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## Sandhu Picked as Galt Mayor

City Council Selects Paul Sandhu, Rich Lozano for Mayor, Vice Mayor



Paul Sandhu Herald file photos

By Matthew Malone  
News Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - Three years after his first term as mayor, Paul Sandhu will once again lead Galt City Council. At its Dec. 5 meeting, Council chose Sandhu and Rich Lozano to serve as mayor and vice mayor, respectively, in the coming year. The

two last held the positions in 2020.

The meeting also included discussions of Walker Community Park upgrades and plastic waste at the Galt Market.

### Sandhu Chosen as Mayor

While council members are elected by voters, it is up to council



Rich Lozano

members to select two of their number as mayor and vice mayor.

During voting for mayor, Council Member Kevin Papineau nominated Vandenburg, while Vandenburg nominated Sandhu. The nomination for Vandenburg failed on a 2-3 vote, with Vandenburg among the no votes. He later

explained that life changes have made continuing as mayor impractical.

Sandhu was elected 4-1, with Papineau opposed.

For vice mayor, Sandhu nominated Vandenburg, and Council Member Shawn Farmer nominated Lozano. *Continued on Page 3*

## City Manager Hines Announces Resignation



Lorenzo Hines. Herald file photo

By Matthew Malone  
News Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - Galt City Manager Lorenzo Hines Jr. has announced his resignation. He has served as city manager since Aug. 31, 2020. In a written statement sent to city staff and media, Hines said his final day will be Feb. 2, 2024. Hines' statement did not give a reason for his departure.

As Galt's chief executive, the city manager is responsible for implementing the policy decisions of Galt City Council and overseeing the work of the city's departments, including finance, public works and police.

In the statement, Hines noted accomplishments during his tenure, including the passage of the Measure Q sales tax, which has boosted the city's parks and recreation budget; the monthly Saturday Market on Fourth Street; and the implementation of various technologies at Galt Police Department, such as drones, license-plate readers and body-worn cameras.

He also highlighted outreach measures like the city's newsletter, the redesign of the city website and his "First Thursdays with the City Manager" program. He called improvements in the Finance Department "especially close to my heart."

"I am grateful to the prior and current City Councils for giving me the opportunity to serve the residents of Galt. To the City team, thank you for your support of my leadership; it was an honor serving as your City Manager. I wish the City staff, Council and community of Galt the very best in the future," Hines concluded.

Hines joined the city in the thick of the COVID-19 pandemic, replacing interim City Manager Tom Haglund. Hines had previously served as the *Continued on Page 5*

## Lighting of the Night Shines Bright



A Girl Scouts float dusts Fourth Street with snow during the Lighting of the Night Parade. Photos by Matthew Malone

By Matthew Malone  
News Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - The holiday spirit swept into Galt on Dec. 2, carried on the dozens of floats that made up this year's Lighting of the Night Parade. The annual tradition drew

countless people to crowd along the parade route, waiting to catch a glimpse of Santa Claus and cheer on their favorite community groups. At City Hall, Galt City Council members flipped a giant switch to light *Continued on Page 2*



Galt 4-H marches in Lighting of the Night.

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# Lighting of the Night Shines Bright

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Galt's community Christmas tree. With the addition of a Holiday Market on the Fourth Street Promenade, attendees could look forward to browsing vendors once all the floats had passed.

The rest of the promenade was turned into a winter wonderland, with the ice rink, which will remain open seven days a week through Jan. 7, and a snow machine. Christmas trees decorated by local organizations and schools adorned another area. ★

This year's parade had 58 entries, a few more than last year, Parks and Recreation Director Armando Solis told the Herald. He was happy that the tree lighting went off without a hitch, and he credited Special Events Manager Jackie Garcia for her "great job" in organizing the event.

"It's really busy down here (near City Hall), and it's super busy down on Fourth Street, so that means there's going to be a ton of people here this year," Solis said. "So I'm really excited about that." ★



Council Members Shawn Farmer, Rich Lozano, Paul Sandhu and Jay Vandenburg pose for a photo after lighting the city Christmas tree.



Kids gather to get treats along the parade route.



Oak View 4-H members wave as they travel the parade route.



Veterans of Galt's float



A young Santa waves to paradegoers.



The Galt community Christmas tree shines outside of City Hall on Dec. 2.



A festively decorated tractor travels along Fourth Street.



Lighting of the Night attendees view the Christmas trees decorated by local organizations.



'The Guild Street Gang' created a Mario Bros. float for Lighting of the Night.



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Vandenburg's nomination again failed to win a majority, and Lozano was subsequently selected by a unanimous vote.

Sandhu thanked Vandenburg for his "excellent job" serving as mayor. Sandhu also voiced appreciation for being chosen to succeed him.

"I feel honored that all my colleagues, they support me as mayor for one term, and I certainly will give everybody — staff, council colleagues and citizens — my 100%," Sandhu said.

## Walker Park Funding

Responding to a previous request from Council, City Manager Lorenzo Hines Jr. presented a set of options for funding the Walker Community Park Master Plan. The multiphase concept could ultimately add three baseball fields, two softball fields and other recreation amenities to the site.

Initial work has started on Phase 2, with prep work for the baseball diamonds, but the source of funding for the full phase hasn't been decided yet. The baseball diamonds are expected to cost \$5.2 million, and the rest of Phase 2 is estimated at \$6.9 million.

The options that Hines presented were as follows: Save \$1 million in Measure Q funds per year, use up to \$1 million per year from the sales tax to fund a bond issue, or borrow money from the city's own funds. Called an "interfund loan," the third option is not generally used and should be done with care if it involves a fund supported by ratepayers, Hines said.

Additionally, Hines said, the city learned the day before the meeting that the state Department of Parks and Recreation has awarded it a \$2.65 million grant for the improvements. The options did not account for the additional money, which requires the city to come up with equivalent funding.

Discussion among council members included potential upgrades for the Littleton Community Center, another likely item for Measure Q spending.

Farmer supported dipping into the city's general fund reserve rather than issuing bonds, and said the grant plus the city's match would cover the

baseball field cost. He also pointed out that Council has already committed a large portion of Measure Q funds to ongoing costs, saying it seems "rash" to commit so much money so early.

Lozano and Papineau said they are not completely opposed to bonds, but Lozano asked for more options while Papineau said the city should limit borrowing.

On the Littleton, the council members favored repairing the existing space rather than replacing it.

Hines said city staff would look into using the general fund reserves.

Council did not make a final decision on funding during the item.

## Plastic Bags at Galt Market

Discussing how to reduce plastic waste left behind after Galt Market days, Council agreed to test an additional cleanup by city staff, but some members voiced support in the long term for a policy change.

