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Thornton Memorial Honors Town's Vets



Family members of Dewy Upton gather around the Thornton veterans memorial plaque that he spearheaded. A metal plaque honoring Upton's efforts stands to the left. Photo by Matthew Malone

By Matthew Malone
News Editor

THORNTON, CA (MPG) - Completing the vision of a local veteran, Thornton on July 20 dedicated a plaque honoring town residents who have served in the U.S. military, with names dating from as early as the Civil War.

The event was at Thornton Veterans Memorial Park, with

attendees including San Joaquin County officials, leaders of area cities and the family of Dewy Upton.

Upton conceived the memorial plaque as a way to preserve a list of veterans on the wall of a bar that was set to close. Local historian Charlotte Cameron expanded the initial list to include Thornton veterans who served during both World Wars, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and

peacetime. She also found two veterans, Simeon A. Babcock and George H. Barber, who joined the Union during the Civil War. In total, the plaque features nearly 60 names.

Upton did significant work making the plaque happen, including advocating for it through his position on the Thornton Municipal Advisory Council (MAC), but he

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Griffin to Direct Public Works

By Matthew Malone
News Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - John Griffin, a city of Galt public works employee, has been appointed as the permanent public works director.

Interim City Manager Chris Erias made the announcement at the July 16 Galt City Council meeting. Griffin replaces predecessor Mike Selling, who resigned in May.

Griffin has worked with the city for a total of nine years, beginning with a seven-year stint as a civil engineer in the 2000s. He returned to the city in 2022 in his most recent role as deputy director of public works.

"We're really excited about John joining the team and I know he'll be a great addition to the director level and, really, for the city in general," Erias said.

Griffin made an annual presentation of proposed fees for the city's landscaping and lighting districts (LLDs), which are used to coordinate funding for the landscape maintenance of certain areas in the city.

Two of the landscaping and lighting districts have fixed fees that legally can be changed only by a vote of the residents, while the third can apply inflation adjustments. All three receive most of their funding from General Fund subsidies. The subsidies are now funded through the Measure Q sales tax.

In City of Galt Landscaping and Lighting District No. 3, which can account for inflation, the assessment for a single-family residence is rising by \$13.32 to \$417.03. Nonetheless, the district will receive two-thirds of its revenue from Measure Q, which is contributing \$328,000.

Griffin told Mayor Paul Sandhu that the consumer price index measure comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' figures for the West Region, which includes California, six other Western states and Guam.

Westside Galt Lighting, Landscaping and Maintenance District has its fees fixed in a range of \$36.62 to \$221.80, depending on which benefit zone a residence is in. The landscaping and

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\$25 Million for Upgrades to Grant Line Road Safety



Congressman Ami Bera, second from left, presents a \$25 million check to Capital SouthEast Connector representatives at the July 17 news conference held at a Teichert Aggregates plant on Grant Line Road in Rancho Cordova. Photo by Gail Bullen

By Gail Bullen
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RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Regional leaders celebrated the United States Department of Transportation's (DOT)

allocation of \$25 million to the Capital SouthEast Connector project at a July 17 news conference held at the Teichert Aggregate Plant on Grant Line Road.

The federal grant will address long-standing safety issues on a

three-and-a-half-mile segment of Grant Line Road between White Rock and Douglas Road in Rancho Cordova by transforming it into a four-lane roadway with a separate lane for bikes and pedestrians.

After all segments in the

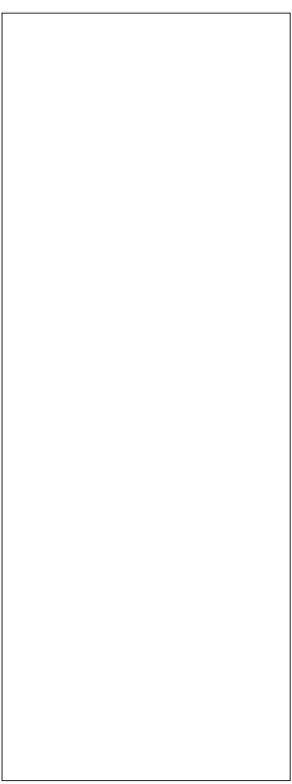
34-mile-long connector are constructed, it will link Interstate 5 at the town of Franklin to Highway 50 in El Dorado Hills by transforming Kammerer, Grant Line and White Rock roads into an expressway.

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 died suddenly on Nov. 3, 2023, before completion of the project. The Thornton community rallied to finish the work, and the San Joaquin County Housing Authority installed another plaque beside the veterans memorial, describing Upton's efforts.

As the start time approached, visitors gathered at the memorial park, on the corner of Thornton Road and Mokelumne Avenue. Attendance was higher than expected and organizers ran out of 100 programs printed for the event. After the event, A-Z Foundation offered a tri-tip lunch to visitors.

Upton's granddaughter, Courtney Jacobson, told the Herald that creating the plaque was Upton's "passion."

"My grandfather has really always wanted to honor veterans and servicemen, and this has just been his pride," Jacobson said. "When he moved to this community and heard about this project and that there needed to be some recognition, he took it up full-heartedly, spearheaded that, more than I really understood and saw. So for this to come to fruition is really awesome."

Jacobson said it was hard losing Upton because "my grandpa was my best friend" but the rapid work to reach his goal helped lift her spirits.

"It was really heartwarming and good but it's kind of bittersweet because you see his name on there, because he is no longer with us, but it is a reflection of all his hard work," Jacobson said.

In a speech, San Joaquin County Supervisor Steve



Tom Gerber of the San Joaquin County Housing Authority presents Dewy Upton's wife, Linda, with a certificate from Rep. Josh Harder, D-Tracy. Photos by Matthew Malone



Lodi Mayor Lisa Craig, left; Stockton Mayor Kevin Lincoln, center; and Thornton Municipal Advisory Council Chair Lisa Swinyard pause for a photo before the dedication ceremony.



Bill Selling of Lodi American Legion Post 22 speaks about veterans.



Thornton Municipal Advisory Council Chair Lisa Swinyard welcomes attendees to the dedication.



The Lodi American Legion Post 22 Honor Guard presents the colors to open the dedication ceremony.

Ding thanked the community for completing the project and the advisory council for bringing Thornton's needs to the board of supervisors' attention.

"We've got a lot of exciting things going on in Thornton right now. You've got a phenomenal MAC board that brought a lot of things to our attention," Ding said. "We got the Portuguese Hall open ... we've got basketball courts going in soon, none of which could be done without those who stood for us then, and that's why

we're standing for them today."

Other local officials attending included Lodi Mayor Lisa Craig, Stockton Mayor Kevin Lincoln and Galt Vice-Mayor Rich Lozano.

Lincoln, who served in the Marine Corps, told the Herald that Upton's legacy would live on because of the project.

"Just to see the names of the veterans written in stone for this community, I just know it's going to last forever," Lincoln said.

Craig said that she attended because of her

own ties to the military, including associations with veterans and a background in military housing.

"I think if you're a family member of a veteran or an active serving member, you're going to be here because you know how important it is to them and your lives as Americans," Craig said.

Lozano said any efforts to honor veterans are significant for people throughout the region.

"When a small community like this pays homage to our veterans like they have, it shows what their

of their service. He asked civilians to thank veterans for their service.

Tom Gerber, the housing authority's director of administration, recalled Upton showing him a drawing of the plaque that Upton envisioned. Gerber was struck by "how proud he (Upton) was of this park and what it meant to him to support the veterans that have served and the armed forces in this community."

