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## Kohler Is Officer of Year



Cpl. Nicholas Kohler, center, was named officer of the year. He is joined by, from left, Lt. Brian Azevedo, Capt. Richard Small, Police Chief Brian Kalinowski and Lt. John Rocha. Photo by Matthew Malone

**By Matthew Malone  
News Editor**

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - The Galt Police Department recognized the dedicated work of its staff and volunteers on March 14 at its annual awards ceremony.

Cpl. Nicholas Kohler was named Officer of the Year. Galt Police Chief Brian Kalinowski

presented the award. "I would say that's an incredible honor because those that were nominated and those who weren't even nominated," Kalinowski said, "we have an excellent group of officers who support this community and this organization each and every day." Testimonials from

Kohler's colleagues praised his "can-do attitude," saying that he "takes on tasks with no hesitation or complaints" and that his hostage-negotiation experience has been helpful on several calls. "Nick is an incredible individual. I call him Superman. And he's not bad on the golf course" Kalinowski said. "Nick is

part of the glue that holds this organization together." Other individuals recognized were Community Service Officer Julio Roque as Volunteer of the Year, community service officer Colby Cuthbertson as Professional Staff Member of the Year and Sheree Grijalva as Dispatcher of the Year.

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Sylvester Fadal. Courtesy photo

## County Appoints Deputy Executive

**Sacramento County News Release**

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Sylvester Fadal is the new Sacramento County deputy county executive for Administrative Services. The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved Fadal's appointment on Feb. 27 and he started the new role on March 3.

"The county conducted a nationwide executive search for the deputy county executive for Administrative Services, and I'm pleased to say we found the best and most qualified candidate within our own ranks," said County Executive David Villanueva. "Dr. Fadal has more than 26 years of public sector human resources management and executive experience that encompasses strategic planning, budget management, process optimization and construction and capital improvements."

Fadal's extensive experience includes overseeing human resources, technology, procurement, contracts and materials management for major construction projects. His previous responsibilities include ensuring contract compliance, adherence to DBE/SBE requirements, implementing PLAs, and managing bus/rail maintenance training and warehouse facilities.

Fadal was the Personnel Services director for Sacramento County in 2021 and became the General Services interim director in October 2023.

Before joining the county, Fadal held various leadership roles at the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority for more than 23 years, including chief administrative officer, human resources director, procurement and contracts, Business Services deputy director, Human Resources manager,

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Vernon E. Greer Elementary School band students play at the Galt Music Showcase. Photo by Matthew Malone

## Galt Music Showcase Features Young Musicians

**By Matthew Malone  
News Editor**

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - Students and their families crowded into the multipurpose room at Vernon E. Greer Elementary School on March 13 eager to hear performances from Galt elementary and middle school students in the annual Galt Music Showcase.

The showcase gathers the bands and choirs from around Galt Joint Union

Elementary School District for a collective concert. Each group had a chance to show off their skills individually. Starting the concert off this year was the recently- formed Greer Elementary Handbell Choir. Music teacher Mary Pizzicara led Marengo Ranch Elementary School's musicians; Curtiss Wright conducted Lake Canyon and River Oaks elementary schools; Jessica Hill led Greer Elementary;

Omar Anzaldua conducted Valley Oaks Elementary School; and Arianne Aguilera led Robert L. McCaffrey Middle School. The concert also included a few collective pieces, performed in unison by all the bands or all the choirs. The bands played a Brazilian Carnival song, "Mama Paqueta," and the choirs sang the uplifting "Give Us Hope" by Jim Papoulis and the energetic "Catch the Rhythm" by Teresa Jennings.

Aguilera, the McCaffrey music teacher, told the Herald that the showcase's major benefit is "the experience for the kids to get to play together with such a big group." "When you hear your own sound mixed with sound from so many other either instruments or voices, it's just a really unique experience and I really like just getting the whole community together," Aguilera said.

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# Local Couple, Nonprofit Exemplify Caring, Compassion

By Matthew Malone  
News Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - The Galt Community of Character Coalition recognized a local couple and L'Chayim of Galt volunteers with its 2024 Caring and Compassion Award. It presented the award at the March 5 Galt City Council meeting.

The coalition spotlights individuals and groups throughout the year for exemplifying one of six character traits it considers vital to the Galt community.

In February, the coalition also gave the Caring and Compassion Award to Liberty Ranch High School Assistant Principal Tony Lara.

Galt residents Gary and Bonita Keisler were nominated for the award by their neighbor, Kent Pearce, for helping Pearce after he moved into the neighborhood.

Reading from the nomination narrative for the Keislers, Leesa Klotz of the character coalition said

Pearce told the Keislers he is a stroke survivor and appreciates help. Gary Keisler lent a hand by mowing Pearce's lawn.

"The Keislers have demonstrated kindness by regularly checking in with their neighbor and inquiring about his health and well-being," Klotz read. "They have also been generous in loaning items to their neighbor, who needed to borrow them or do without. While these acts of kindness may seem like small things, they mean a great deal to the well-being and daily quality of life of their neighbor."

The narrative said the Keislers show that even small acts can have a "tremendous beneficial impact on others."

"Gary and Bonita Keisler represent the best of Galt, as true role models of Caring and Compassion," Klotz concluded.

The other Caring and Compassion Award went to the L'Chayim of Galt volunteers. The nonprofit boutique sells handmade



L'Chayim of Galt volunteers gather for a photo after receiving the 2024 Caring and Compassion Award.

fabric crafts at its Fourth Street storefront to fund its giving to local causes. L'Chayim board President Gale Webber nominated the volunteers, who sew the merchandise, help customers and assist with day-to-day operations.

"These nonpaid volunteers are more committed than any paid staff I have ever worked with," Webber said. "I am always surrounded by kindness every day I am here."

Volunteer Ysaura Strootman spoke to the Herald a few days later about the honor, as she constructed an apron for holding chicken eggs.

"It was nice getting recognition, and it's fun to work here and work with the ladies and use

up my retirement time," Strootman said with a laugh. "If I can't be with my grandbaby all the time, it's great being here because, either way, it's fun and I do what ... I enjoy best."

The other volunteers recognized were Gail Parish, Linda Torelli, Vicki Catherwood, Debra Kunz, K.C. Boschee, Cynthia Heuvel, Ellen Henrikson, Carolyn Miller, Susan Lethbridge, Michelle Lincomfelt, Ely Rodriguez, Ramona Temple, Marie Sparks, Angie Bousquet, Kathy Hill, Adell Wyckoff, Mary Velasquez, Loretta Borgia, Marylou Lincomfelt, and Nicole Morgan.

Strootman said she values the nonprofit



Gary Keisler (left) and Bonita Keisler (right) receive Galt Community of Character Coalition's 2024 Caring and Compassion Award. They were nominated by Kent Pearce. Photos by Matthew Malone

organization's emphasis on caring and compassion.

"That's what I really enjoy about volunteering here is because I know it's going to go for a good cause. The ladies are very caring. We treat each other with respect, and we try to treat others with respect."

Since May 2021, L'Chayim has donated \$9,000 and items such as raffle baskets to local groups.

Reading the nomination narrative for L'Chayim, Klotz noted that the store is a social gathering place for regular customers, especially nearby older adults.

Calling L'Chayim another role model of caring and compassion, Klotz quoted Webber: "Helping one person might not change the whole world but it could change the world for one person." ★

# Kohler Is Officer of Year

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Kalinowski presented the Chief's Leadership Commendation to Sgt. Rod Fisher, honoring the latter's contributions to the department. As Fisher nears retirement, the police chief said he wanted Fisher to know that his efforts "don't go unnoticed."

Besides mentorship provided to newer personnel and work on a contract that affected police operations, Kalinowski highlighted Fisher's advocacy to start the department's honor guard.

"That was Rod's passion and his desire to get that started," Kalinowski said. "And he was presented a lot of roadblocks but he persevered negotiating, hustled, whatever it took to ... make things go forward and be successful and have a group of honor

guard members who, in my opinion, are second to none in Sacramento County."

Fourteen officers received Lifesaving Awards for actions critical in saving a life. Capt. Richard Small said all the awards this year were based on responses to opioid overdoses. In every case, an officer administered naloxone to reverse the effects of the overdose, and in some instances, they also performed CPR until medical help arrived.