In a presentation, Special Events Manager Jackie Garcia said plastic waste has been found on neighboring trees and private properties.

She said a survey of 214 market vendors found that 84% were using plastic bags.

Garcia recommended creating a "bring your own bag" educational campaign. She said that surveyed vendors voiced concerns about cost or frustrations if the campaign were implemented; respondents also spoke about the chance to promote cleanliness and recycling.

Comparable flea markets in the area do not have policies on plastic bags, Garcia said, though at one, only produce vendors use plastic bags, and another does not provide tote bags to patrons. The Galt Market does provide tote bags.

Parks and Recreation Director Armando Solis told council members that market staff have taken steps to make trash cans more accessible. He suggested having staff do an additional clean up around the market in the morning, to see what impact it has. Council supported this by consensus; Farmer, though he supported the idea, said he wanted a policy change in the long term. ★

# Galt FFA Thanks Steak and Oyster Dinner Attendees



The members of Galt FFA gather for a photo at the Steak & Oyster Dinner on Nov. 4. Photo courtesy of Galt FFA

By Hayden Balukoff  
Reporter, Galt FFA

GALT, CA (MPG) - Coretta Scott King says, "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." Year after year, this community steps up to support the Galt FFA Chapter in a variety of ways. Every year, the support this community shows at our annual Steak & Oyster Dinner leaves us speechless.

On behalf of all the members of Galt FFA, thank you! Whether you were a sponsor, made a donation to the auction, purchased an auction item, bought raffle tickets or were a dinner attendee for the 2023 Galt FFA Steak & Oyster Dinner, you played a role in the success of this event.

Your support helps fund supplies for students' livestock projects, ag wear for students, personal FFA jackets for students,

Warrior Grown supplies, Career Development Event team registration for 16-plus field days each year, hotels and meals for field days, and leadership conference scholarships. Our program prides itself in being able to make all opportunities accessible to all students, and we would not be able to do that without the continued generosity and support of our amazing community. ★

# Beautification Awards Home of the Month

By Matthew Malone  
News Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Beautification Committee has awarded Brian and Lisa King's residence on Mallard Drive as Home of the Month. The committee said the Kings have completely transformed their front and back yards with low-maintenance landscaping.

Galt residents are invited to "nominate your neighbor" for a well-maintained home or home improvement project. Send an email with pictures and why you are nominating your neighbor to [planningdivision@cityofgalt.org](mailto:planningdivision@cityofgalt.org). ★



Brian and Lisa King (third and fourth from right) receive their Home of the Month certificate from Galt Beautification Committee Members Kandi Del Grande, Amy Sandhu, Paige Lampson and Gale Webber, along with Del Grande's daughter Allison. Photo courtesy of Beautification Committee

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She was born June 18th, 1935 in Santa Monica California.

Beloved Mother, Daughter, Wife, Aunt, Sister, MIL, Cousin & Loving Friend to many.

She retired from the United States Navy in 1976 at the rank of Commander, after having served 23 years of active duty service as a Navy Nurse, being both a Korean and Vietnam Veteran. She served from 1968-1969 in Vietnam aboard the USS Repose (AH-16).

She later served as a school district aid & school nurse and ended her 6



decade long career in nursing as a hospice care nurse.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Archie & Louise, her husband, John, sisters, Helen & Elizabeth, her DIL, Jennifer & her niece, Robin. She is survived by her Son, Bill Shields (Shauna Holliday), Brother, Master Chief Robert Guzman (USN Retired), Sister,

Kathleen Betts Watson and numerous dear friends.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in her name to either your local SPCA as she was a devoted animal lover, Wounded Warrior Project or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. A very special thank you to her lifelong friend Shirley for your love & support over the last year and prior years as well as Jan, Joann & Olivia for their friendship, kindness and loyalty over the years.

Full military ceremonial burial will be on January 19th, 2024 at 1400 at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, CA with a Celebration of Life held immediately after at a local Sacramento Area location TBA.

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# St. Christopher's Youth Learn About Faith at Conference

By Valeria Gutierrez and James Garcia  
Special to the Herald

*Editor's Note: Young members of St. Christopher Catholic Church attended the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis on Nov. 16-18.*

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) 2023 was titled "Fully Alive". "Fully Alive" means to be created in the Image of God. We engaged in programs of workshops, keynote speakers, prayer, worship, social justice projects, music, and celebrating Mass. There were over 13,000 participants, 132 exhibitors, 22 bishops, and 242 priests and deacons. This event is presented by the nonprofit organization of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (nfcym.org). Their purpose is to foster the development of the youth ministry within the Catholic Church. The main-stage music artist for NCYC was King & Country.

The theme "Fully Alive" is based on Genesis 1:23-26 ("God created mankind in his image; in the image of God, he created them.") and John 10:10 ("I came do that they might have life and have it more abundantly.") This year, those who joined this spiritual pilgrimage were youths Abriana Arteaga, Elis Suarez, James Garcia, Cassandra Valencia and Valeria Gutierrez; and chaperones Father Miguel Silva, Eva Delgado, Enedelia Lopez and Marisela Suarez.

This NCYC was such an experience. Knowing I was able to do this for three years, they were the best three years of my life. I learned something new every year and got closer to God and my faith. This helped me tremendously because before these trips, I was a shy guy, and now I am an outgoing guy. I want to do everything whenever I have a chance. I was able to make new friends along the way and get new opportunities. This trip allowed us to open our arms to God. I encourage the young church to go to NCYC because it is a once-in-a-lifetime event, and it helps us keep our faith alive. (James Garcia, Galt High School).

For me, this was my first NCYC conference. At first, I didn't know what to expect, but wow! It's truly a wonderful experience. I learned all sorts of things, from how to pray to how much God truly loves each one of us. Through all the worship, music for me is what got me. The music is a therapeutic thing. When I sang, I felt closer to God than I ever have been before. The louder it was, the more it felt beautiful in my heart. Knowing that all the kids

who came to that convention believed and loved God with passion was so welcoming. It's a wonderful opportunity I want everyone to experience to strengthen your relationship with our Lord. (Valeria Gutierrez, Liberty Ranch High School)

The first day was the opening ceremony, and we met our masters of ceremonies: Sister Josephine Garrett and Steve Angrisano. The theme was explained: "The glory of God is the living man, but the lord of man is the vision of God," said by St. Irenaeus. The five chapters — The Creation, Human Dignity, Incarnation, Resurrection and the Eighth Day — were explained throughout the conference.

The first-day keynote speaker was Father John Kartje. He spoke about the Body of Blood, Soul and Divinity, meaning to be fully alive within Christ. He talked about the big question of whether to believe in science or religion but discovered that science is grounded on faith and beliefs. Faith is grounded in objective data, encouraging mystery and making us wonder; scientists are good at that.

