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West Sacramento Police Deliver Toys to 800 Kids



Smiling faces were city wide as the Police delivered toys to some 800 kids. Photo courtesy of WSPD

WSPD News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Wednesday, December 20, 2023, officers and staff from the West Sacramento Police Department took part in a tradition that dates back nearly as far as the department itself: the Annual Christmas Toy and Clothing Drive deliveries. Each year, the department accepts donations for local families who could use a helping hand around the holiday season; the requirements: be a West Sacramento resident, demonstrate financial need, and have minor children. Each child received one piece of warm clothing, and two gifts.

Annually, the department generally sees approximately 350 youth through this program, however, in the past two years, that number has grown exponentially, with this year's number exceeding 800 youth and nearly 300 family units.

And so, despite the rain that filled the early part of the week, and extremely impacted staffing, WSPD staff from across the department loaded up into 9 delivery groups, and braved the elements, delivering gifts throughout the city. Officers and staff alike look forward to this event every year and are humbled to pour into the West Sacramento community. The numbers

this year are evidence that this event is a bright light in what has been a rough financial year for many West Sacramento families.

This event is spearheaded by the Community Outreach and Support Division of the West Sacramento Police Department, and made possible through generous donations from the West Sacramento community, partnership with the Washington Unified School District, and over the past few years, also included food bags assembled and donated by Out of the Box Ministries, helping to add gifts beneath trees, and fill pantries and hearts. ★

Yolo County is Working to Keep Roads Safe This Season

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Yolo County officials' commitment to road safety has garnered impressive awards in 2023, including a combined award of \$704,496 from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. These substantial grants will allow the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency's Public Health Branch to undertake two impactful initiatives, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program and the Child Passenger Safety Education Program. Additionally, an award will support the Yolo County District Attorney's Office's specialized prosecution team which handles alcohol and drug-impaired driving cases. These awards will strengthen Yolo County's efforts to mitigate risks associated with distracted and impaired driving, furthering the safety of the community this holiday season.

Similarly, The Yolo County Community Services Department's Public Works Division, which maintains a sprawling network of 752 miles of roads, 147 bridges, and various critical infrastructure components, was awarded \$240,000 in Federal Safe Streets for All funding. Public Works responsive road teams are primed to address issues on county roads this winter, contributing to the overall safety of the community. As Caltrans is undertaking intensive infrastructure improvements across the region and on Interstate 5 and 80, both the Public Health Branch and Public Works Division would like to urge residents to exercise heightened caution and avoid distracted driving.

"Distracted driving increases your risk of a motor vehicle crash. Transportation injuries, including motor vehicle crashes, are a leading cause of death in Yolo County residents under 45 years old," said Yolo County's Public Health Officer Dr. Aimee Sisson. "Thirty

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Broderick, Bryte Community Center Finally Opening

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - At long last the Broderick/Bryte Community Center is going to finally open. Rhonda Morningstar Pope Florez and the Buena Vista Rancheria Me-Wuk Indian Tribe have been working non-stop since December 2022 to restore the former Bryte VFW, located on Lisbon St., into a beautiful Community Center.

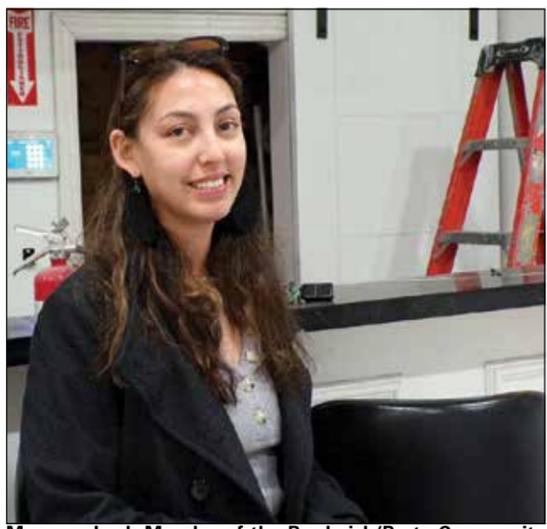
After a rollercoaster of permit issues with the City of West Sacramento and countless pleas and presentations to the City Council, inspections are finally underway. According to Rhonda, Chairwoman of Buena Vista, the inspection for the electric and the inspection for the HVAC have finally taken place and the inspection for the ADA (American Disabilities Act) and all of the "nit-picky stuff that the city was complaining

about" is scheduled for Tuesday, December 26, 2023.

The building has been beautifully restored with black and white Italian marble, rod iron, new appliances in the kitchen (except the city took out the stove), an enlarged and updated stage with lighting and a sound booth. Rhonda said they really tried to restore it in the spirit of Jordan Pappy Ramos, the original owner from when it was a movie theater and community center.

"A Community Center in the North side is long overdue, and this will be a community hub for everyone", said Rhonda Florez. She said that she wants to recognize Pappy Ramos and Henry Rodriguez who inspired the community spirit and helped their community be a better place.

Rhonda said that they are planning tutoring, movie night, board games, bingo

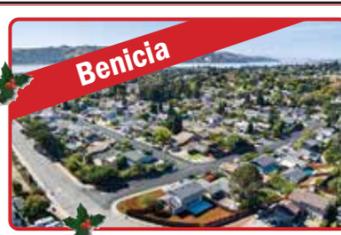


Manager Leah Murphy, of the Broderick/Bryte Community Center, is anxiously awaiting the Grand Opening. Photo by Michele Townsend

nights, talent and open mic nights. In addition, they are planning on holding dances, like father/daughter dance. They have a pool table, a juke box, vending machines, and TVs in the bar area. The hall will be available for rental with the option of using the bar. "We are looking forward to

baby showers and family reunions and other events filling these walls again," said Rhonda.

Grand Opening for the Broderick/Bryte Community Center is scheduled for Saturday, January 27, 2024, 12 noon until 4 PM. Everyone is welcome. ★



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Jayson Proctor is arrested in West Sacramento on September 16, 2023. Photo courtesy of Yolo County District Attorney

Yolo County District Attorney News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - On December 21, 2023, a Yolo County jury convicted Jayson Proctor, a 45-year-old Sacramento transient, of one count of communicating with a minor with the intent to commit an illegal sex act, and one count of arranging a meeting with a minor to engage in lewd and lascivious behavior. Proctor's behavior was exposed by a good Samaritan behind an online organization known as "People v. Preds." This organization utilizes decoy profiles on online dating apps and artificial intelligence to pose as minors and engage with predators who are seeking sexual encounters with children. The individual behind the decoy profile documents these conversations and arranges meetings with these predators. That information is then reported

to local law enforcement, who respond to the location of the meeting at the designated time to collect evidence and arrest those communicating with the decoy profile. While using a popular dating app, Proctor began a conversation with a "People v. Preds" decoy profile on September 6, 2023. During that conversation, the decoy profile was posing as a 15-year-old boy, a fact that was communicated to Proctor multiple times. Their conversation lasted 10 days. During that conversation, Proctor described in explicit detail the various sex acts that he wanted to perform with the minor. The decoy profile and Proctor agreed to meet to have sex on September 16, 2023, at 10:30 p.m. in the parking lot of a Carl's Junior in West Sacramento. Instead of meeting a minor, Proctor was confronted by West Sacramento Police Officer Mitchell Williams, who arrested Proctor

at the scene. The trial began on December 18, 2023, before the Honorable Tom M. Dyer and concluded December 21 when the jury reached its guilty verdicts. Deputy District Attorney Preston Schaub prosecuted the case. Sentencing is scheduled to occur on January 23, 2024. Proctor faces a maximum sentence of 4 years 8 months in state prison. Proctor remains in custody on bail. District Attorney Jeff Reisig praised the good Samaritan for their efforts and cooperation with law enforcement. "The internet can be a tool for education and entertainment, but it also harbors real dangers that we must confront. Predators exploit online platforms to target children. Talk openly with your children about online dangers. Monitor their activity, set privacy controls, and know their online world. Report suspicious activity to law enforcement." ★

