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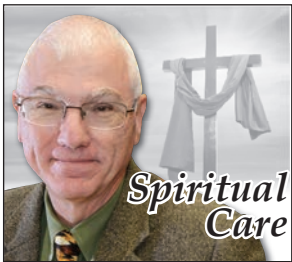
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Easter 'Eggcitement' at Kite Day



Michael Macias of Central Valley Kite Flyers watches as his manta ray kite catches the wind and rises during Eggstravaganza and Kite Day. Photos by Matthew Malone

By Matthew Malone News Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Although a rainy forecast threatened to dampen spirits at Eggstravaganza and Kite Day last Saturday, the weather cleared in time for the annual celebration of gigantic kites and Easter fun.

The day included an Easter egg hunt, with more than 10,000 candy-filled eggs scattered around the grounds of McFarland Living History Ranch, and the Easter Bunny was available for pictures. Competitions included a pie-eating contest and an



Children rush to get candy dropped from a specially designed kite.

egg drop. Galt Area Historical Society puts on the event, and organizers Lisa Houg and Darlene Alden said they were pleased with the turnout. Early-morning rain gave way to relatively sunny conditions for the festival hours. "Even this morning, I wasn't sure all the people would show up but we had quite a crowd," Houg said. She enjoyed "just seeing the kids get the eggs

and get all excited about the Easter Bunny and face-painting," also noting the array of food trucks and local vendors who turned out. "Oh, and then the kites. Continued on Page 3

Sunshine Pantry Nears Funding Goal

By Matthew Malone News Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Sunshine Food Pantry moved even closer on March 30 to constructing a dedicated building for its community services, with an "empty bowls" fundraiser dinner.

Held in the Littleton Community Center on March 30, the dinner featured a smorgasbord of nine kinds of soups for supporters to fill their bowls with.

A raffle and silent auction offered dozens of prizes. In addition, guests could purchase ceramic bowls to bring home. Some of the bowls were made and donated by Galt local Doug Gibson.

Pantry Director Faye Gaines said the nonprofit organization is well on its way to completing fundraising.

"It won't take too much more until we can break ground," Gaines told the Herald, citing a \$200,000 grant from Sacramento County and a \$54,000 grant from Sacramento Municipal Utility District, as well as the group's own fundraising. "We're hoping, praying that within the next six months we have something we can move into."

The pantry began its fundraising effort in October 2022, saying the current arrangement, in which it operates out of Galt United Methodist Church's community room, is no



Attendees at Sunshine Food Pantry's empty bowls fundraiser ladle out soup. The pantry was raising funds for its planned building. Photo by Matthew Malone

longer sustainable. Its food storage needs have outgrown the space as it provides food to larger numbers of people than ever.

David Herburger, who heads the committee organizing the fundraising, said the pantry plans to use a manufactured home north of the Methodist church for its new building. His goal was to have the

structure in place before the end of the year. The prefabricated building is different from the purpose-built structure that the pantry had originally envisioned, but Herburger said it would alleviate the space issues at the church.

"Basically, the goal is to have it as open as possible. The footprint is Continued on Page 2

CSD Fire Shows Strategic Plan, Service Goals

By Matthew Malone Staff Writer

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Cosumnes Community Services District staff updated the board of directors on the Cosumnes Fire Department strategic plan, as well as its community risk assessment and standards of cover (CRA/SOC). Both documents are major parts of the department's efforts to gain an international accreditation.

Administrative Manager Carolyn Baptista said that only 21 fire agencies in California are accredited through the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI).

"Accredited fire agencies are often described as being community oriented, data driven and outcome focused. They are well organized and properly equipped, staffed and trained," Baptista said.

To better track progress on the strategic plan, the district switched from using a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet to a dedicated software that can track a goal's status from "not started" to "achieved," as well as varying degrees of setbacks.

Baptista described the five-year strategic plan as a "living document," in which a project may go through multiple status levels over the course of a year. The board adopted the plan in 2022.

Out of the six major strategies laid out in the strategic plan, the one with the highest proportion of completed elements is community risk reduction and preparedness, at 38%. In the strategy of fostering an effective emergency response, 86% of items were "on track," the highest percentage for that status level; 7% of the emergency-response items had been achieved. Overall, 70% of objectives are on track or achieved.

Baptista said staff are encouraged to use the "off track" and "at risk" status labels, indicating difficulties like delays or funding shortages, as a way of highlighting which projects need additional resources.

"Noting that 30% of the objectives are either off track or not started, we plan to conduct a mid-strategic plan update as we come upon that half-way point in this five-year plan," Baptista said. "This will include reviewing each objective and seeing Continued on Page 7

St. Martin Foundation Raises Funds for Transitional Housing

By Matthew Malone
News Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Having opened its recovery residence in Galt, St. Martin Foundation held a fundraiser to support its goal of providing housing and recovery services to people working to stay sober and reintegrate into society.

The spaghetti dinner at Littleton Community Center on March 23 featured bingo games, a raffle and a door prize.

Founder Mark Jackson, who owns Next Generation Barbershop in Galt, said the new facility will provide a transitional environment for people coming out of rehab. Besides housing, residents will also receive assistance with tasks such as resume

writing, job searches and finding permanent housing.

Noting that there is a stigma to transitional housing, Jackson said he aims for the facility to be “the quiet house on the block.”

“I want to break that stigma,” Jackson told the Herald. “I’ve heard it said that they (transitional housing residents) are drug and alcohol offenders. Most of these guys haven’t offended or really done anything wrong. Just, you know, they had a problem drinking or (using) drugs. Obviously, it’s a sober-living environment, so you have to be sober, and you have to be clean, to live at our residence.”

House Manager Scott Williams was looking forward to starting work.

Williams said he would

ensure that residents work to maintain the house as well as hold weekly meetings for residents to share where they are in their recovery journeys.

Williams himself has been in recovery for two years. He said he was at a low point in his life when he met Jackson at a recovery meeting. The two became friends, but Williams said they also “share in a common problem, and we’re seeking a common solution.”

Just as Jackson served as a connection for Williams, Williams hoped to help the St. Martin residents.

“The idea of recovery is, whatever you gain out of it, you then hope to give. It’s a very two-way street,” Williams said, adding later, “It’s become my life’s aim,

my vocation, to readily give the help and support that was so freely given to me. So I’m just very blessed and excited for the opportunity.”

Jackson anticipated being able to accept residents soon and put his goals for St. Martin Foundation into practice.

“The program side of it is where you get to actually put your business plan into play and you get to start helping people,” Jackson said. “So I’m very excited, very excited to see how things go. I’m ready to start helping people.”