To end the night, Steve Angrisano said that we are not a problem to be solved, that we are all unique, made in God's image. Sister Josephine ended by saying that we are the wonder and awe of the world. We should not let our struggles, doubts, guilt, fears and anxieties define us.

The second-day keynote speaker, Karen, talked about the Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos.) Placing loved ones' pictures up on the altar honors their dignity, which takes away the grief and celebrates them fully with happiness about the past, celebrating that Jesus sacrificed for our life.

In the Miracles from Prayer workshop, Bishop Joseph Esparillat II told us that God hears all of us and wants to heal us, touch our lives, and use us. He taught us five types of prayers: blessing/adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving and praise.

On the last night, we received the Eucharist when we had Mass. We all learned that if you are hesitant about being in a group, it's not always a good idea. It should either be all in or all out. Think before doing anything when you are in high school; you have one chance. If you take it for granted, it could take a toll on your life. Bishop Joseph said, "Before you receive the Eucharist, I want you to lay it all down onto Jesus." God was truly present in the body of Christ.

The Vatican Display of Eucharistic Miracles, created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, was available at the NCYC by the Mary Our Mother

Foundation. The exhibition included approximately 110 panels of Eucharistic miracles approved by the Catholic Church. Carlo Acutis will be canonized by Pope Francis as the first millennial saint.

Each night we would all come together and share the highlights of our day, and seeing how each of us was getting close to our Lord was beautiful. NCYC 2023 was honestly unforgettable. It allowed each one of us to open our hearts and minds to the Lord. I know that each one of us felt this close connection to God.

We would like to thank all the people who made this trip possible: Father Miguel Silva, our parish, all who generously gave us donations, our families, and our chaperones Marisela Suarez and Enedelia Lopez. Of course, thank you to our fantastic youth ministry coordinator, Eva Delgado, for making this trip possible and enjoyable for us. She planned, prepared and bought everything we could ever need so our trip would go smoothly. She is truly amazing, and we couldn't thank her enough.

We are excited to attend the next conference, NCYC 2024 "El Camino" The Way, in Long Beach, California, in November 2024! Get ready for some upcoming information at St. Christopher Church about the Eucharistic Revival in 2024. All youth and parishioners will be invited to attend.

### Highlights from the NCYC participants:

Youth Minister Eva Delgado: "To be fully alive young church, you need to demonstrate love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, be grateful, humble and have self-control in your mind, body and soul. Always put God in the center of your life."

"An example of being fully alive is to pray. God is always listening, guiding you and walking with you on this incredible journey of faith. Never stop believing in the power of the Holy Spirit."

"Adoration is a special time to see the young church come together in the Lucas Oil Stadium to be in the presence of God with the Eucharist displayed at the altar. Closing ceremonies in Mass is a beautiful moment when all of us coming together to celebrate the Mass and all believing in our Catholic faith in receiving the body and blood of Christ."

Chaperone Marisela Suarez: "Praying for the good and bad days. Being grateful for what God gives you on good days and asking God for guidance on the bad days! Seeking answers through prayer is a powerful



NCYC attendees head to the convention hall: From left, chaperones Enedelia Lopez and Marisela Suarez; youth James Garcia, Elis Suarez, Valeria Gutierrez, Abriana Arteaga and Cassandra Valencia; Youth Minister Eva Delgado; and the Rev. Miguel Silva. Photos courtesy of St. Christopher Catholic Church

message for our youth. To be fully alive!"

"Seeing our church youth thrive at NCYC, learning more about our Catholic faith but embracing all aspects, has been amazing. They overcame challenges they themselves thought they couldn't handle."

Chaperone Enedelia Lopez: "We are not a problem to be solved, but a mystery to be encountered! So encounter mystery and be inspired!" Father John Kartje

"Replacing needs with wants. Know where you are, who you are. Otherwise, the world will get you."

Elis Suarez: "Stop cursing people out; start blessing people up, meaning if you have the ability to curse anyone at any time, then you have the means to do something even more magical and special by blessing someone's life forever."

"You are not a problem to

solve but a beautiful mystery to be encountered. This shows me that the glory of God is humanity whether is you having feels like fears, anxieties of doesn't define us so we each have something different to learn about one another."

Kassandra Valencia: "Since God has declared light into the world, light has not ceased to shine. This quote made me think about how powerful God is. Because of the words he spoke, light was brought to the world."

"Sing anyways. Someone said, 'Even though you might not know how to sing, sing anyways.' This showed me that God accepts us how we are and even though we might feel that God would reject us because of our sins, He still loves us anyways. And we can continue to praise God anyways, just as we are."

Valeria Gutierrez: "We are

the little man in God's eye, meaning we are like his children; we will always have our backs if we trust him."

"We become 'fully alive' to a greater degree, when we have meaningful connections and collaboration with others."

Abriana Arteaga: "We are impacted by our past, but we don't have to be trapped by it."

"God loves you just the way you are."

James Garcia: "You cannot convert anybody to Catholic, but you can make Jesus known to one another."

"If we let fear take over our minds, it will narrow our chance taking or being able to do any activities."

We are so very grateful and blessed that we are given this opportunity to be acknowledged and to represent the young church at NCYC. The St. Christopher youth are "fully alive"! ★

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# City Manager Hines Announces Resignation

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assistant city manager for the city of Pacifica. During his tenure in Galt, the look of the city leadership changed; four of the city's six department heads were appointed after he took office. He often emphasized transparency and financial stability.

He also started the Galt University Citizens Academy, a series of presentations to educate residents on the workings of city government.

Initiatives and proposals to improve the city's parks and rec offerings were a major focus for Hines and Council. With input from Council and multiple local

boards, Hines developed the Galt Market Visionary Plan. Over 20 to 30 years, the proposal involved landscaping the market grounds, bringing in entertainment and dining, and developing housing to fund the project. Council has not taken a formal position on the plan.

Passed by voters in 2022, the 1-cent Measure Q sales tax is expected to bring at least \$4 million per year into the city's coffers, and Council has pledged to spend the money on parks and rec and on landscaping. This year, it approved an expansion to the Parks and Recreation Department that city staff

have said will allow the restoration of pre-pandemic service levels.

Council Member Jay Vandenburg, who recently completed a year as Galt mayor, issued a statement on Hines' resignation.

"Mr. Hines was hired for his financial prowess and governmental experience. When he came on board, the city was in need of financial repair. Mr. Hines, along with City staff and the City Council put the city in excellent financial standing. If he feels it is time for him to go, I thank him for his service and wish him the best of luck," Vandenburg said. ★

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Library offers older adults computer time

In cooperation with the Galt Commission on Aging, the Galt-Marian O. Lawrence Library will schedule a set time for older adults to use its computers, upon request. Those 65 and older who wish to request computer time can call the library at 916-264-2920. Staff will help set up the computer or tablet. The library is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is located at 1000 Caroline Ave.