Three Strike, Serial Sex Offender Sentenced to Multiple Life Sentences

Yolo County DA News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - On December 21, 2023, John Augborne, a 48-year-old Eureka man, was sentenced for the sexual assaults of three minor female victims. The Honorable Samuel T. McAdam sentenced Augborne to eight indeterminate life Sentences in State Prison totaling 330 years plus an additional term of 18 years after his life sentence is served. As to the first victim, Augborne was found guilty of Attempted Rape, Forceful Oral Copulation, and seven counts of felony Sexual Battery. As to the second victim, Augborne was found guilty of two counts of Sexual Acts with a Child 10 Years or Younger by Oral Copulation. With respect to the third victim, Augborne was found guilty of a single Count of Sexual Acts with a Child 10 Years or Younger by Rape, two counts of Sexual Acts with a Child 10 Years or Younger by Digital Penetration, and one count of Sexual Acts with a Child 10 Years or Younger by Oral Copulation. Over the course of the 15-day trial, the jury heard evidence of Augborne targeting three minors from time periods ranging between 2011 – 2020. The jury heard about

Augborne's boldness in committing the crimes at a hospital and while family members were present inside the home. Augborne has a lengthy criminal history including two prior violent felony (strike) convictions. The court declined to strike any of his prior strike convictions and Augborne was sentenced pursuant to the "Three Strikes Law." Augborne had recently been released from prison in late January 2020 before assaulting his third victim just a mere 33 days later. District Attorney Jeff Reisig said "Today justice spoke loudly in the Yolo County Courthouse. The victims have gone through a long, tumultuous journey in their desire to be heard and believed. Judge McAdam perhaps summarized it best by noting that the victims spoke, and the jury listened. John Augborne took advantage of positions of trust and abused it through manipulation and force, that was not lost at the time of sentencing. We stand with the victims in deep gratitude that the Court sentenced John Augborne to a term indicative of the seriousness of the offenses as well as his prior criminal history. We hope that the bravery of the victims here serves as a sign of hope and encouragement for other survivors to come forward to report their own abuse." ★

Sen. Dodd Announces New Laws Taking Effect in 2024

Office of Sen. Bill Dodd News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Fourteen new laws written by Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, will take effect in 2024 including those to increase accountability and oversight of sexual harassment cases on California State University campuses and another banning "junk fees" in an array of transactions including concert ticket purchases. "These are all commonsense measures that will improve life for all Californians," Sen. Dodd said. "They are a response to some of the most pressing issues in our state – whether it is college campus safety or consumer protection. I look forward to positive results as they go into effect in the year ahead." The 14 new laws received overwhelming Assembly and Senate support before they were signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom. They bring the total number of laws passed by Sen. Dodd in his nine years in the Legislature to 113 – making him the most prolific lawmaker over that period. Among the new laws taking effect Jan. 1 are:

Senate Bill 3 Water Shutoff Protection:

Extends protections from Senator Dodd's 2018 Water Shutoff

- Protection Act to those served by small water systems
- SB 329 Council Pay Caps:** Increases pay caps for city council members to increase diversity and representation on city councils
- SB 353 Recycling:** Adds large juice containers to state recycling program; Improves processing payments and supports expansion of recycling opportunities
- SB 387 Broadband on State Property:** Allows state properties to be utilized to help incentivize broadband deployment
- SB 478 Hidden Fees:** Starting July 1, outlaws hidden fees set by companies to deceive consumers with incomplete advertised prices
- SB 667 Nurse Midwives:** Clarifies scope of practice for nurse midwives, ensuring patient access and care for pregnant women
- SB 668 State Parks:** Allows nonprofit operating and co-management agreements at state parks to continue
- SB 808 CSU Harassment:** Increases tracking, transparency and reporting of cases and settlement
- SCR 17 Artificial Intelligence:** Endorses the blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights, while it underscores the power of AI and risks as the first AI-drafted state resolution to pass a legislature ★

Two Car Accident in West Sacramento Leaves One Dead and Three Injured

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO (MPG) - Monday night at 9:21pm West Sacramento Police received multiple 911 calls reporting a car accident on West Capitol Avenue and Westacre Road. When Police arrived, they found a white Toyota and a grey Audi which had crashed. The accident left the adult male driver of the Audi dead. Two adults, one male and one female were critically injured in the Toyota. With the help of West Sacramento Fire Department and

AMR, the people were extracted from the Toyota and transported to the hospital. The man from the Toyota is expected to make it. There is no update on the woman's condition. The accident also left one adult male pedestrian with minor injuries. Police believe that speed was a factor with estimates of over 100 mph. They are unaware if alcohol or drugs were a contributor to the accident. The investigation has been turned over to the Traffic Division for further investigation. No names have been released yet. ★



Crime Reports

WEST SACRAMENTO

12-08-23 MICHAEL MAUCIERI Arrested for DUI and DUI alcohol 0.08% after Police received a call about a drunk driver who fled the scene of a traffic collision. 12-8-23 TOREY HARDEMAN Arrested for warrant after Police received a Trespassing call.

12-10-23 JAI PAI Arrested for Battery after Police received a call about a physical fight. Victim had visible injuries.

12-14-23 ANTHONY CARTER Arrested on a Fugitive From Justice Warrant.

12-14-23 JOSE PEREZ ZAZUETA Arrested for Obstruction.

12-15-23 SHAMAR BROWN Arrested for Obstruction, Possession of narcotics for sale, Possession of controlled substance, Possession of controlled substance while armed with a loaded firearm, Carry loaded firearm/prohibited possession, Carry loaded firearm in public under special circumstances.

12-18-23 JOSEPH MILLSAP Arrested for Possession of stolen vehicle and driving on a suspended license.

12-18-23 JESUS SIERRA Arrested for Take vehicle without owner's consent, Robbery:First degree, Possession of unlawful paraphernalia, and a bench warrant.

INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

12-06-23 Victim's residence was broken into. Burglary:First degree and Vandalism.

12-09-23 Subject on probation was cited and released for possession of narcotics. Possession of controlled substance, Possession of unlawful paraphernalia and Unlawful possession of tear gas or tear gas weapon.

12-10-23 Unknown subject paid with a counterfeit bills before leaving location. \$60 loss. Make/Pass Fictitious check/bill/note.

12-10-23 Subject was cited and released after being involved in a rollover traffic collision. Subject later had to be restrained in a wraparound restraint device due to his behavior. Blood was drawn, warrant approved, released from custody with a notice to appear.

12-11-23 Attempted burglary, only a smashed window but nothing taken. \$1 loss. Burglary.

12-11-23 Unknown suspect threw eggs at vehicle. Vandalism. 12-12-23 Storage unit broken into with possible suspect information. \$1 loss. Burglary.

12-14-23Victim's bike was stolen by unknown subject. \$300 loss. Petty theft.

12-14-23Subject cited and released for multiple offenses after a traffic stop on a vehicle with no lights in darkness. Upon further investigation, the driver allegedly had a loaded firearm in the vehicle. Carry loaded firearm in public.

12-15-23 Victim's vehicle was burglarized and vandalized by an unknown subject who also allegedly tried to steal the vehicle. \$1,300 loss. Burglary, Vandalism and Tamper with vehicle.

12-15-23 Call for service where subject was attacked when trying to get his headphones back. \$1 loss. Robbery.

12-15-23 Call for service regarding two subjects matching description of robbery. Located both subjects. One attempted to run from officers Officers located gun in path of the subject that ran. Search of subject and found drugs. Obstruction, Possession of narcotics for sale, Possess controlled substance, Possession of controlled substance while armed w loaded firearm, Carry loaded firearm/prohibited class, Carry loaded firearm in public under special circumstances.

12-16-23 Vehicle's window broken and items taken. \$17 loss. Burglary.

