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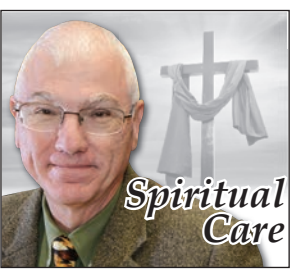
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Excitement at 44th Herald Day



"Future Porch Club" members ride the Herald Porch Club float in the Herald Day parade. Photo by Matthew Malone

**By Matthew Malone
News Editor**

HERALD, CA (MPG) - The 44th annual Herald Day brought the Herald community together on Aug. 3 in the town's biggest celebration of the year.

The annual tradition began, as it does every year, with a parade.

Natalie Conner kicked off the parade with a performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Then, cars and floats proceeded down Ivie and Herald roads, where they passed

cheering onlookers and the parade participants tossed candy to eager children.

Grace McCune, who co-founded Herald Baptist Church in 1972, served as the grand marshal, riding at the head of the parade in a yellow convertible.

"I was born in 1972 and she was already doing great things for the Herald community," said Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume, who was announcing the parade entries.

"It was a great turnout. There was a lot of great entries in the parade,"

Hume told the Herald after the parade.

The classic cars that drove in the parade caught his attention, in particular a "really pretty" Ford Model T roadster brought by Jim and Carole Snow.

Another parade entry was an electric blue Mustang owned by Kemyatta Harris, who bought it in 2019 as a retirement gift for herself.

"I love it, drive it. It's nicknamed the Simba. That's my nickname. I got that in the military," Harris said.

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C Street Project Starts Soon

**City of Galt
News Release**

Editor's Note: For more information on the C Street Enhancements Project, call 209-213-5942, email info@cstreetproject.org, or visit cstreetproject.org.

GALT, CA (MPG) - This year, construction began on the long-awaited C Street Enhancements Project. This effort is the product of years of planning and community engagement and will transform C Street into a gateway entrance welcoming residents and visitors alike to the city of Galt.

Construction is taking place along C Street, starting at Civic Drive near the Highway 99 off-ramp and ending at Sixth Street.

Beginning in mid-August, traffic on C Street will be reduced to one lane. One lane of westbound traffic on C Street will always remain open, and eastbound traffic will be diverted to detour routes. See construction maps for details.

Construction Details

During the first phase of the project, work will begin on the north side of C Street, with westbound traffic diverted to the eastbound lanes. Eastbound traffic will be diverted to A Street. The first phase of work is anticipated to be completed in the fall.

The second phase of work will begin in the fall on the south side of C Street. Westbound traffic will remain open in the westbound lane, and the eastbound lane will be closed with traffic diverted to A Street. Major construction during this phase is anticipated to be complete in December, with additional minor finish work that will not require full lane closures anticipated through January 2025.

Throughout construction, north and southbound traffic will be able to travel through the South Lincoln Way intersection, but please note the stop light will be flashing red and may cause delays.

Access to the Galt Plaza shopping center will be available via Civic Drive to the south, and from the A Street entrance next to Save Mart from the north.

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Historical Society to Host Annual Car Show, Barn Sale



Bill Corell poses for a photo with his 1939 Ford Deluxe at last year's car show. Photo by Matthew Malone

**By Matthew Malone
News Editor**

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Area Historical Society is gearing up for its annual Drive Down Memory Lane Car Show and Barn Sale, offering an exciting array of classic cars for

supporters to marvel over. The car show is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 17 at McFarland Living History Ranch, 8899 Orr Road. Parking costs \$5 per car.

The cars are from 1970 and earlier, and historical society President Janis

Barsetti-Gray told the Herald that she expects 70 to 80 cars to be on display. It might be an especially enjoyable year for Ford fans, as Barsetti-Gray noted that the list of registered vehicles includes several Ford Model A's.

Barsetti-Gray said late

society member Louise Dowdell came up with the show's name, referring to the nostalgia that attendees get when seeing the older car models.

"Louise named it a drive down memory lane so you look back and you see cars

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that you remember growing up," Barsetti-Gray said.

Former Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli will hand out awards for the car entries at 2 p.m.

F&M Bank is one of the event's sponsors. Radial Tire of Elk Grove is also supporting by contributing a full set of tires as a raffle prize and giving car show entrants certificates for a free oil change.

Plenty of other attractions will be at the car show, including a raffle, vendors, food trucks and historic McFarland ranch house tours. Brian King of KingSound! Productions will deejay the event.

The other major draw is a barn sale at the red barn on the property's north side. The barn is filled with vintage and antique items, including furniture and decor, all for sale.

The society is offering customers a deal: \$5 off a purchase of \$15 or more. Coupons will be handed out at entry.

The furniture pieces range from plush chairs and an Art Nouveau sideboard to a turn-of-the-century bookcase and a substantial wooden dresser. Among the less common items are a selection of vintage sewing machines and a salesman's suitcase full of antique shaving products. Clothes, children's toys and Christmas decorations will also be on sale.

Historical society member Joan Werblun said the items were all donated by community members.

"It's an opportunity



Galt Area Historical Society's annual car show is coming up. This photo from the 2023 show includes a 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle, left, and a 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air. Photos by Matthew Malone



A salesman's kit filled with vintage shaving supplies is among the more unusual items at the barn sale.

for people to buy vintage furniture at reasonable prices," Werblun said.

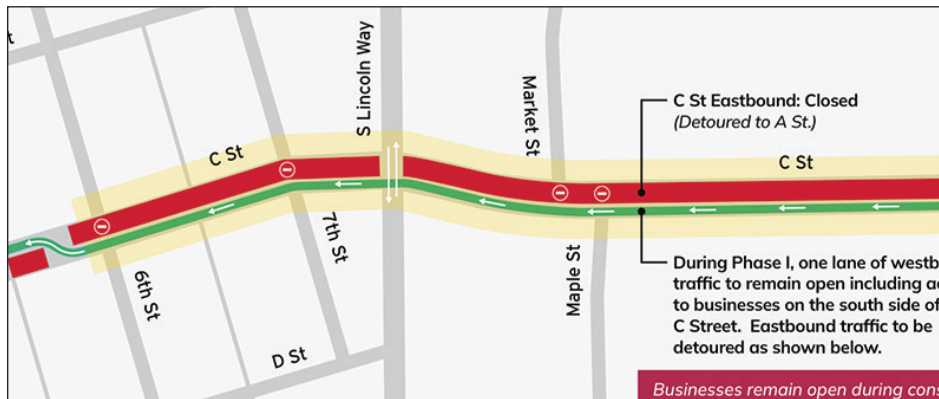
Werblun and Barsetti-Gray emphasized that all proceeds from the car show and the barn sale will support the McFarland Ranch maintenance, as well as the society's mission of preserving the history of Galt and surrounding communities such as Herald, Acampo and Thornton.