### Recycle household batteries

City of Galt residents can recycle their household batteries in one of two green household-battery recycling bins: on the west side, at the front entrance to the Galt Police Department; or on the east side, at Galt Community Park, just west of the fire station. The green bin is for dry-cell household batteries only.

For additional information, contact the Public Works Department at 209-366-7260.

### Square dance classes on Mondays

The Diamond Dancers Square Dance Club is hosting social square dancing classes in Galt. The classes are open to everyone and are held on Mondays 6:30-8 p.m. at the Valley Oaks Grange Hall. The classes are formatted for flexibility, and students can learn numerous square dance calls in about three months. The Valley Oaks Grange Hall is located at 347 Fifth St. For more information, call Sue Regadan at 916-835-8916.

### First Thursdays with the City Manager

Galt City Manager Lorenzo Hines Jr. is opening his office hours to meet one-on-one with residents of Galt. The first Thursday of each month, citizens will have the opportunity to privately discuss their concerns, ask questions and gather feedback directly from the city manager. Meetings will be held via Zoom and will be limited to 20 minutes each meeting. Call the city of Galt offices to schedule your appointment at 209-366-7130.

### Nominate your neighbor

The Galt Beautification Committee is asking you to "nominate your neighbor." Has your neighbor

recently completed a yard project? Does your neighbor have the best flowers in town or the best-looking yard? The Galt Beautification Committee wants to know. Send an email with pictures and why you are nominating your neighbor to [planningdivision@cityofgalt.org](mailto:planningdivision@cityofgalt.org). The best submissions will be included in future newsletters and City Manager Updates.

### AA 24-hour hotline

For help with an alcohol-related problem, call the Alcoholics Anonymous 24-hour hotline at 209-745-1525.

### Nar-Anon family group meetings

Narcotics Anonymous (Nar-Anon) family group meetings for friends and family members who are dealing with drug addiction are held locally on a weekly basis, Saturdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Galt United Methodist Church, 571 C St. in Galt.

### Sunshine Food Pantry donation sites

Sunshine Food Pantry is a food closet that helps provide for local residents. Collections of canned food and dry good nonperishable items are received at United Methodist Church, 571 C St. in Galt; call to make an appointment for donations, 209-745-4133.

The food closet is open on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 7:30-10 a.m., at the United Methodist Church.

### Meals on Wheels cafe accepting older adults

Meals on Wheels is accepting new participants in its Galt All Seasons Café located in the Chabolla Community Center, 600 Chabolla Ave. The cafe is open Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. for adults age 60 and older. Those interested can apply at the Chabolla Center when meals are being served, or they can call 916-444-9533.

### Senior Bingo weekly at Chabolla

The Galt Commission on Aging is hosting Senior Bingo games at the Chabolla Community Center at 600 Chabolla Ave., every Monday, 1-3 p.m. (except holidays and when required by the city). Seniors of Galt and its immediate vicinity are cordially invited to come have fun and play

bingo together, socialize, and possibly make new friends. Attendance is free of charge.

### Volunteers sought for senior resource center

The Commission on Aging is looking for volunteers to staff the Galt Senior Resource Center, which opened its doors in April. The commission is looking for people who can operate a computer, and are willing to answer questions from seniors in person, over the phone, on social media or by email.

Volunteer slots are available in two-hour increments for up to four hours, Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., excluding holidays. Volunteers will be trained and will have the ability to contact members of the commission if questions arise.

The resource center is located at the Chabolla Community Center, 600 Chabolla Ave. If you are interested in helping, please call 209-294-3308 and leave a message. Or, once the resource center is open, inquire in person.

### Cosumnes DAR chapter accepting new members

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently started their Rio Cosumnes Chapter in the Elk Grove/Galt community, and they are accepting new members.

DAR is a nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children. Members are all lineal descendants of those who supported the cause of independence in the Revolutionary War.

For more information on the Rio Cosumnes Chapter's monthly meetings or membership, contact Registrar Paula Schroeder at [edgarregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:edgarregistrar@gmail.com).

### City after-hours assistance

After-hours assistance is on offer at the Galt Public Works and Parks and Recreation departments. For Public Works concerns, call the Galt Police Department nonemergency line at 209-366-7000. The Parks Maintenance Division is available for scheduled field or facility use assistance only, from Monday to Friday, 4-10 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call 209-810-0293. ★

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Galt Needs Options for Youth

*Editor:*

Greetings! My name is Sabrina, I'm 19 years old, and I live here in Galt. I go around Galt all the time and I've noticed how empty Galt is with all the empty fields. So I thought to myself we should have some hangout spots for the youth like a roller rink or a movie theater like back in the day. I also have

noticed that we do not have a lot of chain stores and restaurants like Target or Panda Express for people who are looking for work or more options to shop and eat. Speaking of places of work, I also think this would be a good idea for people who are unable to drive a far distance or want to work somewhere close to home. I hope we can make this happen.

-Sabrina Curlee

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# POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Nov. 22-30, Galt police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in eight arrests.

**Wed., Nov. 22**

07:30 a.m., vandalism reported at Lake Park Avenue/Carillion Boulevard; appears that a truck hit a pole on a construction site.

08:39 a.m., vandalism reported at A Street/Crystal Way; Knox Box on gate cut.

12:24 p.m., fraud reported at Palm Garden Apartments on A Street.

01:18 p.m., fraud reported on Village Drive.

02:24 p.m., pursuit/adult arrested at Carillion Boulevard/Simmerhorn Road.

**Thurs., Nov. 23**

04:11 a.m., theft reported at Tobacco Man on C Street.

11:08 p.m., fight reported on Spruce Avenue.

**Fri., Nov. 24**

06:24 a.m., battery reported at Rancho Seco Care Center on F Street.

01:38 p.m., auto burglary reported at Dry Creek Ranch Golf Course on Crystal Way.

**Sat., Nov. 25**

01:01 a.m., court order

violation/adult arrested at Chevron on Simmerhorn Road.

07:53 p.m., stolen vehicle recovered/adult arrested at South Lincoln Way/A Street.

**Sun., Nov. 26**

02:49 a.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested at McDonald's on Pine Street.

10:40 a.m., vandalism reported on Whitaker Way; window smashed and vehicle dented.

03:43 p.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested at Taco Bell on C Street.

10:40 p.m., battery reported on Lyonia Drive.

**Mon., Nov. 27**

10:53 a.m., burglary reported at Lyonia Circle/Amador Avenue; homes under construction broken into, interior damaged.

