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Officer Grewal's Memory Lives On



Members of the Grewal and Tonn families, center, pose for a photo with the Galt Police Department honor guard after the wreath-laying for Officer Harminder Grewal. Photo by Matthew Malone

**By Matthew Malone
News Editor**

GALT, CA (MPG) - Galt Police Department held a wreath-laying ceremony on Aug. 26, marking the third anniversary of the death of Officer Harminder Grewal. The remembrance at the Officer Kevin Tonn Fallen Heroes Memorial outside City Hall included remarks

from Galt Mayor Paul Sandhu and Grewal's sister, Navdeep Sidhu. Galt residents, police officers, Cosumnes firefighters and the Grewal family gathered to witness the proceedings. Also attending were family members of Officer Kevin Tonn, the first Galt Police officer to die in the line of duty. Sidhu said her brother's

bravery and kindness remain a source of inspiration. "Every day ... he put on his uniform with unwavering dedication, knowing that his duty was as a servant to protect others," Sidhu said. "Even at great personal risk, his commitment to justice and his courage in the face of

of his strong character and the deep sense of responsibility he felt toward his community." Sidhu remembered Grewal's smile and readiness to help others and took comfort in knowing that "his memory and the impact he made will live forever."

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No Increase in City Sports Fees

**By Matthew Malone
News Editor**

GALT, CA (MPG) - Galt City Council left fees for city sports programs unchanged at its Aug. 20 regular meeting, citing concerns about affordability.

City staff presented about the municipal sports programs' fees. In June, staff had proposed increasing fees for some sports but City Council chose to keep them unchanged until it could get more information.

Under the staff proposal, the registration for T-ball would rise from \$75 to \$100. Youth basketball registration would increase from a range of \$75 to \$103 up to \$100 to \$130.

Recreation supervisor Monica Lopez said the fees account for factors such as personnel costs, equipment costs, registration fees and central services. The fees intentionally do not recover all costs.

Parks and Recreation Director Armando Solis said that if the increases are not implemented, the city will forgo about \$11,700 in revenue. Making the T-ball program free would cost more than \$20,000.

During public comment, Galt residents Tim Reed and Chris Brossman asked not to raise the fees in order to assist low-income families.

"Some of the kids that I coached in basketball, they love basketball; they strive to be an NBA basketball player. But if we up these fees to the point that their parents can't afford to have them in these programs, we are doing them a disservice," Reed said.

Councilmember Shawn Farmer supported freezing the fees, agreeing on the benefits for low-income residents.

Councilmember Kevin Papineau said the sports programs should have a participation cost to reflect their value.

"On the other hand, I don't want to ask for any more money right because ... we're on the heels of Measure Q and we've got something to prove, that we're going to do what we promised with that. It has not been done yet," Papineau said.

With the support of Mayor Paul Sandhu, City
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Elk Grove Macy's Holds Ribbon-Cutting



Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce ambassadors and Macy's employees join Macy's Elk Grove manager Bryan Montemayor, with scissors, and Elk Grove Vice Mayor Rod Brewer, fourth from right, for a ribbon-cutting Aug. 23 at the opening of the Elk Grove Macy's. Photos by J.G. Wirt

By J.G. Wirt

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The new Elk Grove Macy's opened with a ribbon-cutting Aug. 23 in the Laguna Crossroads shopping center at Laguna Boulevard and Bruceville Road.

While the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce staged the ribbon-cutting, early visitors browsed the store the day before its grand opening. The 31,000-square-foot store offers scaled-down departments for men's and women's clothing and shoes, children's wear and toys.

The space, formerly the home of Buy Buy Baby, is the fourth of the new, smaller Macy's but the first in the area. The store offers well-known market brands and Macy's private

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Customers browse the shoe department during the Aug. 23 soft opening.

Californians: Your Rent May Go Up Because of Rising Insurance Rates

By Levi Sumagaysay
CALMatters.org

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - Like single-family homeowners in California, landlords are facing higher insurance premiums, too. And they're passing along some of those costs to their tenants.

Many insurance companies have stopped writing policies in the state because of increased wildfire risks, but that's not the only reason. They say in the case of any catastrophe, the potential costs of replacing any residential or commercial property, from labor to material costs, is just plain more expensive now. So even owners of properties in areas that are not at high risk for wildfires have had their policies canceled because their buildings may need repairs or improvements. Landlords are having to find other insurers, or having to turn to the ever-growing and more expensive FAIR Plan, the insurance industry-run plan that is mandated under California law to be the insurer of last resort.