"For us, it's all about preserving the history of Galt and the area," Barsetti-Gray said. "And that's where the money goes; it goes nowhere else." ★



A bookcase and writing desk from circa 1910 is among the items on offer at the barn sale.

C Street Project Starts Soon



Phase 1 of the C Street Enhancements Project is shown above, with the lane closures in red, the westbound route in green, and the work area in yellow. Images courtesy of city of Galt

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Access to businesses and properties within the work zone will be maintained at all times. If there is work planned that will directly impact your property or driveway, the project team will notify you in advance.

Improvements will include landscaping and decorative hardscape features, improved street lighting, pavement rehabilitation and reconstruction, enhanced pedestrian crossings and protected bike lanes.

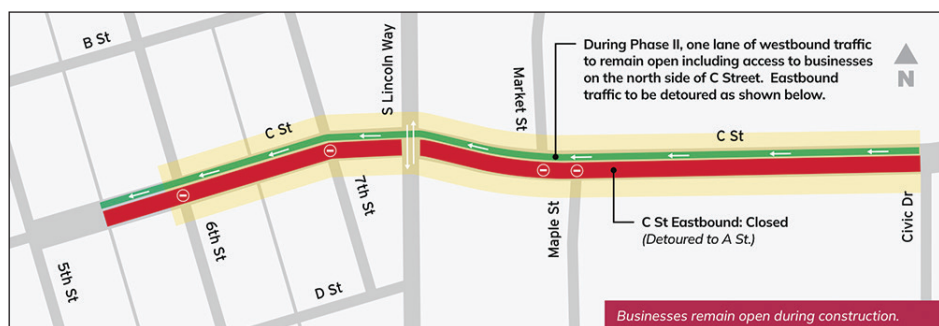
Construction Timeline

Construction activity began in spring and is expected to be complete by early 2025.

What to Expect

During construction, expect traffic delays, lane reductions and limited street parking. Access to local businesses will be maintained and businesses will remain open. Drive with caution and plan for additional travel time.

C Street businesses will be open during construction – shop local! ★



Phase 2 of the C Street roadwork will begin in fall 2024.

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Barn Project



The Elk Grove Historical Society is excited to announce the **Barn Project**. This project will enhance the history being preserved at Heritage Park by building a barn to properly display the carriages, wagons and memorabilia preserved by the area's founding families. Join the first **Raise the Barn Banquet** and not like the barn raisings of yesteryear, the only work is to enjoy great food, music, friends and support this community project.

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The car was decorated with a stuffed animal, Simba, from "The Lion King."

Harris learned about Herald Day from a friend and was glad to come out with some candy for the parade watchers. She enjoyed that the parade wasn't too long, lasting a brisk half-hour.

"I loved it, so I gave out extra candy," Harris said.

Taylor Peasha, sergeant-at-arms for organizer Herald Community Club, was pleased with how the parade went.

"Everything went smoothly and nobody got hurt," Peasha said.

Charged with organizing the parade, Peasha was committed to a safe parade after a horseback rider was injured in last year's event.

"It was better than expected and it seemed like everyone had fun," Peasha continued.

There was no shortage of fun activities for attendees, such as a horseshoe competition, craft vendors, Galt Lions Club bingo and a cornhole tournament that attracted 76 teams.

There were also bounce houses, a petting zoo and a magician.

Delicious entries in the baking and canning competitions lined tables at Herald Community Park. The two best of show winners were a loaf of pumpkin bread from Kelly Hines and peach pie jam from Tammy Conner.

Organizer Jim Cunningham thanked the judges and competitors.

Late in the morning, auctioneer Shann Galuza was getting ready for the auction.



Children rush to get candy during the Herald Day parade. Photos by Matthew Malone



A Herald Day attendee tosses a ball to pick a number during Galt Lions Club's bingo game.



Natalie Conner, left, sings "The Star-Spangled Banner," watched by 2023 California Miss United States Agriculture's Maddie Davison and Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume.



Herald Day parade grand marshal Grace McCune, left, waves at onlookers. McCune co-founded Herald Baptist Church.



Kemyatta Harris drove her Ford Mustang, "The Simba," in the parade and showed it in the car show.



A competitor in the Herald Day cornhole tournament makes a throw.

After five or six years of leading the Herald Day auction, Galuza said it is distinguished by its "hometown feel."

Galuza expected several items to attract a lot of interest, including a

collection of Carhartt jackets, an assortment of belt buckles, and some air conditioners and fans.

Peasha hoped that all attendees would enjoy themselves, and he said that the proceeds would

help Herald Community Club continue giving back to the community.

"I ultimately just hope that we can continue to have Herald Day be as big as it is today," Peasha said.

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Jim and Carole Snow ride their Ford Model T down Ivie Road.



Pat Maple, owner of RoofRangers and a Galt elementary school district trustee, loaded his truck with U.S. flags.

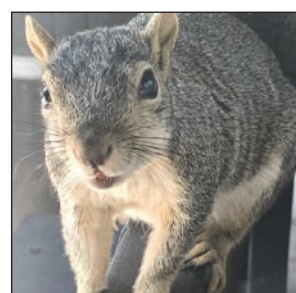
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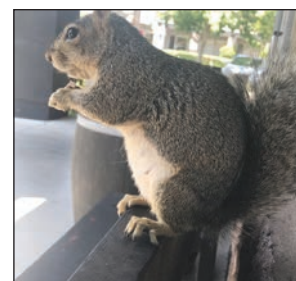
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A Squirrel, a Restaurant and a Cause



"Mama" has an expressive face as she visits the restaurant. Photo by Marie Mertz



"Mama" the squirrel balances on the restaurant's ledge while eating an almond. Photo by Marie Mertz

Chef Bootcamp for Policy and Change a few years ago, which, according to the foundation's website, "educates established chefs about the effective advocacy skills that can be leveraged to create food-system change at the local, regional, and federal levels."

Mertz's food system benefits even wild animals.

In a way that might seem magical to some, she plays music for a squirrel that can hear the music outside the restaurant's entrance.

Certain music allegedly attracts the squirrel — named Mama — to the front doors, and other music repels the animal. Mertz feeds Mama almonds as a treat outside, giving her restaurant cause beyond being just a restaurant.

"Restaurante con causa," indeed.

Todo Un Poco is located at 9080 Laguna Main St., Suite 1A, Elk Grove.