"I think this is an awesome dedication to Dewy and what he meant to this community and what this memorial meant to him," Gerber said.

Jacobson described her grandfather as "the king of tough love," but also a dedicated and loving man and a proud service member. Though he seemed tough on the outside, she added, "he was a big teddy bear."

"He always kind of stood up for the little guy, which is what I loved about him, and the biggest family man you would ever meet," Jacobson said. ★

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State of County: Hume Announces Cosumnes Telehealth Funds

By Matthew Malone
Staff Writer

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume delivered the annual State of the County address on July 19, covering the county's actions in areas such as timely hospitalizations, water management and road maintenance. He announced \$100,000 in funding for Cosumnes Fire District's telehealth initiative.

Speaking during a luncheon at District 56, Hume discussed "wall time," the amount of time first responders wait with a medical patient until a hospital can admit the patient. The first-responder crew is unavailable for other calls until the hospital accepts the patient, and Hume said long wall times tie up emergency-response resources.

Hume pointed to state Assembly Bill (AB) 40, signed into law last year, which requires local emergency medical services agencies to come up with plans to reduce wall time to 30 minutes or less, in 90% of cases. Hospitals with emergency departments are required to develop wall time reduction protocols.

A bill still being considered by the state Legislature, AB 1180, would allow emergency response agencies to be reimbursed for transportation to medical facilities other than hospitals.

Hume pointed to county funding in support of Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District's Mobile Integrated Healthcare program, which assesses patients in the field to



Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume speaks at the State of the County Luncheon on July 19. Photo by Matthew Malone

avoid an emergency room visit.

Hume announced that the county would commit \$100,000 in COVID-19 relief funds to Cosumnes Fire Department, to bolster its telehealth program, in which a patient can consult with a doctor remotely before deciding whether to request transport to an emergency room.

Hume, who won the District 5 board seat in the 2022 election, said he responded to the Cosumnes River flooding that struck the area in winter 2023.

"I have convened of stakeholders, land owners, land conservation groups, reclamation districts and water districts to resurrect efforts that had been undertaken the last time the river overflowed its banks in 1997," Hume

said, explaining that his goal is to develop projects focused on flood attenuation, improved water management and groundwater recharge.

He said the county is studying the matter and gathering information on the area's hydrology.

In one setback, Rep. Doris Matsui, D-Sacramento, secured \$2 million to allow the Army Corps of Engineers to participate in the studies but the Army Corps didn't accept the appropriation. Hume said "they did not have the ability to accept the funding because they didn't have the capability or the capacity to do that work in this area at this time."

"We were very displeased by that news," Hume said, "and we are

all committed on circling back and figuring out what we can do better position ourselves, and better position the Corps, so that they would be able to accept that funding."

Managing water in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta is another major concern for Hume. He represents the county on a coalition of counties that touch the Delta, which he said exists "to hold the state accountable in their pursuit of the Delta Conveyance Project."

He said the coalition had representatives of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, a major backer of the project, take a tour of the Delta to learn about the impacts the coalition foresees. Hume and other coalition members visited

Southern California to understand the water needs there.

"And so our ask of them is that we allow the water to flow through the Delta before they take it out, so that they are not condemning the Delta into permanent drought status, and really causing the tipping point for what is a precarious situation already for our fisheries as well as our flyways and of course, certainly, our farmers," Hume said.

The Harvest Water Project, under construction along Bruceville Road, will install pipelines that will take treated wastewater to the south county, where it can be used for irrigation.

Hume said the county will have the roads affected

by the construction fully repaved.

"So that will at least be one section of unincorporated Sacramento County that will have fresh roads," Hume said.

Hume said maintenance backlogs and increasing costs mean the county now has more than \$1 billion in deferred roadwork.

With the county receiving just half of the money it needs to maintain the current state of the roads, Hume said he saw "no realistic way" of addressing the issue other than continuing to bring it up.

A \$25-million grant will improve a dangerous section of Grant Line Road as part of the planned SouthEast Connector Expressway.

On homelessness, Hume noted that the Sacramento Steps Forward Point in Time Count suggests that the county population of unsheltered homeless people had decreased.

He also spoke about a recent Supreme Court decision that allows local governments to impose penalties for camping on public land.

Hume noted recent changes in leadership, including David Villanueva's appointment in December last year as county executive.

The board of supervisors on July 9 approved Joshua Green as the director of general services.

Green is currently vice president of government and community affairs at Sky River Casino and he previously served as the general manager of Cosumnes Community Services District. ★

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POLICE LOGS

During the time period of July 12 to July 18, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 19 arrests.

Friday, July 12

6:57 a.m., theft reported on Bay Shore Drive.
 8:19 a.m., fight reported on E Street.
 12:07 p.m., theft reported on Park Terrace Drive.
 1:30 p.m., animal cruelty reported at Compadres Grill & Bar on Twin Cities Road.
 3:07 p.m., theft reported on Marina Bay Drive.
 7:17 p.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested at Quik Stop on Fourth Street.
 10:08 p.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested on C Street.

Saturday, July 13

7:43 a.m., theft reported on Park Terrace Drive.
 8:25 a.m., narcotics violation/adult

arrested on Teal Lane.
 12:32 p.m., DUI/adult arrested at More For Less on North Lincoln Way.
 12:51 p.m., parking violation, resisting arrest/adult arrested on Twin Cities Road.
 4:28 p.m., vandalism reported at Galt Market on Meladee Lane.
 4:41 p.m., trespassing reported at Walmart on Twin Cities Road.
 5:24 p.m., vandalism reported at Golden One on Carol Drive.
 8:42 p.m., DUI/adult arrested on Canyon Creek Way.
 10:35 p.m., missing adult reported on Park Terrace Drive.
 11:48 p.m., burglary reported at Galt High School on North Lincoln Way.

Sunday, July 14

12:37 a.m., trespassing reported at McDonald's on East Stockton Boulevard.
 1:56 a.m., trespassing reported at Galt Fire Station 45 on Fifth Street.

5:58 a.m., attempted theft/tampering reported on Norbury Way.
 8:37 a.m., vandalism/adult arrested at Ben Salas Funeral Home on Fourth Street.

Monday, July 15

12:02 a.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at More For Less on North Lincoln Way.
 5:30 a.m., stolen vehicle reported on Casado Drive.
 4:05 p.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested at Kost Road/Tudor Street.
 11:27 p.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested at North Lincoln Way/Spaans Drive.

Tuesday, July 16

12:23 a.m., DUI/adult arrested at Trailridge Apartments on North Lincoln Way.
 10:28 a.m., vandalism reported at Galt High School on North Lincoln Way.
 10:47 a.m., auto burglary reported at

Galt Market on Meladee Lane.
 12:56 p.m., fraud reported on Hogan Road.
 4:42 p.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested at C Street/Market Street.
 7:04 p.m., burglary/adult arrested on Foxtrotter Way.

Wednesday, July 17

9:34 a.m., vandalism reported at Fairsite School on Caroline Avenue.
 11:34 a.m., theft reported at V L Salon on C Street.
 7:30 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Galt Police Department on Industrial Drive.