The recipients were Officers Garrick Jurado, Michael Little, Andrew Robison, Andrew Ramirez, Zachary Oden, Austin Steele, Jared Spinelli, Ruben Patino, Diego Ochoa and Marie Valdez; Cpls. Megan Robinson, Young Hammack and Gregory Steele; and Sgt. Rachele Hansen.

Small said the Sacramento County coroner estimates the number of opioid deaths in the county in 2023 to be more than 300 and the captain commended the officers for keeping the number from getting higher.

Officer Andrew Ramirez was chosen for the Mothers Against Drunk Driving DUI Award, which honors the officer who has made the most arrests for driving under the influence.

"I don't have to remind anybody in this room about the effects that DUI driving has had on this community and specifically this department," Small told attendees. Galt Officer Harminder Grewal died in 2021 following a collision with a pickup whose driver was under the influence. "That makes this award that much more significant



Retiring CAPS members Bob and Terry Esparza receive plaques honoring thousands of hours of volunteer service. Photo by Matthew Malone

and important to all of us here."

The department recognized four retiring members of the Citizens Assisting Police Services

(CAPS) volunteer program. Each member devoted thousands of hours to service. Bob and Terry Esparza volunteered for more than 4,000 hours and

more than 3,000 hours, respectively. David Rutt contributed more than 1,000 hours and Jim Spratt volunteered more than 7,000 hours. ★

# Regional Conservation Corps Clean Tule Canal

County of Yolo News Release

**YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - In a joint effort to preserve the natural beauty of the region and protect the environment, the Yolo County Department of Community Services' Integrated Waste Management Division teamed up with the Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps in February.

Together, they undertook a multi-day cleanup effort to restore the Tule Canal area, located east of Woodland along County Road 22, from litter and illegal

waste dumping.

The cleanup effort yielded impressive results, with more than 3,900 pounds of waste collected.

Among the waste were 29 tires, four TVs, a mattress and 165 pounds of hazardous materials, including paint, fluorescent bulbs and motor oil.

This collaborative effort underscores Yolo County's commitment to environmental stewardship and highlights the importance of responsible waste management practices for residents.

Yolo County encourages residents to utilize the opportunity for hazardous waste disposal, available every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, at the Yolo County Central Landfill, 44090 County Road 28H in Woodland. The landfill also offers free disposal services daily for mattresses and TVs to all California residents and businesses.

In a proactive measure to deter future illegal dumping, the Yolo County Central Landfill is pursuing funds under CalRecycle's Farm and Ranch grant to

deploy surveillance cameras along County Road 22. These cameras will monitor the fishing access area along Tule Canal and deter further illegal dumping in the Elkhorn vicinity.

The landfill will collaborate with the Yolo County District Attorney's office to identify and prosecute offenders as necessary.

For more information regarding the Yolo County Department of Community Services' Integrated Waste Management Division, visit [YoloCounty.org/YCCL](http://YoloCounty.org/YCCL). ★

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# Air District Releases Climate Priorities Plan

## Sacramento Metro Air District News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (Air District), on behalf of the seven-county Sacramento region, has submitted its Capital Region Climate

Priorities Plan (Plan) under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program. The Plan, which required unprecedented cooperation and collaboration among 29 local and regional partners led by the Air District,

outlines 24 climate measures that would create substantial greenhouse gas emission reductions and myriad co-benefits, including advancing equity and opportunities in the clean energy transition.

"The Sac Metro Air District continues to prioritize collaboration,"

says Sacramento County Supervisor and Air District Board Chair Patrick Kennedy. "This CPRG effort is one example of how to activate the region effectively and proactively for new funding opportunities for climate action in the greater Sacramento Valley."

The Air District led the climate planning process, which guarantees the region's opportunity to compete for future CPRG implementation grants that could bring millions of dollars in funding over the next six years for projects identified in the Plan. The Air District intends

to submit the region's application for phase two implementation funding by April 1. Phase two grant awards will be announced by July 1.

The newly released Air District's Capital Region Climate Priorities Plan is available at [www.AirQuality.org/CPRG](http://www.AirQuality.org/CPRG). ★

## 2024 Focus on Character in March, April: Honesty

### Submitted by Galt Community of Character Coalition

Honesty is a fundamental value we hold onto in our Galt community.

In fact, honesty was chosen as one of the six most important character traits under consideration by our Galt residents in a communitywide survey conducted in 2007. Honesty was a near-unanimous choice that emerged from the survey. As a result, the Galt Community of Character Coalition selected honesty as the character trait of focus for March and April of every year to revisit, celebrate role models and reaffirm its importance.

This year, honesty seems under attack on many fronts. We see how the power of artificial intelligence can be co-opted for malign uses, where truth is intentionally eroded, and "fake truths" are cleverly crafted to appear real. When we see these fake truths on television or social media, we are challenged to the core to determine what is in fact true and what is invented,

distorted and flat-out false. Sometimes we hear false truths that have been passed along by people who have not verified the information they so hastily have shared to unsuspecting friends and contacts. However, repeating and amplifying false information does not make it true. It just encourages confusion, mistrust and division.

In Galt, though, we are not about dishonesty and we're not about to stop promoting and recognizing honesty as the norm in all aspects of daily life in our small town.

Your word is your bond. We associate honesty with people of honor, and we admire and trust those who are honest.

Since 2009, the Galt Community of Character Coalition has recognized 17 individuals who were nominated by others who recognized that these nominees clearly demonstrated honesty in their lives. These outstanding individuals include everyday people who exemplify honesty in how they live their lives, striving to make life better for those around

them through their consistent adherence to honesty.

Possibly you know some of these outstanding role models of honesty: Bernie Olmos, Diane Smith, Matthew Thompson, Virginia Menezes, Maximiliano Canales, Patrick O'Hara, Victor Rojas, Shaun Farrell, Lois Trant, Rafael Guevara, Bryan Jenks, Jay Duncan, Josie Duncan, Chad Smith, Fatima Lopes, Miguel Curiel and Tracie Cross. As you can see, Galt has history when it comes to honesty. Let's keep it that way.

Perhaps you know someone who is a role model of honesty. We would like to hear their story and possibly honor them with a Galt Community of Character Honesty Award. Please mail information about your nominee to Galt Community of Character Coalition, P.O. Box 902, Galt, CA 95632.

Or you can send information about your nominee to Mari Martinez at the Nominating Committee: [marimartinez2323@gmail.com](mailto:marimartinez2323@gmail.com). Be sure to include the name, address, email

## GALT COMMUNITY of CHARACTER

The Galt Community of Character Coalition is a community-based organization that seeks to create a community culture based on values, goodwill and accepted character traits. The character coalition hopes to inspire and motivate individuals, families and organizations to take responsibility for their choices and actions, to make a difference in the community and to display and recognize good character.

The coalition regularly recognizes and honors outstanding individuals and groups in the community that display good character. Accordingly, nominations are sought for individuals or groups displaying the character trait of **honesty**. Honesty is recognized in those who are totally trustworthy.

If you would like to nominate an individual or group that displays the character trait of **honesty**, please submit this nomination form with the information requested to **Galt Community of Character Coalition, P.O. Box 902, Galt, CA 95632; or you may submit the nomination by email to [rcracing21@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rcracing21@sbcglobal.net). Deadline for nominations is April 30.**

### Nominee:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

**On a separate page, describe, by giving an example, how the nominee best exemplifies the character trait of honesty.**

### Nominated by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

### Thank you.

*Transforming a community by inspiring, motivating and recognizing good character*

address and phone number of your nominee and a description of the actions that demonstrate their honesty.

You can nominate individuals, groups or organizations. Also, let us know who you are,

including your name, address, email address and phone number. The deadline is April 30.

One more thing: Would you like to get involved with Galt Community of Character Coalition activities? Please join

us at character coalition meetings on the second Monday of each month at 5 p.m. The next meeting is April 8. All are welcome. Meetings take place at L'Chayim, 400 Fourth St., Suite 160, near the Velvet Creamery. ★



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# Support Girl Scouts Through Cookie Share Program Today!

## Girl Scouts Heart of Central California News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Did you know that even if you've already stocked up on your favorite Girl Scout Cookies, you can still spread joy and support local Girl Scouts through Cookie Share, a Girl Scout community service project?

Girl Scouts Heart of Central California (GSHCC) is excited to invite you to participate in this meaningful initiative, which offers opportunities to donate cookies and make a significant difference in the lives of young girls in the community.