12-17-23 Building was broken into and a forklift was stolen. \$30,000 loss. Burglary.

12-17-23 Vandalism of vehicle front passenger window. \$400 loss. Vandalism.

12-18-23 Vehicle was broken into and bikes as well as some tools were stolen off a balcony. \$3,600 loss. Burglary and Grand theft.

12-18-23 Vandalism of vehicle gas tank. \$6,000 loss. Vandalism.

12-19-23 Suspect was allegedly observed driving a vehicle that the license plate did not match the VIN. Suspect walked away from vehicle but was found down the street. Suspect was found to have a felony warrant for stolen vehicle, is on probation for felony evading and has a suspended license. A check of the VIN revealed the vehicle was reported stolen. \$7,000 loss. Possession of stolen vehicle and Driving on a suspended license.

12-19-23 Subject was positively identified as the suspect entering a residence without the homeowner's consent, taking their car keys and allegedly stealing their vehicle. \$8,000 loss. Take vehicle without owner's consent, Robbery:First degree, Possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

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Sen. Dodd Urges Support for AI Privacy Regulation

Office of Senator
Bill Dodd

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, issued the following statement on Nov. 28, 2023, on a proposal from the California Privacy Protection Agency that would protect consumers interacting with automated decision-making technology, including providing an opt-out provision to prevent the collection of their personal data.

"This is an important step toward protecting data privacy and the unwanted use of AI," said Sen. Dodd. "Maintaining human choice is critical as this technology evolves with the prospect for so much good but also the potential for abuse. The state privacy agency board and executive director Ashkan Soltani deserve a lot of credit for getting the ball

rolling on this and ensuring California leads the way on innovative consumer protections."

California Privacy Protection Agency this week announced draft regulations on how the new privacy protections that Californians voted for in 2020 could be implemented. The proposed regulations address automated decision-making consumers would encounter when buying products, applying for jobs and seeking medical care, among other things. It would give them the option of declining to share their data. This would include use of facial-recognition software. The first hearing on the proposal is Dec. 8.

"Automated decision-making technologies and artificial intelligence have the potential to transform key aspects of our lives. We're proud that

California is meeting the moment by giving consumers more control over these technologies," said Ashkan Soltani, California Privacy Protection Agency's executive director. "We thank staff and the new rules subcommittee for their incredible work on the draft regulations and look forward to receiving additional input from the Agency Board and the public as we move through the appropriate process."

Link to CPPA press release: <https://cppa.ca.gov/announcements/2023/20231127.html>

Senator Bill Dodd represents the 3rd Senate District, which includes all or portions of Napa, Yolo, Sonoma, Solano, Sacramento and Contra Costa counties. More information on Senator Bill Dodd can be found at www.senate.ca.gov/dodd. ★

Hilarity Abounds Onstage!



The cast of characters in the Broadway play *The Play That Goes Wrong* is replete with mishaps, mischief, and madcap mania. Photo courtesy of KLJ Studios

Woodland Opera House News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Kevin & Lorie Haarberg and Roger and Judy Kohlmeier present *The Play That Goes Wrong* at the Woodland Opera House, January 19, 2024 through February 4, 2024.

Get ready for a night of mishaps, mischief, and madcap mania! It's the opening night of the Cornley Drama Society's newest production, "The Murder at Haversham Manor," and things have quickly gone from bad to utterly disastrous! The troupe's ambitious 1920s whodunit has everything you never want in a show: falling props, collapsing scenery, an unconscious

leading lady, a corpse that can't play dead, and actors who trip over everything... including their lines. How will this eager ensemble battle against all of the disastrous odds? Will they make it to the final curtain call?

Presented by arrangement with Dramatists Play Service under license from Mischief Worldwide Ltd. The Mischief Production of *THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG* was originally produced on the West End Stage by Kenny Wax & Stage Presence and on Broadway by Kevin McCollum, J.J. Abrams, Kenny Wax & Stage Presence.

Content Advisory:

The Play That Goes Wrong is a fun, play-within-a-play whodunit with

comedic simulations, innuendo, and includes fighting and gun use. It is suitable for all audiences, including children ages 10 and older.

An international hit that's equal parts Monty Python and Sherlock Holmes – *The Play That Goes Wrong* is full of hilarious perfection.

Ticket Prices

Reserved seats are \$30 for adults, \$28 for seniors 62+, and \$15 for children 17 and under. Balcony tickets are \$18 for adults and \$9 for children. Flex Pass specials and group rates are available.

Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. at Woodland Opera House, located at 340 Second Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

Sand and Bags Available at the Port of West Sacramento



With rain expected through this week, West Sacramento's Public Works department is making sandbags available for residents and businesses at the Port of West Sacramento entrance, 2895 Industrial Blvd. Bags can be picked up at the guard shack and residents are advised to bring their own shovels.

To report minor flooding, clogged storm drains, or downed trees, please call Public Works at (916) 617-4850. Visit the City's Emergency Preparedness page for more information and resources: wsac.city/emergencypreparedness. Photo courtesy of City of West Sacramento

Yolo County is Working to Keep Roads Safe This Season

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Yolo County residents died from transportation-related injuries in 2021 alone. Although it can be tempting in our busy lives to multi-task, sending or reading that text message is just not worth the risk of death to yourself or others."

"Motor vehicle crashes are one of the largest causes of death and injuries across our nation. I am proud of the work that county staff have put into secure funding for multiple programs to combat this issue in a multipronged manner. Over the holiday season, it is more important than ever to remain safe and vigilant on the roads, no matter how you choose to travel," added Yolo County Supervisor Jim Provenza.

The hardworking crews of Public Works urge residents to prioritize road safety and promptly report any road maintenance issues through the online

portal at www.YoloCounty.org/RoadMaintenance. The portal also provides contact information for road maintenance requests within the incorporated cities of Yolo County. For updates on road closures during significant storm events in the county, please visit www.YoloCounty.org/RoadClosures.

As part of the \$491,185 in awards to the Health and Human Services Agency, its staff will implement a comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program. This funding, awarded by OTS, will support various initiatives through September 2024, including community audits, youth bicycle training courses, helmet inspections, distribution of helmets to those in need, and community education presentations. In addition to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program, OTS is supporting Yolo County in enhancing safety

through education and training programs.

"Everyone deserves a safe environment to travel, regardless of how people get to places," OTS Director Barbara Rooney said. "The safety of people walking and biking on our roads is a high priority. Education plays a pivotal role in creating a strong road safety culture that prioritizes traffic safety, especially for our most vulnerable road users."

Residents are encouraged to contact Traffic.Safety@YoloCounty.org for more information on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program and Yolo.CarSeats@YoloCounty.org for details on the Child Passenger Safety Education Program. For general resource information, residents can call Yolo 2-1-1 and follow Yolo County on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/YoloCounty. ★

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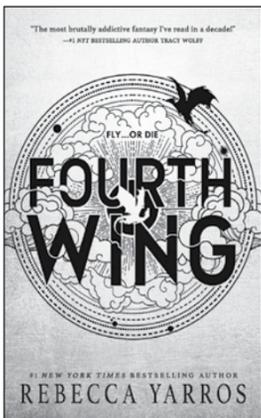
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The Top Adult Fantasy Book of 2023

Fourth Wing by Rebecca Yarros;
Red Tower Books

This year, the adult fantasy series on everyone's radar was the NYT Bestselling book, *Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros. Rebecca Yarros combines the winning elements of high fantasy, life-or-death battles, and fire-breathing dragons with the beloved romance tropes of enemies to lovers, giving new meaning to a spark of romance. Readers lined up around bookstores nationwide, flocked into Walmart, Target, and any reseller of books, hoping to get their hands on one of the coveted first editions with sprayed edges.