Thursday, July 18

8:05 a.m., vandalism reported at Galt 24HR Storage on Industrial Drive.
 9:15 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Fifth Street/E Street.
 11:51 p.m., reckless driving/adult arrested at First Street/New Hope Road. ★

GLANCE BACK

80 Years Ago Aug. 4, 1944

Donald Ladd, son of Mrs. Edna J. Ladd of Galt, who joined the U.S. Army last February and had been training at Camp Roberts, has been transferred to Georgia where he will receive training as a paratrooper. Donald is the second son of Mrs. Ladd to enter the fighting forces of the U.S. He is a graduate of Galt High School.



Mrs. Gladys Wood, chairman of the War Finance Committee Bond Drive in this community, reports that Galt has gone over its quota in the Fifth War Loan Drive. The quota was \$43,480 and total sales reported were \$49,108.

70 Years Ago Aug. 5, 1954

The one-day Alta Mesa Fair held Saturday, Aug. 7 at the Alta Mesa Hall was declared an unqualified success by general chairman John H. Armstrong. Reigning over the fair was Betty Smith, who with her attendant, Nancy Fox, welcomed many visitors.



Construction of the new \$50,000 home

of the Galt Seventh-day Adventist Church was started Monday on the 3½-acre site on Myrtle Avenue. The church, when completed, will be at least twice the size of any other church edifice in the Galt area and will contain approximately 8,000 square feet of floor space.

60 Years Ago July 30, 1964

Saturday, July 25, Benny Casado, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Casado of Galt, won two ribbons and a trophy in the 27th annual Soap Box Derby held at Aerojet in Sacramento. Benny, 11, who will be in the sixth grade at Galt Elementary School, built his car by himself. He was sponsored by Galt Motors, local Chevrolet dealer.



Andrew Maestretti was guest of honor Sunday at a farewell party at his home in Clay Station. He will leave Friday for Marine boot training in San Diego.

50 Years Ago Aug. 1, 1974

Both sides had an insight on what has caused the mail delivery problems after Friday's "town meeting." Sponsored by the Galt Chamber of Commerce, Galt area citizens aired their gripes with three post office officials: Fred Rupp, sectional



July 26, 1984: The members of Primrose Team tilt the carton to get that last bit of milk during one event featured at the Barnyard Olympics held at the Oneto Brothers' Ranch in Elk Grove last Saturday. Pictured, from left to right, Jim McClure, Brian Ball, Marlene McClure and Mandy Ball. Herald file photo



Mr. and Mrs. Keith Raschein of New Hope Road are the proud parents of a new baby girl, born July 12 at Lodi Memorial Hospital. Named Rachel Joyce, she weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces.

40 Years Ago July 26, 1984

New president of the Board of Directors for the Society for the Blind is Laurence E. Littleton, a resident of Galt since 1937. Littleton has been a music and business teacher, vice-principal and principal during his 41 years at Galt High School. He has been actively involved in the blind project at the California Medical Facility in Vacaville for the past four years.



As construction on a new Kaiser Hospital off Mack Road in South Sacramento nears completion, staff are noting it will offer only outpatient and primary care, at first, with no emergency service or surgeries. The medical building will be a two-story brick structure, consisting of 73,500 square feet. The actual hospital, expected to finish in 1985, will stand four stories high and be over 150,000 square feet.

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Republican National Convention Most Energized in Decades



Tim Riley

A special article
by Tim Riley

Once again, Dixon's Independent Voice was on the scene of another national political convention, this time in heavily guarded Milwaukee in an atmosphere fraught with uncertainty as the result of the assassination attempt on the Republican party's nominee.

Unlike the unfolding drama of the incumbent pulling the plug on his campaign, the nomination of Donald J. Trump was never in doubt, with the only surprise to come on the first day being the nomination of Ohio Senator JD Vance for the vice presidency.

Political conventions draw the party activists and volunteers, elected officials, and newcomers to the convention scene, while old guard party hacks seemed to be scarce. Most delegates and alternates across several states appeared to be first-time participants.

Forget the 2020 election season where the party conventions were listless, preordained virtual affairs about as exciting as watching paint dry or waiting for a load of clothes at a laundromat. This Republican convention was the most energized in decades, and the feeling was palpable inside the hall.

It may be easy to overlook the underlying tension of the 2016 convention which nominated Trump for the first time.

Remember that Texas Senator Ted Cruz, having run in the primaries, could not bring himself to endorse Trump in his convention speech back then.

On Tuesday night, Cruz took to the podium and the first thing he said was "God Bless Donald J. Trump," and then thanked God Almighty for protecting Trump during the assassination attempt. This sentiment would be expressed by many speakers.

As the senator representing the largest state bordering Mexico, Cruz delivered a blistering attack on the Biden administration for allowing "a literal invasion" of 11.5 million people illegally crossing the border, which he noted is larger than the population of all but eight states.

Not surprisingly, the immigration crisis proved to be a pivotal issue. Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin addressed a breakfast gathering of the California delegation, and in regards to the immigration issue he said that it was "too bad" Texas Governor Greg Abbott was not the governor of the Golden State.

Youngkin pointed out that "every state is a border state," and aside from the invasion of illegals, the flow of fentanyl is unprecedented. As for people crossing the border, the most daunting problem is that these are people "we know nothing about."

With "American sovereignty and the crisis at the border as the top concerns," Youngkin observed that the "top solution is leadership," because just passing a bill in Congress is "naïve" if the rule of law is not restored.

Echoing a theme that is more apparent at this convention as opposed to the old establishment way of business, Youngkin noted that "we have a giant tent, let's fill it." He pushed the idea of townhalls that connect with people outside the corridors of power.

Trump's former Ambassador

to the United Nations Nikki Haley, a fierce opponent in the primaries, offered her "strong endorsement" of the former president, noting that "you don't have to agree with Trump 100 percent of the time to vote for him."

Long ago, an axiom of politics was that "half a loaf was better than no bread," so Haley's sensible approach is taking the view that what's important is that "we agree more than we disagree."

Perhaps being prescient, Haley observed that "a vote for Joe Biden is a vote for President Kamala Harris. After the debate, everyone knows it is true," a point to which Haley added "for the sake of the nation we have to go with Donald Trump."

With her background in foreign policy, Haley made astute observations that under Obama, Putin invaded Crimea, and under Biden, Putin invaded all of Ukraine. Most importantly, Putin "did nothing" under Trump. There was no invasion and no wars, because Putin "knew Donald Trump was tough."

Ronald Reagan's maxim was "Peace Through Strength." Arguably, the corollary to that was Haley claiming "a strong president doesn't start wars. A strong president prevents wars."

Rounding out the field of serious contenders from the primaries, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis offered a few witticisms, as he claimed we cannot "afford four more years of the Weekend at Bernie's presidency."

Following up on revelations of Biden's workload, DeSantis pointed to national security concerns when observing that "our enemies do not confine their designs to between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m."

Aside from delivering a stirring upbeat speech in the convention hall, Vivek Ramaswamy spoke to the California delegation's "Wheels to Victory"

luncheon at the Harley-Davidson Museum.

Vivek offered two tasks for the party. One is to revive our national identity by turning to the ideals of our founding fathers. The second is to shut down the shadow government of the administrative state, by "dismantling the nanny state" to save the Republic.

"We may not have a country left if don't get it right in November," said Vivek, noting that "it's not morning in America right now," as once Ronald Reagan was able to proclaim. "The American Dream is hanging on by life support."

The political speeches stirred the delegates to enthusiastic responses. But the best may have emanated from a variety of everyday Americans. A standing ovation came for Madeline Brame who lost her son to violent criminals as she attacked soft-on-crime prosecutors.