It is open for dinner from 4 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays to Sundays. ★



The interior of Todo Un Poco restaurant is full of original art and generously spaced seating. Photo by Matt Jones



A watermelon salad was the special on a summer evening at Todo Un Poco. Photo by Geoffrey Horn



The tostada salad with chicken is quite a meal by itself. Photo by Mitch Barber

the area on scholarship to UC Davis, studying ESL for a year. Mertz expressed, "I didn't speak English when I came here."

She also expresses herself in the restaurant through the language of music. Her favorite genre

is opera but she changes what music plays "according to the food," she said.

Her education is not limited to only language, though: Mertz was one of 15 cooks to be selected to attend the James Beard Foundation's



Marie Mertz enjoys being the executive chef, owner and general manager at Todo Un Poco restaurant. Photo by Matt Jones

By Mitch Barber

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Marie Mertz, also known as Maria, owns what she considers more than a restaurant. For emphasis, she uses the Spanish, calling her business a "restaurante con causa" or "restaurant with a cause."

Todo Un Poco is her brainchild eatery, opened in 1999, off of Laguna Boulevard in Elk Grove, just south of Sacramento down Interstate 5. She said, in a recent interview, "I hope people take the time and attention to visit this side of Elk Grove, which is Laguna West." Mertz considers Todo Un Poco to be a destination restaurant.

Mertz also calls her venture a "restaurant with social responsibility." The evidence? The restaurant was the site of the initial planning meeting for the City of Elk Grove's Multicultural Diversity Festival, a celebration with dancing, music and food. The festival takes place this year on Sept. 14 at The

Center at District56.

Another cause of Mertz's is eliminating food waste. She said, "My goal in the restaurant is to have cero (zero, in Spanish) organic waste. We have a partnership with a local garden." It's called Cliff's Garden, which is in Elk Grove on Stone Lake Road and named after Cliff Wilcox. The food waste is fed to the chickens there. Mertz said, "We use food entirely as much as we can."

She recommends respecting food because not everybody has food, and that there are a lot of people facing food insecurities.

Mertz said her philosophy is, "Buying less. Cooking less. Repurposing as much as we can." She uses carrot shavings in salad dressing, for example, rather than throwing them out.

She gets much of her produce from the same Cliff's Garden, making theirs a two-way relationship.

Mertz uses the produce

in cuisine that she does not consider to be fusion, expressing that, "Sometimes fusion is confusion."

She considers her dishes to be "integration," rather, between Italian and Mexican dishes, for example.

There is a chicken mole pizza. She said, "I use chocolate Abuelita. That's how I learned from my grandmother. It takes us three days to make the mole sauce. ... It's Mexico on a plate."

And what of Mexico and India?

Manni Singh, Mertz's husband, is from India's Punjab region and runs the front of house. They even have a Punjabi pizza. (Singh speaks Punjabi.)

Mertz happens to speak Italian, as well, but majored in business and Spanish literature at Sacramento State University, specializing in magical realism or "realismo mágico," which combines fantasy and reality.

She originally came to

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GLANCE BACK

70 Years Ago Aug. 19, 1954

Down, down, down – that’s the story of well digging activities in the Galt area as farmers are forced to sink their wells ever deeper in search of adequate water supply. The water situation is considered critical because of the rapidly dropping water table. (Ed. Note:

“The more things change, the more they remain the same.”)

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Marriott and family have taken up residence at their ranch northwest of Galt. They made their home on C Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Harmer, Galt, are the proud

parents of a daughter, Susan Marie, born Aug. 12 at Lodi Memorial Hospital. She weighed 5 pounds ½ ounce and arrived at 11:50 p.m. ... Mr. and Mrs. Walter Froehlich are proud parents of a son named Colin Mark, born at Lodi Memorial Hospital Sunday, Aug. 15 at 6:35 p.m. He weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces ... Mr.

and Mrs. Malcolm Foster of Thornton are the proud parents of a daughter, Susan Ann, born Aug. 16 at Lodi Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and arrived at 9:10 a.m.

60 Years Ago Aug. 13, 1964

Julie Mae Pullen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pullen, and Harold T. Hausauer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hausauer, joined the just weds Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. nuptials performed by Rev. H.E. Wilburn at Galt Bible Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Webb and children Charlotte, David and John of Alta Mesa were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mozley, former Alta Mesa residents, at their 600-acre cattle ranch in Paradise Valley, Nev.

50 Years Ago Aug. 15, 1974

Patrolman Wendell Houck had a policeman’s dream come true Wednesday, Aug. 7 when he caught a burglar in the act of robbing Walt’s Texaco Station and Café on Glendale Avenue. The burglary occurred at 1:38 a.m., when Carl W. Heacock, 37, Orange Cove, was caught looking, as he said, for money and food. He was booked for burglary.

Marine PFC Terrence P. Jenkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Jenkins of Thornton, graduated from recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego ... Army Pvt. Richard M. Mello Jr., whose parents live in Galt, arrived for duty at Fort Lewis, Wash., with the 5930 Support Group.

40 Years Ago Aug. 9, 1984

Over 1,000 people viewed the parade and attended the Fourth Annual Herald Day festivities on August 4. There was something for everyone starting with breakfast in the morning to the big parade, to games, a mud volleyball game, and to climax the day a barbecue, catered by Bob and Judy Johnson.

The Galt Herald is pleased to announce that it has hired a new reporter, Nolan Del Campo. The 22-year-old California State University, Sacramento graduate with a degree in journalism comes to The Herald after a year with Baggott Pierce Inc. in Sacramento, where he wrote and produced TV and radio commercials.

—Herald archives

MEETING MINDERS

Saturday, Aug. 10

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

Thursday, Aug. 15

Galt High School Board, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.
Arcohe School Board, 7 p.m., Media Center (East Campus), 11715 Ivie Road,

Herald, 209-748-2313.

Galt Beautification Committee, 9 a.m., Community Development Dept., 495 Industrial Drive, 209-366-7130.

Galt Chamber Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., (at designated locations), 209-745-2529.

Herald Fire Protection District, 6 p.m., Station

87, 12746 Ivie Road, 209-748-2322.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, 6:30 p.m., Galt Police Department, 455 Industrial Drive, 916-687-1512.

Friday, Aug. 16

Galt Sunrise Rotary, 7 a.m., Comfort Inn & Suites, 10380 Twin Cities Road, 209-745-6617. ★

Monster Jam Roars into Sacramento

Monster Jam News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Experience big-time family fun at Monster Jam. An unexpected, unscripted and unforgettable motorsports experience for families and fans returns to Sacramento for an adrenaline-charged weekend at Golden 1 Center from Aug. 16 to Aug. 18.

At Monster Jam, world champion athletes and their 12,000-pound monster trucks tear up the dirt in wide-open competitions of speed and skill.