Jackson said those interested in St. Martin Foundation’s services can visit him at Next Generation Barbershop (814 E. C St.) or call him at 916-494-8282. ★



St. Martin Foundation founder Mark Jackson (back row, second from left) poses for a photo with pasta dinner attendees, including from left, his mother, Cece Overton, Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume and Galt City Council Member Shawn Farmer. Photo by Paige Lampson

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going to allow us 1,700 square feet of space, and then we’re going to augment it. We already have, for example, one container on site, and through the SMUD grant ... we’re going to get a refrigerated container,” Herburger said.

Despite the increased numbers of clients — about 3,000 per month — the pantry’s main difficulty is storing its food.

“Oddly enough, storing the food has become the biggest obstacle,” Herburger said. “It’s not a question of finding it; it’s a question of storing it.”

The empty bowls fundraiser might become an annual event, Herburger said. It would help to finance the pantry’s ongoing expenses.

Gaines spoke about what it would mean for the pantry to have its own space.

“Once we get in the new building, everything will be where it belongs, and it’ll have a home, and it’ll stay there, and it will be much easier on our volunteers when we serve people,” Gaines said.

“We’ll be very happy to have our own place to call the pantry.” ★



Donated ceramic bowls were on sale during the dinner. Photos by Matthew Malone



Empty bowls guests enjoy each other’s company during the fundraiser dinner.



The raffle and silent auction included dozens of prizes donated by local businesses and individuals.



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An American flag-themed kite flies during Eggstravaganza and Kite Day.

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They're just having a blast," Houg added.

While Kite Day attendees flew their kites on the McFarland grounds, Central Valley Kite Flyers members set up huge kites in a field. When the wind picked up, they launched the kites, shaped like colorful manta rays and trilobites, up into the air.

Old City Kites, a store based in Old Sacramento, had a booth selling kites. Owner Anwar Khan said the kite weather was "not bad at all," with the rain gone.

"We have a few kites up in the air and it looks like a good day for an outing with the kids," Khan said.

Children and their parents were enjoying playing with their smaller kites, according to Khan, with designs ranging from dragons and birds to American flags and Elsa from "Frozen."

In the final activity, Central Valley Kite Flyers brought out a special kite designed to drop candy,



Children compete in the Eggstravaganza pie-eating contest. Photos by Matthew Malone

and children made a mad dash to pick up sweets after they fell from the sky.

Alden expressed gratitude for help from various Galt groups in mounting the event, in particular 4-H and FFA clubs and the Galt Teen Center. Family, friends and historical society volunteers also pitched in before and during the festival.

She also thanked the historical society docents, who led tours of the McFarland ranch house. McFarland Living History Ranch (8898 Orr Road) is open for free tours from 1 to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of the month.

"It's just so nice to see the community here and hopefully, it will bring people to see this house more often, to know that it's out here," Alden said. ★



Anthony Eichele of Central Valley Kite Flyers launches one of his giant kites.



Anastasia Elizondo celebrates after being declared winner of the pie-eating contest's adult division.



Getting whipped cream was a point of strategy for pie-eating contest competitors.



A colorful bird kite flies high during Kite Day.



Christina Lye and her daughter, Aria, hold onto one of the giant kites at Eggstravaganza and Kite Day.



Kite Day attendees get their kite in the air.



One of the pie-eating contest winners opens his prize of \$25.

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Galt Student Headed to D.C. Conservation Summit

A Galt High School senior will travel to Washington, D.C., this summer to take part in a program on leadership in environmental science and conservation.

Audrey Gonzalez was chosen to attend the 2024 Washington Youth Summit on the Environment at George Mason University based on her high grades and PSAT scores, as well as a career test that showed her interest in the environment.

Gonzalez is serving as the chamber president of Galt FFA, and she recently interviewed to be a regional officer.

Gonzalez told the Herald she has "a huge love" for conservation and sustainability, especially as they relate to agriculture. She wanted to learn about problem-solving and

opportunities for hands-on work in conservation.

She was excited and nervous to be going on her first solo plane ride in June and interacting with the 99 other students selected for the program from across the country.

Of particular interest to Gonzalez are the question of how to feed a growing population and the ag applications of genetics.

She noted that the summit is a partnership with the Smithsonian National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute, whose breeding programs have saved animals including the black-footed ferret from extinction.

"That definitely connected," Gonzalez said. "I was like, 'If they can do that, what else can they do up there?'" ★

— Matthew Malone



Audrey Gonzalez. Photo courtesy of Audrey Gonzalez

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor's note: Letters to the editor represent the opinions of their writers. They do not represent the views of The Galt Herald or its staff, and their publication is not an endorsement of their content.

Easter Message of Hope

Editor: Every spring, as our Earth begins to warm up from winter, we see signs of life from new leaves, and flower buds on the once-dormant trees. It's a beautiful season here in California.

For most folk, spring also brings tax season. That always reminds me of that old saying, that have heard for years. That is: "The only things sure

in our world are death and taxes."

Since Jesus, God's son, came into our sin-sick world, only by him, now you can change that saying into a new truth.

Taxes will continue to be with us. But death has been overcome by Jesus. He did rise to new life from his tomb in Jerusalem, Israel, over 2,000 years ago.

Please read in your Bible, Acts 2:21-24 and Acts 1:9-11.

God's promise to his followers is to join Jesus in Heaven.

So by faith in God's grace, I have a sure hope of eternal life.

So what about your hope this Easter?

—Larry Matulich

ABOUT TOWN

A-Z Foundation Fundraising Dinner April 6

The GLS Chapter of the A-Z Foundation Group hosts its fourth annual Auction/Banquet Fundraiser in Acampo on April 6.

The prime rib and chicken dinner will be 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.

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

Pancake Dinner for Galt High School 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. The event will be at Nottoli Dome at Galt

High School, 145 North Lincoln Way. Tickets cost \$12 each.

To buy tickets, visit the boosters' Square webpage at bit.ly/4c5Yp5a (case sensitive).

Daughters of Isabella Spring Tea, April 21

The Daughters of Isabella will have its annual Spring Tea from 1 to 4 p.m. April 21 at the Littleton Community Center (410 Civic Drive). Tickets are \$30 per person (must be at least 11 years old). Door prizes and raffles will be available.

For tickets,

contact Betty Pratt at 209-745-4767.

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.) from 1 to 4 p.m. 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.

American Legion Post 233 Invites Veterans

The Elk Grove American Legion Post 233, established in 1994, invites veterans to our monthly meetings every 4th Thursday of the month at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624.

Our next meeting will be held April 25, 2024.