Who could not get teary-eyed when the Gold Star families expressed their feelings of being let down when the Biden-Harris administration could not even mention the names of their soldiers who died during the withdrawal from Afghanistan?

Another hero was 98-year-old World War II veteran William Pekrol who said, "America is still worth fighting for," and that if Trump were commander-in-chief, also said "I would re-enlist today" if asked by President Trump.

During an acceptance speech unlike any other, Donald Trump most notably came across as more somber and subdued than usual in large part, of course, for having survived an assassin's bullet only days earlier.

In a moment that's never happened before, speaking about the attempt on his life, Trump recounted details about the shooting, saying "I will tell you exactly what happened, and you'll never hear it from me a

second time because it's actually too painful to tell."

If there's an iconic image that resonates with the crowd in the hall, it has to be the photo that captures Trump with a raised fist and the American flag fluttering above. The shout of "Fight! Fight! Fight!" punctuated speeches many times.

While the national convention operated smoothly and efficiently in all facets, the media coordination for the California delegation was lacking, as we made a request to interview attendees from Solano County and even adjacent counties.

What we ended up with was a conversation with Jason Clark, the Bay Area Regional Vice Chair, based in San Francisco. Clark focused on party registration numbers that don't favor Republicans in California.

According to Clark, the focus will be on trying to pick up two or three seats if this proves to be a good year, while acknowledging that there will be a challenge to hold seats won by slim margins by Congressmen Ken Calvert and John Duarte.

Picking Senator Vance was a smart move, as Clark observed his working-class background and pulling himself up from being dirt poor, and then joining the Marines, going to an elite law school and being editor of the Law Review were admirable achievements.

With only two years in the Senate, Vance is not unlike other politicians who ascended to high office. Keep in mind that Barack Obama, once an obscure state legislator, only served four years in the Senate, while Richard Nixon had two years in the Senate before his election as Vice President.

Next up is the Democratic National Convention on Aug. 19, and we'll soon see whether Kamala Harris is coronated or the convention devolves into a contented repeat of 1968. ★

\$25 Million for Upgrades to Grant Line Road Safety

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Rancho Cordova Councilman Garrett Gatewood, who chairs the Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board of Directors, described Congressman Ami Bera, D-Elk Grove, as the driving force behind the grant.

"This is a huge milestone for our region," Gatewood said. "I want to say thank you to Ami Bera because he really led the effort in so many ways. He is such a blessing to the city."

Bera said that he has been seeking grants for the connector from the federal Department of Transportation since his election in 2012 but he "didn't get any good news" until about a month ago.

"To get this \$25 million is really a catalyst for us to finish the entire project," Bera said. "We've got a real opportunity to do this right, to grow and really do this right."

Bera is also seeking another \$10 million for Rancho Cordova as part of the congressional appropriations process, he said.

In addition to Bera and Gatewood, six other regional leaders spoke at the celebratory event. They included Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume, who represents Rancho Cordova; Construction & General Laborers Local 185 Business Manager Doyle Radford; Rancho Cordova Vice-Mayor Siri Pulipati; Sacramento County Sheriff Jim Cooper, who lives in Rancho Cordova; Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Assistant Chief Jon Rudnicki; and



Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume describes the section of Grant Line Road receiving the grant money as one of the most dangerous stretches of a non-highway road within Sacramento County.

Congressman Kevin Kiley, R-Rocklin.

During their remarks, the glaring safety issues on Grant Line Road and politicians working across the aisle were reoccurring themes.

Safety

Gatewood said using the grant money to make Grant Line Road improvements will make Rancho Cordova safer.

"If you look behind me, this is literally the most dangerous road in the region," Gatewood said. "This road is what we call death alley. There are more accidents than anywhere else in the region."

Kiley provided the grim statistics. He said that 125 accidents and three fatalities had occurred within a four-year time span.

Rancho Cordova Vice-Mayor Pulipati shared her personal experience with the dangerous

conditions on Grant Line Road. One day, while driving along the road, she saw a wide-bodied truck approaching from the opposite direction and moved a little to the right.

"The next thing I know, my tire hits the edge of the road. (My vehicle) blew through the fence and rolled over a couple of times in the middle of a field," she said. "I walked away without any major injuries, but not everybody got that lucky."

The grant "is a big step" in making Grant Line Road safer, more connective and more sustainable, according to Pulipati.

Cooper described Grant Line as a critical route.

"This is kind of late in coming but we need it," the sheriff said. "It's a safety issue for our motoring public and for your first responders."

Rudnicki, who heads the fire district's emergency



Congressman Ami Bera says the grant could serve as a catalyst for completing construction of the Capital SouthEast Connector. Photos by Gail Bullen

medical services, said that flooding and frequent wildland fires compound the problems along Grant Line Road.

"What we are celebrating today is an engineered solution to solving many problems," Rudnicki said.

Political Teamwork

Hume thanked Bera for his extensive work securing the grant.

"He and I may not have the same letter in the parentheses behind our names, and we may disagree on policies from an ideological standpoint," the county supervisor said. "But I know in my heart of hearts that he represents his constituency from his heart of hearts."

Kiley also referred to the political divisions in the country. He said one

way to overcome them is through regional projects that tangibly affect people's lives.

"That is why I think that 'Connector' is the perfect name," Kiley said. "This is all about connecting people, connecting regions and connecting communities."

After the ceremony, Messenger Publishing Group asked Bera if he had thought the funding would come through.

"It has been a long time coming," Bera said. "It's my 12th year in Congress. Every year, I talked to DOT about it. To have a different answer is huge. This will build momentum. I hope we hear by Sept. 30 that we get another \$10 million."

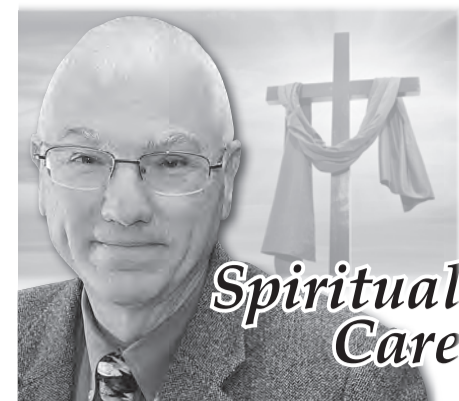
Background

The funding request

was submitted by the Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority, the Sacramento County Department of Transportation and the City of Rancho Cordova.

The Grant Line Road Safety Improvement Project was one of 148 different road construction projects that received funds as part of the \$1.8 billion Federal Administration Rebuilding American Infrastructure Sustainable and Equity (RAISE) grant program.

The RAISE program goal is to fund eligible surface transportation projects that will have a significant local or regional impact that advances the federal priorities of safety, equity, climate and sustainability, and workforce development. ★



Spiritual Care

BY NORRIS BURKES

With the Olympics set to begin today, it may be a good time for a Bible study.

No, I'm not going full Jerry Falwell on you. I just thought you might be interested in the biblical etymology of expressions used in the heat of sports competition.

According to the Online Etymology Dictionary, "Etymologies are not definitions; they're explanations of what our words meant and how they sounded 600 or 2,000 years ago."

However, I'm going to take you a bit farther back because, as a spiritual columnist, I'm somewhat amused to hear people unwittingly quote the Bible.

So today, and just for trivial fun, I present some biblical sayings which might be inadvertently quoted by athletes at the Paris games.

For instance, when weightlifters talk about their "hard work and sweat" that

Bible Will Inspire Our Olympians

brought them to the Olympics, they are making a veiled reference to Genesis 3:19.