Cookie Share allows girls to offer virtual "Cookie Share" cookies that are distributed to the nation's soldiers, local

food banks and other charitable organizations. This unique approach spreads cheer through delicious treats and also shows gratitude and support for those who serve local communities and the country.

"Even if you've already indulged in your favorite Girl Scout Cookies, you can still make a difference in the lives of local girls," said Girl Scouts Heart of Central California Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Linda E. Farley. "Through Cookie Share, we offer a unique opportunity to show gratitude to those who support our communities, all while uplifting young girls. Join us in making a lasting difference and empowering the next generation of female leaders."

Cookie Share proceeds remain within the local community and are

dedicated to funding a variety of enriching activities and experiences for girls throughout the year. These include field trips, community projects and outdoor adventures. Moreover, the Girl Scout Cookie Program is one among numerous programs offered throughout the year, all designed to expand the horizons of Girl Scouts, impart vital life skills, and equip them for future leadership roles.

If you're interested in learning more about Girl Scouts Heart of Central California and how you can get involved, visit [www.girlscoutshcc.org](http://www.girlscoutshcc.org). ★

**Girl Scouts gain valuable life skills selling cookies, including money management, team building, public speaking and decision-making.** Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts of Northern California



## GLANCE BACK

### 80 Years Ago March 31, 1944

A baby shower was given Mrs. Virginia McCoy at Twin Cities by Mrs. Maxine Hay March 18. The following ladies were present: Mmes. DeAmbrosio, Van Heusen, File, Crug, Billick, Smoot, Chapman, Bergeron, Hauschildt, Chapman, Stroening and Virginia Van Heusen.

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Miss Bettyjean Lewis, who is taking a nurses' training course in St. Luke's Hospital in San Francisco, was a weekend visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Lewis of Galt.

### 70 Years Ago April 1, 1954

Members of the Galt chapter of FFA won two gold and silver awards at a recent dinner celebration. Gold winners were Loren Goehring, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Goehring and Darrell Schock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schock. Silver winners: Bill Denier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Denier and Lester Fuqua, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fuqua.

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Sacramento will soon be closer to Galt, at least in time to get there. The State Division of Highways announced it expects to advertise in late spring for bids on construction of the first stage of a five-mile section of a four-lane freeway of U.S. 50-99 between Sacramento and Lodi. It will extend one half mile south of Elk Grove Boulevard to two miles south of Florin Road.

### 60 Years Ago March 26, 1944

Mrs. Kate Miller of Galt was guest of honor at a family potluck dinner held March 8 at the Herald Garden Clubhouse. The occasion was her 88th birthday ... The family of Leslee Van Steyn - Mr. and Mrs. Charles Van Steyn, Charles and David - gave her a birthday party

on Saturday evening on her 9th birthday.

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Born: A 6-pound 19-ounce girl, Janice Lorraine, to Mr. and Mrs. William Wilkerson at 11:50 p.m. in the Lodi Memorial Hospital.

### 50 Years Ago March 28, 1974

Jenny Morehead of Galt, representing the Galt Lions Club, was declared the winner of Zone Speakers contest March 21 at the Galt Methodist Church. Her topic was "Ecology - Its Price" and her coach was Mrs. Eugenia Olson. Jenny will move on to the Regional Speakers contest March 27 in Sacramento.

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The Lodi Memorial Hospital Association held its annual election of board members Tuesday night and among those elected was Robert Lawrence of Galt. Also from Galt is Mrs. Virginia Whitcanack, secretary of the board.

### 40 Years Ago March 22, 1984

The District Science Fair was held recently, with multiple students crowned as winners. Genoa Small won first place for grades 4-6 with the theme of "How to Blow up Balloons." David Grundman of Galt Middle School and Christopher Roberts won first place in the district, and Chad Johnson was best of show in the district.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eb Bottimore of Herald celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 16. A family dinner party was given by their daughters, Susan Mahon, Marilyn Norris and Janet Pellandini. Their son, Chris, was unable to attend, but telephoned his greetings from Tortola, British Virgin Islands. ★

## ABOUT TOWN

### HCC Easter Egg Hunt March 23

Herald Community Club will hold its Easter Egg Hunt on March 23. The family-friendly egg hunt starts at 11:30 a.m. sharp and attendees are invited to bring their own Easter baskets. The overall event runs until 1 p.m. and features kids' crafts and music, as well as burgers and hot dogs. The Easter Bunny will take pictures with guests at Herald Community Park.

### St. Martin Pasta Night March 23

St. Martin Foundation, which aims to open transitional housing in Elk Grove, will hold its second annual Pasta and Bingo Night on March 23 at the Littleton Community Center. Starting at 5 p.m., the event will include bingo games, a raffle and a door prize. Tickets cost \$35 and include dinner, one bingo card and a door prize entry. Additional bingo cards are \$5 each or three for \$10. The Littleton Community Center is located at 410 Civic Drive. To buy tickets, call Mark Jackson at 916-494-8282 or visit Next Generation Barbershop at 814 E. C St.

### Eggstravaganza, Kite Day on March 30

Galt Area Historical Society will host Eggstravaganza and Kite Day on March 30 at McFarland Living History Ranch, featuring an egg hunt and egg drop, a pie-eating contest and pictures with the Easter Bunny. Games and activities run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the hunt for eggs hidden across the ranch starts at 9 a.m. The pie-eating contest will start at noon and the egg drop will start at 1 p.m. Tours of the historic ranch house will be throughout the day. McFarland Living History Ranch is located at 8899 Orr Road. Parking costs \$5 per car. For information on registration, call 209-730-3127.

### Sunshine Pantry's Empty Bowls March 30

Sunshine Food Pantry's Empty Bowls Fundraiser will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. March 30 at the Littleton Community Center (410 Civic Drive). Proceeds go toward construction of its new building. Soups, salad and bread are included in the ticket price. Beer

and wine will be for sale. The event will also include a silent auction and artisan bowls for purchase. Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger. Purchase tickets at Galt United Methodist Church (571 C St.) or L'Chayim (400 Fourth St., Suite 160), or by contacting Faye Gaines at 209-200-2628 or fayegaines@att.net.

### A-Z Foundation Fundraising Dinner April 6

The GLS Chapter of the A-Z Foundation Group is hosting its fourth annual Auction/Banquet Fundraiser in Acampo on April 6. The prime rib and chicken dinner will be held at the Moose Lodge (3824 E. Woodridge Road, Acampo). Doors open at 5 p.m.

Single dinner tickets cost \$80 each, or \$150 for two. Multiple levels of table sponsorships are available. A raffle will be held with prizes including various rifles; raffle ticket packs are available for \$100 to \$500, with bonus tickets on offer for those who buy before March 27.

For ticket information, call Joyce Horrocks at 209-541-4959, Rick Horrocks at 209-541-4813, or Rodney Torres at 209-769-1088.

### Historical Tours Offered Monthly

The Galt Area Historical Society will offer tours at McFarland Living History Ranch (8898 Orr Road) and the Rae House Museum (204 Oak Ave.), 1 to 4 p.m. on the following Sundays: April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, Aug. 4, Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1. Parking is free and donations are accepted. For more information, call 209-730-3127.

### Pancake Dinner for GHS Sports April 13

The Galt High School Athletic Boosters will raise money for the school's sports programs with its second annual Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. April 13 at Nottoli Dome at Galt High, 145 North Lincoln Way. Tickets cost \$12 each. To buy tickets, visit the boosters' Square webpage at [bit.ly/4c5Yp5a](http://bit.ly/4c5Yp5a) (case sensitive).

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*During the time period of March 8-14, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in seven arrests.*

### Friday, March 8

10:01 a.m., trespassing reported at Highway 99/A Street.  
07:14 p.m., weapon possession/adult arrested at Gilly's Car Wash and Dog Wash on East Stockton Boulevard.

### Saturday, March 9

11:35 a.m., stolen vehicle recovered on Twin Cities Road.  
02:00 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Galt Mini Mart and Liquor on Carol Drive.  
03:25 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at North Lincoln Way.  
08:12 p.m., traffic violation/adult arrested on Pine Street.

### Sunday, March 10

08:06 a.m., vandalism reported at Valley Oaks Senior Apartments on Oak Avenue.  
12:50 p.m., hit-and-run/non-injury at Walmart on Twin Cities Road.