The excitement begins at the Monster Jam Pit Party held in Sacramento prior to the events on Saturday, Aug. 17 and Sunday, Aug. 18.

Fans can see the massive trucks up close, meet their favorite drivers and crews, get autographs and take pictures. Activities include the Sand Box play area, UNOH tire demonstration, coloring

and temporary tattoo station, and new photo ops, including the chance to take a photo with the Series trophy. This fun-filled experience is the only place that allows people to get up-close access to the Monster Jam teams and get an insider’s look at how these trucks are built to stand up to the competition.

Fans will be on the edge of their seats as the world’s best drivers show off massive stunts, big air, backflips, crazy skills and all-out racing in fierce head-to-head battles for the Event Championship. Engineered to perfection, the 12,000-pound Monster Jam trucks push all limits in Freestyle, Skills and Racing competitions.

Fans are encouraged to get to their seats early to experience Monster Jam Trackside approximately one hour before the event start time. Monster Jam drivers are trained, world-class male and female athletes.



Driver Fernando Martinez returns to Monster Jam at Golden 1 Center as the El Toro Loco driver from Aug. 16 to 18. Photo courtesy of Monster Jam

They have mastered the physical strength and mental stamina needed to compete, and the vital dexterity to control 12,000-pound machines capable of backflips, vertical two-wheel skills and racing at speeds up to 70 mph to produce jaw-dropping, live motorsports action seen throughout the world.

Enjoy big-time family fun at Monster Jam. The competitions start at 7 p.m. Aug. 16, 7 p.m. Aug. 17 and 1 p.m. Aug. 18.

Also on Aug. 17 is a pit party from 4:30

to 6 p.m., which requires an event ticket and pit pass for entry.

On Aug. 18, the pit party from 10:30 a.m. to noon requires an event ticket and pit pass for entry.

Tickets are affordably priced for the whole family. Tickets and pit passes are available for purchase at MonsterJam.com, which will direct you to Ticketmaster.com. If not sold out, tickets will be available at the door. ★



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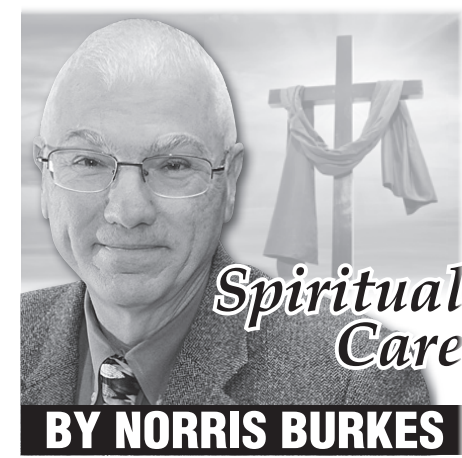
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Three things I’m too clumsy to accomplish at church:

I don’t care to hug strangers. This limitation is a trait of the INFP, a type from the Myers Briggs personality test.

The letters stand for “Introverted, Intuitive, Feeling, and Prospecting” and, according to the test, an INFP “tends to be quiet, open-minded, and imaginative, and they apply a caring and creative approach to everything they do.”

As an INFP, I sometimes feel like I’d rather run to my car after my sermon than stay around and hug people.

I’m unable to think of the word that fills in the “fill-in-the-blank” sermon outlines found in many church bulletins. These outlines are akin to karaoke and were popularized by the now-retired evangelical pastor Rick Warren.

I’m too rhythmically challenged to clap to the beat of contemporary church music. I have to make a choice: sing or clap. And

since people tend to get hurt when I clap, I stick to singing.

Three situations where my faith is stronger because it’s limited:

On a more serious note, I’m a man who acknowledges his faith limitations.

I cannot, will not, tell you that your faith and beliefs are wrong and mine are right. Some Christians are fond of quoting John 14:6 concerning Jesus being the

only way to God. But if you are reciting the verse to other faiths, you are not sharing your faith, you’re shouting your condemnation.

I won’t impose my faith on you in a public situation by giving a public prayer when I know that the audience may not be of my faith. Because, if I only pray what doesn’t offend me and -- you can only hear what doesn’t offend you -- then we dilute both of our faiths.

I won’t debate you.

I’m not going to argue religion with you. Neither will I engage in disputes over abortion, the death penalty, theology, politics, evolution or the existence of God. I will, however, engage in a thoughtful examination of the issues. Maybe it’s the INFP personality, but my

dad taught me that it can take more courage to walk away from an argument.

That’s enough of the negative limitations. Before I finish, let me tell you where I tend to be limit-less.

I try to be an example of struggling faith. “What is that?” you ask. Struggling faith recognizes that no one has faith completely figured out. God is too big to be contained in one religion. We can learn things about faith from people of other faiths, and even from people who profess no faith at all.

I want to follow the direction of I Peter 3:15: “Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you’re living the way you are and always with the utmost courtesy.”

Finally, if you ask me, I will pray with you without limits. My prayers are voiced in plain English without the “thee” and “thou” from King James’s Old English. However, given my touch of ADD, the prayers won’t be a grande or a venti size prayer, just a small one.

Just don’t ask me to do one of those huggy prayers. After all, a pastor really should know his/her limitations.

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I’m too rhythmically challenged to clap to the beat of contemporary church music. I have to make a choice: sing or clap.

UC Regents Approve New Student Housing at UC Davis

By BreAnda Northcutt

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - UC Davis will break ground on a new residence hall next spring in the Segundo area, following approval this week by the UC Board of Regents. The \$100 million project aims to address the growing demand for on-campus housing and commitments the campus has made with the city of Davis.

The new complex, tentatively titled the “Segundo Infill Project,” will span 118,000 square feet and feature 206 rooms, accommodating 494 students in double- and triple-occupancy configurations. The

residence hall will stand five stories tall, offering students modern amenities, study nooks, social spaces and 600 bike spaces.

The university considered building higher than five floors, but in California, buildings six stories or higher fall under different building codes and incur significantly higher costs.

Opting for a five-story structure helps manage expenses and ensure housing remains affordable, while still providing needed supply. The residence hall will feature a concrete podium and steel frame, ensuring durability, longevity and a quieter

living environment.

Constructed on what are currently parking lots 22 and 16, the site will also transform its surroundings; parking will be restored in lot 16 after construction is completed.

“The UC Davis campus has added 6,500 beds since 2017 to meet demand given undergraduate housing guarantees and enrollment growth and to make progress toward Long-Range Development Plan goals and MOU commitments with the city of Davis,” Chancellor Gary S. May said before the Board of Regents meeting. “We are pleased that the regents have approved this item so



Pictured here is a rendering of what the new student housing building will look like. Photo courtesy of Katherine E. Kerlin

that UC Davis can continue to make considerable progress toward these important housing commitments and goals.”