It's here that God tells Adam and Eve that because of their transgression, there will be no more free lunch. Their survival will require hard work because it'll only be "By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food. ..."

When a gymnast stumbles over his answers in a news interview, the reporter might suggest a favorable answer to his own question. Journalists call those questions "softballs" and will often add, "I'm not trying to put words in your mouth." That news reporter is trying to evoke a printable quote as he unknowingly plagiarizes 2 Samuel 14:3: "And Joab put the words in her mouth."

In sports competition, a cyclist might revel in his rival's failure by saying his competitor "bit the dust." Those words convey the vengeful spirit expressed in Psalm 72:9 "... and his enemies will lick the dust."

"Rise and shine!" is an admonition a few coaches may use to awaken their Olympians for an early morning training routine. They do so without realizing they are quoting the prophet Isaiah, who said, "Arise, shine, for your light has come. ..."

(60:1).

Or a swimmer in a tight race might modestly describe her win "by the skin of my teeth." She is quoting Job 19:20, "I have escaped only by the skin of my teeth."

And when a track star tells us they are "just going to concentrate and run the race before them," they make a vague reference to Hebrews 12:1: "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

When a high diver speaks in resigning tones of the poor scores received from international judges, they may choose their comment from two different verses.

"I have to trust 'the powers that be,' they may say, without thought to Romans 13:1: "... the powers that be are ordained of God."

Or as the diver looks to his poor showing on the scoreboard, he may unknowingly quote Daniel 5 as seeing "the writing on the wall."

The humble relay racer knows hers is a team competition with no "I" in the word "team." So, when asked about her chances in an upcoming race, she resists the temptation to brag saying, "Pride comes before a fall." She perhaps knows she's quoting Proverbs 16:18: "Pride goes before

destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall."

Of course, the one I expect to hear most often will be from coaches trying to lift the spirits of those athletes going home without gold medals. "You can be proud to have competed for the USA because 'You fought the good fight!'"

Those words should inspire them just as they may motivate the rest of us couch potatoes to get up and move. After all, they are the words that inspired Timothy when the Apostle Paul told his co-pastor to, "Fight the good fight for the true faith" (1 Timothy 6:12).

Go, Team USA!

I owe inspiration for this column to Steve Prokopchak's list of 30 Everyday Sayings That You Didn't Know Originated from the Bible. See steveprokopchak.com.

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Property Tax Roll Sets New Record

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County Assessor Christina Wynn announced on July 8 that the annual assessment roll reached a new record high of nearly \$243 billion, a 5.18% increase over last year. The assessment roll reflects the total gross assessed value of locally assessed real, business, and personal property in Sacramento County as of January 1, 2024. After the deduction of property tax exemptions for homeowners, disabled veterans, and charitable organizations, the net assessed value is just over \$233 billion.

The annual increase is

primarily attributed to the sustained increase in average home prices over the last few years and ongoing new housing development and construction projects.

The 2024-25 assessment roll will generate approximately \$2.3 billion in ad valorem property tax revenue.

This year's roll growth will yield an additional \$115 million in gross revenue over last year. Property tax revenue funds over 175 local government agencies, including schools, special districts such as fire, park, and community service districts, as well as cities, and redevelopment agencies and is one of the largest sources of discretionary revenue

for Sacramento County's General Fund.

While the total assessed value for the County increased by 5.18%, the assessed value of most properties increased only 2% due to the protections of Proposition 13. Most of the roll growth resulted from assessed values established at current market levels for properties that changed ownership or experienced new construction in 2023. Properties appraised and assessed at market value each year include properties impacted by decline in value conditions (Prop 8), mobile homes, and personal property not subject to Proposition 13 such as boats, aircraft, and

business personal property. The values of these properties may fluctuate more than 2% each year.

The 2024-25 assessed values of secured real property are viewable at <https://assessor.saccounty.gov/DeclineInValue/Pages/Prop8Viewer.aspx> to access the Assessor's "Assessed Value Look-Up" and "Parcel Viewer" website tools.

Property owners who disagree with their assessed value should contact the Assessor's office to discuss their concerns. If the market value of a property is less than the assessed value, property owners can request a review online, by mail, or in-person. This free service

is available now through Dec. 31, 2024.

Any corrections to annual secured real property values processed by Sept. 1 will appear on the annual property tax bill issued in October. Corrections processed after Sept. 1 will require the issuance of a revised annual secured real property tax bill.

The Tax Collector will mail 2024-2025 unsecured property tax bills beginning July 12. For questions regarding business personal property and fixtures, taxpayers can contact the Business Personal Property Division at (916) 875-0730 or PPdutyapr@saccounty.gov.

Taxpayers can contact

the Marine and Aircraft section to get assistance with vessels and general aircraft valuations at (916) 875-0740 or ASR-marine@saccounty.gov.

Leased equipment questions can be referred to (916) 875-0745 or ASR-leasing@saccounty.gov.

Visit the Assessor's website at <https://assessor.saccounty.gov> to learn about property tax savings programs or contact us at assessor@saccounty.gov or (916) 875-0700.

Technical staff and duty appraisers are available in-person weekdays 8-5, no appointment necessary, at 3636 American River Drive, Suite 200, Sacramento (free parking). ★

Sloppy Staff Work and Agenda Hide-And-Seek Taint Board of Supervisors' 2023 Pay Raise, Grand Jury Says

Sacramento County Grand Jury News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Missed crucial details, an uncorrected math error, and an astonishing lack of transparency are among the significant problems the 2023-24 Sacramento County Grand Jury found when it investigated the process used by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors to award themselves a hefty salary increase in 2023.

"A critical math mistake in the informational meeting packet given to the Board led some of the supervisors – and the public – to initially think they were approving a

20-percent raise. It was, in fact, 36-percent," said Steve Caruso, 2023-24 Grand Jury foreperson.

The error was discovered after the Board of Supervisors (BOS) voted on the raise.

"Even more concerning than the math miscalculation, is the choice by county staff not to update the Board with the correct information after the fact," Caruso said. "Among other things, it raises the question of how many other times mistakes in facts presented at Board meetings are never publicly corrected."

To examine the BOS decision-making process, the Grand Jury interviewed 16 people and reviewed

a multitude of regulations and ordinances, as well as the agenda packets for the BOS meetings on April 18, 2023 – when the raise was first introduced and approved – and May 23, 2023 – when it was adopted.

Surprisingly, the pay raise proposal appeared on the consent calendar at both the April 18 and May 23 BOS meetings.

The consent calendar is typically reserved for routine or noncontroversial matters that the BOS votes on as a single item. The consent calendar rarely attracts any public comment. Although the Board's use of the consent calendar was not unlawful, the Grand Jury reported,

the consent calendar process lacks transparency to maintain the public's trust when voting on matters of significant public interest.

"During our investigation, county staff acknowledged that it was a mistake to tuck the salary increase proposal in the middle of the consent calendar," Caruso said. "But we also hold the supervisors accountable because they had the authority to take the proposal off the consent calendar to encourage more public discussion, but they made a conscious decision not to."

In another misstep that limited public input into the process, the Grand Jury's research revealed a serious mistake in the

number of days between when the salary increase was approved by the BOS and its effective date.

The county directed the salary increase to start 30 days after the final vote, but California Government Code Section 25123.5 mandates a 60 day wait. State law allows such a wait to provide time for voters, if they so choose, to organize a referendum to overturn the decision.