### Monday, March 11

03:23 a.m., missing adult reported at Galt Police Department on Industrial Drive.  
09:09 a.m., theft reported at Walmart on Twin Cities Road.  
11:25 a.m., vandalism reported at Lake Park Avenue/Carillion Boulevard.  
05:54 p.m., hit-and-run/non-injury reported at C Street/South Lincoln Way.

### Tuesday, March 12

02:04 a.m., theft reported at 7-Eleven on Pine Street.  
09:55 a.m., stolen vehicle recovered/adult arrested at Squeeze Burger on Twin Cities Road.  
04:54 p.m., burglary reported at St.

Christopher's community center on Third Street.  
06:17 p.m., fight reported on Wendy Hope Drive.

### Wednesday, March 13

10:52 a.m., hit-and-run/non-injury reported at Galt Market on Meladee Lane.  
05:34 p.m., deceased person reported at The Galt Place on D Street.  
06:43 p.m., child neglect/abuse reported on Bernier Circle.  
10:16 p.m., drunk and disorderly person reported at Galt Market on Meladee Lane.

### Thursday, March 14

11:27 a.m., domestic violence/adult arrested on Glendale Avenue.  
12:14 p.m., trespassing reported at Savemart Supermarkets on C Street.  
04:27 p.m., fight reported on Partridge Drive. ★

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### City After-Hours Assistance

After-hours assistance is available 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 4 to 10 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, and from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call 209-810-0293.

### Office Hours with Mayor Sandhu

Galt Mayor Paul Sandhu is opening his office hours to meet one-on-one with residents of Galt. On the first and second Thursday of each month, residents can discuss issues important to them. Meetings will be held at Galt City Hall (380 Civic Drive) 30 minutes each and by appointment only.

To schedule an appointment, contact the city clerk's office at 209-366-7130, extension 7, or [clerk@cityofgalt.org](mailto:clerk@cityofgalt.org).

### 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 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays 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 only for dry-cell household batteries.

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

### Square Dance Classes on Mondays

The Diamond Dancers Square Dance Club hosts social square-dancing classes in Galt. The classes are open to everyone and are held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays 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 at 347 Fifth St. For more information, call Sue Regadanz at 916-835-8916.

### AA 24-Hour Hotline

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

### Nominate Your Neighbor

The Galt Beautification Committee wants 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

newsletters and City Manager Updates.

### 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 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays 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 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 at 209-745-4133.

The food closet is open from 7:30 to 10 a.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month 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 at 11:30 a.m. Mondays through Fridays for adults ages 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. from 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays (except holidays and when required by the city). Seniors of Galt and its immediate vicinity are invited to have fun and play bingo together, socialize and possibly make new friends. Attendance is free.

### 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 volunteers who can operate a computer and are willing to answer questions from seniors in person, over the phone, on social media and by email.

Volunteer slots are available in two-hour increments for up to four hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, excluding holidays. Volunteers will be trained and can contact commission members if questions arise.

The resource center is at the Chabolla Community Center, 600 Chabolla Ave. If interested in helping, call 209-294-3308 and leave a message or inquire in person.

### Cosumnes DAR Chapter Accepting New Members

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

The nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization is 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 on the Rio Cosumnes Chapter's monthly meetings or membership, contact Registrar Paula Schroeder at [egdarregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:egdarregistrar@gmail.com). ★

## MEETING MINDERS

### Monday, March 25

Galt Public Safety Committee, 6 p.m., City Hall, 380 Civic Drive.

### Wednesday, March 27

Galt-Arno Cemetery District, 4 p.m., Cemetery Office, 14180 Joy Drive, 209-745-2581.

Galt Elementary School Board, 7 p.m., City Hall, 380 Civic Drive, 209-745-4545.

### Thursday, March 28

Galt Commission on Aging, 10 a.m., Parks and Recreation Department, 610 Chabolla Ave.

### Friday, March 29

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

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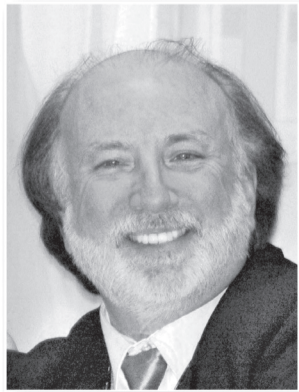


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# What Are They to Do?

*Sacramento gave a homeless camp a lease as an experiment*

By Marisa Kendall  
CALMatters.org

When Sacramento changed its plan to demolish a homeless encampment on a vacant lot on Colfax Street, instead offering the homeless occupants a lease, activists and camp residents celebrated it as a win.

The first-of-its-kind deal, which allows the camp to remain in place and govern itself without city interference, was held up as a model Sacramento could replicate at future sites. Other cities, including San Jose, have said they're considering similar models, putting the success or failure of this encampment under the microscope.

A year later, Sacramento has not managed to reproduce the concept and has no plans to. Residents of the camp, who lack electricity or running water, complain they feel forgotten. And the county district attorney, claiming the site threatens public safety, has demanded the city clear the camp or risk prosecution.

Those troubles highlight the logistical and ethical dilemmas that come with setting aside outdoor spaces for homeless residents to go when there aren't enough beds indoors. And it comes at a time when officials across the state increasingly are turning to this last-ditch solution as they face mounting pressure to clear encampments away from sidewalks, parks, schools and other high-traffic public areas.

"The fact that people have a place where they can legally exist and not be threatened with arrest, not be run off and have to lose their belongings, where they can go to the bathroom with dignity, where there's trash pickup so they don't have to live in a place where there's trash all over, where service providers can find them regularly and they aren't going to lose contact with people as they work their way to housing — those are all good things," said Eric Tars, senior policy director of the National Homelessness Law Center. "But it would be even better if they were doing them indoors."

## They Got A Lease, And They Make Their Own Rules

Camp Resolution, as the Sacramento camp is known, was started in 2022 by Sharon and Joyce Jones — a married couple in their 50s who found themselves homeless for the first time late in life. More than four-dozen people now live there, some in new-looking Bullet trailers provided by the city, and others in cars, tents and more dilapidated trailers and RVs.

Some residents have taken pains to make it more homey: Two potted plants hang from the hitch of one trailer, chickens roam the lot, and Sharon and Joyce are putting in a garden, using pallets to make raised planter beds.

"We try to make it as comfortable as possible," Joyce said, "but sometimes it's impossible."

Shortly after Joyce and her community occupied the city-owned, formerly vacant lot in 2022, city workers determined the camp was unsafe and needed to be demolished — as often happens in Sacramento and throughout California. But that's where the story takes an unusual turn. Residents of the camp, and their supporters, showed up in force to a city council meeting and persuaded council members to delay the sweep. About six months later, the city signed a lease allowing the camp to remain in place.

The lease, which advocacy group Safe Ground Sacramento signed on behalf of the Camp Resolution residents, was an experiment. Generally, similar programs are run by nonprofits contracted by a city. They often impose curfews, no-guest policies, sobriety requirements and other rules on residents. In exchange, they offer social services such as counseling or help finding permanent housing, and amenities such as showers and bathrooms.

"They don't think people experiencing homelessness are capable of governing themselves," Tars said.

Camp Resolution is different.



Joyce and Sharon Jones poke holes in a water bottle to water their garden next to their trailer at Camp Resolution on Feb. 28, 2024. The camp has no running water, so residents must rely on bottled water for all their needs. Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters



Jeanne Gillis cooks ground turkey over a wood fire beside her trailer at Camp Resolution on Feb. 28, 2024. Residents must rely on bottled water, generators, and wood fires because no utilities are provided at the camp. Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

Safe Ground Sacramento, which leases the property from the city for free, takes a hands-off approach that lets residents run the camp and write their own rules. The city gave the residents a handful of residential trailers, set up portable toilets and a hand-washing station, and provided dumpsters and ongoing trash pickup. But that's it.

Many activist groups laud that model as a best practice, saying it's important to let the residents run, or at least help run, their own camp.

"When individuals in these encampments have a sense of ownership, then it can really lead to the camp being a place that they take pride in and that they are trying to keep in as good condition as possible," Tars said. "It gives a sense of responsibility to others in that community."