Post 233 invites veterans and their spouses to a dinner/social hour from 6-7 pm. The veterans' general meeting starts at 7 pm.

Veterans' spouses are welcome to join the Elk Grove American Legion

Auxiliary Unit 233 that meets in another room from 7-8 pm in the same location.

For questions, please contact Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H.

We also invite veterans and spouses to join us each month on the first Saturday for our Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 Family Social Breakfast.

Our next Saturday breakfast will be held Apr 6th at 9:00 am at Mimi's Cafe on the corner of Laguna Blvd and W. Stockton Blvd (just off Hwy 99).

We hope to see you there. ★

GLANCE BACK

80 Years Ago April 14, 1944

Friends of Mrs. Mary Sparks and Mr. William E. Murray of Galt learned yesterday of their marriage Wednesday in Reno. After a brief honeymoon, the newlyweds will return to Galt and make their home here. Both have been residents of Galt for many years. □□□

Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Shaffer of Galt received a Purple Heart this week for their son Oliver, 21, as a merit award for valorous service overseas. Shaffer entered the armed services in June 1941 and has been overseas for the past year. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer now have three sons in the service and a fourth, Fred, has passed his examinations and will be with the U.S. armed forces next week.

70 Years Ago April 15, 1954

Galt retained its incumbent councilmen in an election held Tuesday and, by an overwhelming total, voters returned Eric Spiess, Emil Schock and Robert Biederman to offices they have held for six years.

Bill Hagel, Hallie Bottimore and Herb Reimche of Herald spent the weekend at Stinson Beach clam hunting. They reported good luck upon their return.

60 Years Ago April 9, 1964

Edwin B. Polhemus, attorney-at-law, has opened offices on 211 South Lincoln Way in Galt. The 57-year-old attorney is a Sacramento County native and has been practicing law in Elk Grove. He will be assisted by Mrs. Kenneth Miller as office girl. □□□

Eddy Gross was given a birthday party on his 8th birthday which was Wednesday, April 2. Those who came were Dennis Seavert, Randy Kurtz, Jimmy Miller, Mike and Cory Simas, Kim Faucett, David Trambly, his aunt Mrs. Clara Miller, and his family Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Gross, Linda, Andy and Sandy. □□□

Galt Sanitary District held its regular meeting April 1. Enrico Listini was appointed as new district superintendent, and Jack A. Anderson, owner and manager of J&E Body Shop, was appointed to the board.

50 Years Ago April 11, 1974

Doug Matthews, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Matthews of Galt has been appointed full-time graveyard dispatcher for the Galt Police Department. He is a 1973 graduate of Galt High School

40 Years Ago April 5, 1984

Two promotions, effective March 8, were made at the Galt Police Department by Chief Willie Weatherford, when he promoted Sergeant Doug Matthews to Lieutenant and Detective Steve Cox to

Sergeant. The promotion brings the force up to six officers, two sergeants, one detective, a bicycle officer, a lieutenant and the chief. □□□

Lodi, Galt, Herald, Lockeford and Thornton telephone customers will have an Olympic collector's item long before the Olympic Games begin in Southern California in 1984. The 1984 Pacific Bell directory honors the Olympic Games with its cover artwork. The cover features a torch runner inside the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum signaling the start of the XXIII Olympiad. ★



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Please contact Fabiola Davis @ 209-460-5071 if you have any questions.

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Dowdy Appointed to Rainbow Office

California Rainbow News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION (MPG) - Woodbridge Rainbow Girl Ava Dowdy was appointed to the office of Grand Recorder and Representative to Maryland/West Virginia at the annual state convention of California Rainbow (CAIORG) held March 23-26 in Visalia.

Ava is the daughter of Justin and Tina Dowdy and granddaughter of Steve and Lisa Dowdy. Ava has been a member of Cloud 7 #269 since 2016 and has held numerous offices including Assembly President for one term. She has received multiple service honors and is a recipient of the Grand Cross of Color service award, the highest honor a Rainbow Girl can receive. Ava currently attends Consumnes River



Ava Dowdy. Courtesy photo

College, studying Psychology, and will transfer to the University of the Pacific in the fall.

CAIORG is a non-profit for girls ages 11-20 that makes a difference in local communities through charitable giving, community service and volunteerism. Members develop the confidence needed to lead by example and grow into valuable mentors and citizens. In the past 10 years, CAIORG has raised over \$1 million for state and local charity

projects. For more information about CAIORG, contact Jennifer Riley (209) 712-9450 or visit their website: gocainbow.org. ★

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Senior Bingo Weekly at Chabolla

The Galt Commission on Aging hosts 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 cordially invited to have fun and play bingo together, socialize and possibly make new friends. Attendance is free.

Free Compost for Galt Residents

The city of Galt offers free compost to Galt residents. The compost is for residential use only for Thursdays through Mondays. It is at the Caroline Avenue parking lot, 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. 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 (case sensitive).

Volunteers Sought for Senior Resource Center

The Commission on Aging is looking for volunteers to staff the Galt Senior Resource Center, which opened in April. The commission needs 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, non-political 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 information on the Rio Cosumnes Chapter's monthly meetings or membership, contact Registrar Paula Schroeder at egdarregistrar@gmail.com.

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 to discuss issues important to them. Thirty-minute meetings will be at Galt City Hall (380 Civic Drive) by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, contact the City Clerk's office at 209-366-7130, extension 7, or 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, call 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 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.

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. 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 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 at 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. ★

POLICE LOGS

From March 22 to March 28, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in nine arrests.

Friday, March 22
6:22 a.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested at Family Dollar on North Lincoln Way.
8:57 a.m., fraud reported on Wilder Way.
1:59 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Walmart on Twin Cities Road.
6:54 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested on Downing Drive.

Saturday, March 23
10:24 p.m., vehicle accident/injury at North Lincoln Way/Amador Avenue.

Sunday, March 24
4:26 a.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Kessler Farm on Walnut Avenue.
11:16 a.m., fraud reported on Eric Circle.
3:21 p.m., vehicle accident/injury at Fourth Street/B Street.
9:30 p.m., DUI/adult arrested at Walnut Avenue/East Stockton Boulevard.
9:35 p.m., attempt

to serve warrant/adult arrested at Walnut Avenue/West Stockton Boulevard.