A little more about the book: Violet Sorrengail thought she knew her destined path. To become a scribe, like her father, living her life safely amongst stacks of books. But when the commanding general, who also happens to be her mother, sends her on another path, Violet quickly realizes that her life hangs in the balance. Sent to join the Riders Quadrant at Basgiath War College Violet will now have to battle her way into being one of Navarre's elite, fighting to the death to survive in order to become an elite dragon rider.



However, it's not just the dragons Violet must fear; with her delicate frame and brittle body, she is an easy target for the other riders, determined to make the cut. Many would kill for her spot, and the dragons would simply kill Violet for her weakness. However, Violet isn't as weak as others may believe; she is strong-minded, quick, cunning, and even a bit dangerous, using how others see her disability to her advantage.

While this story is full of death, adventure, and dragons, there is also Xaden Riorson, whom Violet knows she must avoid at all cost. The devastatingly handsome, Xaden is strong, stoic, stern, and the

leader of *Fourth Wing*. But you can't deny what the heart wants. While death is around every corner, Violet pushes ahead, using her strong mind and individual skills to set her apart. Yet, the pull towards Xaden is not far away.

However, taking a step to the forefront, there is more than competition, romance, and sexual tension; there is a war at the precipice. The kingdom's defenses are failing; and the only explanation is that someone is hiding a terrible secret.

In a story that balances life, death, love, deceit, war, and dragons, there are only two ways out of the Basgiath War College, graduate, or die, and everyone is willing to go to any extreme not to be the latter.

A story that rips out hearts and puts them back again, *The Fourth Wing* is here to stay. With the second book in the series, *Iron Flame*, which released on Nov 7 quickly selling out, and Amazon purchasing the rights for a television show, only proves that fans can't get enough. Which makes this holiday season the perfect time to join to quest of the dragon rider. ★

Social Security Matters

Are Spousal Benefits Always a Factor?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: Both my wife and I have worked our entire lives. When we retire, will we both be entitled to full benefit amount each, or will there always be a spousal factor in there? Also, how are those benefits calculated - based on your highest salaries throughout your career, or your ending salaries when you retire? **Signed: Looking Ahead**

Dear Looking: Prior to retiring from work is a smart time to investigate how Social Security will fit into your golden years. To answer your second question first, each person's personal SS retirement benefit is based on the highest earning 35 years over their entire lifetime, with earlier years adjusted for inflation. The person's Average Indexed Monthly Earnings (AIME) - essentially the person's lifetime average inflation-adjusted monthly earnings amount - is first determined. Using AIME, the person's Primary Insurance Amount (PIA) is calculated using a special benefit formula which

will yield a PIA of about 40% or less of the person's AIME. The PIA is the amount received if benefits start in the month full retirement age or "FRA" is attained (as you can see, Social Security likes acronyms).

Since you and your wife were both born after 1959, FRA for both of you is 67. The age when you claim benefits, relative to your FRA, determines how much you'll get. Claim before FRA and your benefit is reduced; claim after your FRA and your SS retirement benefit will be more (up to age 70 when maximum is reached); claim at your FRA and your benefit will equal your PIA - the full (100%) amount you've earned from a lifetime of working.

Spouse benefits only come into play if the PIA for one of you is less than 50% of the other's PIA. In that case, the spouse with the lower PIA gets a "spousal boost" to their own SS retirement benefit when claimed. The amount of the "spousal boost" will be the difference between the lower PIA and half of the higher PIA, but the amount of the "spousal boost" (as well as the person's own SS retirement amount) will be reduced if benefits are claimed before full retirement age. Any time SS benefits are claimed before full retirement age, those benefits are permanently reduced.

If one spouse is entitled to a "spousal boost" from the other, the spousal amount will reach

maximum at the recipient's full retirement age. Thus, if the lower earning partner's highest benefit will be as a spouse, then that spouse should not wait beyond their FRA to claim. If, instead, the lower earning partner's own SS benefit at age 70 is more than their spousal amount, waiting longer than FRA to claim could be prudent, depending on life expectancy.

So, as you can see, deciding when to claim Social Security benefits should consider many things, including financial need, work status if claiming before FRA, marital status, and life expectancy. But it is your lifetime earnings which determines your SS retirement benefit amount, and it is how your FRA entitlements compare to each other that determines whether spousal benefits will be paid.

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Another was disgust. I realized what I was doing was stupid. I was tired of living that way, and I made a conscious, purposeful decision that things were going to be different.

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One of the things I did to combat this, was to start living on a strict, written, monthly budget. Also, I stopped going places

where I was tempted to spend money. You shouldn't give a drunk a drink, right? So, don't put yourself in a bad situation when it comes to your behavior with money. If you go wandering through the mall without a specific plan, you'll lose every single time.

When you go to the store make a list of only the things you need. On top of that, take only enough cash with you to buy what you need. If you can walk in and back out without buying a bunch of stuff that wasn't on your list, it's a win. Every time you do this, it's another win and another step away from your old habits and in the right direction.

You can do this, Melissa. God bless you.

- 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 Ramsey Solutions ★

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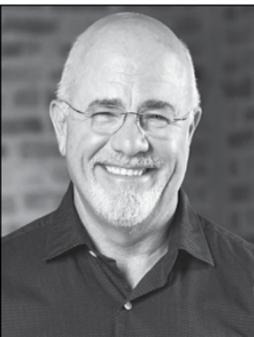
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Dear Dave,

My mom and dad always told me to live within my means. As an adult, I've made some mistakes with money, including falling right back into debt after paying off everything. I'm tired of this rollercoaster, and I want to get control of my finances for good. Can you give me some advice on where to start?

- Melissa

Dear Melissa,

It's frustrating, isn't it? But making mistakes with money means just one thing. It means you're human. We've all done it. Think about this, though. We're approaching a traditional time of the year for changes. On top of that, you're smart enough to have realized what you've done in the past hasn't worked.

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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230967
The following person(s) is doing business as: Vitamin G, 265 Woodhaven Place, West Sacramento, CA 95605
Gianna Flores, 265 Woodhaven Place, West Sacramento, CA 95605. 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 11/14/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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VITAMIN 12-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230984
The following person(s) is doing business as:
1. Alumi-Cover Awning, 2. Westland Distributing, 1500 Overland Court, Suite #110 West Sacramento, CA 95691, County of Yolo Mailing Address: 2450 Enterprise Street Fremont, OH 43420. Style Crest, Inc., 2450 Enterprise Street Fremont, OH 43420 This business is conducted by Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
/s/ Tryone G. Frantz, CFO Treasurer & Secretary Style Crest, Inc. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/21/2023.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: Jramirez, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20231007
The following person(s) is doing business as: Wake Forest, 1313 Wake Forest Drive, Davis, CA 95616.
Shiuh-Wuu Lee GP, 18853 Alendale Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070 and Shiuh-Kai Lee GP, 268 Oak Grove Avenue, Atherton, CA 94027. This business is conducted by A General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 11, 1996.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 12/1/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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WAKE 1-5-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 20230996
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
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S/ Sandra Grouf, Treasurer/Secretary
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Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
Kquam, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230993
The following person(s) is doing business as: Spotless Bookkeeping LLC, 2979 Spruce Way, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Spotless Bookkeeping LLC, 2979 Spruce Way, 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 October 1, 2018. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/27/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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SPOTLESS 1-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230921
The following person(s) is doing business as: EZ Kidz Equipment Rentals, 3248 San Vicente Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Robert Louis Matthews II and Shelby Ann Matthews, 3248 San Vicente Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 10/31/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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EZKIDZ 1-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20231020
The following person(s) is doing business as: DC Plumbing, 2467 Bear River Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
Dmitry Chuguy, 2467 Bear River Court, 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 12/8/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20231032
The following person(s) is doing business as: Mi Querido Michoacan, 1235 Harbor Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691
Juan Ramon Chagollan, 2598 Myers Ranch Lane, 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 December 11, 2023.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 12/11/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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MICHOACAN 1-19-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20231070
The following person(s) is doing business as: Moreno Your Cleaning Company, 800 Douglas Street, West Sacramento, CA 95605.
Cindy Nohemi Moreno Rivera, 800 Douglas Street, West Sacramento, CA 95605. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on December 20, 2023.