As of fall 2023, UC Davis provides on-campus housing for 38% of Davis-based undergraduate and graduate students.

The new residence hall will help the university move closer to its goal of housing 48% of its Davis-based students on campus, as outlined in the Long-Range Development Plan (LRDP) and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the city of Davis.

The entire project will be 100% electric and will aim for a minimum LEED Gold certification, with a goal of obtaining LEED Platinum status.

The residence hall is expected to be ready for occupancy by the fall quarter of 2027. ★

As State Population Drops, a Big Project Has Stalled



By Dan Walters
CALMatters.org

When California emerged from its colonial beginnings nearly two centuries ago and began coalescing into a distinct society, its towns and villages tended to be located either on navigable rivers, such as Sacramento, or around the 21 missions that Spanish explorer priests had established, such as San Diego.

In the late 19th century, with California having experienced a massive population boom during the Gold Rush and become a state, entirely new communities sprung up. These settlements were often carved out of farm and ranch land by developers and railroads, the small San Joaquin Valley city of Hanford being one of the latter.

For example, the

small villages south of San Francisco, such as Hillsborough, were designed as refuges for the wealthy from the noise, pollution and violence of San Francisco — and eventually led to the formation of San Mateo County as a protective bulwark.

The creation of new towns continued for most of the 20th century. In Orange County, the descendants of 19th century ranchers converted chunks of their vast holdings into new towns to absorb the region’s massive post-World War II population growth.

The most spectacular example was — and still is — the City of Irvine, named for a ranching family, and home to a quarter-million people and a major University of California campus. Dick O’Neill, heir to a huge Orange County cattle ranch, created two cities — Mission Viejo and Rancho Santa Margarita.

On the outskirts of Sacramento, along the Cosumnes River, another ranching family successfully created a stand-alone community called Rancho Murietta. Creating new towns can be a risky

endeavor. Developers can spend millions to plan their new communities and install infrastructure but may wait decades to see a profit.

California City, in the Antelope Valley 100 miles north of Los Angeles, was founded in 1958, but its remote location and somewhat inhospitable terrain and climate made attracting residents difficult. It’s still there and has about 15,000 residents, but that’s way short of the original ambition.

Mountain House, created three decades ago in a corner of San Joaquin County to attract commuters to Bay Area jobs, also struggled, particularly during the collapse of the housing market during the Great Recession. However, it survived: Today it has about 25,000 residents and on July 1 became an incorporated city.

The Tejon Ranch, an immense cattle ranch in the Tehachapi Mountains, has been trying for decades to create a new residential community, but it has faced massive opposition from environmental groups. It is finally beginning construction on an apartment complex.



Cattle graze on land where California Forever had planned its new city in Solano County. The development, which was planned to be near Travis Air Force Base and Rio Vista, is on hold. Photo by Loren Elliott for CalMatters

That brings us to California’s latest effort to carve out a new community, this one in a rural portion of Solano County.

California Forever, a company backed by Silicon Valley billionaires, quietly — even sneakily — bought more than 50,000 acres of ranchland, after which it finally revealed plans for a new community that would eventually have 400,000 residents.

The secrecy and scope of the project generated immediate opposition, particularly after the company said it would seek approval via a November election ballot measure, bypassing hurdles such as the California Environmental

Quality Act.

With approval by Solano County voters in doubt, California Forever has shelved its ballot measure. Company officials say they now will strive to gain popular support before proceeding.

The explosive growth that California experienced in the first 170 years of its existence as a state has now abated, probably for good. California has been losing population in recent years and at best it will probably see population stagnation in the future.

That said, California still has a housing shortage, and state policy is to encourage infill projects in or near cities rather than

developing open spaces, which California Forever would do.

The chances for California Forever to join the ranks of new town developers are slim at best.

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state’s political, economic, social and demographic trends.

Walters began covering California politics in 1975, just as Jerry Brown began his first stint as governor, and began writing his column in 1981. ★

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

AA 24-Hour Hotline

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

Nar-Anon Family Group Meetings

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

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.

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.

Cosumnes DAR Chapter Accepting New Members

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)'s Rio Cosumnes Chapter in the Elk Grove/Galt community 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.

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.

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.

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.

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. ★

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of July 26 to Aug. 1, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in eight arrests.

Friday, July 26

3:06 a.m., DUI/adult arrested at South Lincoln Way/A Street.
8:26 p.m., missing adult reported at Galt Police Department on Industrial Drive.

Saturday, July 27

2:15 a.m., battery reported on Snow Lily Avenue.
7:25 a.m., trespassing reported at Walmart on Twin Cities Road.
12:08 p.m., domestic violence on Benteen Way.

1:44 p.m., trespassing reported at Compadres Grill & Bar on Twin Cities Road.

Sunday, July 28

1:29 a.m., DUI/adult arrested at AM/PM on East Stockton Boulevard.
11:56 a.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Quik Stop on Fourth Street.
12:49 p.m., theft reported at Galt Mobile Estates on North Lincoln Way.
1:18 p.m., theft reported on Fumasi Drive.
8:44 p.m., DUI/adult arrested on Sunshine Drive.

11:58 p.m., stolen vehicle reported on Glendale Avenue.

Monday, July 29

6:55 a.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested at 1000 Katsura Street.
11:43 a.m., vandalism reported at Hertz Rentals on Enterprise Court.
12:01 p.m., vandalism reported at Unit 4 on Second Street.
3:02 p.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested at Retriever Way/E Street.

Tuesday, July 30

2:09 a.m., trespassing reported at Twin Cities Road/Carillion Boulevard.
1:56 p.m., stolen vehicle reported at Galt

Market on Meladee Lane.

Wednesday, July 31

6:54 a.m., theft reported at Galt Union Elementary School District on C Street.
9:05 a.m., extortion reported on Rachel Drive.
12:51 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Highway 99/C Street.

Thursday, Aug. 1

1:49 a.m., vandalism reported at Burger King on Fairway Drive.
10:44 a.m., fraud reported on Walnut Avenue.
12:02 p.m., theft reported at The Galt Place on D Street. ★

ABOUT TOWN

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).

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: 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 Meetings

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.

Our next meeting is Aug. 22. 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.

