated eye drops. Several have suffered permanent vision loss. Four have died. The contaminated drops housed a strain of the bacterium *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, which, due to a rare gene, is immune to almost all antibiotics. Though the drops are now off the shelves, the larger crisis of drug resistance is far from over. Antibacterial-resistant pathogens claimed more than 1.2 million lives in 2019. That number will continue to increase if we don't act now.

Antimicrobials are a miraculous tool in the fight against infections. Human life expectancy increased by eight years between 1944 and 1972, largely attributable to the development of antibiotics. Even so, bacterial infections are still the second-leading cause of death worldwide, responsible for one in eight deaths.

Antimicrobial resistance, or AMR, occurs when pathogens like fungi or bacteria become immune to our existing medicines. We've been using antimicrobials to fight infections since 1937. After nearly 90 years under antimicrobial attack, it's no surprise that pathogens have developed the ability to defeat the drugs designed to kill them.

By 2050, it's estimated that AMR will cause 10 million deaths per year. It's more important now than ever to course correct. Antimicrobial stewardship, or improving how antimicrobials are prescribed, is a key part of the solution. When antimicrobials are prescribed only when needed

and for the shortest durations possible, it ensures patients receive the best treatment and also slows a pathogen's ability to develop resistance. But stewardship alone won't solve the problem when infections are becoming increasingly difficult, and sometimes impossible, to treat.

New antimicrobials are another piece of the solution. The next generation of antimicrobials needs to attack and kill germs better, and in new ways, than current ones.

Unfortunately, the current drug business model does not work for antimicrobials due to the unique way they are used. Prescribing antimicrobials only when appropriate is critical for public health because it slows resistance, but it also keeps sales volume low. Investing in drug research and development is a significant risk as few products receive FDA approval, so the potential financial outlook needs to be stable enough to attract investors. Antimicrobials aren't a lucrative enough proposition to pique such investor interest.

Legislation under consideration in Congress could revitalize antimicrobial innovation, giving us a major leg up in the fight against AMR. The PASTEUR Act would establish a system in which the government enters into contracts with antimicrobial developers via a subscription model rather than paying by unit sales. This would help guarantee companies some stability for their investment in new treatments, even if the sales volume is low.

Infectious disease specialists like me see the devastation of antimicrobial resistance too often. In the race against superbugs, our innovation is up against their evolution. We must regain the lead. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05372
Reuben Nazareno, 2880 Sunrise Boulevard #110, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 and Matthew Cabrera, 9153 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, CA 95624 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Real Estate America Rancho Cordova/Real Estate America Elk Grove/Real Estate America Team". 2880 Sunrise Boulevard #10, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 18, 2023
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REAL 9-8-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05541
YC ENT, 1009 10th Street. Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Chelsea". 1009 10th Street. Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 25, 2023
Publish: August 18, 25, Sept 1, 8, 2023
CHELSEA 9-8-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05853
Illighiten LLC, 8177 Dunisch Road, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kuneho". 8177 Dunisch Road, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 7, 2023
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KUNEHO 9-8-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05423
Norma Laura Ramirez Miranda, 1901 E Constantine Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89101 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "All Good Things". 2900 Stewart Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89101. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 20, 2023
Publish: August 18, 25, Sept 1, 8, 2023
ALL 9-8-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05651
Aim High RE Inc, 4080 Truxel Road #100, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Aim High Coaching/ AimHigh Coaching". 4080 Truxel Road #100, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 28, 2023
Publish: August 18, 25, Sept 1, 8, 2023
AIM 9-8-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05759
Go 4 Pizza Inc., 7195 Murieta Drive #218, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Go 4 Pizza" 7195 Murieta Drive #218, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 3, 2023
Publish: August 18, 25, Sept 1, 8, 2023
PIZZA 9-8-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05410
Yevheniy Shestakov, 5584 White Fir Way, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "CARGOEXPERT". 5584 White Fir Way, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 19, 2023
Publish: August 18, 25, Sept 1, 8, 2023
CARGOEXPERT 9-8-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05781
Vehicle Accident Reporting Solutions, 3442 Whitnor Court, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Vehicle Accident Repairing Solutions/ V.A.R.S.". 3442 Whitnor Court, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 4, 2023
Publish: August 18, 25, Sept 1, 8, 2023
VEHICLE 9-8-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05672
Dmitriy Ozeruga, 7047 Cross Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Principal Accounting & Bookkeeping". 7047 Cross Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 31, 2023
Publish: August 18, 25, Sept 1, 8, 2023
PRINCIPAL 9-8-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05754
Nancy Fox and Matthew Fox, 9692 Kent Street, Elk Grove, CA 95624 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Coppertech". 2376 Gold Meadow Way, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 3, 2023
Publish: August 18, 25, Sept 1, 8, 2023
COPPERTech 9-8-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05921
Golden State Price Inc., 5825 Auburn Boulevard Suite 3, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) Sacramento Furniture Store". 5825 Auburn Boulevard Suite 3, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 9, 2023
Publish: August 18, 25, Sept 1, 8, 2023
SACRAMENTO 9-8-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05912
Industrial Sonlight Corp, 5824 Overhill Road, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Maxcom/Sonlight