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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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MORENO 1-19-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230954
The following person(s) is doing business as: A&V Motors/ A and V/CityGrafix Wraps Motors, 1982 Enterprise Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
City Grafix Wraps, LLC, 1982 Enterprise Boulevard, 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 October 17, 2023.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 11/9/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 20231060
The following person(s) is doing business as:
Novonesis US, Inc., 1445 Drew Avenue, Davis, CA 95618, County of Yolo.
Novozymes US, Inc., 1445 Drew Avenue, Davis, CA 95618 This business is conducted by Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on December 13, 2023

/s/ Charles Shapiro, Secretary Novozymes US, Inc
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 12/19/2023.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: mvera, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20231042
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S/ RAFAEL GUERRERO, PRESIDENT

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Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
KQUAM, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 20231057
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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Blankinship & Associates, Inc. S/ Michael Blankinship, President,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 12/11/2023.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
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/S/ Charles Shapiro, Secretary Novozymes, Inc.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 20231058

The Following Person(S) Is Doing Business As:
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Mailing Address: 3101 West Custer Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53209

Novozymes Bioag, Inc., 1445 Drew Avenue, Davis, Ca 95618 This Business Is Conducted by Corporation.
The Registrant Commenced to Transact Business Under the Fictitious Business Name or Names Listed Above on December 13, 2023

/S/ Charles Shapiro, Secretary Novozymes Bioag, Inc.
This Statement Was Filed with The County Clerk of Yolo County On 12/19/2023.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder

By: Melisa Vera, Deputy
Publish: 12/29/23, 1/5, 1/12, 1/19/24
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20231033

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Blankinship, a Bowman Company, 1615 5th Street, Suite A, Davis, CA 95616 County of YOLO Mailing Address: 12355 Sunrise Valley Dr., Suite 520 Reston, VA 20191
Blankinship & Associates, Inc., 1615 5th Street, Suite A, Davis, CA 95616 This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/12/2000.
Blankinship & Associates, Inc. S/ Michael Blankinship, President,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 12/11/2023.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
KQuam Deputy
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LIEN SALE

Riverbank Marina (Derrick Marine) 370 Maple Street, West Sacramento, 01-09-2024@ 11:00am CA
COBALT HIN# FGE2T108C292
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2023-2325

Rosa Maria Garcia has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Rosa Maria Garcia to Rosa Maria Galvan.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 9, 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: November 27, 2023
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023
GARCIA 12-29-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
ROBERT AIELLO JR.
CASE NO. PR2023-0301

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ROBERT AIELLO JR.. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by TAMMIE AIELLO in the Superior Court of California, County of YOLO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that TAMMIE AIELLO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or 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: 01/26/24 at 9:00AM in Dept. TBD located at 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 decedent, 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 a person 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.

Attorney for Petitioner
JOHN J. PUGH - SBN 122719
655 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, #100
SACRAMENTO CA 95825
Telephone (916) 927-1800
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(UCC SEC. 6105)
ESCROW NO. 15032L

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the seller(s) are: CREIGHTON ENTERPRISES, INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 4805 LAGUNA BLVD, ELK GROVE, CA 95758

Whose chief executive office is: P.O. BOX 833, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691
Doing Business as: LITTLE CEASARS (Type - FRANCHISE PIZZA RESTAURANT)
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: NONE

The name(s) and address of the buyer(s) is/are: AP FOODS INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 337 TURNBRIDGE ST, VACAVILLE, CA 95687
The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL and are located at: 4805 LAGUNA BLVD, ELK GROVE, CA 95758

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the anticipated sale date is JANUARY 18, 2024
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: CAPITOL CITY ESCROW, INC., 3838 WATT AVENUE, SUITE F-610 SACRAMENTO, CA 95821-2665 and the last date for filing claims by any creditor shall be JANUARY 17, 2024, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
Dated: NOVEMBER 29, 2023
AP FOODS INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, Buyer(s)
2042778-C-PP
NEWS LEDGER 12/29/23

TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 0000009860594 Title Order No.: 230341582 FHA/VA/PMI No.: 049-1136318-703-203B YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/31/2019. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 11/04/2019 as Official Record No. 2019-0027818-00 of Instrument records in the office of the County Recorder of YOLO County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: IGNACIO MILLER SR, AN UNMARRIED MAN, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 01/26/2024 TIME OF SALE: 12:45 PM PLACE OF SALE: AT THE REAR (NORTH) ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST

SACRAMENTO, CA 95691. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 4027 PROSSER STREET, WEST SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95691 APN#: 072-366-006-000 FKA 045-270-010-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$458,561.12. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 833-561-0243 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site WWW.SALES.BDFGROUP.COM for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 0000009860594. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder", you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 833-561-0243, or visit this internet website WWW.SALES.BDFGROUP.COM using the file number assigned to this case 0000009860594 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder", you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: 833-561-0243 WWW.SALES.BDFGROUP.COM BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP as Trustee 3990 E. Concourse Street, Suite 350 Ontario, CA 91764 (866) 795-1852. Dated: 12/18/2023 A-4804766 WEST SACRAMENTO NEWS LEDGER 12/29/2023,

01/05/2024, 01/12/2024
WEST SAC NEWS LEDGER 1-12-23

T.S. No. 107385-CA APN: 014-291-008-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 4/19/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 2/8/2024 at 12:45 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 4/25/2007 as Instrument No. 2007-0015138-00 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: ROSE LYNN DIAZ, A MARRIED WOMAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; OUTSIDE THE REAR (NORTH) ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL 1110 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: LOT 116, AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF ELKHORN VILLAGE UNIT NO. 7, FILED ON MAY 22, 1957, IN BOOK 5 OF MAPS, AT PAGE 47, YOLO COUNTY RECORDS. EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL MINERALS, OIL, GAS AND OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES, WITHIN OR UNDERLYING THE LAND BELOW A DEPTH OF FIVE HUNDRED (500) FEET FROM THE SURFACE OF SAID LOTS, WHETHER NOW KNOWN TO EXIST OR HEREAFTER DISCOVERED. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1037 FREMONT BLVD, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$183,028.76 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 107385-CA. Information about postponements that are



Riley Reviews

“MAY DECEMBER” EXPLORES A SEX SCANDAL; “ARCHIE” ON BRITBOX

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

“ANYONE BUT YOU” RATED R

Hardly a novel idea emanates from the romantic comedy tropes that turn “Anyone But You” into an artificial reimagining of Shakespeare’s “Much Ado About Nothing” where wit and banter have much to do with romantic deception, intrigue and trickery.

Nor is anyone going to think about one of the all-time greats of this genre in 1934’s “It Happened One Night,” a screwball romantic comedy in which Claudette Colbert’s married socialite falls for Clark Gable’s recently fired newspaper reporter.

The mismatched lovers in “Anyone But You” are Glen Powell’s Ben, a finance guy, and Sydney Sweeney’s Bea, a law school student who’s

ambivalent at best about a career path of a lawyer.

On a superficial level, Powell (“Top Gun: Maverick”) and Sweeney (TV’s “Euphoria”) are the type of photogenic beautiful people with a screen presence that practically screams for attention.

They first meet in a most serendipitous way at an upscale coffee shop thanks to the snippy attitude of a barista who won’t let frantic Bea use the bathroom without first having made a purchase.

Standing in a long line is Ben, who comes to the rescue by pretending to be Bea’s husband. This is followed by an amusing malfunction in the restroom, leading to a return to Ben’s place for grilled cheese sandwiches and a night spent together.

While the pair fall asleep on the couch fully clothed, the next morning

Bea slips away without so much as a goodbye. Ben’s best friend Pete (GaTa) shows up and the jilted Ben makes disparaging remarks about his date that Bea happens to overhear after she decides to return moments later.