This is where the insurance crisis could worsen the housing crisis, according to some experts. Increased insurance costs for properties other than single-family homes are starting to affect the rental market — in a state where almost half of residents are renters — and could compound the state's housing problems, they say.

Josh Hoover, an insurance broker in the Los Angeles area, handles mostly commercial accounts and said "it's almost impossible" to find coverage for any large structure. In late 2022, Allstate said it would stop writing new property insurance in the state, including commercial policies. Then State Farm, the biggest insurer in the state, recently canceled policies for tens of thousands of homes, residential community associations, business owners and commercial apartment properties.

"Even buildings made in the '80s are now considered old, which is ridiculous," Hoover said. "Most carriers want everything updated in the last 30 years. They want a new roof, electrical redone, plumbing redone — they want you to have copper pipes."

For Landlords, 'Death by a Thousand Cuts'

Earlier this year, Farmers canceled the policy on a 33-unit apartment building



A rental sign in front of an apartment complex in Tower District in Fresno on July 27, 2023. Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/Catchlight Local

in San Bernardino that was built in the 1960s, said its co-owner, Uwe Karbenk. Karbenk found an out-of-state insurer instead of going with the more expensive FAIR Plan, but his premium has still increased by \$28,000 to more than \$41,000 a year.

Combined with state laws that limit how much he is allowed to raise the rent each year — 5% plus inflation, or up to 10% in some cases, with possibly other rent-control measures on the way — Karbenk said being a landlord in California is "a little bit like death by a thousand cuts." He added that if his profit margin continues to shrink, he would rather invest in something else besides real estate.

"One of these measures, it's not a big deal," Karbenk said. "But over the years, it's really difficult for mom-and-pops."

Mike Placido and his wife are definitely a mom-and-pop. They own two rental properties, a four-unit building in San Gabriel and a duplex in Alhambra. He said they bought the properties as a way to supplement their retirement income when the time comes in a few years.

When State Farm canceled the policy on their San Gabriel property, Placido got a quote from the FAIR Plan for \$8,600, much higher than their old \$2,600 premium. Instead, he was able to cobble together three different policies from a Florida-based insurer to get the coverage the old policy provided for \$6,500, a 150% increase. So he said he plans to raise rents in January.

"It's not like I'm some land baron," Placido said.

"I'll pass along as much as I possibly can, as much as the market can bear, and I'll shoulder the rest. I have no choice."

Yet Another Worry for Renters

About 44% of Californians are renters, according to the U.S. Census. The median monthly rent in the state is \$2,850, a third higher than the national figure, according to online real estate marketer Zillow. About 30% of the state's renters are considered severely cost-burdened, meaning they spend at least half of their income on housing, according to an analysis by the Public Policy Institute of California. Now their rents could rise to even more burdensome levels.

Shanti Singh, legislative director for statewide renters' rights organization Tenants Together, said "it's still kind of an unknown how common it is" that tenants' rents are rising along with insurance costs, partly because not all landlords say why they're raising rents.

"It depends on the landlords," Singh said. "Some are transparent; a lot of them aren't."

Any significant rent increases have not yet shown up in Zillow's data, which shows California's median rent is actually down about \$100 compared with last year, though it has climbed higher since the beginning of the year.

In the Bay Area, two renters who didn't want to be named out of fear of retaliation from their landlord said the rents at their live-work complex jumped earlier this year, and the reason was spelled out to them in an email that had

"insurance costs" in the subject line.

Singh said she fears things will only get worse for renters as the effects of climate change, such as wildfires, continue to weigh on the affordability of insurance, and in turn, housing.

"Tenants are going to have the least recourse," Singh said. They "always

uninhabitable and uninsurable — whichever comes first.

Sarah Karlinsky, director of research at the Turner Center for Housing Innovation at UC Berkeley, said the lack of enough housing within already developed cities means more building "at the fringe of regions, in places that are more dangerous,"

climate change make it more important than ever for renters to have their own insurance, said Emily Rogan, senior program officer for United Policyholders, a consumer advocacy group.

Renters insurance would cover the costs for tenants to stay "somewhere else as you figure out where to live in case of a severe weather event," Rogan said.

Effects on Commercial Properties and Businesses

Small businesses that rent their space will be affected by their landlords' rising premiums, too.