Communications" 6105 Main Avenue Suite 14, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 9, 2023
Publish: August 25, Sept 1, 8, 15, 2023
MAXCOM 9-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06106
Himalayan Transportation Inc., 3200 Truxel Road #146, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Alac Business Services" 3200 Truxel Road #146, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 16, 2023
Publish: August 25, Sept 1, 8, 15, 2023
ALAC 9-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05146
Slayed By Kandy LLC, 836 57th Street, Sacramento, CA 95819 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Slayed By Kandy/ SBK Boutique" 836 57th Street, Sacramento, CA 95819. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 10, 2023
Publish: August 25, Sept 1, 8, 15, 2023
SLAYED 9-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05647
Emily Christine Productions LLC, 4803 Windsong Street, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Emily Coyne Events" 4803 Windsong Street, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 28, 2023
Publish: August 25, Sept 1, 8, 15, 2023
EMILY 9-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06022
Angelica Aiello, 8150 Monte Park Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Angelica's Auto Sales" 6385 Auburn Boulevard #B4, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 14, 2023
Publish: August 25, Sept 1, 8, 15, 2023
ANGELICA 9-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05735
CDLEW Business Services, Inc., 5445 Madison Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "River City Business Services" 5445 Madison Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 3, 2023
Publish: August 25, Sept 1, 8, 15, 2023
RIVER 9-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05979
Roman Mankovskiy, 6941 Brookhaven Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Nomad Construction Supplies" 6941 Brookhaven Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 11, 2023
Publish: August 25, Sept 1, 8, 15, 2023
NOMAD 9-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06020
Spacecell LLC, 9777 Lincoln Village Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bukhara Restaurant and Market" 9777 Lincoln Village Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 14, 2023
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BUKARA 9-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06131
Eduardo Ceballos Perez, 7640 Auburn Boulevard #17, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Eddy's Beauty Salon" 7973 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 17, 2023
Publish: August 25, Sept 1, 8, 15, 2023
EDDYS 9-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05984
Patrick Kuenster, 5612 Beauregard Way, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Luto Catering" 5612 Beauregard Way, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 11, 2023
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LUTO 9-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05985
Fresh Kitchen Express Inc., 9501 Shadowrock Way, Sacramento, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Moc Quan" 6035 Stockton Boulevard Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95824. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 11, 2023
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MOC 9-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05717
Moseetta Peppers, 5123 Engle Road, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Speechless Moments" 5123 Engle Road, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 2, 2023
Publish: August 25, Sept 1, 8, 15, 2023
SPEECHLESS 9-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05954
Monica Solis Laje, 3500 Bodega Court, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the

Fictitious Business Name(s) "Five Star Early Learning Family Child Care" 3500 Bodega Court, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 11, 2023
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FIVE 9-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05703
Nina Phomsouvandara, 6910 23rd Street, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Golden Auto Collision" 6910 Franklin Boulevard Suite 440, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 1, 2023
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GOLDEN 9-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05849
Suong Nang Dang, 8505 Middlesax Way, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kamei Eco Nail Spa" 607 Sutter Street Suite 105, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 7, 2023
Publish: August 25, Sept 1, 8, 15, 2023
KAMEI 9-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06108
Zazai Family Corp, 2677 Giorno Way, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "City Wide Facility Solutions/ City Wide Facility/Solutions of Sacramento" 2941 Sunrise Boulevard Suite 240, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 16, 2023
Publish: August 25, Sept 1, 8, 15, 2023
CITY 9-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05931
Morning Star Restaurant Inc., 4400 Del Rio Road, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "La Bou by the Zoo" 4400 Del Rio Road, Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 9, 2023
Publish: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023
LABOU 9-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05824
Ociel Rivera, 636 Q Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Infinity Painting" 636 Q Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 7, 2023
Publish: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023
INFINITY 9-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06928
Ha Wan Ku, 4364 Oxwood Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Vogue Cleaners" 3437 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 9, 2023
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VOGUE 9-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05962
Gawfco Enterprises, Inc., 3669 Mount Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, CA 94549 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Broadway Union 76" 2330 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 11, 2023
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BROADWAY 9-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06002
Shawn Stevens, 12225 Habitat Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "SPS Auto Dealership" 12225 Habitat Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 14, 2023
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SPS 9-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05586
Idris Beveridge, 9016 El Cajon Way, Sacramento, CA 95826 and Trina Khan, 8569 Elaine Drive, Sacramento, CA 95828 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Shake that Lemon" 9016 El Cajon Way, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 26, 2023
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LEMON 9-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05567
Cannon Constructors of California, LLC, 406 Porter Way, Milton, WA 98354 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cannon Power" 406 Porter Way, Milton, WA 98354. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 26, 2023
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CANNON 9-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06132
Sage Support Services, Inc., 8400 Thethys Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Savvy LP" 8400 Thethys Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 17, 2023
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SAVVY 9-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-04997
Chris Florin Balaj, 7137 Canelo Hills Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Brown Bear Construction" 7137 Canelo Hills Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with