What should have been the start of a relationship turns sour with misunderstanding by both parties. Six months later, the two meet again at a bar under awkward circumstances, not knowing they would soon be linked to an upcoming wedding.

Pete’s sister Claudia (Alexandra Shipp) is marrying Bea’s sister Halle (Hadley Robinson). The wedding is going to take place at the exotically beautiful locale of a beachfront estate in Sydney, Australia.

The fun begins when Ben and Bea are stuck on the same long plane ride to Australia.

They can’t resist sniping at each other, the result being that their banter takes a rancorous tone with no sign of abating.

The Shakespearean twist takes hold at the gathering of friends and family in Australia. Everyone comes to the conclusion that they are former lovers who can’t abide each other. A scheme begins to get them back together so that the wedding won’t be marred by their acrimony.

Bea’s parents Leo (Dermot Mulroney) and Innis (Rachel Griffiths) add some fuel to the fire by inviting Bea’s ex-boyfriend Jonathan (Darren Barnet) to the wedding, hoping to rekindle the relationship.

However, Ben and Bea decide to play along as a couple so that her parents will stop meddling, and then Ben’s former flame Margaret (Charlee Fraser) happens to be part of the wedding party. Margaret’s presence just adds another complication on the jealousy side.

There are some humorous moments to enjoy. A better one might

be how the younger guests on a hike pay attention to a cute koala bear in a tree while ignoring Ben stripping naked as he yanks off all his clothes when a tarantula ends up in his shorts.

The failing of “Anyone But You,” regardless of its gorgeous setting, is that Ben and Bea arguably lack the convincing chemistry to seal the deal for true romance. With the glistening beauty of Sydney and its beaches on display, the winner here is the local tourism board.

“THE CURIOUS CASE OF NATALIA GRACE: NATALIA SPEAKS” ON ID TV

Earlier this year, ID TV’s documentary “The Curious Case of Natalia Grace” was a stranger-than-fiction series that explored the question of whether Natalia Grace Barnett was an exploited Ukrainian adopted child with dwarfism or a dangerous adult masquerading as an adolescent.

This real-life story mirrored the horror film “Orphan” in which a couple trying to rebuild their marriage after the loss of their baby decide to

adopt a child who turns out to be a psychopath with dwarfism and mysterious past.

Beginning on January 1st, “The Curious Case of Natalia Grace: Natalia Grace” retraces her adoption saga and the Barnett family’s allegations about her real age when she was adopted.

The series will showcase an emotional sit-down between Natalia and adoptive father Michael Barnett as they come to terms with the accusations that have been thrown around in both directions.

“Natalia Speaks” may offer insight into what really went on behind closed doors in the Barnetts’ home and how much truth there actually is to their claim Natalia was not a six-year-old Ukrainian orphan with a rare genetic disorder, but rather a homicidal adult intent on harming them.

Previously unseen evidence and footage, as well as new theories and testimony from an array of voices, including the FBI agents who investigated the case, will shed light on the case. ★

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TRUSTEE SALE

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Self-storage Cube contents of the following customers containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by **CubeSmart Asset Management, LLC** as Agent for Owner 541 Harbor Blvd. West Sacramento Ca, 95691 to satisfy a lien on January 11, 2024 at approx. 12:00PM at www.storagetreasures.com: Joshua Joseph, JEWELL WILKINS, John Taylor, Aicha Fousshi-Fischel, Shonika Williams, Lisa Overstreet, Corazon Fernandez, Aileen Tavernia, Michelle Lee, Aileen Tavernia West Sac News Ledger 12-29-23 and 1-5-2024

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

January 17, 2024

Pursuant to Government Code Section 66018, the West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday January 17, 2024, at the West Sacramento Civic Center, City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the item(s) listed below.

Members of the public are welcome to watch the meeting Livestream (<https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/meetings-agendas/city-council>), or on Astound Broadband Channel 20 and to submit comments in writing by 4:00 PM on January 17, 2024.

Any interested person or authorized agent may appear and be heard. To submit a comment in writing, please email clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org and write “Public Comment” in the subject line. In the body of the email, include the item number and/or title of the item as well as your comments. All comments received by 4:00 PM will be provided to the City Council. The comments submitted shall become part of the record of the meeting.

7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing Regarding General Plan Mobility Element Update and Related Amendments to the Bridge District Specific Plan (Laffey)

This item is a public hearing regarding proposed amendments to the General Plan Mobility Element and related updates to the Bridge District Specific Plan. Updates to the Mobility Element Circulation Diagram and policies and implementation programs are proposed to better reflect the City’s goals. The Bridge District Specific Plan transportation circulation diagrams are also being updated to be consistent with the General Plan changes. The City has completed a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the proposed amendments pursuant to §15163 of the CEQA Guidelines. The City Council will consider Resolution 23-75 and Ordinance 24-2 to effectuate the recommended amendments and certify the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, adopt the Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan.

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David W. Tilley, Principal Planner

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PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing Regarding Blackpine 440 West, LLC Development Agreement and Consideration of Resolution 23-5PC (Yancey)

This item is a public hearing regarding the consideration of a Development Agreement between the City and BlackPine 440 LLC (“Developer”). The Developer is the owner of approximately ±7.4 gross acres of property zoned Residential (R-3) within the Washington Specific Plan area. The proposed Development Agreement would vest the Developer in the current reduced impact fee program in the Washington District that was adopted by the City Council via Resolution 22-84 on September 22, 2022, for a period of five years from the effective date of the Development Agreement with a possible two-year extension. The Developer will be committed by the Development Agreement to construct a ±0.43-acre neighborhood park within twenty-four months from the effective date of the Development Agreement. This park is referenced as the Heritage Green Pocket Park in the adopted 2018 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. The Developer will also be entering into an Option Agreement to sell the land to the City with the park improvements for a set price in the future after the park is complete. In addition, the Developer will be obligating themselves to participate in a mechanism to fund the future operation and maintenance of the public park. On November 16, 2016, the City Council certified the General Plan 2035 Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The EIR was prepared specifically to allow maximum streamlined review of subsequent projects that are found to be consistent with General Plan 2035 in terms of land use, density, etc. Staff prepared a technical memorandum in order to fully analyze any potential impacts associated with the Four 40 West project that would be beyond what was contained in the EIR. Based on the analysis presented in the technical memorandum, the proposed project is within the scope of the EIR prepared for the General Plan 2035, and no new or substantially more adverse impacts would occur through implementation of the proposed project. As a result, no new environmental document is required, consistent with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 and 15168(c)(2). Applicant/Owner: BlackPine 440 LLC, 8880 Cal Center Drive, Suite 350, Sacramento, CA 95826.

2. Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Zoning Text Amendments (Berumen)

This item is a public hearing regarding proposed amendments to Title 17 (Zoning) of the Municipal Code. The proposed sections to be amended in the Zoning Code are as follows: Chapter 17.09–Short Term Rentals in Commercial and Mixed-Use Zones; Table 17.09.020– Common Open Space Standards for Multifamily Residential Chapter 17.30.210–Solar Energy Systems; Chapter 17.22.050–Encroachments into Required Setbacks; Chapter 17.22.130– Screening; Table 17.09.020–Commercial and Mixed-Use Zones; Chapter 17.26.050–Non-conforming site improvements; Chapter 17.42.070–Reasonable Accommodations Conditions of Approval; Chapter 17.22.060–Fences, Walls, and Hedges (2) Non-Residential Zones for Electric Fences; Chapter 17.35.130–Zoning Administrator and Director Appeals; Chapter 17.51–Definition of Food and Beverage Sales; Chapter 17.51–Definition of Convenience Market; Chapter 17.51–Definition of Front Yard; Chapter 17.51–Emergency Backup Generators; Chapter 17.51–Smoke Shops and Liquor Stores; and Chapter 17.38–Interim Uses. The proposed amendments to Title 17 are exempt from CEQA review pursuant to §15305 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations) and Class 21(Enforcement Actions by Regulatory Agencies) CEQA exemption of the CEQA Guidelines.