The Grand Jury recommends seven actions the BOS and county executive team can take to improve processes. Among them are for staff to explain, in an open BOS meeting, the financial errors made in this salary increase process.

Other recommendations include that the BOS determine, again in an open BOS meeting, the validity of the salary increase ordinance as it relates to state law as well as determine if any money already paid to the supervisors should be returned to the county.

The Grand Jury also recommends the county form a citizen-based compensation commission.

The Grand Jury is the independent watchdog over public entities within the county. Residents can contact the Grand Jury on a confidential basis through written complaints that alert it to issues within public entities. We would like to hear from you at www.sacgrandjury.org. ★

Griffin to Direct Public Works

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lighting district will get \$398,000 in Measure Q money, 70% of the revenue it needs to operate.

Northeast Galt Landscaping and Lighting District has a fee range of \$51.70 to \$301.85. It will receive a \$1.3 million subsidy, accounting for 73% of needed

revenue.

City Council voted 3-0 to accept the fees.

Galt resident Rob Boal was appointed to the Measure R Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee, filling one of two vacancies on the board. The terms of members Chris Brossman and Linda

Clendenin expired in April and the two did not reapply.

Vice-Mayor Rich Lozano said he met with Boal earlier and said he "would be great for the position."

City Council approved Boal's appointment 3-0.

Parks and Recreation Director Armando Solis gave an update on reported vandalism at Meadowview Park. The park is closed until further notice because the

"rubber playground floor was ripped up by unknown means" on July 11, according to Galt Police Department records. Solis said the city is seeking bids for replacing the floor and added that similar damage at Walker Community Park cost \$67,000 to repair.

The Aug. 6 City Council meeting is canceled, due to National Night Out. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Aug. 20. ★



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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 a.m. 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 age 60 and older. Those interested can apply at the Chabolla Center when meals are being served or they can call 916-444-9533.

Senior Bingo Weekly at Chabolla

The Galt Commission on Aging is hosting free Senior Bingo games at the Chabolla Community Center at 600 Chabolla Ave. from 1 p.m. 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 and socialize.

Volunteers Sought for Senior Resource Center

The Commission on Aging is looking for volunteers to operate a computer and are willing to answer questions from

seniors in person, over the phone, on social media and by email at the Galt Senior Resource Center. 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 information on the Rio Cosumnes Chapter's monthly meetings or membership, contact Registrar Paula Schroeder at egdarregistrar@gmail.com.

GALEP Horse Program Seeks Volunteers

The Galt Horse Assisted Learning and Enrichment Program (GALEP) is offered in the Galt Joint Union Elementary District and needs volunteers. This equine-assisted program provides free riding and enrichment experiences for students during

the summer, fall and spring at the arena behind Robert L. McCaffrey Middle School. The program is a member of the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International. For more information and application, please visit the school district website (galt.k12.ca.us) Programs tab, or contact Lori Jones by calling 209-744-4545, ext. 332 or emailing ljones@galt.k12.ca.us.

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 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 meets one-on-one with Galt residents on the first and second Thursday of each month to discuss issues important to them at Galt City Hall, 380 Civic Drive. Schedule the 30-minute meetings by contacting the City Clerk's office at 209-366-7130, ext. 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

want 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.

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 future 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 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Galt United Methodist Church, 571 C St. in Galt. ★

ABOUT TOWN

Red Hawk Casino Trip Aug. 1

The Galt Commission on Aging will host a free bus trip for older adults to Red Hawk Casino. On Aug. 1 at 9 a.m., a bus will pick up guests at Chabolla Community Center, and it will return to Galt at 3:30 p.m. Participants should be at least 55 years old. Guests will receive \$5 in free play at the door. Those who earn 100 points playing slot machines can get an additional \$5 in free play and a \$5 dining coupon for any of the casino restaurants.

Space is limited. To register, call the GSRC at 209-294-3308.

Herald Day Baking and Canning Contests Aug. 3

Herald Community Club (HCC) is accepting

entries for the Herald Day 2024 canning and baking contests. Herald Day is scheduled for Aug. 3, at Herald Park on Twin Cities Road. The categories are baked goods, junior baked goods, canned jelly or jam, canned pickle or relish, canned salsa, fresh salsa, and fresh produce. Entries must be delivered to Herald Park between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on event day, with awards presented at 1 p.m. To preregister, contact HCC at heraldcommunityclub@gmail.com. Contestants may also enter on event day.

Nashville Hit Songwriters at Miner's Leap Aug. 9

Nashville songwriters Sarah Buxton and D. Vincent Williams will perform their hit compositions

as part of The Sac Song & Wine Series on Friday, Aug. 9 at Miner's Leap Winery in Clarksburg.

Buxton's songs include "Stupid Boy" by Keith Urban, "PrizeFighter" by Trisha Yearwood, "For Her" by Chris Lane and "Sun Daze" by Florida Georgia Line.

Williams penned such hits as "Four Walls" by Randy Travis, "The Last Ten Years (Superman)" by Kenny Rogers, "I'm Moving On" by Rascal Flatts and "Hands of a Working Man" by Ty Herndon.

Attendees will be treated to a live DJ set by DJ Louie Giovanni, food truck options, lawn games and more.

Future Sac Song & Wine shows are Sept. 20 and Oct. 11. For tickets and more information,

see <https://sacsongandwineseries.com>.

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.), 1-4 p.m., on the following Sundays: 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.

Classic-Car Show Seeks Entries

Galt Area Historical Society is accepting entries for the 9th annual Galt Drive Down Memory Lane Car Show, set for Aug. 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Radial Tire of Elk Grove, the show

will include 1970 vehicles and older, including pickups, muscle cars, custom, special interest, street rods, motorcycles, vintage campers and trailers. Registration fee is \$30.

To register, visit the historical society's sign-up page at bit.ly/3Le7xsf (case sensitive).

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 July meeting is scheduled for July 25th. 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.

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 July 6th at 9:00 am at Bert's Diner at 8972 Grant Line Road, Elk Grove 95624. NOTE the new location will be for the summer months of July & August. We hope to see you there. ★