It also means minimal overhead for the city: The trailers provided to Camp Resolution residents came from the Federal Emergency Management Agency at no cost to the city of Sacramento, and adding the camp to the city's existing contract for trash pickup didn't add any additional expense.

But in the case of Camp Resolution, it also means residents are left to fend for themselves. The city doesn't provide electricity or running water. Community members donate food, some residents have generators, and a nonprofit used to bring a trailer with showers every other Sunday — but they recently stopped.

"It's not going very well," Joyce said. "I think that (the city) should do a little bit more."

The Camp Resolution lease says the city would provide up to 33 trailers. Residents ended up receiving just 16. But 51 people live at the camp, meaning some people sleep in tents, in their cars or in dilapidated trailers and RVs that leak in the rain and have sprouted mold.

The city wouldn't comment on the trailers — or anything else — citing a pending threat of prosecution from the county District Attorney's Office. City officials recently sent 40 trailers to a new safe sleeping site they opened on Roseville Road, which also has

and held underground storage tanks for diesel and gasoline, he said. It's not safe to camp on the contaminated soil, according to his letter. But only half of the site is paved, while the other half is bare dirt — and people live on both sides.

Ho's office did not set a specific deadline for the city to clear the encampment, leaving it unclear exactly what, if anything, will come of his threat.

When asked about Ho's next steps, Sonia Martinez Satchell, a spokesperson for the District Attorney's Office, indicated prosecution is still on the table.

"To date, the City has failed to move the unhoused off this toxic

has agreed to take up the case and will hear arguments next month. But for now, cities' hands remain largely tied if they lack enough shelter beds.

Safe sleeping sites take many different forms — and have a range of price tags. In August, after the city stalled in its attempts to open safe sleeping sites, Sacramento City Manager Howard Chan single-handedly tried to identify locations for the projects. He initially said Camp Resolution could be a model for future sites — because it cost the city so little to run, it would allow the city to open more sites than if they used more expensive models.

Instead, the city in January launched its next safe sleeping site, on Roseville Road, with more services, more oversight and a greater cost — \$3.2 million per year. The site has 60 rudimentary tiny homes and 40 trailers and is governed by a nonprofit contracted through the city.

But, due to an anticipated budget shortfall for the coming fiscal year, the city has no plans to launch additional safe sleeping sites, Swanson said. At a committee meeting last month, city staff predicted that by next year, the city's budget for homeless services would be short \$11 million. By the 2025-26 fiscal year, they expected to be short nearly \$39 million.

## Life At Camp Resolution

There are about 800 people on the waitlist to get into Camp Resolution, according to Sharon and Joyce. Only six people from the camp have moved out and into permanent housing, they said. Just on the other side of the gate that separates Camp Resolution from the rest of the world, a group of people live in a cluster of cars parked haphazardly on the side of the road. Across the street, someone has erected a makeshift homes. RVs that serve as stand-in homes line the road.

Inside the gate, Sharon and Joyce tend to have the ultimate say in what goes, though there's also a council that meets on Thursday evenings to discuss camp issues. Things don't always go smoothly.

Last year a neighbor's dogs attacked Sharon and sent her to the hospital with multiple bite injuries. That led to new rules at the camp about pets. But Sharon and Joyce say it's hard to actually enforce the rules they impose.

"We need more structure," Sharon said.

As they showed off the different parts of their community, Sharon and Joyce expressed disapproval of a trash pile in the middle of the camp.

"That can go in the trash can," Joyce said. It didn't take long. A few minutes later, residents could be seen picking up the garbage and carrying it to a nearby dumpster.

CalMatters Capitol reporter Jeanne Kuang contributed to this story. ★



Jeanne Gillis uses tubs to wash dishes next to her trailer at Camp Resolution on Feb. 28, 2024. Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

plumbed toilets and showers.

Several of the Camp Resolution residents are elderly, and some have serious medical issues that make living without reliable power and water difficult. One woman, who recently turned 60, is on dialysis and gets around on an electric mobility scooter that she leaves parked outside her trailer.

Most of the residents are women, some of whom wouldn't feel safe on the streets by themselves. Jeanne Gillis, 53, was cooking ground turkey over an open flame outside her trailer on a recent Wednesday. Gillis, who used to work as a medical patients' advocate, lost her housing two years ago when she got sick with lupus and could no longer work. She'd never been homeless before and didn't know what to do — so Sharon and Joyce took her under their wing. Now she's part of their tight-knit community.

"Thank God for everybody. Because it's hard," she said, tearing up. "I don't think I'd be here if it wasn't for everybody."

## Camp Resolution Faces Legal Threat

Camp Resolution also faces an outside threat — Sacramento County District Attorney Thien Ho has demanded that the city close the camp. His office sent a letter to the city and Safe Ground Sacramento in November labeling the site a public health hazard. The site is contaminated by toxic chemicals left over from when it was used as a vehicle maintenance yard

waste site," she said in an emailed statement. "We will not waver from our commitment to protect public safety for all. As outlined in our letter, all available actions and recourse remain available."

But camp residents and the advocates working with them say they've heard nothing but silence from the District Attorney's Office since the November letter. That means the fate of those living at Camp Resolution is still up in the air.

Tim Swanson, spokesman for the City Manager's Office, said the city can't comment on any aspect of Camp Resolution because of the pending threat of prosecution.

Sharon and Joyce aren't concerned — they claim the camp isn't on the portion of the site that's contaminated. Ho's letter is just an excuse to try to kick them off the property, they said.

## Sanctioned Homeless

### Encampments In California

Faced with a massive shortage of affordable homes, desperate city officials across California are considering opening places where unhoused people can legally set up tents. The move could give them more power to clear encampments from around parks, schools, downtown zones and other high-profile areas. That's because unless cities have somewhere for displaced unhoused residents to go, the 2018 appellate case *Martin v. Boise* limits the extent to which they can clear encampments. That could change soon, as the Supreme Court

# County Appoints Deputy Executive

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and Organizational Development and Office of Civil Rights and Labor Relations manager.

Fadal has a Doctor of Business Administration from Argosy University, a Master of Public Administration with emphasis on organization change from California State University, East Bay, and a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management from Patten University. He also

completed the Negotiation and Conflict Management Training for Senior Executives at Harvard Law School and he possesses a Certificate in Training and Human Resources Management from U.C. Santa Cruz.

Fadal has nearly 20 years of experience as a lecturer and area chair over the University of Phoenix MBA Business Program and an assistant professor for DeVry University's Keller Graduate School

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# Galt Music Showcase Features Young Musicians



All six bands from Galt Joint Union Elementary School District play "Mama Paquita" together. Photo by Matthew Malone

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The effort "involves a lot of coordination" between the district's five music teachers, according to Aguilera.

She also noted the district's support for the event. She especially thanked David Myers, who oversees the district's warehouse and delivery, for moving the copious equipment needed to accommodate the performance.

Laura Corwin and Alayna Crandell both

have daughters at Greer Elementary with a full slate of music: band, choir and handbell choir.

"They've had a lot of practicing and I know they've been excited but also nervous because this is first time they've had a band in a couple of years, at least here at (Greer)," Corwin said.

The two said their children were motivated to join the music programs to be with their friends and to satisfy a love of music.

"I'm proud of them.

They did really well," Crandell said.

Corwin agreed, saying she was excited to see their children perform in front of such a large audience.

Aguilera said her "ultimate dream" for the showcase would be to expand it to include the broader community, not just students' family and friends, "just to show off what the youth of Galt are working on, positive things that the kids in Galt are doing." ★

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### CURTIS JAMES MCENERNEY • 11/23/34 - 02/17/2024

Curtis James (Buzz) McEnerney, 89 years old, passed away at his home in Sacramento on the afternoon of February 17, 2024. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Curtis "Curt" McEnerney and Erma Marie (Murphy) McEnerney, sisters Erma Jean Batti and Nancy Ann Fawcett. He is survived by his son William Curtis McEnerney, daughter Elaine McEnerney Grabach and grandchildren Isabelle, Skyler and Elliot. In failing health, his daughter Elaine cared for him at his home near Sacramento's McKinley Park.



He invested in real estate with his lifelong friend Jack Hirtle, enjoyed traveling, and duck, goose & deer hunting in his time off work. After he retired, he reverted to his roots in agriculture by spending time tending his kiwi and grape vines in Sacramento. At a cabin in the redwoods near the town of Whitethorn, in Humboldt County he looked after his dad Curt who had retired there. He was devoted to his friends, and those that visited the cabin might find Buzz out cutting firewood, planting redwood trees or preparing a hearty meal. A Celebration of Life is planned for April 17th 12:00 Noon at "The Barn" located at: 10826 Walmort Road, Wilton, CA 95693.