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INVITATION TO BID

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RIVER WALK PARK – GRAND STAIRCASE REPAIR PROJECT

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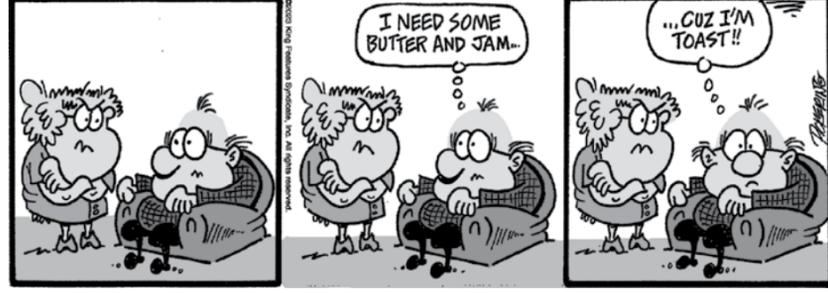
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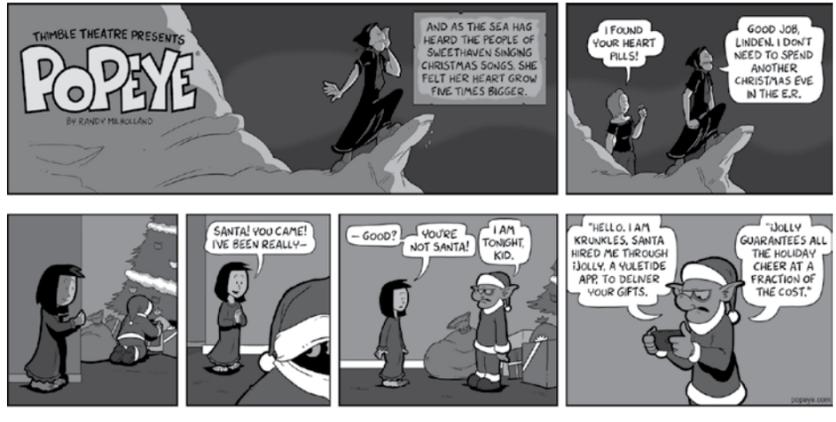
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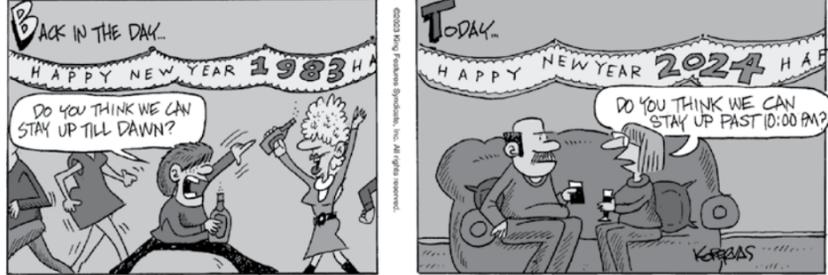


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Fourth Annual Bumble Bee of the Year Contest Begins

By Kathy Keatley Garvey, UC Davis

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Who will spot and photograph the first bumble bee of the year in the two-county area of Yolo and Solano?

The Bohart Museum of Entomology is sponsoring its fourth annual Robbin Thorp Memorial First-Bumble Bee-of-the-Year Contest, which begins at 12:01, Jan. 1, 2024. The first person to photograph a bumble bee in either Yolo or Solano and email it to the sponsor, the Bohart Museum, will receive a coffee cup designed with the endangered Franklin's bumble bee, the bee that Thorp monitored on the California-Oregon border for decades.

Contest coordinator Lynn Kimsey, director of the Bohart Museum, said the image must be taken in the wild and emailed to bmuseum@ucdavis.edu, with the time, date and place.

The contest memorializes Professor Thorp (1933-2019), a global authority on bees and a UC Davis distinguished emeritus professor of entomology, who died June 7, 2019, at age 85. A 30-year member of the UC Davis faculty, he retired in 1994 but continued working until several weeks before his death. Every year he looked forward to seeing the first bumble bee of the year in the area.

The 2023 winner was Ria deGrassi of Davis, who spotted and videoed a black-tailed bumble bee *Bombus melanopygus*, foraging on a ceanothus plant on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 8 in her backyard in Davis.

She recorded the video on her cell phone at 12:32 p.m. to win the third annual contest. See her YouTube video at <http://tinyurl.com/w5n9k6c7/>.

"I was doing clean-up in my backyard after Saturday night's rain and a 50-plus mile-per-hour windstorm," said de Grassi, now an agricultural policy consultant. "The wind had subsided to a breeze by then. As I walked past my Ray Hartman ceanothus—which I purchased from a UC Davis Arboretum plant sale years ago when I did a garden makeover to be pollinator-friendly—I noticed some extra-long ceanothus branches that needed to be pruned, including some with super-early blooming flowers."

"I fumbled to retrieve my cell phone from my pocket to record, just to get in on the fun," said de Grassi. "These bumbles dart around a lot, they don't stay put for photo ops."

De Grassi knew Thorp from her professional work with the California Farm Bureau Federation and from her friendship with bee scientists Timothy Lawrence and Susan Cobey, formerly of UC Davis.

DeGrassi, a former director of federal policy, livestock, animal health and welfare for the California Farm Bureau Federation, credits the storm, the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden and her working relationships with bee scientists, including Thorp, as having a hand in either her find and/or her interest in plants and pollinators.

The three previous winners (2022 was a tie) each photographed a bumble bee in the 100-acre UC Davis Arboretum. Coincidentally, de Grassi bought her prized ceanothus at an Arboretum plant sale.

Postdoctoral researcher Charlie Casey Nicholson of the Neal Williams lab and the Elina Lastró Niño lab, UC Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology, won the 2021 contest by photographing a *B. melanopygus* at 3:10 p.m., Jan. 14 in a manzanita patch in the Arboretum.

UC Davis doctoral candidate Maureen Page of the Neal Williams lab and horticulturist Ellen Zagory, retired director of public horticulture for the Arboretum, tied for first in the 2022 contest by each photographing a bumble bee foraging on manzanita (*Arctostaphylos*) in the Arboretum at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 1.

Page, who now holds a doctorate in entomology, photographed a *B. melanopygus*, while Zagory captured an image of the yellow-faced bumble bee, *Bombus vosnesenskii*.

Thorp, a tireless advocate of pollinator species protection and conservation, co-authored two books in 2014, during his retirement: *Bumble Bees of North America: An Identification Guide* (Princeton University,) and *California Bees and Blooms: A Guide for Gardeners and Naturalists* (Heyday). Every year he looked forward to finding or seeing the first bumble bee in the area.

Thorp co-taught The Bee Course from 2002 to 2019. An



Davis resident Ria deGrassi, shown at the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden, won the 2023 Bumble Bee of the Year contest. She located the bumble bee in her yard on a ceanothus that she purchased from an Arboretum plant sale. Photo courtesy of UC Davis

intensive nine-day workshop affiliated with the American Museum of Natural History and held annually at the Southwestern Research Station, Portal, Ariz., it draws participants from around the world, including conservation biologists, pollination ecologists, and other biologists who want to gain greater knowledge of the systematics and biology of bees.

For years, Thorp monitored Franklin's bumble bee, found only in a small range in Southern Oregon and Northern California, and now feared extinct. He last spotted it in 2006.