Monday, March 25
1:50 a.m., burglary reported at My Stuff Storage on Pringle Avenue.
7:22 a.m., vandalism reported on Creekside Way; window on vehicle broken.
8:33 a.m., burglary reported at Leroy's Automotive on Caroline Avenue; entry made through window, pistol taken, and back door left open.
9:11 a.m., trespassing reported at Galt Psychic on C Street.
9:54 a.m., vandalism reported at Denny's on C Street; truck window broken.
10:37 a.m., auto burglary reported at Raley's on Twin Cities Road; window broken and purse stolen.
3:50 p.m., fraud reported at AMPM on East Stockton Boulevard.
5:15 p.m., theft reported at Walmart on Twin Cities Road; bike stolen.
5:30 p.m., theft reported at Walmart on Twin Cities Road; bike stolen.
9:06 p.m., auto burglary reported on Spruce Avenue.

10:36 p.m., hit-and-run/non-injury on Meladee Lane.

Tuesday, March 26
6:24 a.m., vandalism reported at Hunan House on C Street.
7:49 a.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested at Sargent Avenue/New Hope Road.
9:13 a.m., vehicle accident/non-injury on South Lincoln Way.
11:36 a.m., burglary reported on Fourth Street.
8:59 p.m., domestic violence/adult arrested on Port Ashton Court.
9:17 p.m., theft reported at Joy Drive/Kost Road; puppy taken from kennel in construction area.

Wednesday, March 27
4:43 p.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested at Galt Sports Complex on Caroline Avenue.

Thursday, March 28
2:46 p.m., suspicious person reported at South Lincoln Way/Chabolla Avenue.
9:38 p.m., suspicious person reported at The Hangout on C Street. ★

MEETING MINDERS

Sunday, April 7

Galt 4-H Club meeting, 4 p.m., at either Barbara Payne Community Garden or Grange Hall (depending on weather); see Facebook page GALT 4-H or email galt4h@gmail.com.

GHS/LRHS Ag Boosters, 6:30 p.m., Estrellita High School, 12935 Marengo Road, galtagboosters@gmail.com.
Lions Club, 6:30 p.m. social and 7 p.m. meeting, Galt Place, 400 D St., 209-745-5921.

Thursday, April 11

Galt Planning Commission, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

Friday, April 12

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

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California Insurance Market 'In Chaos'



Here are the remains of a burned home in Berryessa Highlands on Sept. 21, 2020. Photo by Anne Wernikoff for CalMatters

By Levi Sumagaysay
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With more California homeowners just discovering their insurance policies are getting canceled — and hundreds of thousands of others stuck with a pricey option of last resort — state Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara's efforts to fix the home insurance market can't come quickly enough.

Lara has introduced two main regulations, with more to come. The first, unveiled last month, aims to streamline rate reviews. State law gives the Insurance Department the power to approve or deny insurers' requests to raise premiums. Insurance companies complain the process has been holding up the increases they seek as a result of what they say are increased costs due to rising climate-change risks and inflation.

The second regulation will let insurers use catastrophe modeling — which combines historical data with projected risk and losses — along with other factors when setting their premiums. California is the last state to allow for catastrophe modeling.

"We're undertaking the state's largest insurance reform," Lara said during a press conference earlier this month. "We can no longer look solely to the past to guide us to the future."

He said catastrophe modeling will lead to "more reliable rates," "greater insurance availability" and "safer communities," because he said it would further encourage and reward wildfire mitigation by homeowners and communities. Insurance Department spokesperson Michael Soller said success will mean fewer homeowners needing to turn to the FAIR Plan, the state-mandated insurer of last resort.

Insurance trade groups, which stand to benefit most from the new regulations, agree with Lara's support for catastrophe modeling and support his so-called sustainable insurance strategy. So do fire chiefs, to an extent. But almost everyone else — homeowners, consumer groups and former insurance commissioners — has lingering concerns.

U.S. Rep. John Garamendi, a Democrat representing parts of Solano and Contra Costa counties, had two stints as state insurance commissioner in the mid-1990s and early 2000s. He says the insurance market is "in chaos" — and that Lara should be holding public hearings and demanding insurance company executives testify to explain to Californians why

their premiums are rising.

"One of the critical things a commissioner does is to analyze the market and provide the public with information," Garamendi said in an interview with CalMatters. "(Lara) didn't use his power to control the industry and second, to inform Californians."

The criticism drew a retort from Soller: "Commissioner Lara is fixing decades-long neglected issues that have led to this crisis. He is focused on safeguarding the integrity of the state's insurance market, not second-guessing from predecessors who had their chance and failed to act."

Dave Winnacker, chief of the East Bay's Moraga-Orinda Fire District, said the upsides of catastrophe modeling include being able to credit what homeowners, communities and governments do to lessen wildfire risk. That includes being able to account for the numbers and proximity of firefighters in certain areas, Winnacker said.

"Depending on where you are in a state, and that's tied to population density, the number of firefighters available could affect the outcome (of a wildfire)," he said, adding that catastrophe models should reflect that.

He also said he and other fire chiefs are working to make sure the interests of consumers, fire professionals, insurers and the state are aligned. Insurers may not know what homeowners, communities and local fire departments are doing to reduce wildfire risk. One idea: a database to share that information.

"There is no future in which we can price our way out of this crisis with just premiums," Winnacker said, adding that everyone needs to work together.

Dave Jones, the state insurance commissioner for eight years before Lara took over in 2019, said he is "trying to avoid looking over the shoulder of my successor."

Jones is now director of the Climate Risk Initiative Center for Law, Energy & the Environment at UC Berkeley School of Law. He said it is good for consumers that the catastrophe-modeling regulation could take forest management into consideration. But he said he's not sure Lara's actions will be sufficient.

Before the end of the year, Lara is also expected to issue a regulation that will allow insurers to factor reinsurance costs into their rates. Reinsurance is insurance for insurance companies in the event of large payouts. That plus the other new regulations may "help in the short to mid term," giving insurance companies the ability to raise



State Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara speaks during a press conference with Los Angeles labor leaders and advocates in Commerce on Sept. 26, 2022. Photo by Alisha Jucevic for CalMatters

premiums, Jones told CalMatters.

But he said those actions may "ultimately be overwhelmed by our failure to stop the fossil-fuel industry, which is contributing to rising temperatures" and therefore insurance losses.

Jones also pointed out that Florida has long allowed insurers to use catastrophe modeling and has let them factor in reinsurance costs in their rates — yet its insurance market is in worse shape than California's.

"Florida has done what insurers are asking for," Jones said. Yet "Florida's rates are three or four times the national average."

Mark Friedlander, spokesperson for the Insurance Information Institute, an industry group, confirmed that the group estimates that Florida's average home insurance premium was \$6,000, or three-and-a-half times the national average, in 2023.

In addition, Jones said Florida's version of California's last-resort FAIR Plan — called the Citizens Property Insurance Corp. because it's funded with a surcharge on policyholders — has more than 1 million policies. California's growing FAIR Plan, run by a pool of insurers, has 373,000 policies, its president told state lawmakers recently.