For questions, please contact Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128. We hope to see you there. ★

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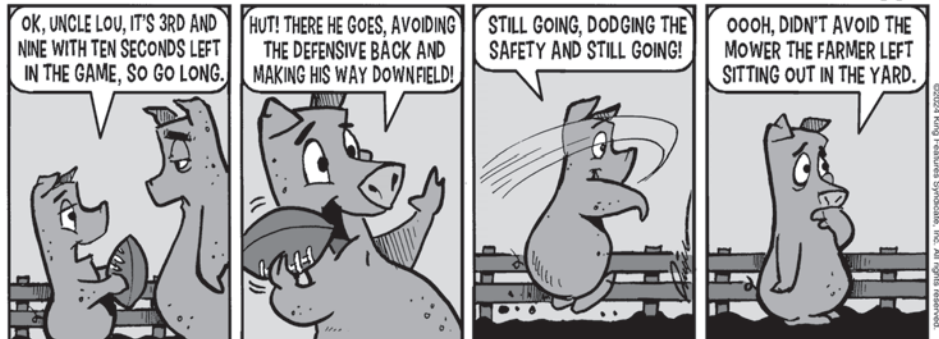
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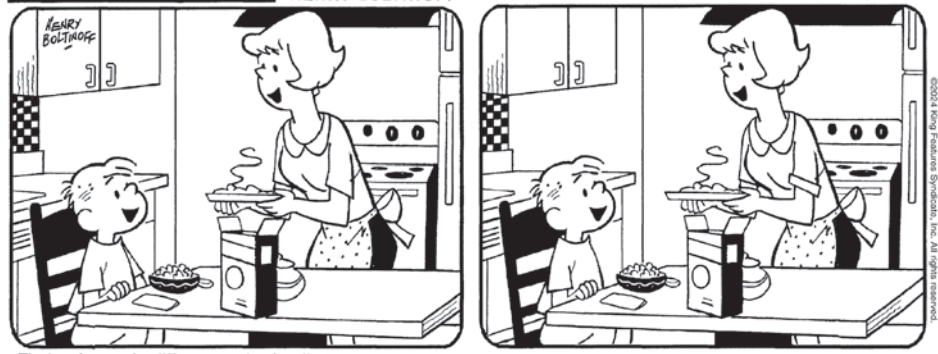


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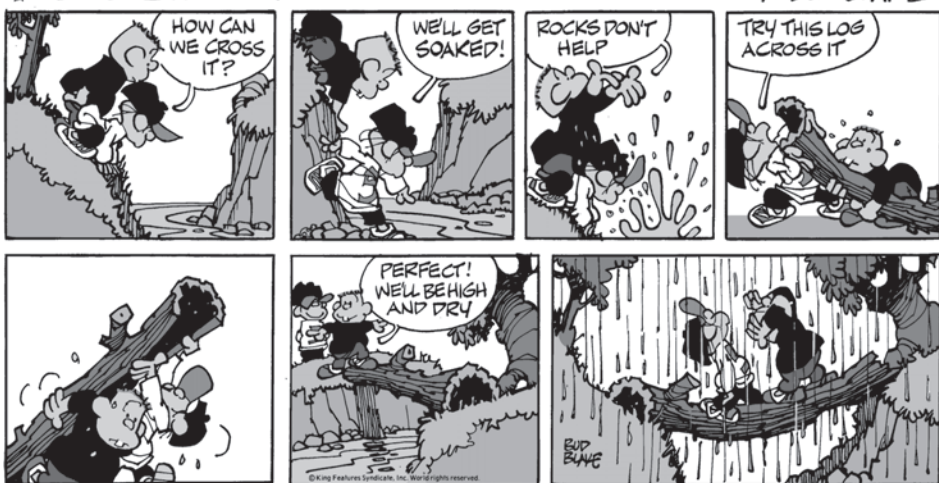
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A Day for Lovers — Book Lovers, That Is



and engravings. Every civilization had its own way to document events.

Sometime during 3500 B.C., the Mesopotamians made markings on clay tablets using a pointed device, made from the stem of the reed plant, called the calamus. These writings on moist clay were called "cuneiform." Recently, approximately 20,000 of these tablets were discovered in modern-day Iraq.

Paper was invented in China in the first century by experimenting with various materials such as hemp, fishnets and the mulberry plant. Ts'ai Lun invented the first paper. With time, printing on wood blocks also became the go-to way of reproducing books in China.

The ancient scrolls dating back to the fourth century B.C. are considered the

first "books," but by today's definition, the oldest surviving compiled book is "the Diamond Sutra" which was published in China on May 11, 868.

Hardback books ruled the market at the start of the 20th century, with a certain prestige associated with the hard bindings of books. But from 1937 onwards, paperback books rose in popularity, paving the way for digests, pulp fiction, and pocket-friendly books.

Advancement in computers and technology led to the digitization of books, with the first book sold in CD format in the 1980s: "The New Grolier Electronic Encyclopedia." I am a physical book-in-hand reader, no e-book or electronic tablet for me. I need to be able to see the cover, hold the book and flip the pages, write in it, etc. I have about five to six books on my dresser shelf. I am looking forward to reading a lot in the near future. I guess there is no time like the present to get started.

Herald Day was fun. Got to sit and chat

with friends I hadn't seen since last year, traveled down a few memory lanes. It is amazing how some people never change, you would know them anywhere, and others — well, a person could be wondering who they are talking to, because they don't have a clue who the person that they are standing face to face with truly is. Just smile and make small talk, maybe it will come to you.

The parade is always fun, love to see the kiddos strut their stuff. The food was tasty. All in all, a good day to enjoy our annual get-together. The weather was a bit warm. But it always is.

A little vitamin D is good for the mind and body. But too much sun could take its toll.

Continue to watch out for those kiddos on their way to school. They have only been at it for a few days, and most still have their eyes glued to their cell phones. And watch for the school buses. Remember to stop when the bus's red lights are flashing.

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

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Miller Joins FFA Foundation

California FFA Foundation News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - The California FFA Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of Grace Miller to the California FFA team. Grace will serve as the foundation's development officer.

Miller is a recent graduate of California State University, Fresno, where she earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural education with an agricultural communication option.

While attending CSU Fresno, Miller gained development experience working as a student assistant for Ag One Foundation, a nonprofit benefiting, promoting and supporting the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology.

In this new role, Miller will support all facets of the foundation's fund development efforts and work closely with key stakeholders, sponsors and the FFA Foundation Board of Directors to further the impact made on California FFA members.



Grace Miller.
Photo courtesy of California FFA Foundation

"We are thrilled to have Grace join our development team at the California FFA Foundation," said Matt Patton, executive director at California Association, FFA. "Given Grace's FFA background coupled with her invaluable experience working at the Ag One Foundation, she will be a terrific asset to continue supporting over 104,000 California FFA members."

A native of Arcata and an FFA alumna, Miller also has extensive experience in the livestock industry, most recently serving as the livestock superintendent for the Humboldt County Fairgrounds.