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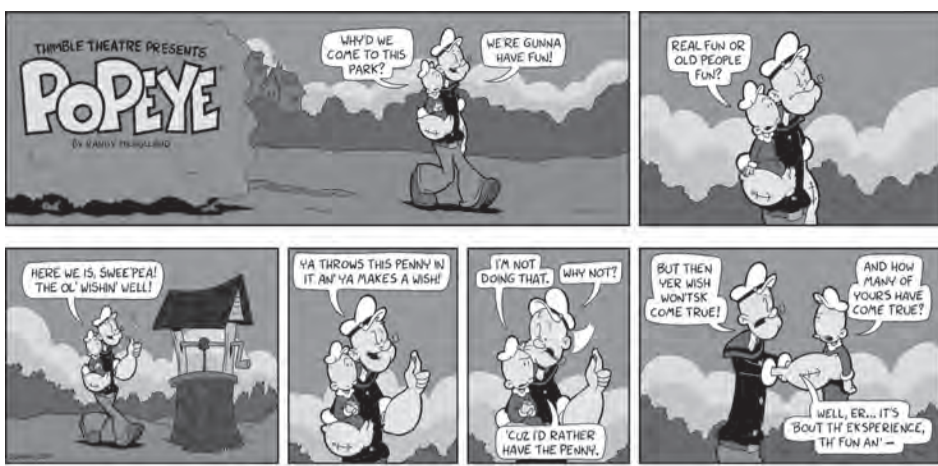
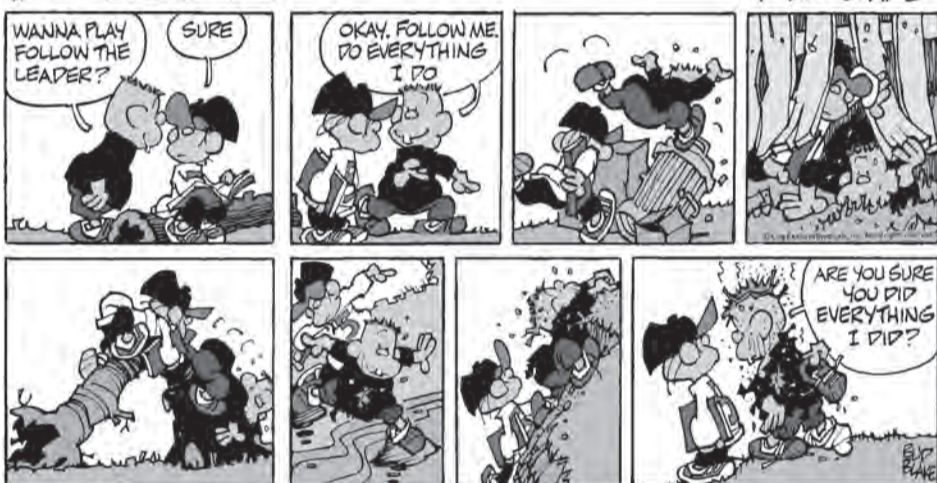
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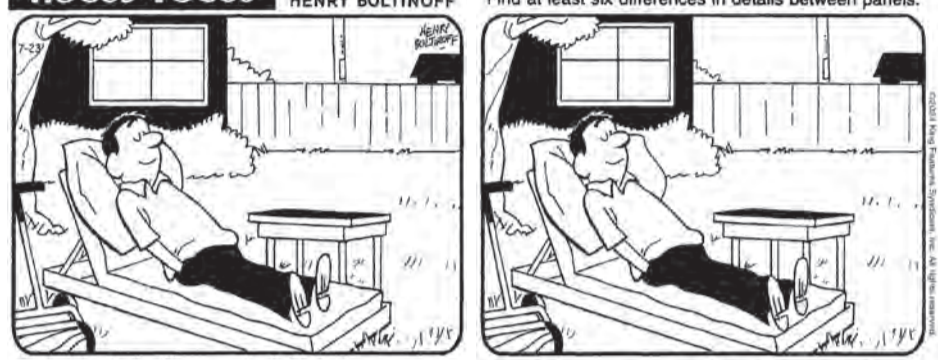
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How to Shake Up Your Caffeine Fix



It's hot and miserable, but I really need my coffee to start the day. Aha! How could I forget? According to the National Day Calendar website, today is National Coffee Milkshake Day! It's a twofer day, I'll have my coffee and cool down too.

While a milkshake sounds refreshing at the end of July, a coffee milkshake sounds even better. The combination of creamy ice cream blended with coffee perks up even the most extended workday. And you can bet your bottom dollar I really need to be perked up, I started back to work after having a six-week break.

I digress; back to the coffee milkshake. Add chocolate, and the treat becomes a mocha. Yum! And for those of you dreaming of autumn, you're allowed to mix up a pumpkin spice latte version, too. However, you're not allowed to tell anyone we gave you permission. There are some, shall I say, very structured people who would have issues having pumpkin

spice before autumn. And those dreaming of Christmas in July, go ahead and mix up a peppermint mocha milkshake. Again, you didn't hear it from me. It is July after all.

If you're going to go for a flavored coffee milkshake, may I make a suggestion? Since it's summer, the s'more is an iconic summer coffee flavor. Let's continue to be flexible, let's also be generous and invite others to join us in a coffee milkshake party. Everyone could bring their favorite flavoring and we will have a tasting party.

Flavorings could include chocolate (milk and dark), caramel, toffee, espresso;

just about any flavor would work. We can have a tasting party poolside, or at a book club gathering, or maybe at the afternoon staff meeting.

The origin of Coffee Milkshake Day has not been identified. It has not come to light why July 26 was chosen. It was more than likely invented by someone who needed coffee on a hot day and used their imagination for the good of all of us. Enjoy.

Herald Day is next Saturday. The parade starts the day off at 9 a.m. It is a good day to see old friends, eat a hot dog or two, sit back and enjoy the festivities. Hopefully, the temperature will be cool.

And then high school starts in just a few days. Can you believe it? I loved the taking my children and grandchildren shopping for school clothes. We would shop for a bit and have a late lunch at their favorite restaurant — no fast food, but the kind of restaurant where you sit

down and put a napkin in your lap, with the water glass to the right and the bread plate to the left. Got to practice fine dining manners every chance we can.

Plus, just listening to the kids' ideas, their dreams of what they are expecting for the new school year, gave me insight on where they headed. Great memories were made. But time marches on, those days have passed, and they are all working and contributing to society. But every once in a while, we meet for lunch or dinner, and we catch up.

Happy anniversary to Don, my husband of 55 years on July 31. It has been an amazing adventure. Thank you for the memories. We have been blessed with wonderful children and grandchildren. I am looking forward to several more years of what comes next. Love you more as always.

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

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Brandon Preszler, 870 Lariat Loop, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Baldur Construction Company" 870 Lariat Loop, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 8, 2024
Publish: July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2024
BALDUR 8-16-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BARBARA HARRIS CASE NO. 24PR002002
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Barbara Harris. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Susan Harris-Kohlhardt, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Susan Harris-Kohlhardt be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for ex-

amination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows August 15, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy

to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: John R. Quiring, 9296 Madison Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662; 916-794-6279
Publish: July 19, 26, 8/2, 2024
HARRIS 8-2-24



LEGAL PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Section 21700- 21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code.

The undersigned will sell at public sale, by competitive bidding on the 8th day of August 2024 at 11am. on the premises where said property has been stored which is located at Secured Self Storage, 535 Industrial Drive, Galt, CA 95632, County of Sacramento, State of California, the following:

- Hoeven A16
- Ramirez ASO
- Rodrigues E255
- Kollmann D222

Purchases must be paid for, at the time of the purchase, in CASH ONLY. All purchased items sold "as is" where is and MUST be removed at the time of the sale. Sale is subject to cancellation, in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.
Dated this 19th day of July 2024.

Auctioneer: NORCAL STORAGE AUCTIONS, INC.
Bond# 7900390179
Phone# (916) 604-9695

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NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice US Storage Centers - Galt located at 315 A Street Galt CA 95632 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 8/15/2024 at 10:00AM. Victoria Anne Stanfill; Celina Elena Lopez. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Food & Nutrition Department is receiving bids. Request for Proposals will be accepted July 10, 2024 through 4:00 pm Friday August 2, 2024. For a copy of the specifications email food-nutriton@galt.k12.ca.us.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ELLIOTT RANCH UNIT 3 TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP TIME EXTENSION

Notice is hereby given that the Galt Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of Galt City Hall, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California, on the date and time indicated below, or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard, to receive and consider all evidence and reports relative to the application described herein. The Planning Commission will act on the tentative subdivision map extension request for the following project:

PROJECT TITLE: Elliott Ranch Unit 3 Tentative Subdivision Map Time Extension

PROJECT LOCATION: North of Boessow Road, east of the future extension of Crystal Way, west of the future extension of Carillion Blvd., and south of Simmerhorn Road (APN 150-0082-043).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Elliott Ranch Unit 3 is an approved 193 lot tentative subdivision map on 51.24+ acres, and is a component of the Elliott Ranch Subdivision (previously known as Simmerhorn Ranch). The approved project is zoned R3-PD Medium / High-Density Multiple Family and Open Space (OS).