"That raises the question," Jones said. "Giving insurers (higher rates) and shifting the burden to all Californians... whether that's going to be enough in the face of growing background risk associated with climate change."

Meanwhile, last week State Farm said that it is not renewing policies for 30,000 California homeowners, as well as refusing to cover all commercial

apartments by not renewing 42,000 of those policies.

This is happening despite California approving State Farm's requests to levy double-digit premium increases last year.

"One of our roles as the insurance regulator is to hold insurance companies accountable for their words and deeds," said Soller, the Insurance Department spokesperson. "State Farm General's decision... raises serious questions about its financial situation — questions the company must answer to regulators."

State Farm spokesperson Sevag Sarkissian would not comment beyond the statement the company put on its website last week, which read in part: "This decision was not made lightly and only after careful analysis of State Farm General's financial health, which continues to be impacted by inflation, catastrophe exposure, reinsurance costs, and the limitations of working within decades-old insurance regulations."

Sarkissian also referred CalMatters to the Personal Insurance Federation of California, which counts State Farm as a member. The industry group's president, Rex Frazier, said in an email last week that allowing insurers to use catastrophe modeling would help with insurance availability. Yet in its statement, State Farm acknowledged the actions Lara is taking to try to fix the insurance availability and affordability crisis in California, even as it announced its decision not to renew tens of thousands of homeowners.

Joyce Kaufman, a retiree in June Lake in Mono County,

recently got a notice of non-renewal for her homeowners insurance with Farmers, which she said she and her husband were dreading but expecting.

"I'm not really sure what the state's trying to do, both at the commissioner and legislative level," Kaufman said. And losing the ability to renew her policy is affecting her other insurance needs, she said. As her broker helps look for an alternative, her auto premium is now going up about \$300 a year because it will no longer be bundled with home insurance.

As the new regulations give insurance companies what they had asked for, one part of Lara's strategy — which he first laid out last year after an executive order by the governor — is conspicuously missing. Lara had said insurance companies would be required "to commit to writing at least 85 percent of their statewide market share in wildfire-distressed underserved areas."

That provision is nowhere in the text of Lara's unveiled regulations so far — an omission not lost on consumer groups or former commissioner Jones.

"Where is that 85 percent?" asked Carmen Balber, executive director of Consumer Watchdog. Soller, the Insurance Department's spokesperson, said that part of the commissioner's strategy is coming.

Balber also said she is concerned that the catastrophe-modeling regulation "appears to not comply with the transparency requirements of Prop. 103," the voter-approved law that regulates the insurance industry.

According to the text of the regulation on catastrophe modeling, the public will be able to take part in reviewing catastrophe models before they're deemed acceptable. But anyone who helps review the models will be required to sign a nondisclosure agreement.

"If a big chunk of your insurance rate is behind a 'black box,' then that's not what the voters passed," when they passed Proposition 103 in 1988, Balber said. "At the end of the day, if the commissioner passes something that hides something behind closed doors, we'll have to consider challenging it."

Levi Sumagaysay covers the economy for CalMatters. Previously, she was a senior reporter who covered worker issues, the gig economy, inequality and corporate accountability for MarketWatch. She also was a longtime reporter and tech and business editor at the Mercury News. ★

CSD Fire Shows Strategic Plan, Service Goals

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if any need to be expanded or condensed to meet the needs of the community.”

Presenting the community risk assessment and standards of cover (CRA/SOC), Management Analyst Lizy Silva said the document “the characteristics, hazards and risks of the community; the agency’s resources and response quality; and the plan to maintain or improve capabilities.”

Staff have been working on the initial recommendations of the community risk assessment and standards of cover, Silva said, and she focused on the development of performance benchmarks that the department should aim for when responding to calls.

The benchmarks specify

that the response to a 9-1-1 call should take no more than a certain amount of time to complete in 90% of cases. In total, the time from a dispatcher answering a call to fire department personnel arriving at the emergency scene should generally be no more than six minutes and 30 seconds in urban areas, and no more than 12 minutes and 30 seconds in rural areas.

Silva noted that Cosumnes Fire does not directly control the first step of the process, during which a dispatcher answers a call and contacts the appropriate services. Dispatch is handled by a regional group but it is still factored into the overall performance measurement.

Silva then gave the department’s actual

performance. In 90% of calls in urban areas, the response time was nine minutes and 32 seconds or shorter, which is three minutes longer than the benchmark. The same statistic in rural areas was 15 minutes and 11 seconds or shorter, about two minutes and 40 seconds above the benchmark.

To bring down response times, the community risk assessment and standards of cover recommended adding three “squads” of medical staff and a new battalion chief. Silva said the department is using funding from the Measure E sales tax to begin training two medical squads and add the battalion chief.

The fire department is also using the funds to upgrade its 9-1-1 alert



Sacramento Junior Tennis Fund representatives present a \$1,500 grant to the Cosumnes Community Services District directors. Photo by Matthew Malone

systems and communication between emergency vehicles and traffic signals. Silva also noted improvements at the regional dispatch center.

The strategic plan and the community risk assessment and standards of cover are two of three “core documents” that the fire department needs to apply for accreditation with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International.

The department plans to complete all three documents by February 2025 and the final step in the process could take place in fall that year.

“We will get out of this process what we put into it, and thus far the time and effort that has been put in by department personnel, other district team members and our external partners has been tremendous,” Silva said.

In other business, the board approved the name for a park in the planned Elliott Springs development northwest of Waterman and Bond roads in Elk Grove. The naming committee, which includes directors Peter Sakaris and Angela Spease, recommended calling it Cattails Creek Park, based on a cat-tail feature in the park’s

play area and the park’s proximity to tributaries of Whitehouse Creek. The board adopted the name by a 4-0 vote. Director Orlando Fuentes was absent.

Sacramento Junior Tennis Fund presented the district with a \$1,500 grant to benefit the district’s youth tennis program in Elk Grove.

“This is a chance for us to give back a little bit to these kids and make sure that they have an opportunity to play tennis,” tennis fund President Carol Rose said. ★

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MEMORIAL

OTTO ANDREW GROSS • 9/23/1930 – 3/21/2024

Otto Andrew Gross entered into rest on March 21, 2024 peacefully at home with his family at his side. Otto was born September 23, 1930 in Tappen, N.D.

At a very young age his family moved to California and settled in Galt. Otto attended grammar school in a one room school house on the corner of Twin Cities Road and Hwy 99. From there he went to Galt High School where he met the love of his life, Bonnie Williams. Otto graduated in 1949 and December of 1950 he and Bonnie were married.