John Reed owns a mixed-use commercial property in Oakhurst, outside Yosemite — an area that has seen its share of fires in the past several years. Last year, his fire insurance cost about \$2,800, but Berkshire Hathaway canceled his policy. He got three different quotes from the FAIR Plan, with the highest being \$24,000. Then, he found a plan from Lloyd's of London for about \$14,000.

Reed said he will have



Mike Placido stands in front of a four-unit rental property that he and his wife own and manage in San Gabriel on Aug. 12. Photo by Jules Hotz for CalMatters

end up bearing a disproportionate brunt of what they can afford."

Housing and Climate Change

Singh and others who deal with California's lack of affordable housing expressed concern about whether certain parts of the state will eventually be

also known as the wildland urban interface, or the WUI, in wildfire speak.

"If we don't want to continue down this road, we have to fundamentally rethink our development patterns," Karlinsky added.

Laurie Johnson, an urban planner and former chief catastrophe response and resiliency officer for the California Earthquake Authority, pointed out that some property owners in the state who own their buildings and have no mortgages might choose not to insure their properties because of the rising costs. That's worrisome, she said.

"It feels like we want to keep our multifamily stock insured and don't want to take the risk of losing it," Johnson said. Hoover, the insurance broker, agreed and said he has had some clients tell him they plan to forgo insurance.

Johnson added that just as jurisdictions have been requiring seismic retrofitting in case of earthquakes, protection against fires and other catastrophes — and the ability to replace whatever might be lost — is vital: "You would be displacing so many people."

The growing risks of

to pass on his increased costs to his six tenants. "As a landlord, I can't hit them with the whole burden all at once," he said. "If I'm able to afford it, I will try to spread that out over a two- or three-year period."

California's insurance commissioner, Ricardo Lara, has unveiled a multi-part plan to address the state's insurance woes, mainly focused on wildfires. For example, insurers will be allowed to use catastrophe models if they agree to write policies in certain areas of the state. But Insurance Department spokesperson Michael Soller pointed out that Lara also recently announced a deal with the FAIR Plan that creates a high-value commercial coverage option.

"The reforms will have broad benefits for the availability of insurance," Soller said.

Levi Sumagaysay covers the California economy for CalMatters with an eye on accountability and equity. She reports on the insurance market, taxes and anything that affects the state's residents, labor force and economy. ★



Pictured here are houses in San Francisco on July 12, 2023. Photo by Samantha Norris, CalMatters

Upcoming TV Series Has Its Beginnings in Galt



Image courtesy of Stone Impact Media

By Gwen Stevenson

GALT, CA (MPG) - A six-episode TV series, soon to be released, had its start right here in Galt. "These Stones" is based on a book written by Galt's Tim Stevenson, senior pastor of Horizon Community Church for the past 28 years.

The original concept came to Stevenson several years ago.

"The Bible says in Matthew Chapter 27 that after Jesus Christ died on the cross, three things happened: a great earthquake, the temple veil was torn in two, and many 'Holy Ones' came out of their graves and went into the city," said Stevenson. "That passage has always amazed me, and the Bible never says what happened to those people who became alive again."

Stevenson, who has written other plays, stories and many poems, started to write a play about his idea that the "risen" people could still be here. The story is based in modern times and deals with many issues that people face.

"What if they are still around? What if they are still helping people and sharing God's message, the hope that we are never alone?" Stevenson said.

Along the way, Stevenson invited friend Peggy Porter of Galt to come alongside with her writing skills to add to it, and she became co-writer of the play, which grew so long that it became a book.

"It has been fun, and such an adventure and privilege, to be a part of this from the beginning, and right up to now," Porter said. "I'm so anxious to watch all that God is doing and going to do through 'These Stones.'"

After the book was finished, Stevenson had friend and published author Jeanette Towne read the manuscript. Towne was so impressed that she passed it on to another friend.

"Without Tim's unique and intriguing idea, we would not have a series," said Towne, now the CEO and executive producer of Stone Impact Media and "These Stones."

"I'm super excited to be a founding part of this three-year-long project," Towne added.

Towne's friend is Cheryl McCay Price, an author and screenwriter in Georgia.

Price liked the concept so much that she wrote a screenplay, which was produced as a series of six episodes.

Filming took place in the fall of 2022

in Atlanta.

Stevenson traveled to Georgia to watch some of the filming, accompanied by his wife Gwen, Towne and husband Sam, David Hesselstine of Wallace, Wayne and Michelle Weisz of Acampo, Porter's two sons and one daughter-in-law.