10:37 p.m., stolen vehicle reported on Meadowview Drive.

**Tues., Nov. 28**

07:21 a.m., theft reported at Valley Oaks Senior Apartments on Oak Avenue.

02:54 p.m., theft reported at Walmart on Twin Cities Road.

05:52 p.m., hit-and-run/non-injury at Twin Cities Road/West Stockton Boulevard.

**Wed., Nov. 29**

01:32 a.m., fight reported on Emerald Vista Drive.

03:58 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Galt Police Department on Industrial Drive.

08:52 p.m., robbery reported at Walmart on Twin Cities Road.

**Thurs., Nov. 30**

09:30 a.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Farmers & Merchants Bank on C Street.

11:43 a.m., vandalism reported on Turnace Court; vehicle had four tires slashed.

12:02 p.m., theft reported on Lake Canyon Avenue.

02:15 p.m., hit-and-run/non-injury at Walmart on Twin Cities Road.

05:05 p.m., vandalism reported at Pizza Guys on Carol Drive; vehicle had one tire slashed.

06:35 p.m., vandalism reported on Carol Drive; vehicle had two tires slashed.

06:44 p.m., theft reported at 7-Eleven on Pice Street.

06:47 p.m., fraud reported on Partridge Drive.

07:23 p.m., DUI reported on Lake Park Avenue. ★

# GLANCE BACK

**Dec. 10, 1943**

William Hayes, Chief Signalman with the U.S. Navy, was in Galt this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Hayes. Hayes has seen action in the present global conflict at both the Alaskan and Solomon theaters and is located now at Seattle, Wash.

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The annual installation of officers of Live Oak Chapter 371, Order of Eastern Star was held Dec. 3. Installed were Mae Evans, Worthy Matron, and T.D. Evans, Worthy Patron. Mae Evans, on behalf of the chaplain, presented the retiring Worthy Matron, Pearl Oyer, with a Past Matron's Jewel.

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The students of the Galt Grammar School collected 12,000 pounds of waste paper last week and turned it over to the scrap collector. First prize in a contest was won by the eighth grade, and the individual collecting the most paper was Ivan Miller.

**Dec. 17, 1953**

Charles Hayenga, prominent local rancher, was elected master of the Valley Oaks Grange for the coming year at a meeting held last Friday night. Hayenga, who served in the past as master of the local group and has long been associated with the Grange activities throughout the state, will succeed Vernon

Lowell in office.

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New officers of the Galt Kiwanis Club were installed last Monday night when a special Christmas party was held in the Galt High School cafeteria. They are H.R. Tweith, president and Martin A. Cabalzar, vice president.

**Dec. 12, 1963**

The Galt Better Business Bureau re-elected its slate of officers for a second term Tuesday night. Charles Liss was retained as president, Len Brockett vice president, Shirley Cameron secretary-treasurer, and directors are Jack Anderson, George Fox and Ray Airone.

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Mr. and Mrs. Obert Huggins went to Sacramento Monday to visit their daughter Judy and new husband Ken Johnston of Elk Grove. The couple was married in Lake Tahoe Nov. 15 and were given a reception in Galt by Judy's aunt, Mrs. Evelyn Long.

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The gray home built on the corner of Terrace Lane and Lincoln Way has been purchased from Thomas Sharp by Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Beshey, owners of Goods of the Woods studio in the Steiner building.

**Dec. 13, 1973**

Jean Sartini of Thornton was surprised on his 70th

birthday with an old-fashioned Italian lasagna dinner given for him on Nov. 18 by his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Nunez, his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Steiner, and sons Dennis and Al Sartini in the Nunez home in Galt.

**Dec. 8, 1983**

Perhaps you have seen the Tournament of Roses parade on New Year's Day and have noted the team of mules that drew one of the floats and wondered about them. Well, they were the famous Smiser mules from Newhall and this was the fifth year they have been in the parade at the Tournament of Roses. Sam Smiser owns the second largest freight hauling terminal in the state and he purchased the mules to help in advertising.

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A pedal-powered hydraulic bicycle that could change the face of transportation is now being designed by Delta College student Leroy Brown of Mokelumne Hill and has earned him a scholarship for continued study in hydraulics and mechanical engineering. Brown's dream is to make the first human-powered cycle to maintain 50 mph without encumbering the rider. ★

# ABOUT TOWN

**Christmas at the Barn Dec. 9**

Herald Community Club will host Christmas in the Barn on Dec. 9, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event will feature prizes, raffles, games, crafts and food, as well as visits with Santa Claus. The Herald Barn is located at 12746 Ivie Road, Herald.

**Galt Community Dinner Dec. 16**

Galt Sunrise Rotary invites local residents to its Galt Community Dinner on Dec. 16, 1-4 p.m., at the Littleton Community Center (410 Civic Drive). The free dinner will include turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls and pie. There will also be visits with Santa Claus 1-3 p.m. ★

# MEETING MINDERS

**Sat., Dec. 9**

Kiwanis, 8:30 a.m., Comfort Inn and Suites, 10380 Twin Cities Road, 209-327-1098.

**Estrellita High School, 12935 Marengo Road, galtboosters@gmail.com.**

Lions Club, 6:30 p.m. social and 7 p.m. meeting, Galt Place, 400 D St., 745-5921.

**Thurs., Dec. 14**

Galt Planning Commission, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive. GHS/LRHS Ag Boosters, 6:30 p.m., at

**Fri., Dec. 15**

Galt Sunrise Rotary, 7 a.m., Velvet Grill & Creamery, 400 Fourth St., 209-745-6617. ★

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LaVine Insurance Agency, Inc, 816 C Street, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Galt Insurance Agency" 816 C Street, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 27, 2023  
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## ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#23CV010216

Raphael Ocasio has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Raphael Ocasio to Rafael Ocasio Torres.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 31, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: October 19, 2023  
Richard Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
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## TRUSTEE SALE

APN: 148-0112-022-0000 TS No.: 22-04968CA TSG Order No.: 8780515 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED JANUARY 2, 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. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded January 8, 2007 as Book No.: 20070108 Page No.: 0202 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by: MICHELE A WILLIAMS AND JAMES A WILLIAMS, WIFE

AND HUSBAND AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by 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). 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, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: January 9, 2024 Sale Time: 9:00 AM Sale Location: East Main Entrance, Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 File No.: 22-04968CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9719 Pringle Avenue, Galt, CA 95632. 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 in an "AS IS" condition, 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, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$347,379.83 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. 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

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, REZONE, TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP, AND DESIGN REVIEW (PROJECT ARCHITECTURE) FOR THE LIPPI RANCH SUBDIVISION PROJECT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO CERTIFY THE FINAL EIR (SCH# 2023030579) FOR PROPOSED PROJECT (APNs 150-0101-046; 150-0274-006, -007, and -011)

Notice is hereby given that the Galt City Council will hold a public hearing in the Council Chambers at Galt City Hall, 380 Drive, Galt, California, on the date and time indicated herein, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, to receive and consider all evidence and reports relative to the project described herein. The City Council will make a decision on the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) including Statement of Overriding Considerations, Findings of Fact, Mitigation Monitoring Plan, and will then act on the proposed General Plan Amendment (GPA), Rezone, Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM), and Design Review (DR).