Together they had three sons, Kenny, Keith & Jeff. Otto started his own business; Otto Gross Well Drilling, which soon became Otto Gross and Sons Well Drilling.

Along with hard work, he enjoyed



camping, fishing, hunting and just spending time with family and friends. He will be greatly missed. Otto is survived by his son Keith (Gail), daughter-in-law Diane, brother Erwin, 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren along with many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents. Andrew and Margaret, brother Art, sisters Anne, Ruth and Emma, Sons Kenny and Jeff, granddaughter Kendra and great grandson, Kevin and most recently his beloved wife Bonnie.

Celebration of life will be held at 11:30am on Friday April 5, 2024 at Brewsters Bar & Grill. 201 4th Street in Galt. In lieu of flowers, donations to hospice would be greatly appreciated.


MEMORIAL

RICHARD BETTENCOURT • 1943-2024

Richard Bettencourt died peacefully surrounded by his family on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at Kaiser hospital of complications from congestive heart failure. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, mentor and friend. He was 80 years old.

Rich was a native of the Delta region and a graduate of Galt High School and Fresno State. He served in the Army and taught auto shop, which he left to start his own cabinet shop in his garage. Over many years, he built his custom cabinet shop into a thriving business. Rich and Mike's Cabinets is still going strong under his longtime business partner and dear friend, Mike.

He was generous with his wisdom and advice and was a mentor to many. He was a builder of everything,



from race cars to sand cars for his kids and grandkids, from play-houses to furniture. He built his first car from the ground up, a Model A, as a teenager and loved everything about cars, from building and racing them to driving them. He was a careful craftsman and a thoughtful planner and problem solver.

He had a loud, hearty laugh and a wealth of funny sayings. He loved his family, his friends, nature, his dog and cars.

Rich is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, LeAnn, his two daughters Lisa and Laura, 4 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, and his two sisters, Janice and Judy. He is also survived by his Mustang and his Pinto, various cars, trucks, campers, and a boat.

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Vietnam War Seems Like Only Yesterday

Editor's Note: Due to an error, the column intended for this week's issue — titled "Remembering the Gold Star Spouses" — was published on March 29. The column below was written for March 29. The normal publishing schedule will resume on April 12. The Herald regrets the error.

Join me today, March 29, National Vietnam War Veterans Day, as Americans unite to thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice.

The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 was signed into law by 45th President Donald J. Trump, designating every March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. March 29 is a fitting choice for the day honoring Vietnam veterans, as March 29, 1973, was the day United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, was disestablished and also the day the last United States combat troops departed Vietnam.

In addition, on and around this same day, Hanoi released the last of its

acknowledged prisoners of war.

The day honors all veterans who served on active duty in the United States armed forces and their families at any time from Nov. 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975, regardless of location. Nov. 1, 1955, was selected to coincide with the official designation of Military Assistance Advisory Group-Vietnam; May 15, 1975, marks the end of the battle precipitated by seizure of the SS Mayaguez.

The Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that there are more than 7 million United States Vietnam veterans living in America and abroad, along with 10 million families of those who served during this time frame. There is no distinction between veterans who served in-country, in-theater, or who were stationed elsewhere during the Vietnam War period. All were called to serve, and none could self-determine where they would serve.

Congress outlined a total of five objectives for the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, with the primary objective being to thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice on behalf of

the nation, with distinct recognition of former prisoners of war and families of those still listed as missing in action.

The four remaining objectives highlight the service of our armed forces and support organizations during the war; pay tribute to wartime contributions at home by American citizens; highlight technology, science and medical advances made during the war; and recognize contributions by our Allies. By presidential proclamation, the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration will continue through Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2025.

Can you believe it is already the end of March? We are three months, one-fourth of the year, into 2024. Time is flying by. Before you know it, we will be eating barbecue and watching fireworks. I don't want to jump too far ahead; in fact, let's slow it down and enjoy the spring weather. Today, we celebrate Good Friday, the day Jesus Christ hung on the cross and died for our sins. And this Sunday is Easter, the day Jesus Christ arose from the grave to save us from ourselves. We should be thankful, full of joy and humbled by the

blessings we have received.

From my family to yours, Happy Easter. I pray your day is filled with bountiful blessings, joy, and beautiful memories. Hug your loved ones, tell them you love them, and pray for their salvation. Remember God has a plan and in retrospect our life span is short.

I was reading a devotional magazine and a question asked what that person would give up for Lent. They thought about it for a bit and thought, if they knew they were going to die in 40 days, giving up food or something fun would not make the list at all. What did they give up, you ask? They gave up wasting time. Yes, you read it correctly: Stop wasting time. They would focus on all the people they hadn't seen or talked to enough and tell them how much they meant to them. They would give up harboring anger, resentment and frustration over their failures, the relationships that turned out badly, and the opportunities they ignored. They would give it all up to let God in — not just for Lent or 40 days, but from this day forward.

Until next week - Be strong, be courageous, make a memory. ★

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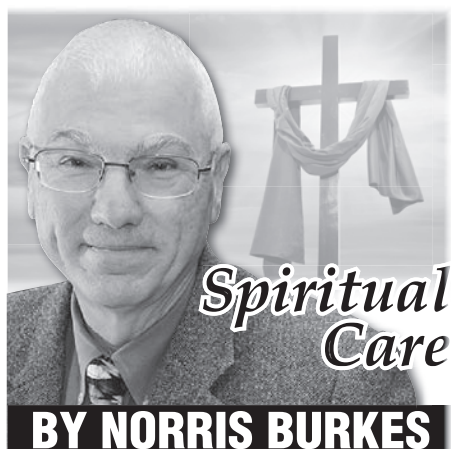
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Win or Lose, Easter Plays the Long Game

BY NORRIS BURKES

Last Sunday, I was disappointed to see the men's basketball team of my beloved alma mater, Baylor University, get pushed out of the Sweet 16 by the stronger Clemson University team.

Nevertheless, I think I'm OK with losing. Clemson kept their ten-point advantage most of the game, but in the last few minutes, Baylor pushed within two points of tying. But, sadly, Clemson stuffed Baylor pride with enough foul shots to make the win definitive.

It just goes to show you, that no matter which team you root for, you must be prepared to lose.

In some ways, I think that's the lesson of Good Friday. The Jesus-followers, my favorite team, lost.

Wait, wait. Don't burn your newspaper yet.

I just think we'd do well to consider that Jesus lost in the sense that he was

nailed to a cross. Nearly everything he said in his final three hours dripped with a conciliatory tone.