The group also served as extras in a few episodes. Towne spent the six weeks of filming time in Georgia.

"These Stones" has won 12 awards at film festivals in the U.S. and internationally.

It was recently picked up by a streaming service, Up Faith & Family. The first episode will be released on Thursday, Sept. 5, followed by a new episode every Thursday until Oct. 10.

Up Faith & Family costs \$5.99 per month, with a seven-day free-trial period. It also offers a 30% discount for new subscribers by using the code STONE30.

For more information about the actors, director, producers, as well as teaser videos and a trailer, check out the production website stoneimpactmedia.com or the Internet Movie Database page imdb.com/title/tt17492344.

There will be a free local showing of the premiere episode on Thursday Sept. 5

starting at 6 p.m. at Horizon Community Church in Galt. All are welcome.

"What started right here in Galt, as a play, then a book, and now a TV series, has been pretty awesome to see," said Stevenson. "It's all about the hope that people can have, that the scriptures are true, and now 'These Stones' can share that hope, that you are never alone, and that there's always help on the way." ★

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brands in a boutique format. The company calls the smaller stores "highly curated," which translates to smaller and more trendy selections of merchandise.

"These stores optimize our physical store footprint and bring us closer to existing and desired customers while encouraging more frequent visits," said Marc Mastronardi, chief stores officer at Macy's.

Other Macy's locations in the area include Stockton, downtown Sacramento, Arden Fair, Citrus Heights and Roseville.

Macy's Elk Grove, at 7621 Laguna Blvd., is open



Bryan Montemayor is manager of the new Elk Grove Macy's.

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Customers browse the jewelry department during the Aug. 23 soft opening of Macy's Elk Grove. Photos by J.G. Wirt

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GLANCE BACK

80 Years Ago Sept. 1, 1944

Pvt. Donald Ladd, son of Mrs. Josephine Ladd of Galt, has won the right to wear wings and boots of the U.S. Army Paratroops.

He has completed four weeks of jump training at Fort Benning, Ga., and is home on an 18-day furlough. Upon his return, he expects to be shipped out for foreign duty.

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The Board of Directors of the Sacramento County Fair decided to hold a small one-day fair the latter part of October in Galt. It will be confined largely to junior divisions, mostly exhibits by Future Farmers and 4-H clubs in the county. Eugene Kenefick of Galt is the secretary-manager of the fair.

70 Years Ago Sept. 9, 1954

Keith Sawyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sawyer of Galt, won several top

awards in Future Farmer of America competition at the California State Fair ... Six out of 19 members of the Galt Community 4-H Club received awards in the National Awards Contest for achievements in 4-H projects. They are Dolores Pearson, Bette Betz, Donald Betz, Noreen Maier, Elizabeth Erman and James Erman.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Biederman and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Goldman of Galt attended the California State Fair Wednesday evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Weller, Galt, are the proud parents of a son, David Allen, born Aug. 31 at Buchanan Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and arrived at 6:45 p.m.

60 Years Ago Sept. 3, 1964

Fred Wing, editor and owner of The Galt Herald from 1922-1947, died Aug. 30

at age 85. He had lived in Galt 43 years and was the first mayor of Galt.

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Rev. Bill Beck, pastor of Galt Methodist Church, brought with him a world of memories of life in Japan and the work of missionaries there when his plane returned him to San Francisco Aug. 24. He had taken 24 head of cattle and 10 pigs to Japan.

Various service groups and churches in northern California made this shipment possible by donating animals or money, one Holstein cow specifically by the Roy Marriotts of Galt.

Assistance in raising this animal was given on the John Shellenbarger and Lee Bartelt farms.

50 Years Ago Sept. 5, 1974

The building moratorium in Galt continues to plague the City Council and developers. The new lift station that was to relieve part of the sewer problem lacks

a new pump with no date set for delivery.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jim Spaans are the proud parents of a boy, Darick Anthony, born Aug. 26 at Kaiser Hospital. Little Darick weighed 5 pounds 11 ounces at birth.

40 Years Ago Aug. 30, 1984

The Herald asked residents, "What would you do to improve Galt?"

Frank Gonzales: "Get some activities for kids."

Sandra Shirley: "Put more stop signs in."

Jason Taunton: "Make a municipal park that's decent."

Lori Hanie: "Get some department stores like Mervyn's."

Loren Schmier: "I would start a real good youth baseball program to give the youth something to do."