The tentative subdivision map for Elliott Ranch Unit 3 was originally approved on November 10, 2022 with an expiration date of November 10, 2024. The applicant is seeking approval of a three-year map extension in accordance with Galt Municipal Code 18.64.040.13, wherein upon written request of the subdivider filed prior to expiration of the approved or conditionally approved tentative map, the time at which such map expires may be extended by the Planning Commission for a period or periods not exceeding a total of three (3) years.

There are no modifications proposed to the map configuration and layout.

OWNER/APPLICANT: Sunset Tartesso, LLC Wood Rodgers, Inc.
340 Palladio Pkwy, Ste. 521 3301 C Street, Bldg. 100-B
Folsom, CA 95630 Sacramento, CA 95816

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING:

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed project or wish to review the tentative maps or other details prior to the public hearing, please contact Kristyn A. Bitz, Senior Planner at 209-366-7230 or kbitz@cityofgalt.org.

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

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

Dated: July 26, 2024
 \s\ Amie Mendes
 Amie Mendes, Interim Community Development Director
 \s\ Tina Hubert
 Tina Hubert, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DESIGN REVIEW (PROJECT ARCHITECTURE) FOR LIBERTY RANCH VILLAGE 6

Notice is hereby given that the Galt Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the date and time indicated below, or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard, to receive and consider all evidence, testimony, and reports relative to the application described herein. The Planning Commission will act on the design review application for the project.

PROJECT TITLE: Meritage Homes Liberty Ranch Village 6 Design Review

PROJECT LOCATION: Village 6 of the Liberty Ranch Subdivision is north of the Union Pacific Railroad Amador Spur, east of Marengo Road, south of Liberty Ranch High School and the future extension of Walnut Avenue, and west of Cherokee Lane (APN 148-1240-012).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Liberty Ranch (aka Eastview) Specific Plan is inclusive of 1,494 residential units. It was approved by Galt City Council in 2016, and will be built out through five (5) development phases. The first phase includes Villages 3, 4, 6, 7, and 9. Meritage Homes is the first homebuilder to purchase lots and build within the Liberty Ranch development. Meritage Homes is proposing four (4) floor plans for Village 6 of the Liberty Ranch development. Village 6 contains 52 individual lots. Each floor plan will consist of three (3) elevations, and each elevation will have three (3) color and material schemes per the Eastview Specific Plan development standards. Homes are a mix of one- and two-story floor plans.

OWNER/APPLICANT: Meritage Homes of California, Inc.
2850 Gateway Oaks Drive
Sacramento, CA 95833

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Date and Time: The Planning Commission for the City of Galt will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard. The meeting will be in person at the Galt City Council Chambers at City Hall, 380 Civic Drive, Galt.

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Dated: July 26, 2024
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 Kristyn A. Bitz, Senior Planner
 \s\ Tina Hubert
 Tina Hubert, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DESIGN REVIEW (PROJECT ARCHITECTURE) FOR LIBERTY RANCH VILLAGE 9

Notice is hereby given that the Galt Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the date and time indicated below, or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard, to receive and consider all evidence, testimony, and reports relative to the application described herein. The Planning Commission will act on the design review application for the project.

PROJECT TITLE: Meritage Homes Liberty Ranch Village 7 Design Review

PROJECT LOCATION: Village 7 of the Liberty Ranch Subdivision is north of the Union Pacific Railroad Amador Spur, east of Marengo Road, south of Liberty Ranch High School and the future extension of Walnut Avenue, and west of Cherokee Lane (APN 148-1240-013).

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Dated: July 26, 2024
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 Tina Hubert, City Clerk

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Galt Gators Win Motherlode Championships



Ella Reece swims the breaststroke in the Meet of Champions.



Elizabeth Sanchez swims freestyle for the Galt Gators.



Graylin Jensen shows off his backstroke.



Rosa Hausauer cuts the water with the freestyle.



Galt Gators 2024 swim team. Photos courtesy of Tom Santillan

By Louie Ortega and Monica Lopez

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - After a long summer of practice and meets, the Gators are the champions. Congratulations to all of the swimmers who competed at the Motherlode Championships this last weekend in Elk Grove.

It was two long days of heat and fantastic swimming by the Galt Gators. Parents and swimmers got to feel the excitement of a very close meet that came down to the freestyle relays on Sunday. After it was all said and done the Gators were victorious with a score of 1336. The final

scores of the other teams were: Fair Oaks Dolphins: 1311; Dixon Dolphins: 1218.5; Rollingwood Rockets: 940; and the Sacramento Stingrays: 792.5.

The following swimmers who qualified for Meet of Champions for the first time this year based on time: Kendal Stephenson in the girls 7/8 25-yard backstroke with a time of 20.89 and in the 50 freestyle with a time of 37.62, and Maxx Thomlinson in the boys 11/12 100-yard freestyle with a time of 1:05.00.

Congratulations to the Gator high point winners: Joe Van Conett - 1st

place boys 6 and under with 22 pts

Kendall Stephenson - 2nd place girls 7/8 with 38 pts

Elizabeth Sanchez - 2nd place girls 9/10 with 34 pts

Rosa Hausauer - 3rd place girls 11/12 with 46 pts

Maxx Thomlinson - 2nd place boys 11/12 with 56 pts

Gabriel Westbrook - 3rd place boys 11/12 with 50 pts

Tiger Myrick - 1st place boys 13/14 with 60 pts

Other High points finishers in the Top 5:

Jeremiah Belaksi - 4th place boys 6 and under

with 14 pts

Brook Reiff - 4th place girls 6 and under with 11 pts

Kacey Buford - 4th place boys 7/8 with 25 pts

Morgan Stephenson - 5th place boys 9/10 with 32 pts

Dagny Talbott - 4th place 9/10 girls with 27 pts

McKenzie Medina - 4th place 11/12 girls with 37 pts

John Carey - 5th place 13/14 boys with 34 pts

The Gators had 200 swimmers this year, up substantially from last year.

Swimmers that made finals or have qualifying times will swim at the Meet of Champions in August. ★



Six and under high-point champion Joe Van Connet stands with his giant trophy.



Georgia Camaren swims the butterfly at the championships.



Maxx Thomlinson competes in the championships.

Galt Hosts Cal Ripken Regional Tournament

By Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Galt hosted the 2024 Cal Ripken 9-year-old PSW regional tournament July 14 through July 20 at Harvey Park.

Ten teams participated in the tournament. Two teams came all the way from Hawaii and one team traveled from Utah. The other teams were from Northern and Southern California.

Galt was eliminated in the second round, but the Hawaii Kai team faced Visalia in the championship game and won the tournament and is now the regional champion.

The teams had a



Galt's McCollough tags a player out at third. Photos courtesy of Tom Santillan

skills competition and shared meals. They also exchanged pins and gift bags. ★



A Hawaii Kai player prepares to bat.



Galt's Watts throws a strike.



Galt's Josh Gomez pitches.



The Visalia pitcher winds up.