Her upbringing and past experiences provide her with a deep understanding of the California FFA Foundation's mission and make her poised to fulfill the responsibilities of her new role. ★

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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV014149

Nicole Helen Ehman has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Nicole Helen Ehman to Nicole Helene Ramsey.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 19, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: July 17, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of

the Superior Court
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV007946

Judith Saray Zuniga Silva has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Marisol Guadalupe De Luna Zuniga to Marisol Guadalupe Zuniga Silva.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 27, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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Galt Cheerleaders Earn All American Honors



The cheer team poses in the Jessup University gym with the "top banana."



The GHS cheerleaders worked well into the night at cheer camp.

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - After a summer of practicing five days a week, the Galt High cheer squad headed to Roseville to attend Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) camp at Jessup University.

New coaches Barbara Welch and Lauren Cole chaperoned the 39 girls to the university where they experienced dorm life and

hard work.

The squad learned new cheers, dances and, of course, new stunts. They worked from morning to night, only breaking for meals. The squad brought home a spirit stick and a few performance trophies.

On the third day of camp, girls have the opportunity to try out for All American. The coaches pick who has the sharpest and cleanest skills and the best jumps to try out. Twelve girls tried out and the five



This year's Galt High All American Cheerleaders: Melanie Flores, Irene Diosdado, Olivia Salas, Angelena Watson and Isabella Cantu. Courtesy photos

winners were announced on the last morning of camp.

To try out, each girl has to perform a jump, the All American cheer and the camp dance in front of the UCA judges and the rest of the camp.

Keep in mind, they only had the first two days of camp to learn the cheer and dance.

Melanie Flores, Irene Diosdado, Olivia Salas, Angelena Watson and Isabella

Cantu won the honor and were awarded a patch for their letterman jacket.

The All American cheerleaders now have the opportunity to attend a Varsity Spirit special event. This year, they can perform in Thanksgiving parades at Disney World or Philadelphia, the Pearl Harbor Memorial parade in Hawaii, New Year's Day parade in Rome, or perform at halftime in the Cheez-It Citrus Bowl in Orlando. ★

Kings Korner By V.G. Harris



The NBA summer league is over, but changes to the Kings ultimate roster for the upcoming season are not nearly over.

GM Monte McNair has earned his stripes by consistently making solid moves that will give Sacramento Kings fans potentially the best NBA team they've seen since the Webber/Bibby era, in which the Kings won a gaudy 61 games in 2021/22.

At this juncture, making predictions that would rival that season seems ludicrous, but make no mistake about it, McNair has his sights on a 60-win season, and he's scouring the NBA and beyond to find components that will get this franchise to that end.

The power forward position continues to be a point of focus, and although the Kings recently acquired Orlando Robinson, the search continues for a true rim protector that can play defense and add even a modicum of scoring while he's on the hardwood.

Potentially, that player could be a bench player for the Portland Trailblazers by the name of Robert Williams III. At 26 years of age, Williams' best playing days are still in front of him, and his seven points and six rebounds a year ago for the Trailblazers doesn't tell the full story. At 6'9" and 250 lbs., Williams is a true shot blocker, and the thinking here is given more playing time, this young man could become a true double-double threat.

The Kings are all too familiar with a double-double threat, as big man Domantas Sabonis has led the NBA in double-doubles the past two seasons, while leading the entire NBA in rebounding at the same time. Imagine if the Kings could surround this stevedore with just a little more support around the rim!

The only Sacramento King currently playing basketball in the Paris Olympics is none other than Trey Lyles, and although he's had a less than stellar performance so far for his home country of Canada, I remain convinced that if used correctly for the Kings, Lyles not only could give the Kings a boost in the upcoming season, he could actually break into the starting lineup.

Most pundits think I'm crazy, but I have

always seen a higher ceiling in Trey, and the only way we will ever know if I'm right, is to increase his playing time.

Trey is a consistent three-point shooter and solid rebounder behind Domantas, and I believe as the Kings continue to search for power-forward solutions, they should look no further than their own bench.

I have to believe that Monte McNair shares some of my zeal for this talented big man, or we would have already seen him in either a trade or trade rumors.

The real question is not McNair, but coach Brown. During last season's campaign, there was no consistent rotation for Lyles coming off the bench, and he went through stretches in which his minutes were sparing to say the least.

For any player, and particularly a big man, there must be that vote of confidence, that is demonstrated by his consistent time on the court, and that includes hardwood time during the last five minutes of a game. Show him that you trust his game when it means the most, and watch his confidence grow.

I give Mike Brown high marks for understanding how to bring along Keon Ellis, but his reluctance to use Trey Lyles when the Kings are starving for front-court players, remains a mystery to me.

The summer league did reveal that the Kings have a burgeoning star in your Boogie Ellis, who did pretty much what he wanted to against opposing summer league players. Boogie has been invited to training camp, and although the Kings remain guard heavy, Boogie's instant offense and frenetic defense means he deserves a closer look. At only 23 years of age, the Kings want to make sure they don't pass on a guard that may very well portend happy times for their future.

The big man/power forward rumors are ubiquitous, but I'm convinced that Monte McNair has at least one more notable move to make, and it's my educated guess it will come in the form of a power forward.

Stay tuned this off-season as its roster moves aren't over yet!

All the best, Kings fans! ★

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com

Hot Jazz Jubilee 2024 to Sizzle Over Four Days

Hot Jazz Jubilee News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The ninth annual Hot Jazz Jubilee will feature four days of music and entertainment over Labor Day weekend, Aug. 30 to Sept. 2, under one roof.

Five rooms in the DoubleTree by Hilton Sacramento will offer music, ranging from the large Grand Ballroom to the more intimate Garden Terrace and RJ's. Dancers will want to be in the three ballrooms that offer a dance floor.

The annual extravaganza will feature more than 20 bands and guest artists.

"We are excited to offer some new featured performers, plus some bands returning by popular demand," said Hot Jazz Jubilee festival director Pat Jones. "And the variety can't be beat. We have jazz, swing, zydeco, rock 'n' roll and R&B. Something for everyone."

Performers include Brian Casserly, Todd Morgan & The Emblems, San Lyon, Katie Cavera & the Lost Boys, and many more. Some exciting special sets are "Boogie Woogie Extravaganza" on Saturday, Aug. 31 and a "Back to the Future" Old Time Rock 'n' Roll set on Sunday, Sept. 1.