Lisa Aschwanden and Missy Spaans: "More activities for teenagers." ★

—Herald archives



Officer Harminder Grewal's sister, Navdeep Sidhu, speaks about her brother during the memorial ceremony marking the third anniversary of his death. Photo by Matthew Malone

Officer Grewal's Memory Lives On

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officer to die in the line of duty, Grewal was gravely injured in a vehicle collision on Highway 99, as he and fellow officer Kapri Herrera were driving to assist with wildfire response. He died of his injuries several days later on Aug. 26, 2021. He was 27 years old.

Herrera, who suffered serious injuries in the crash, recently returned to full-time duty. She served on the honor guard that carried out the wreath-laying.

Galt Police Chief Brian Kalinowski paused to gather his thoughts before making his remarks.

"As you can see, the loss of an officer is a hell we walk through as an organization and a family," Kalinowski said. Kalinowski said that he and the Grewal family would soon view the final rendering of a memorial bust in honor of Grewal. It will be installed in February outside Galt Police Department

headquarters. Speaking to the Herald, Sandhu voiced gratitude for the attendance of Cosumnes Fire Department and elected officials, including Galt City Council members and Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume.

Hume attended to keep Grewal's memory alive.

"When you have a situation where someone gave their life for the service of their community, that needs to be honored. And there's a saying that people are still remembered as long as their name is spoken, so it's important that we continue to speak Harminder's name, and recognize his sacrifice and his family's sacrifice," Hume said.

Speaking after the ceremony, Kalinowski said "there's no sugar-coating" the grief that an officer's death causes their colleagues. When he speaks at such events, "it takes all I can to hold it together" in order to support the family.

Herrera's recovery is "incredible" for Kalinowski, who remarked on the many obstacles she overcame to return to duty.

"Kapri knew what she wanted and she fought to get what she wanted, and it was ultimately coming back to full duty and working with the organization. So I'm excited for Kapri, the future she has with the organization and everything she's going to be able to contribute to us and the community," Kalinowski said.

The police chief said remembrances for fallen police officers ensure that the community does not forget those officers' sacrifices.

"When the Grewal family doesn't have their son or brother with them today, we carry that pain and that burden with them," Kalinowski said. "And so the fact that we could come here, see everybody, pay appropriate respect to Harminder, I think it's part of the healing process." ★

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ABOUT TOWN

Wilton Bingo Played Monthly

Wilton Bingo is the first Saturday of each month in the Wilton Community Center at the corner of Colony Road and Dillard Road. Doors open at 5 p.m. and bingo starts at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 for 10 games.

Unfortunately, the Taco Girl truck will not be there in September; our usual fare will still be available for sale. Our Good

Neighbor table is still happening, so if you can donate a quality used item, it would be appreciated.

All proceeds go to two non-profits: The local Park Council and the Wilton History Group.

Any questions: call Lorraine Robinson, 916-212-8896.

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 Sept. 26

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.

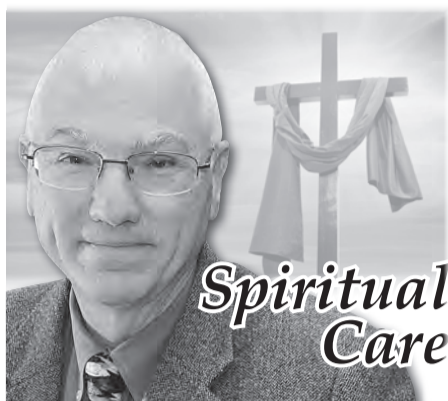
We hope to see you there.

Other Veterans Meetings Listed
American Legion Post 55, Veterans & Auxiliary Units: 4th Wednesday.

Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Breakfast: 2nd Saturday, 8-10 am. 8830 Sharkey Ave., Elk Grove.

Marine Corps League: 1st Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting, 7p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive Elk Grove.

VFW Post 2073: 2nd Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove. ★



Spiritual Care

BY NORRIS BURKES

Guest Column by Davalynn Spencer

Back when flip phones were on the cutting edge, I was a police reporter, photographer and religion-page editor for The Cañon City Daily Record newspaper in Colorado. Life was never boring.

But I wanted to be a novelist.

Writing feature stories assuaged my longing to push a more creative pen, and my newspaper's Back in Time section often had me mining treasures at the local history museum for all sorts of fascinating facts.

Like the account of Utes in the 1860s who made off with a settler's child. Mom quickly retrieved her son, trading him for a pan of freshly baked biscuits. Another settler camping along the Arkansas River

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dropped his sidearm on a rock in his firepit and shot himself to death.