the Clerk of Sacramento County June 30, 2023
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BROWN 9-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05730
Angela Khang, 7640 West Stockton Boulevard Unit 283, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A. Khang Produce", 10490 McMilan Road, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 2, 2023
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KHANG 9-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05764
Vuja De, Inc., 1023 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "1023 Storage" 1023 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 3, 2023
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VUJA 9-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06080
Rebekah Sarah Leiplein, 6768 Medora Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bee Extraordinary Events" 6768 Medora Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 15, 2023
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BEE 9-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06187
3 AM BIZ, 793 Hildebrand Circle, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ambrosia" 793 Hildebrand Circle, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 22, 2023
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AMBROSIA 9-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06059
Bobbie Wooten, 4625 44th Street, Sacramento, CA 95820 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "God's Grace Room & Board" 4625 44th Street, Sacramento, CA 95820. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 15, 2023
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GODS 9-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05022
Robert Hunter DVM, 10163 Badger Creek Lane, Wilton, CA 95693 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hunter Stallion Station Equine Veterinary Clinic" 10163 Badger Creek Lane, Wilton, CA 95693. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 30, 2023
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HUNTER 9-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06188
Katherine McQuilliams, 2230 Green Blossom, Court, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pure Esthetics" 2230 Green Blossom, Court, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 22, 2023
Publish: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023
PURE 9-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06252
Sayedeh Nargas Rahmatbakhsh, 7021 Folsom Ranch Drive #203, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Daffi's Kitchen" 7021 Folsom Ranch Drive #203, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 24, 2023
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DAFFIS 9-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06238
Elite Norcal Corp, 7412 Elsie Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Berkshire Hathaway HS Elite RE/Elite Mortgage" 7412 Elsie Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 23, 2023
Publish: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023
BERKSHIRE 9-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05867
Jesus C Mendoza, 9055 Canberra Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Home Forward Real Estate" 9055 Canberra Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 8, 2023
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HOME 9-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06192
Dandy Lion Properties, 7507 Evening Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Aroma" 7507 Evening Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 22, 2023
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AROMA 9-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06466
Paul Scholl, 4854 Tono Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Galt Herald/Elk Grove Citizen/Colusa County Pioneer Review/Pioneer Review/River Valley Times/Land Park News/East Sacramento News/Pocket News/Arden

Arcade News/West Sacramento News Ledger/Dixon Independent Voice/Territorial Dispatch/The Rio Linda Elverta News/The Rio Linda News/American River Messenger/Arden Advocate/Auburn Sentinel/Carmichael Times/Carmichael Radio.com/Citrus Heights Messenger/Gold River Messenger/Granite Bay Mirror/Great American Patriot.com/Loving Out Loud.com/Messenger Publishing Group/MPG8.com/Natomas Messenger/North County Messenger/Orangevale Sun/Placer Sentinel/Rancho Cordova Grapevine Independent/Rancho Cordova Radio.com/Sacramento Oracle/Sacramento Hospice.com/Single Again.com/The Gridley Herald/The Placer Mercury/The Placer Mercury/USHospice.com/West Sacramento Sun/ West Sacramento Radio.com/ Wheatland Sun" 7144 Fair Oaks Boulevard #5, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 30, 2023
Publish: September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023
MESSENGER 9-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05718
Alfonzo Maya Vasquez, 2179 Pantages Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "River City Masonry" 2179 Pantages Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 2, 2023
Publish: September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023
RIVER 9-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06328
Advanced Tech Inc., 4100 Gaddi Drive #2, Sacramento, CA 95824 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AT Construction" 4100 Gaddi Drive #2, Sacramento, CA 95824. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 25, 2023
Publish: September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023
ADVANCED 9-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06262
KDTS, LLC, 4352 Wendover Court, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "California Outdoor" 4352 Wendover Court, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 24, 2023
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CALIFORNIA 9-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05709
Happy Auto Parts Inc., 3430 Sunrise Boulevard, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A & M Auto Dismantling" 2179 716 Bell Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 2, 2023
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A&M 9-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06369
Paula Gerette Donovan, 3613 Voleyn Street, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Therapy With Paula" 3613 Voleyn Street, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 29, 2023
Publish: September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023
THERAPY 9-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06323
Emily Strobaugh, 6850 Kittery Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kat Tails Farm" 6850 Kittery Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 25, 2023
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KAT 9-29-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF NANCY JEAN NAKO CASE NO. 23PR001116