**PROJECT TITLE:** Lippi Ranch Subdivision Project  
**APPLICANT:** TTLG Galt - Lippi Ranch, LLC  
Aidan Barry  
110 Blue Ravine Road, Suite 103, Folsom, CA 95630

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The 8.99-acre project site is located east of Freedom Boulevard/2nd Street at the terminus of 3rd Street and west of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks in the City of Galt. The project site is identified by Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 150-0101-046; and 150-0274-006, -007-, and -011. The northern portion of the project site is currently developed with two single-family residences, an apartment building, a barn, and a groundwater pump house; the remainder of the project site is undeveloped with fallow agricultural land and limited trees. The site is currently designated Low Density Residential (LDR) by the City's General Plan and the site is zoned Low Density Single-Family Residential (R1A).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed Lippi Ranch Subdivision Project includes demolition of all existing on-site structures; removal of 60 trees, including four protected oak trees; and subsequent development of 94 single-family residences, ranging in size from 1,494 square feet to 1,826 square feet, five bio-retention basins, landscaping, and an internal circulation network. Site access would be provided by a new landscaped roundabout located at the terminus of 3rd Street. The proposed project requires City approval of a GPA, Rezone, TSM, and DR, as well as certification of environmental documents, including mitigation measures, associated with the project.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:** The 45 day public comment period for Draft EIR commenced on August 24, 2023 and ended October 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. A public meeting on the Draft EIR was held by the Galt Planning Commission on September 14, 2023. Impacts related to all CEQA environmental topic areas were determined to be less-than-significant or less-than-significant with implementation of mitigation measures, with the exception of impacts related to Cultural and Historic Resources, which the Draft EIR determined would remain significant and unavoidable, even with implementation of the mitigation measures set forth in the Draft EIR. The project site is not listed on any of the lists of sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code including, but not limited to, lists of hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, and hazardous waste disposal sites.

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING:**  
**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, December 19, 2023; 6:00 P.M.  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
380 Civic Drive, Galt, CA 95632

**AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS:** The Final EIR is available for public review on the City of Galt website at <https://www.cityofgalt.org/government/community-development/planning/development-projects-environmental-documents> (scroll down to Lippi Ranch), or at the Galt Planning Department, 495 Industrial Drive, Galt, California 95632 during regular business hours, 7:30am a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday. Copies are also available for public review at the Marion O. Lawrence Library, 1000 Caroline Street and the Galt City Clerk's office, 380 Civic Drive. The other documents in the project application file are also available for review at the Galt Planning Department upon request. If you have any questions, please call Kristyn Bitz at 209-366-7230 or email [kbitz@cityofgalt.org](mailto:kbitz@cityofgalt.org)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** All interested parties are invited to attend the meeting and/or send written comments to Tina Hubert, City Clerk, at 380 Civic Drive, Galt, CA 95632 or by email to [thubert@cityofgalt.org](mailto:thubert@cityofgalt.org). To ensure comments can be distributed to the City Council, written comments are requested to be provided no later than 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Oral and written comments may also be submitted at the meeting until the close of the public hearing.

### NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

Pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation, California Government Sections 65009, 66020, and/or California Public Resources Code Section 21177, if you wish to challenge in court any of the above decisions (regarding planning, zoning and/or environmental decisions), you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing(s) described in this notice/agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the city at, or prior to, this public hearing.

Dated: December 8, 2023

\s/ Kristyn Bitz  
Kristyn Bitz, Senior Planner  
\s/ Tina Hubert  
Tina Hubert, City Clerk

The Galt Herald 12-8-2023

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The brownie has been enjoyed in the United States since the early 20th century. No one knows exactly when or where the brownie was invented. One of the legends about the brownie's origin goes back to the Palmer House Hotel in 1893. According to the legend, Bertha Palmer

asked a pastry chef for a piece cake that could fit in a boxed lunch and was suitable for the ladies who were attending Chicago World's Fair. What the chef concocted was made with walnuts and an apricot glaze and was named the "Palmer House Brownie."

Another legend states that the brownie was created by a housewife in Bangor, Maine, who made chocolate cake that refused to rise. Instead of throwing it out and starting all over again, she decided to go ahead and serve the result. This story was

mentioned in the 1907 edition of "Lowney's Cookbook" by Maria Willet Howard. A recipe for the brownies, known as "Bangor Brownies," was also found in several cookbooks that were published in 1904.

Unfortunately, no one really knows who created National Brownie Day. Most likely, it was created by brownie fans who want to celebrate the decadent goodness of brownies. If you ever find out, let me know so I can send them a big thank-you. I like brownies a lot. Especially the chocolate with large pieces of walnuts. The best part is along the outside crusty edge.

Some brownie fun

facts: Blond brownies are made with brown sugar, walnuts and no chocolate; the largest brownie ever made was 3,000 pounds; and walnuts are the most popular addition to brownies. Looks like we will be having brownies for dessert tonight with a cup of Christmas-blend coffee.

There are some really great-looking outdoor decorations in and out of the neighborhoods. I try to take different streets and roads to and from work and shopping. I am so happy to see the inflatables, the lights, statues etc. Thank you to all of you who are sharing your amazing yard art with the rest of us.