In addition, Shaymus Hanlin will present his "Tribute to Frank Sinatra" and High Street Band will honor veterans with its "Salute to the '60s" on Friday, Aug. 30. There will be two gospel sets on Sunday, Sept. 1, one set with Yve Evans and Company, and the other set with High Street Band. Special guest pianist Nicole Pesce will perform two sets, "Two Pianos, Six Hands," with Stephanie and Paolo.

Single-day tickets are \$65 for Aug. 30, \$85 for Aug. 31 or Sept. 1 and \$65 for Sept. 2.

A four-day event pass is \$155. Admission is free for children 18 and under.

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Brian Casserly is a regular featured all-star at jazz festivals throughout the country and a session musician for commercials, professional recordings and musicals in the U.S. and Canada. Photos courtesy of Hot Jazz Jubilee



High Street Band plays jazz, Motown, R&B, blues and funk tunes that bring their audiences to the dance floor.

Bipartisan Effort by California Congress Members Drives Modern Multi-Modal Transportation Project Forward

By Derek Minnema, Connector JPA Executive Director

While Congressional bi-partisanship is an endangered species these days, three members of Congress from California are demonstrating how diverse political perspectives can unite to support a road project that will literally save lives and greatly alleviate traffic congestion in the state's capital city.

Democratic Representatives Ami Bera and Doris Matsui, along with Republican Kevin Kiley, are collectively pushing for federal funding to support the Capital Southeast

Connector project. This multi-modal transportation project represents a new way of thinking about transportation.

Recently, the United States Department of Transportation allocated \$25 million to the Capital SouthEast Connector project. This funding will play a pivotal role in transforming a segment of Grant Line Road into a 4-lane expressway in Rancho Cordova, addressing longstanding safety concerns and improving traffic conditions on this route traveled heavily by commuters and commercial vehicles.

Bipartisan collaboration enhances public trust and

confidence in the project, highlighting it as a community-centric initiative rather than a politically motivated endeavor. This approach sets a positive precedent for future infrastructure projects, emphasizing the importance of cooperative governance in long-term strategic planning. By working together, these three representatives have created a model for effective governance that might inspire similar collaborations on other critical issues.

The next step to fully fund the Connector improvements in Rancho Cordova will be to secure matching funds from the State of California. Federal support

creates the opportunity to leverage the funding for more dollars by the State, potentially amounting to over \$50 million in federal and state funds to greatly improve traffic flows and safety throughout the entire Sacramento region.

"This project is really a testament to what is possible when everyone in our region is working together," Congressman Kevin Kiley said recently. "When you think of the political divisions that exist in this country, one of the ways we can overcome them is through local regional projects that affect people's lives in a tangible way."

The Capital Southeast

Connector project aims to improve access and connectivity for all users and modes of transportation. It includes an all-weather bike and pedestrian trail connecting communities, a wildlife crossing, roundabouts and other improvements to dangerous intersections, and generally modernizes an old and dilapidated road. The project has already received 50-year environmental permits approved by federal resource agencies.

The goal is to create a comprehensive transportation network in California's capital, including non-motorized transportation options that encourage eco-friendly

commuting, reduce traffic congestion, and promote healthier lifestyles. More importantly, the modernized roadway will eliminate dangers that have already led to deaths.

The Capital Southeast Connector project is more than just a roadway; it is a testament to the power of collective thinking to meet shared community needs and promote smart regional development.

To learn more about the work underway visit www.ConnectorJPA.com or visit our YouTube channel at youtube.com/@southeastconnectorexpressway ★

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Q What is the Capital SouthEast Connector Expressway?

A The planned Connector is a four-lane expressway that will link Interstate 5 and Highway 99 near Elk Grove to Highway 50 in El Dorado County, by-passing downtown Sacramento and alleviating traffic congestion on existing highways, especially Highway 50.

The expressway will greatly lessen traffic congestion during commute hours and re-route many commercial trucks away from the metropolitan area.

The Connector will also link communities along the route with a parallel 30-mile regional bike and pedestrian trail that connects residents to recreational, entertainment and retail facilities, and to each other.

The route follows Grant Line Road and White Rock Road south of Highway 50 from El Dorado County to Kammerer Road west of Highway 99 in Elk Grove. The new roadway will eliminate dangerous curves and properly drain areas prone to frequent flooding.

Existing roads along the Connector's path are poorly designed with sharp curves and narrow or no shoulders. During flood or fire emergencies the roads are frequently closed or greatly congested,

hindering access for first responders and evacuation efforts.

Q What has been done to date, and what remains?

A At this point, about 11 miles of the Connector have been completed, including two highway interchanges and a railroad grade separation, at a cost of approximately \$200 million. Highway projects in California require extensive environmental approvals, permits, and mitigation, and often face legal challenges, adding to the difficulties of completing construction.

It is estimated that the entire expressway will be completed by 2035 with a total cost of \$500 million.

Q When was the Capital SouthEast Connector first envisioned?

A Back in 1975, the state studied traffic in the Sacramento region and recommended a beltway around the city of Sacramento due to the area's rapid growth and inadequate transportation corridors. The southern section of that beltway is what is now becoming the Capital SouthEast Connector.

At that time, Sacramento County had about 697,000



Map showing the location of the future Capital SouthEast Connector

residents and only four cities. Since then, three more cities have formed while the county's population more than doubled along with associated traffic headaches.

Q When did taxpayers first get asked to fund the project?

A In 2004, residents voted overwhelmingly to tax themselves to build the SouthEast Connector Expressway and other transportation projects. Since then, only approximately \$60 million of \$1.62 billion generated by those taxes have been allocated to the Connector project.

Meanwhile, residential and commercial development along the route continued to expand much faster than road construction needed to service the area. Thousands of new homes have been built along the route, and at least 32,600 more have been approved for construction in the near future.

Q When was the Capital Southeast Connector Joint Powers Authority formed and what does it do?

A The Capital Southeast Connector Joint Powers Authority was formally established in 2006 to design and construct the expressway after voters approved its construction in 2004.

Elected officials from Sacramento and El Dorado Counties and the cities of Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, and Folsom (the jurisdictions directly affected by the Connector project) comprise the JPA's board of directors.

The JPA's Fiscal Year 2025 budget is approximately \$7 million, which largely funds engineering design services and right-of-way acquisitions. Construction funding comes from state and federal transportation resources.

Q How has the affected community been involved in the project's planning?

A From its inception, project planning has emphasized public input and participation to ensure that the completed expressway reflects the needs and desires of the communities it serves.

Over the years, countless community outreach meetings, agricultural focus groups, and presentations to civic groups and the Sac-

ramento County Community Planning Advisory Councils have occurred. The JPA board of directors meets quarterly, and the meetings are open to the public.

The endeavor has received widespread support from government officials and residents seeking to alleviate traffic problems and improve safety along the route.

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