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do... Today you shall be with me in paradise. ... Woman, behold, thy son! ... My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? ... I thirst. ... It is finished. ... Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

Yes, he graciously began his talk on Calvary Hill by praying for his murderers, "Forgive them."

But after that, his whole "love-thy-neighbor" campaign seemed headed downhill.

He concludes his Last Will and Testament with – Take care of mom.

He calls out his Father for not watching his back.

And then by the time he announces, "It's finished," his spirit seems in full retreat.

I mean, come on man. From a military outlook, this is defeatist talk.

But here's the thing, the resurrection of Easter actually tells me that God didn't lose. He categorically won.

The losers of the day were the power-hungry folks who sought the winning favor of an earthly king. The real losers were those who'd only followed Jesus hoping he'd lead armies against their Roman oppressors, feeding his soldiers with five bread loaves and two fish.

The absolute losers of the day were the ones who wrapped their populist ideals in God language. Five days before, they shouted "Hosanna" in hopes Jesus could help them crush their enemies.

As our national elections approach, it might be good to remember the lessons of Easter.

Sadly, these days, Christian Nationalism has asserted the same misplaced allegiance shown by the religious people of Jesus' day. The church has become entrenched in tribal affiliations between left and right resulting in the

breakdown of relationships.

These folks find it easier to garner votes by demonizing the opposing political party. Players on both sides of this political game seek to restore Jesus to a seat of power that he totally rejected from the cross.

Gratefully, as a follower of Christ, I can tell you that our battle is not with this world.

The Apostle Paul understood this because, before he was a good guy, he was AKA Saul. He lived by the sword, executing Christians for the sake of winning the struggle.

But not long after his conversion, he would tell the church at Ephesus that "... our struggle is not against flesh and blood but ... against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (Ephesians 6:12).

Easter means that God has already won the battle. He conquered death and all the fear that goes with it. That is victory enough for me. How about you?

The message of Easter is a win-win. God so loved the entire world that he gave his son. (John 3:16)

But we all know that verse.

What we fail to quote is the following verse, John 3:17. "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

See how that goes? No condemnation. Love wins. It always does because God plays the long game.

Happy Easter, everyone.

I found inspiration for this column in Tim Alberta's book "The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory: American Evangelicals in an Age of Extremism." (Harper Collins 2023)

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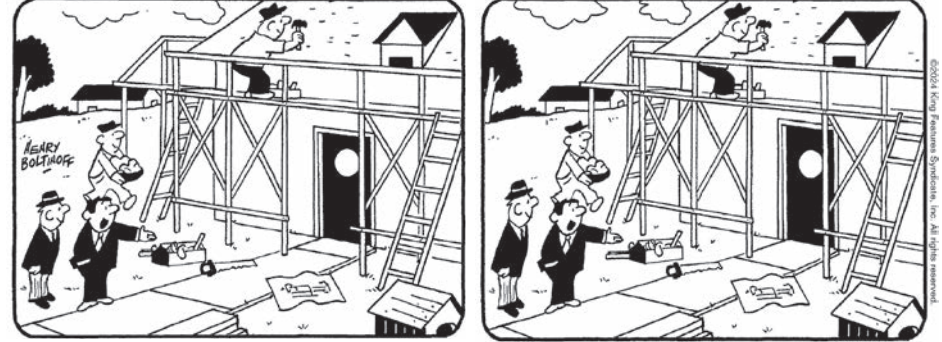


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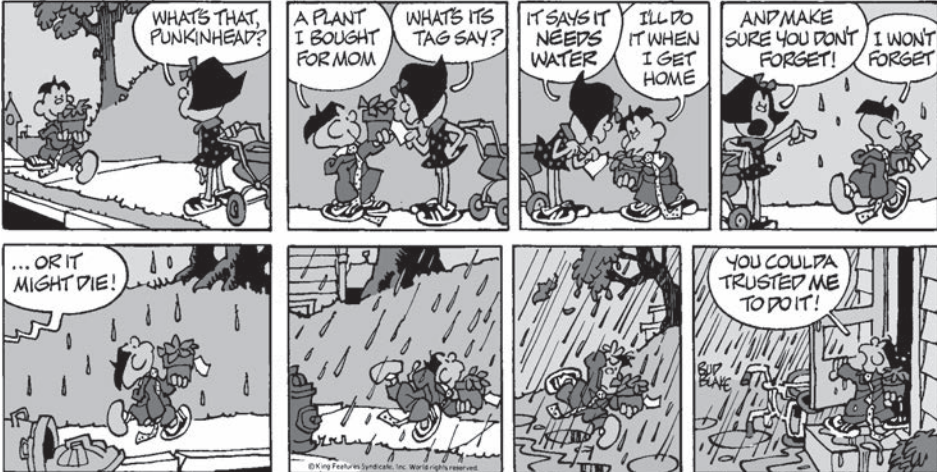


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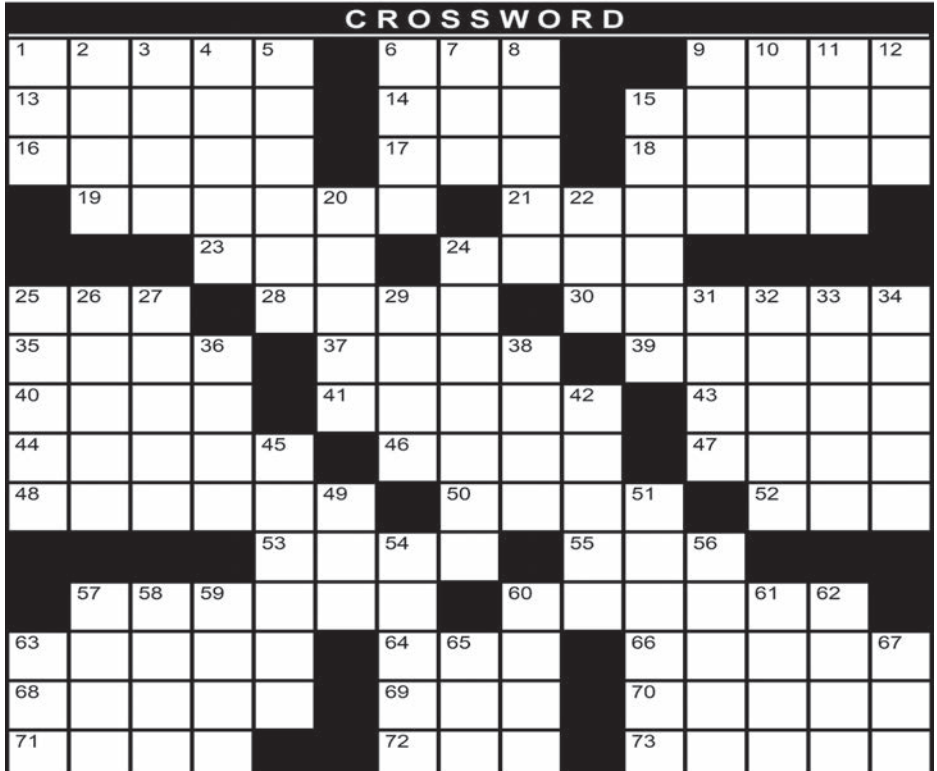
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LOCAL SPORTS → COVERAGE

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Hawks Host Spring Baseball Tournament

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch baseball team hosted its traditional Sprint tournament over Spring Break and came out victorious against Redwood Christian and Ben Holt College Prep Academy.