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Nancy Jean Nako.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Diana Gray, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Diana Gray be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows September 19, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations

Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826. Zoom Telepresence: https://saccourt-ca-gov.zoomgov.com/jv/sscodept129 Meeting: 16133529231

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The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Rick Lebherz, Kaminski Law Group APC, 140 Diamond Creek Place, Suite 165 Roseville, CA 95747; 916-540-7618

NAKO 9-15-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JEFFERY LEE DURRETT CASE NO. 23PR0009880

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Jeffery Dee Durrett, Jeffery Lee Wallis.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Teri Smith, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Teri Smith be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

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A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows December 27, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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COMICS & PUZZLES

The Spats

ARE YOU IGNORANT OR JUST APATHETIC?

RUB RUB RUB

I DON'T KNOW AND I DON'T CARE.

by Jeff Pickering

Amber Waves

THAT'S ME AT A DANCE... AND THAT'S ME WITH SOME FELLOW CLASSMATES.

EVERYBODY LOOKS SO SERIOUS, DIDN'T ANYBODY SMILE IN THE OLDEN DAYS?

YEAH, POPS, WAY BACK THEN, WHAT WAS THERE TO WORRY ABOUT?

DINOSAURS.

by Dave T. Phipps

Out on a Limb

HEY, JIMMY... SET ME UP WITH ANOTHER, WILL YA?

I THINK YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH, PHINNEAS.

BEER GARDEN GNOME

by Gary Kopervas

TIGER

LEMMIE HIT ONE

by BUD BLAKE

TUMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS POPEYE

I WANNA OPEN THIS CHEST, BUT IT MIGHT BE TRAPPED.

ON IT.

WIMPOUS! THIS CHEST IS FULL OF HAMBURGERS!

WIMPY'S CHARACTER TAKES TWENTY POINTS OF POISON DAMAGE FROM THE TRAPPED CHEST.

THAT'S NOT HOW TRAP-FINDING WORKS.

AND YET WE FOUND THE TRAP!

DID YA REALLY THINK YA COULD RAZE OUR VILLAGE AN' WE'D DO NOTHING?

TAKE THAT, YA SOTTEN DRAG-INK!

SO I WAN JUSK SPOSED TO GO AROUND TAKIN' WOT THE WORLD GIVES ME. UNABLE T' FIGHT BACK?

VA GET USED TO IT AFTER A WHILE.

BRUTUS, I'M HAVIN' A BAD YUFF TIME WITOUT EMPATHY FER YOU IN THE MIX.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

J. D. CENTRAL SCHOOL

J. D. MIDDLE SCHOOL

Differences: 1. Purse is missing. 2. Cap is different. 3. Sweater words are missing. 4. Book is missing. 5. Car is different. 6. School name is different.

GRIN & BEAR IT

"Have you ever seen a credit card melt?"

Just Like Cats & Dogs

A GOOD EVENING? WELL, I'VE TIPPED VALET, COAT CHECK AND A GUY IN THE BATHROOM ALREADY, SO NOT REALLY.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Ground grain

6. *Black sheep answer: "Yes ____, three bags full."

9. Estimator's phrase (2 words)

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DOWN

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3. On top of

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36. Black tropical cuckoos

38. *Sheep's bagfull

42. Curse

49. Lollipop brand

49. Bud or chum

51. Snooze

54. ____ and desist

56. C2H5

57. Pay a visit

58. Bumpkin

59. Famous boxing promoter Bob

60. Smoker's water pipe

61. Group of cows

62. Great Lake

63. Back seat, e.g.

64. Negative vote

66. *Mother Hubbard's pet

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