The bumble bee contest originated in 2012 with the "Bombus posse" of Thorp, Allan Jones, Gary Zamzow, Kim Chacon and Kathy Keatley Garvey, who engaged in a friendly contest to see who could find the first bumble bee of the year in the two-county area. The first bumble bee to emerge in the area is usually the black-tailed bumble bee, *B. melanopygus*, according to Thorp. Another early bumble bee is the yellow-faced bumble bee, *B. vosnesenskii*. ★

Who Will Win the Beer-for-a-Butterfly Contest?



A cabbage white butterfly, *Pieris rapae*, nectaring on catmint.

Story and photos by Kathy Keatley Garvey

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Butterfly guru Art Shapiro, UC Davis distinguished professor emeritus, Department of Evolution and Ecology, is retired, but not from his research and not from sponsoring the annual "Beer-for-a-Butterfly" contest, in which the person who collects the first live cabbage white butterfly of the year in the three-county area of Yolo, Sacramento and Solano, wins a beer.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2024, Shapiro will be collaborating with the Bohart Museum of Entomology, the "dropping off point," for the *Pieris rapae* entries. Bohart Curator and Collections Manager Brennen Dyer will be accepting the entries.

Shapiro launched the contest in 1972 as part of his scientific research to determine the first flight of the year in the three-county area. His research involves long-term studies of butterfly life cycles and climate change.

The contest begins at 12:01 a.m., January 1. The prize is either a beer or an equivalent.

Shapiro said *P. rapae* is emerging earlier and earlier as the regional climate has warmed: "Since 1972, the first flight of the

cabbage white butterfly has varied from January 1 to February 22, averaging about January 20."

Shapiro, who maintains a research website at <http://butterfly.ucdavis.edu/>, says the point of the contest "is to get the earliest possible flight date for statistical purposes. The rules require that the animal be captured and brought in alive to be verified. That way no one can falsely claim to have seen one or misidentify something else as a cabbage white."

The contest rules include:

-It must be an adult (no caterpillars or pupae) and be captured outdoors.

-It must be brought in alive to the Bohart Museum of Entomology, located in Room 1124, Academic Surge Building, 455 Crocker Ln., UC Davis campus, during work hours, from 8 a.m. to noon, and from 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. It must include full data (exact time, date and location of the capture) and the contact information of the collector (address, phone number and/or e-mail.) Brennen Dyer will certify that it is alive and refrigerate it. (If it's collected on a weekend or holiday, it can be kept in the refrigerator for a few days — do not freeze it, Shapiro says.)

-Shapiro is the sole judge.

First of 2023. Shapiro spotted the first butterfly of the year in 2023 at 11:22 a.m., February 8, in West Sacramento, Yolo County. He did not collect the butterfly, but recorded it as the first of the year. No one came forth with any other.

February 8 was "the 11th latest first *rapae* day since 1972," Shapiro said, detailing the 10 later finds: Feb. 26, 1972 ("...which is probably too late, since I hadn't yet learned where to look for them first!"); Feb. 22, 1992 ("I fully believe that one."); Feb. 18, 1978 and 1986; Feb. 17, 1979; Feb. 16, 1975; Feb. 14, 1981; Feb. 13, 1983 and 1985; and Feb. 10, 1980. "Note that most of these are from the '80s," he said. "There has indeed been a trend to earlier emergence, though this year is an outlier!"

Shapiro said *P. rapae* inhabits vacant lots, fields and gardens where its host plants, weedy mustards, grow. The male is white. The female is often slightly buffy; the "underside of the hindwing and apex of the forewing may be distinctly yellow and normally have a gray cast," Shapiro said. "The black dots and apical spot on the upperside tend to be faint or even to disappear really early in the

season."

Shapiro, who monitors butterfly populations in the field for more than 200 days of the year, participates in his own contest. He has been defeated only four times, and those were by UC Davis graduate students. Adam Porter won in 1983; Sherri Graves and Rick VanBuskirk each won in the late 1990s; and Jacob Montgomery in 2016. The first three were his own graduate students.

Shapiro nets many of the winners in mustard patches near railroad tracks in West Sacramento, Yolo County.

Recent Beer-for-a-Butterfly Contest statistics:

-2023: Art Shapiro recorded the first butterfly of the year at 11:22 a.m., Feb. 8, in West Sacramento County, Yolo County. He did not collect the specimen and no one came forth with a winner.

-2022: No official contest due to the COVID pandemic, but Shapiro recorded his first-of-the-year *P. rapae* at 1:25 p.m. on Jan. 19, in West Sacramento, Yolo County.

-2021: No official contest due to the COVID pandemic, but Shapiro collected his first-of-the-year at 1:55 p.m., Jan. 16, on the UC Davis campus, Yolo County.

-2020: Technically, no winner, as Shapiro did not collect the one he spotted in Winters, Yolo County, at 11:16 a.m. on Jan. 30 at the Putah Creek Nature Park. "It flew back and forth across Putah Creek and then departed the area, flying out of reach above the trees," he noted. He waited around for 90 minutes to see if it would return. It did not.

-2019: Shapiro collected the first cabbage white butterfly near the Suisun Yacht Club, Suisun City, Solano County, at 1:12 p.m., Friday, Jan. 25. "It was the earliest recorded in Suisun City in 47 seasons."

-2018: Art Shapiro collected the winner in West Sacramento.

-2017: Jan. 19: Art Shapiro collected the winner on the UC Davis campus.

-2016: Jan. 16: Jacob Montgomery collected the

winner in west Davis.

-2015: Jan. 26: Shapiro collected the winner in West Sacramento.

-2014: Jan. 14: Shapiro collected the winner in West Sacramento.

-2013: Jan. 21: Shapiro collected the winner in West Sacramento.

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-2011: Jan. 31: Shapiro collected the winner in Suisun.

-2010: Jan. 27: Shapiro collected the winner in West Sacramento.

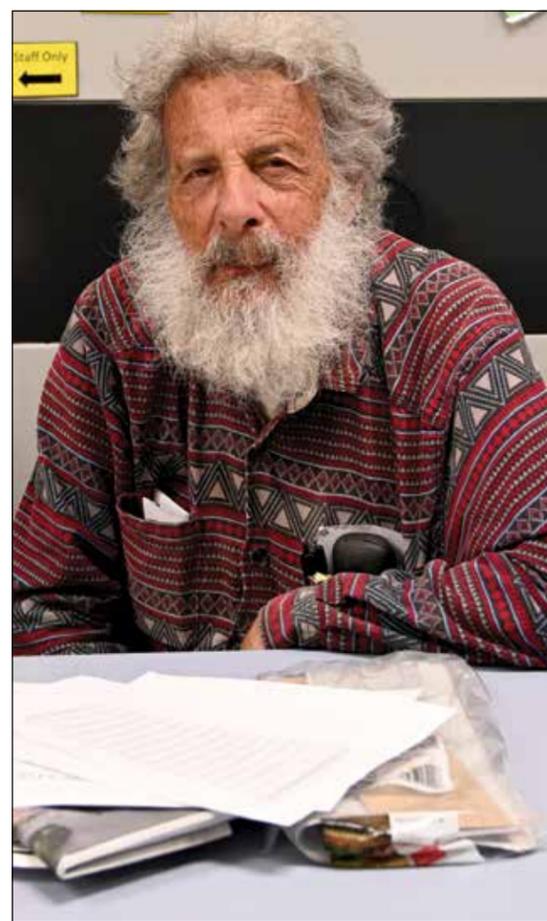
A fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Royal Entomological Society and the California Academy of Sciences, Shapiro is the author of *A Field Guide to Butterflies of the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento Valley Regions*, illustrated by Tim Manolis and published in 2007 by the University of California Press.

Collaborating with Shapiro on butterfly research projects is Foundation Professor Matthew Forister, the Trevor J. McMinn

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The Bohart Museum of Entomology is directed by UC Davis distinguished professor Lynn Kimsey. Entomologist Jeff Smith curates the Lepidoptera collection, a global collection of some 500,000 moths and butterflies. ★



UC Davis Distinguished Professor Emeritus Art Shapiro.