Liberty Ranch scored the most runs they've had all season to find success on Monday of Spring Break. They put the hurt on the Ben Holt College Prep Academy Bobcats with a 15-3 victory.

Vance Moe once again managed to support the team while hitting and pitching. On the mound, he struck out seven batters over five innings while giving up just two earned (and one unearned) runs off four hits. Moe was also solid in the batter's box, scoring a run and stealing a base while getting on base in two of his four plate appearances. He has been hot recently, having posted at least one stolen base the last three times he's played.

In other batting news, the team relied heavily on sophomore Derek Nelson, who scored four runs and stole three bases while going 3-for-3. Another sophomore making a difference was Landon Peterson, who scored two runs and stole a base while getting on base in three of his four plate appearances.



Hunter Adversalo gets a nice hit.



Landon Peterson prepares to run from third base.

Liberty Ranch's victory ended a three-game drought at home and bumped them up to 6-4. As for Ben Holt College Prep Academy, their defeat dropped their record down to 1-1.

Later that day, the Liberty Ranch Hawks walked away with a 5-2 win over the Redwood Christian Eagles.

The team relied heavily on Andrew Guthrie, who scored a run and stole a



Alec Ortega up at bat. Photos courtesy of Stephanie Moe

base while getting on base in all three of his plate appearances.

Liberty Ranch's victory bumped its record up to 7-4. As for Redwood Christian, they haven't won a game yet this season and fell to 0-6.

The Hawks were scheduled to play River City on Monday, but when Sheldon was not able to get out of school, as hosts they graciously gave their game against River City to Redwood Christian, which was scheduled to play Sheldon.



★ The Hawks line up for the high-fives.



Top Soccer players go after the ball.



Ezra Valdez boasts a huge smile as he prepares to play.



Four Top Soccer players laugh and have fun as they try to score a goal. Photos courtesy of Stephanie Moe



Captain Sierrah Poulsen and Ezra Valdez pose before practice.

TOPSoccer Celebrates Special Needs

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - For the second year in a row, County Line Youth Soccer will offer practice and games for special needs children. This program is supported by Cal North and US Youth Soccer.

TOPSoccer-The Outreach Program for Soccer is a community-based recreational program designed for participants of all ages with

intellectual, emotional and/or physical disabilities. The program uses a volunteer buddy system and strives to provide soccer opportunities for all players in a safe, fun supportive and inclusive environment.

Registration is currently available and runs from April 1 to June 1. The season begins Sept. 6 with clinics for the first two weeks.

This will allow the athletes to get familiar with the playing environment

before the Friday evening games begin.

Coach Stephanie Moe says the program needs coaches, buddies and volunteers. "Every child should have the chance to learn to love this beautiful game," says Moe.

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There's a New Taekwondo Instructor in Town

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Alexis Ortega, who is a sophomore at Liberty Ranch High School and a Galt youth commissioner, has just earned her certification as a Taekwondo instructor by the United World of Taekwondo Association. She now holds the esteemed rank of 3rd Poom Black Belt.

Ortega has been training in Taekwondo since she was four years old.

She has been working up to her third-degree black belt for the last six years and has been training to be an instructor for the last

three years. Ortega says she really loves training, and when asked why she wanted to further her education and become an instructor she responded, "I wanted to become an instructor because I want to help people see how much they can accomplish and how good they can become and feel how good reaching their goals can be."

"Some kids come to Taekwondo for their confidence and some come for other things. Helping them achieve their goals of becoming a black belt or just gaining confidence really makes me feel good." ★



Alexis Ortega. Courtesy photo



Sean O'Brien chips the ball down the fairway. Photos by Paige Lampson

Hawk Golf Wins Crosstown Match

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch boys golf team beat the Galt Warriors 229-261 on April Fool's Day at Emerald Lakes golf course.

Sean O'Brien scored the lowest for the Hawks at 39 followed by Hunter Rohner with 40. Next were Kobe Aguillen-48, Trevor Schwiets-51, Chris Gutierrez-51 and Jack Radford-60.

Scores for the Warriors were as follows: Garrett Rose-43, Josh Basto-49, Hayden Miller-50, Austin Sullivan-55, Ayden Stollmer-64 and Carson McEwin-71.

Hawk head coach Mike Turpin said it was a good win that puts them 3-1 in



Kobe Aguillen tees off. league play.

"Sean O'Brien played well today and Hunter Rohner persevered even though he didn't play his best today," said Turpin.

"Kobe Aguillen was working on a good round, but he had a tough time on the last hole. I would like to see a bit more consistency."

"We have an important match Thursday against Rosemont to close out the first half of league play." ★

Smith Traveling the States Playing Volleyball

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Now that basketball season is over, Liberty Ranch sophomore Haley Smith is working on her volleyball skills by playing outside hitter for the RAGE Volleyball Club 16-1 National Team out of Ripon.

Easter weekend they competed at a large national tournament called the Pacific Northwest Qualifiers in Spokane, WA.

The RAGE got some big wins over nationally ranked teams from Texas, Washington and Oregon. They are currently ranked fourth in the highest 16U Gold Division out of all teams in



Haley Smith sends a kill over the net. Courtesy photos



Haley Smith attends the Pacific Northwest Qualifiers March 31 in Spokane, Wash.

Northern California. Smith says she and her team look forward to earning a bid to compete at the Junior National Championships this summer in Las Vegas.

In February they were invited to compete at the Triple Crown NIT tournament in Kansas City with the other top 50 teams in the country, where they gained experience and earned some exciting wins over some tough teams.

Smith was also named to the Sacramento Bee First Team All-Metro for her basketball playing. Smith is also currently competing in the water on the Liberty Ranch Swim Team. ★

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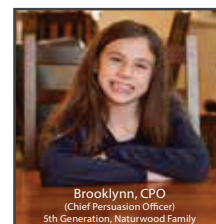
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