Okay, I am sensing

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I think it is time to kick back, have a cup of coffee, tea or hot cocoa, and one of those brownies we just made, and count my blessings. Life is short,

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*Flower of the day:* Poinsettia

*Recipe of the day:* Walnut Chocolate Brownies

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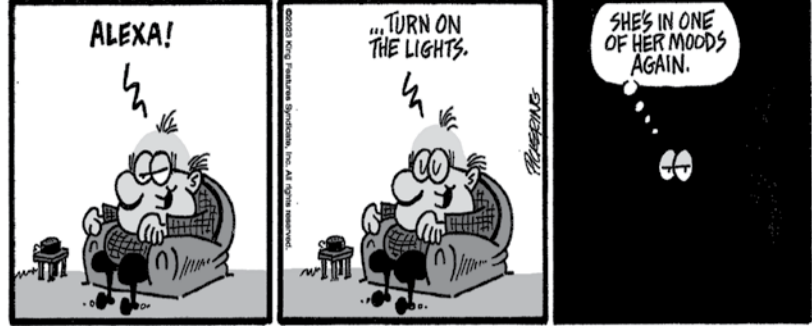
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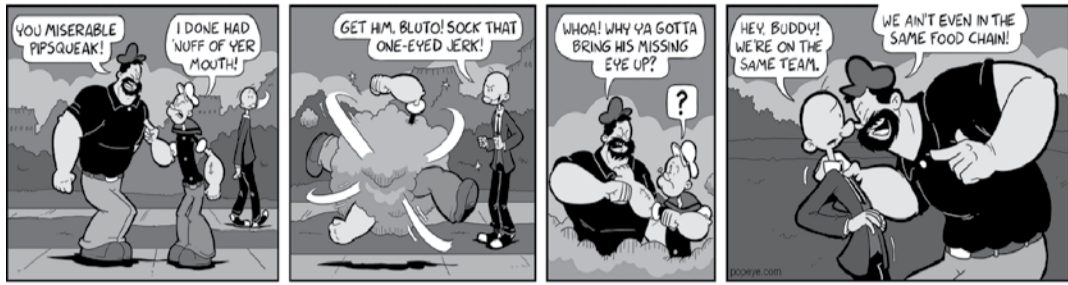


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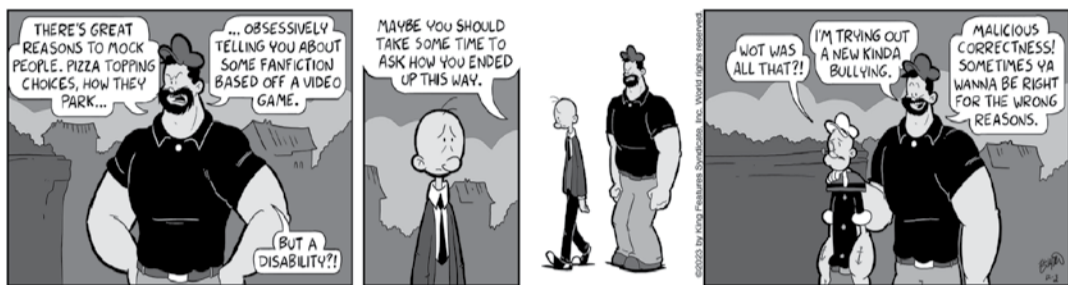
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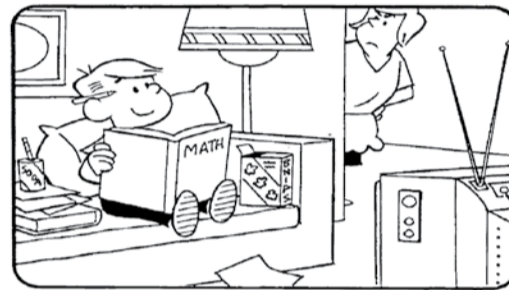
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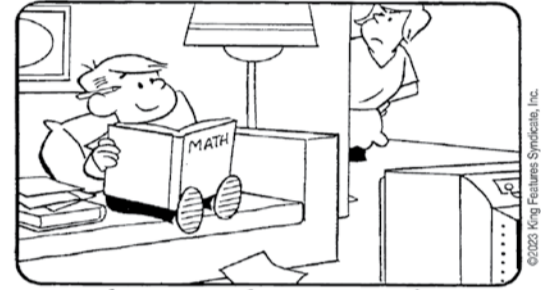
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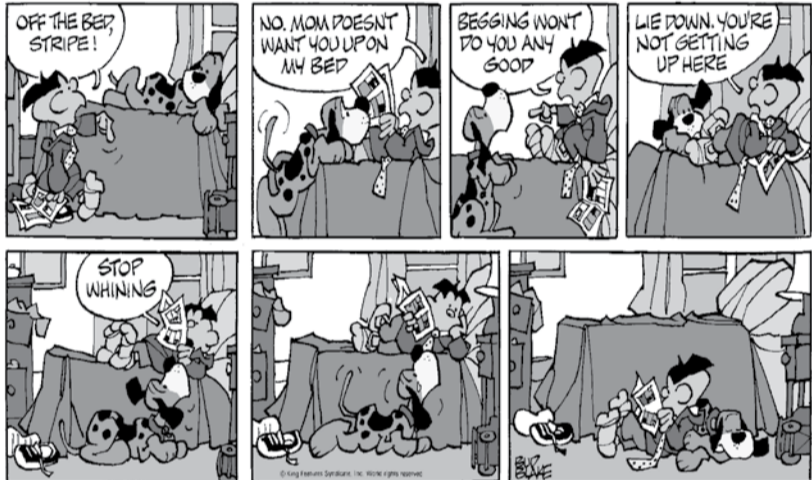
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# LOCAL SPORTS → COVERAGE

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## Liberty Soccer Plays Power Houses in Pre-Season

## Academics Is Key, Says New Coach



Hawk defender Halle Mae Ory moves the ball up the side. Photos by Paige Lampson

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Liberty Ranch girls soccer started off their season playing Elk Grove powerhouses Franklin and Pleasant Grove.

They lost both rounds, but the ladies battled fast and strong and give it their all.

Head Coach Rob Huarte, who has more years coaching at Liberty Ranch than any other coach of any team, choses a challenging schedule on purpose.

“Game one and game two have been tough to process so far Losing both 0-3 and 0-4 respectively,” said Huarte. “Starting off playing power houses like Franklin of EG and Pleasant Grove of EG would make any team question their program. We on the other hand prefer to play the best to piece together our entire season. We are looking forward to making another strong run at the Sierra Valley Conference Championship and are trying our best to be prepared for just that. We will only get stronger by challenging ourselves.”

LRHS Hawks have 17 returning Varsity players to their 23-woman roster, with seven of them being returning starters (Eliana Enriquez, Ellianna Keiser, Alora Lopez, Fatima Lopez, Natalie Merlin, Libby Portillo, and Maryn Rogers). Huarte also says they have added a lot of depth to the bench this year.

The Hawks have two assistant coaches added to the roster, Ciara Huarte-Porter, Huarte’s daughter and Liberty soccer alum



Natalie Merlin fights off a Franklin player.



Keneddy Arechiga knees the ball away from Franklin’s Reah Moore.



Maryn Rodgers stops the ball short of going out of bounds.

and Brian Castaneda is returning after a two-year absence.

The Hawks have 6 away games before their next home game against Tokay on December 18th. After that, league begins with

a home game against El Dorado Jan. 2.

We have also added a new JV Head Coach in Stephanie Moe. She has Rachelle Meier and Brittany Thompson helping her. ★

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - Galt High School has hired a new boys basketball coach this year.