Buzz grew up in Galt and enjoyed spending time at his grandparents, William & Genevieve (Bolton) McEnerney's ranch on Alabama Road. He spent his adult life employed by Capitol Plywood, Inc.

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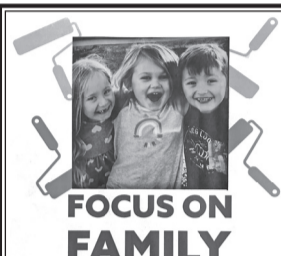
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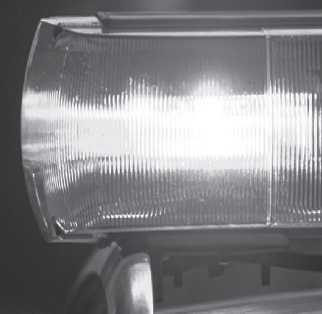
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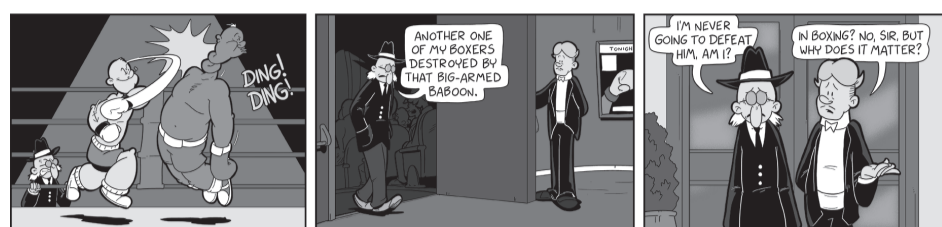
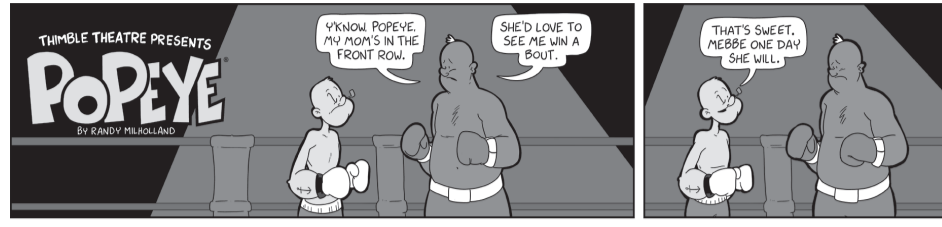


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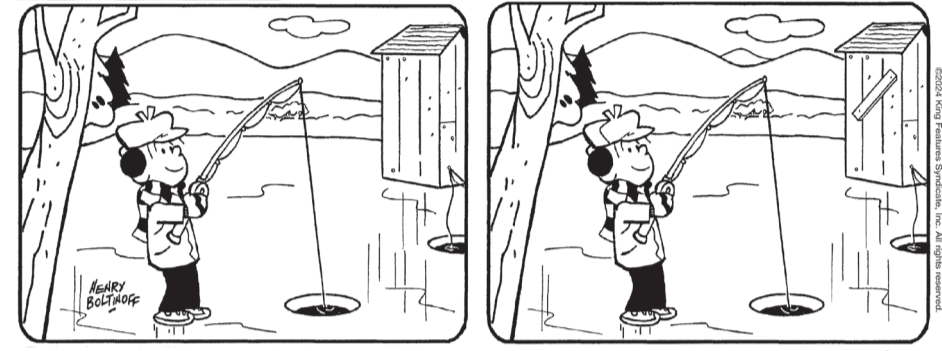
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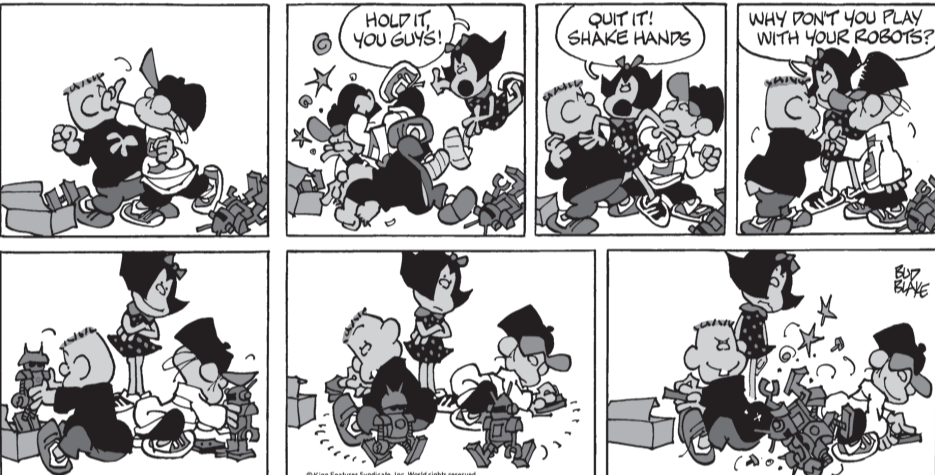
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  - Ohio city
  - Lodge
  - Squirrel away
  - \*Glenn Frey: "The pressure's high just to stay alive 'cause \_\_\_\_\_ is on"
  - \*John Travolta in "Grease": "I got \_\_\_\_\_ they're multipliyin'"
  - Automated teller
  - Clarified butter
  - Bad-mouth, slangily
  - Stag
  - Tartans
  - "I'm \_\_\_\_\_ you!"
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  - Monocot's alternative
  - Road's edge
  - Living room centerpiece?
  - Prefix meaning "left"
  - Deadly snake
  - Sasquatch's cousin
  - Court petitioner
  - Blood infection
  - Indian flatbread
  - Opposite of post-
  - Sound of impact
  - \*Duran Duran: "Her name is \_\_\_\_\_, and she dances on the sand"
  - \*The Beatles: "Take a sad song and make it \_\_\_\_\_"
  - \*Elvis: "We're caught in a trap, I can't \_\_\_\_\_"
  - Relating to a mode
  - Scrooge's exclamation
  - Memory failure
  - Bouquet thrower
  - Number of candles on a cake
  - Musketeers' weapons
  - Picnic invaders
  - "Just kidding!"
  - Did, archaic
- DOWN**
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  - 100,000, in India
  - Cameron Diaz' Fiona, e.g.
  - Hula dancer's hello
  - These are held to be true
  - Miners' passage
  - \*Tainted Love: "Once I ran to you, now I \_\_\_\_\_"
  - "Lord of the Flies" shell
  - Like the other side of the pillow?
  - Certain kind of exam
  - Not his
  - Antiquated
  - Protection from a sword
  - To death, in French (2 words)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ B vaccine
  - Manna from heaven
  - \*Bon Jovi: "Tommy used to work on the \_\_\_\_\_"
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# LOCAL SPORTS → COVERAGE

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## Record-Breaking Season for Liberty Lady Hoops

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Not only did the Liberty Ranch girls' basketball team win League without sharing the title for the first time in school history, but they also earned the League MVP, and head coach Josh Williams was voted Coach of the Year by his peers.

It was Williams' eighth year coaching, but his first year coaching the Hawk basketball ladies. "We set some goals and worked towards them," said Williams. "Overall, we had a good season and were able to get the first solo championship for the school. I look forward to advancing the program and taking it to new heights."

Senior Sophia Felix broke the single-game record for 3-pointers when she sank eight against Bear Creek on Dec. 29, 2023.

Sophomore phenom Haley Smith was voted Co-League MVP along with Union Mine's Alana Schneider.

According to assistant coach John Williams, Smith set the single-season scoring record with 573 points. She surpassed



**Josh Williams-Coach of the Year.** Photos by Paige Lampson



**Haley Smith, Basketball Co-League MVP.**



**Sophia Felix, All League.**



**Summer McCoy, All League.**



**Madisyn Robbins, All League.**



**Akayla-Joy Gunter, GHS All League.**

Selina Moore's 529 points from 2012-2013.

Smith also set the season rebound record, pulling in 284. Smith also broke the free throws made in a season, scoring 145 of them. That sets the highest free-throw percentage for a season at 81.4%.