Head Coach Ronal Earp has a lot of previous coaching experience including high school and community college. He coached varsity boys at Franklin in Stockton, was an assistant coach at Delta and Lassen Community Colleges. He also coached JV boys for five years at Center High School, Varsity girls at Roseville High School and also girls’ basketball at Del Campo High School, to name some of his experience.

Earp also played college basketball himself at Stanislaus State.

Assistant Principal Alan Posey is excited

to welcome Earp to the Galt Program. “We are very excited for Coach Earp to take over the program,” said Posey. “He has a long history in the area and comes highly recommended from many Sacramento area coaches. So far, our players appreciate his enthusiasm and are having a very positive experience.”

Earp has a calm, strong, yet very personalized coaching style. He is very hands on and can often be seen in the middle of the boys working with each one to correct and improve their technique.

Earp said the opportunity to coach brought him to Galt Boys basketball. “I had been coaching girls, but wanted to get on the boys side, so I took last year off and officiated basketball games,” said Earp. “This opportunity

opened up and I applied, and I am really happy and thankful for the opportunity and the chance to revitalize the program and get it back to where it used to be, like it was in the Phil Richie days.”

New coach, new everything. “The guys are playing hard and that is what I want them to do,” said Earp. “I always tell them, you’ve got a new coach, you’re getting a new system and program. Everything is new. I think they have been answering that call every day at practice. My Philosophy, academics is key is the most important thing. Thus, attend study hall every day. We are getting there, slowly but surely. You have to crawl before you can walk, walk before you can run and all that good stuff.” ★



Ronal Earp. Photo by Paige Lampson

## Liberty JV Soccer Has a Rough Start to the Season



Faviola Vasquez keeps the ball away from a Franklin player. Photos by Paige Lampson

Liberty Ranch JV soccer had two tough opponents for their first two games last week. The first was Franklin of Elk Grove and the Pleasant Grove. They lost both games 5-0, but the girls left it all on the field according to new head coach Stephanie Moe.

“Our game vs Franklin was a tough match, but our girls left it all on the field



Kylie Diggle goes against a Franklin opponent.

Friday night,” said Moe. “Like every team, we have a lot of room for improvement and with the amount of work these girls put in, I am confident our young team will only get stronger.”

Rachelle Meier and Liberty soccer alum Brittney Thompson are Moe’s assistant coaches this year. ★



# LOCAL SPORTS → COVERAGE

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## Galt Soccer Starting Off Strong

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Galt High School boys soccer is starting off their preseason strong. 3-1 seems to be their magic number having won all three games played 3-1.

They beat Franklin of Stockton, Woodland and Hiram Johnson of Sacramento so far.

It took almost to the end of the first half to score on Woodland and the score was 1-1 at half. The boys tightened it up and were able to get two more balls to the net while the defenders and Freshman goalie Angel Cornejo blocked any attempts for Woodland to even the score.

Senior newcomer Isai Meza scored two goals and Sophomore Giovanni DeLeon scored the other one.

Head coach Alejandro Renteria has a strong and talented team this year. "I've been very proud of the boys' season so far," said Renteria.

"We have played three strong schools, and the boys have been doing great implementing the skills we have been working on in practice. It's still very early, but I'm looking forward to a successful season. This team looks just as strong or maybe even stronger than last year's team. We were a very young team last year and many of the boys are now juniors and seniors. Some of senior returners are Miguel Garcia, Manuel Morales, Emmanuel Manriquez, Vicente Marquez, Salvador Contreras, David Parra, Alejandro Sandoval, and Felipe Aguilar. We also have a new senior this year named Isai Meza, who has been a huge addition to our team. We have many leaders on the team, and it has been a joy already to watch them grow. Our goal is to work to improve our chemistry and be ready to take on anyone in league." ★



Galt's Isai Meza boots one past the Woodland goalie. Photos by Paige Lampson



Freshman goalie Angel Cornejo stands up to the Woodland pressure with a save.



Sean Hayden Miller takes a header.



Miguel Garcia takes footwork to a different level.



Isai Meza gets the ball past the goalie and Giovanni DeLeon scores.

## Garten to Run at William Jessup



Hope Garten with Jessup coaches Magley and Kurtz. Photo by Paige Lampson

Galt High School's Hope Garten signed her scholarship contract last month to run Track and Field at William Jessup University in Rocklin in the fall of 2024.

Garten is shown with Jessup coaches Magley and Kurtz and her mother Heather Wetzel and grandmother Audrey Clanton.

Garten will be a sprinter specializing in the 100m, 200m, 400m, 4x100 and 4x400 races.

Garten, a golf, cross country, soccer and

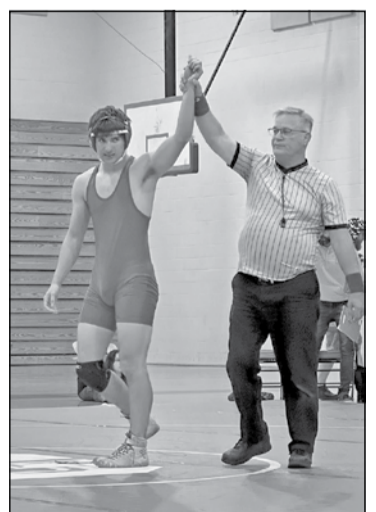
track athlete, loves to compete.

"I love track," said Garten. "Being able to run just feels like home. I love that feeling of competition and pushing myself to always be better and learning different things. I am also looking forward to making different friends and different teammates and being able to come together. Even though track is more of an individual sport, you get to come together as a team and become a family. I am so blessed and thankful." ★



Hope Garten with her mother Heather Wetzel and grandmother Audrey Clanton.

## Warrior Wrestling Casa Robles Tournament



Galt wrestling continues their season and the team competed in a tournament at Casa Robles. The results of the weight classes are listed below. Photos by Paige Lampson

### WEIGHT CLASS RESULTS - GIRLS

- 115 girls 1st place Victoria Nuss
- 125 girls 5th place Liliana Chavez
- 130 girls 7th place Madisen Gutierrez
- 190 girls 4th Jasmine Alcantar
- 235 girls 5th place Evi Loy

### WEIGHT CLASS RESULTS - BOYS

- 117-128 7th place Aiden Azua
- 128-134 2nd place Anthony Rice
- 135-141 2nd place Roman Peterson
- 137-145 2nd place Jayden Tackett
- 148-160 3rd place Vicente Avalos
- 164-184 3rd place Izaac Robledo

- 165-173 8th Michael Kinnett
- 182-193 8th place Evan Orsak
- 188-203 5th place Brendan Lane
- 192-208 1st place Alex Gomez
- 240-284 1st place Johnathan Maple