Smith is a team player and set the most assists in a game record with nine against Rosemont on Feb. 6, 2024.

As a sophomore with two seasons playing varsity basketball and two to go, Smith is now the leader in career rebounds with 538

and already hit the 1,000-point career mark. Smith, a 4.0 student, has already been offered a scholarship to play at Fresno State, and it will be exciting to see which other universities seek her out.

As the SVC League Champion coach, Williams was allowed to name four athletes as all-league. Haley Smith, Sophia Felix, Summer McCoy and Madisyn Robbins were given their patches.

Galt High basketball named Akayla-Joy Gunter to all-league. ★

## SVC MVP's and Coach of Year for Hawk Soccer

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch girls' soccer team took the SVC League Championship for the second year in a row.

Maryn Rogers was voted SVC MVP by the league coaches and Elianna Enriquez was named SVC Defensive MVP.

Head Coach Rob Huarte named seven athletes to the All-League team: Maryn Robers, Elianna Enriquez, Ellianna Keiser, Natalie Merlin, Hailey Katen, Libby Portillo and Halle Ory.

Head coach Rob Huarte, who has been coaching Liberty Ranch soccer since the school opened, was voted Coach of the Year by his peers for the second time in a row. This was his fourth time being named Coach of the Year.

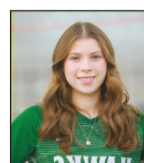
Huarte says the honor represents the soccer community. "Obviously I'm flattered, humbled and honored to receive this award for the second year in a row," said Huarte. "I think it represents a lot more than just me, though. It certainly reflects our team winning and our entire Galt



**Coach of the Year Rob Huarte.** Photos by Paige Lampson



**SVC League MVP-Maryn Rogers.**



**SVC Defensive MVP-Elianna Enriquez**



**All League-Ellianna Keiser**



**All League-Natalie Merlin**



**All League-Hailey Katen**



**All League-Libby Portillo**



**All League-Halle Ory**

community. I'm very fortunate to have such a talented group of players to coach as well."

"I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to also recognize the coaching staff that supported me: Ciara Porter and Brian Castaneda. When I think of this group of players and how hard they've worked all season and how committed they've been from the start, not only playing together but for each other, I'm thrilled to have had the privilege of coaching this

team."

Huarte reflected on his coaching philosophy. "A good coach will make their players see what they can be rather than what they are," he said. "One of my best qualities as a coach is that I ask a lot of challenging questions and let the person come up with the answer." ★

## Galt Girls Soccer All League Named



**All League-Kylee Chapman.** Photos by Paige Lampson



**All League-Shantiny Lemus.**



**All League-Jennifer Arambula.**



**All League-Maya Hernandez.**



**All League-Monica Valencia.**



**All League-Baylee Miller.**

The Galt Warrior girls' soccer team had a successful season, finishing second in the SVC League. Head Coach Oscar Corona named six players to the all-league team.

Kylee Chapman, Shantiny Lemus, Jennifer Arambula, Maya Hernandez,

Monica Valencia and Baylee Miller were bestowed the honor.

At their awards banquet, goalie Kylee Chapman was named team MVP, Maya Hernandez was named team defensive MVP and Shantiny Lemus was awarded team offensive MVP. ★

## Baseball Season for Liberty Ranch

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) -The Liberty Ranch Hawks had a good start to their season, winning their first four games.

The wins were against Escalon 7-5, Hiram Johnson 12-0, Marysville 9-4 and their first league game against Rosemont 6-1.

They lost 5-2 against Amador then faced Bradshaw Christian. Bradshaw Christian, a private school, has become a baseball powerhouse, winning the league the last three years in a row. The Hawks' last league championship was in the 2019-20 season, and they have taken second place the last three years.

Bradshaw beat the Hawks 17-2 at home. With 17 at bats, only three Hawks



**2nd baseman Derek Nelson jumps to catch an infield fly.**

were able to hit off Bradshaw. They were Shaye Setter, Freshman Nolan House and Theodore Seidel. Derek Nelson had an RBI. ★

## LOCAL ATHLETE UPDATE



Sierra Dunnagan



Sierra Dunnagan at bat for Shawnee State. Courtesy Photos

### Dunnagan a hit for Shawnee State

Liberty Ranch graduate Sierra Dunnagan is well into her first season playing softball for Shawnee State in Portsmouth, OH.

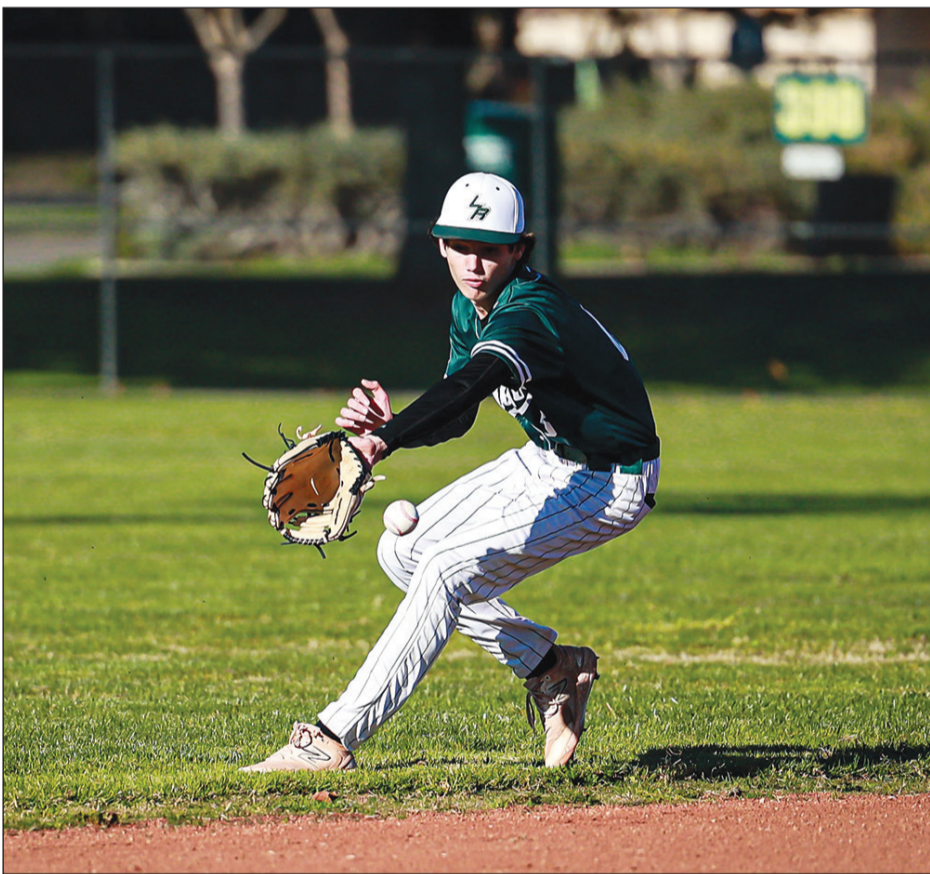
Dunnagan is an Exercise Science major playing on a full scholarship. Dunnagan has already hit two home runs this season and her batting average is .390.



Sierra Dunnagan slides into 3rd.

The team is 12-2 overall and 6-2 in conference play. Dunnagan plays infield and

catcher and has 14 RBI's and 11 runs. ★



Cole Erias fields a ball against Bradshaw Christian. Photos by Paige Lampson



Theodore Seidel sidesteps the Bradshaw catcher and scores.

## Compost With the Most



Locals who want to boost their gardens' sustainability have a new option in town, with the city of Galt offering free compost. Guillermo Mendez was shoveling compost on March 14. He said his fiancée's grandfather would use the compost to fertilize his garden. Other people getting compost said this was a cheap way to nourish their crops of tomatoes, chiles and other fruits and vegetables. The compost is available free of charge, for residential use only, from Thursday through Monday. It is located

at the Caroline Avenue parking lot, which is across the street from Galt-Marian O. Lawrence Library. Those interested are asked to bring their own shovels, gloves and buckets. In addition, no mechanical loading is allowed; all loading must be done manually. And there is a limit of five six-gallon buckets per load, and one load per week per household. For more information on the program and the benefits of compost, visit the city website at [bit.ly/43lySAI](http://bit.ly/43lySAI) (case sensitive). Photo by Matthew Malone

# The ABCs of Prayer Are Elementary

There have been times that I've been found napping in my office.

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That's because in reality, I may be doing both – napping and praying.

I call this time my "ABC prayer nap."

The meditative technique follows the Jewish tradition of acrostic prayers where each line of the prayer starts with a consecutive letter of the alphabet. It's a bit like playing Theological Scrabble.

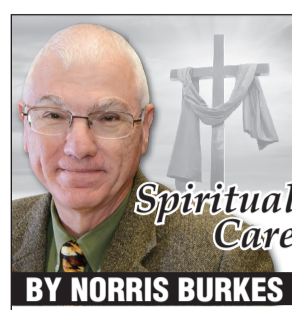
I have three prayers I can choose from (limit, one per nap.) Each prayer begins with one of these three introductory phrases.

1. God, help me to be ...
2. God, thank you for ...
3. God, forgive me for being ...

As I ease back in my office recliner, I choose one of those opening phrases followed by a request that starts the alphabet. For instance, the first phrase might begin, "God, help me to be Assuring. Followed by, "God, help me to be a Benefit to others.

The second ABC prayer follows the advice of an old hymn: "Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your many blessings, see what God has done."

These are prayers in which I thank God for my Children or something intangible like my Dreams. Each letter stands for whatever word floats into my mind that inspires an



least squelched – the image of God I saw in others."

This word was inspired by a hard saying from Jesus. Recorded in the modern translation of the Bible called "The Message," it reads:

"I'm telling you that anyone who is so much as angry with a brother or sister is guilty of murder. Carelessly call a brother 'idiot!' and you just might find yourself hauled into court. Thoughtlessly yell 'stupid!' at a sister and you are on the brink of hellfire. The simple moral fact is that words kill."

When I use the first two prayers, I'm usually asleep before I'm halfway through. However, the forgiveness prayer will often keep me awake as I work through the entire alphabet.

But like most naps, these ABC naps often keep me awake a bit past my evening bedtime. These are the moments I've tried to explain to my wife how my "praying" is keeping us both awake.

"Hmm," she says, "Maybe next time you should reverse the alphabet. Start with "Z" and ask God to 'Forgive my desire to be so Zealous.'"

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"attitude of gratitude."

My first and second prayer formats are meant to be inward and restorative. I try to do one prayer phrase per breath, so they bring sleep quickly.

However, the third prayer, "God forgive me for being ..." goes deeper, helping me face my own inadequacies.

During one recent nap, I voiced this prayer fairly quickly until I got to three letters not commonly used – I, J and K.

The letters had me searching my conscience for what I needed to ask. I remembered my wife commenting about the time I spent on the phone away from our family.

"God, forgive me for being Inattentive. Help me to be attentive and remember where you've placed me in the moment."

Since I had justified my phone usage as important business, I found it necessary to also ask God to "Forgive my desire to be Justified. I don't like being wrong. I like being right and just – sometimes at the expense of my relationships."

The next letter was much harder. "Forgive me, Lord, for Killing. Forgive me," I prayed, "for the times I've killed – or at

## MathAlive! - Where Mathematics Meets Imagination

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SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - "2THEXTREME! MathAlive!," the newest exhibit at the Aerospace Museum of California at McClellan Park, has 40 unique interactive exhibits to inspire students and their families to discover the world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). The exhibit runs through May 31. Museum hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays.

In a world where mathematics is often relegated to the realm of classroom tedium, the MathAlive! exhibition emerges as a vibrant testament to the beauty ever present and the sheer fun of math. This large-scale, interactive showcase is a journey through the mathematical bedrock of our everyday lives, designed to captivate families and students alike. With an emphasis on engagement and hands-on learning, MathAlive! proves that math is not just about numbers and equations—it's a key to

unlocking a world of possibilities.

Math is everywhere. From the way we play to the technology we use, math serves as a foundational building block, shaping our experiences and innovations. The exhibit highlights this concept, ensuring visitors leave with a newfound appreciation for the math that surrounds us, often hidden in plain sight.

By discovering math in unexpected places, the exhibit ventures into the realms of sports, music, fashion and entertainment, revealing the surprising ways in which mathematical principles are essential to creativity and artistry. At the heart of MathAlive! are its interactive exhibits.

Extreme Sports: Visitors can design and test virtual snowboards, exploring the geometry that influences their performance, or experience the thrill of a snowboarding simulator, embodying the physics of snow sports.

Fashion and Design: Here, the fusion of geometry and creativity takes center stage. Participants can play with geometric

patterns, delve into fabric design and see their ideas come to life in 3D garment models.

The Science Behind Video Games: Offering insights into the mathematical backbone of game design, this area allows attendees to peek behind the curtain of video game programming and coding, offering the chance to create a simple video game.

Robotics: By programming miniature Mars rovers, visitors engage directly with principles of navigation and engineering, confronting the complexities of robotic exploration.

The Mathematics of Architecture: This exhibit sheds light on the math behind iconic skyscrapers and gives visitors the opportunity to design their architectural marvels applying mathematical principles.

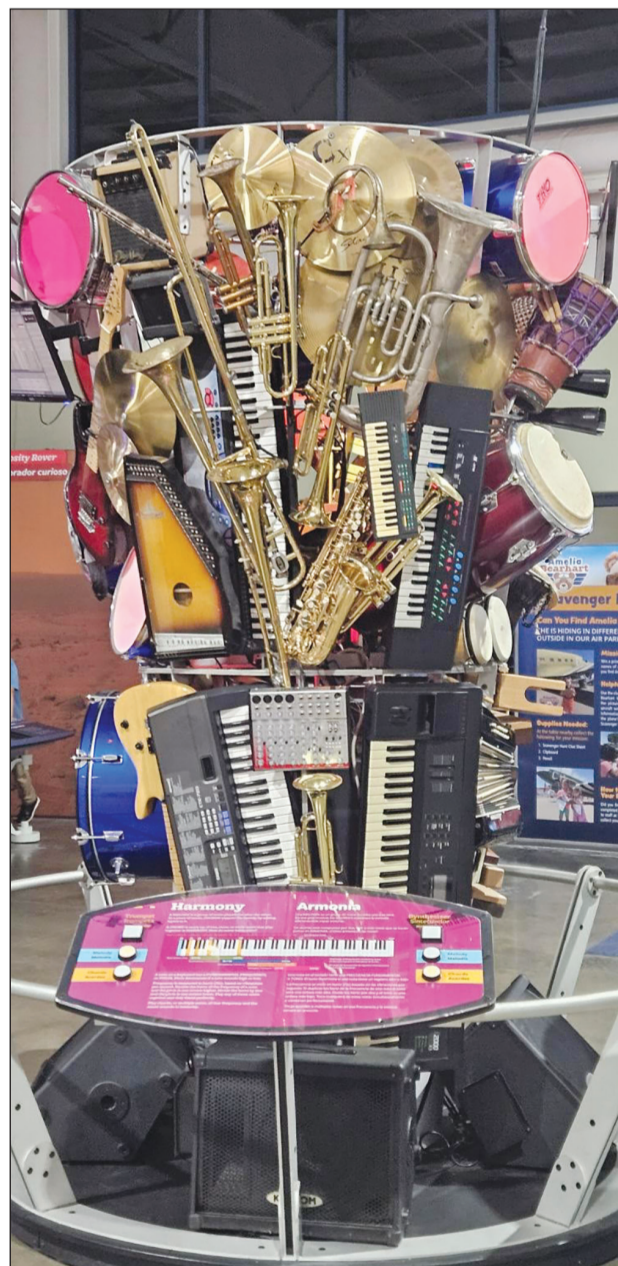
MathAlive!'s overarching mission is multifaceted: spark a lifelong interest in math, build confidence in math's accessibility, promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers, and revolutionize how visitors

perceive mathematics. By transforming math from a dreaded school subject into a fascinating tool for exploration and innovation, MathAlive! aims to inspire the next generation of scientists, engineers, and mathematicians.

MathAlive! places a spotlight on a profound truth: mathematics permeates every facet of our lives. Whether in our leisure activities or the technology that powers our world, mathematics acts as an essential cornerstone, molding our experiences and driving innovation. The exhibition adeptly showcases this concept, ensuring visitors depart with an enhanced appreciation for the mathematics that envelops us, often concealed within the mundane.

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