Who needs fiction?

Evidently, I did, because all those stories from the 1800s primed the pump of my author's heart. I began incubating the historical-fiction series, *The Cañon City Chronicles*.

Gold was never found in Cañon City, but the fertile fields and orchards fed miners at Cripple Creek, Leadville and elsewhere. And the gold that mattered most trickled down mountain ravines in yellow aspen and shone in the character of hearty souls who peopled the town.

Such background details made it into my first book in the series, "Loving the Horseman." So did the bit about the guy who shot himself.

Over time, the fictional Hutton family developed against the backdrop of actual local events like the Royal Gorge Wars and the Bone Wars. One book mentions Old Mose, a famous rogue grizzly, and focuses on moving pictures, or flickers, filmed in the area in the early 1900s.

Most of the characters in these books are people I've cooked up on my own. But others sneak up on me when I'm

not looking, leaving me with the sense that I've met them before and just can't remember when or where.

One such character fits the latter category: a little cowboy named Kip.

He's the youngest of three brothers, the tag-along. The one who gets left out more often than not.

Recently, I realized where I'd met Kip, though that wasn't his real name. He was a student from my other life as a sixth-grade teacher: my Dandelion Cowboy.

Each morning he'd line up in front of my classroom with the rest of the first-period students. Except he wasn't much like the rest of the students.

In his Wranglers and scuffed cowboy boots, he didn't dress like the others.

A towhead among dark-haired children, he quietly stuck out in spite of how much he tried not to.

But in the spring when the dandelions sprouted, he was often at the front of the line with a short-stemmed bouquet and a shy smile.

The little cowboy was a loner. A throwback, perhaps, from a long line of those who prefer the company of their horse and a good view of the herd.

I didn't realize he was Kip until after the fact. After he'd become a favorite secondary character in books 4, 5 and 6 of my series.

Today when I see a patch of what most people call weeds, I wonder about my Dandelion Cowboy, if he stuck to his ways in spite of the crowd.

I like to think he embodies a verse from the New Testament that says, "Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God" (Galatians 1:10 NLT).

And maybe there's a little bit of me in Grace Hutton, the main character from Book 6, when she says of her favorite nephew Kip, "That boy could smile the sun right out of the sky."

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MEMORIAL

LOIS FAYE TRANT • 5/22/1937 - 6/12/2024

On June 12, 2024, Lois Trant of Galt passed peacefully at her daughter's home in Garden Grove, California while recovering from a leg fracture. She was a devoted disciple of Jesus, a dedicated mother to many, and an integral part of her church and Galt community. In all aspects of her 87 years of life, Lois strived to be of service to God and to those in need.

Lois was born on May 22, 1937, in Florence, Arizona to Frank and Lucille Dale. After spending the first part of her life moving between multiple states, Lois settled in Galt in 1972. She married Robert "Bob" Trant on November 1, 1963. Together they joined the Galt SDA Church on February 26, 1966. Full of faith, Lois was a tremendously involved member of her church for almost 60 years.

Lois enjoyed spending time with family and friends, attending church activities, crocheting, camping, traveling, gardening, collecting rocks, and caring for her animals. Lois truly enjoyed basking in God's creation, especially the beach.

Lois was also a foster parent for Sacramento County for 24 years,



fostering approximately 37 children. Many kept in touch with her throughout her life.

She worked as a Teacher's Assistant at Galt High for many years helping students enhance their reading skills. She tirelessly volunteered as a tutor at the Galt SDA Church School and served on the Galt Beautification Council. She also worked at Rescue3 of Elk Grove until her retirement in 2002.

Lois loved and adored her family. She is survived by her many sons,

daughters, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Bob Trant of nearly 40 years, her brothers Tim and Richard, and two of her daughters.

A service to celebrate her life will be held at 11:00am on Sunday, September 1, 2024, at the Galt Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Instead of flowers to honor Lois's memory, she asked that you feed a homeless person, shelter a stray animal, or give a gift to a needy child.

MEMORIAL

VAL CANTU • 1941 - 2024

Born in Texas. Died in Elk Grove, California of cancer. Val served in the Navy, stationed in San Diego and decided California was where he belonged. Val worked for the Employment Development Department for many years. After retirement he went to work for CalTrans before starting a new career with the River Cats. At his beloved baseball club he worked as a parking attendant and then a handi-cap shuttle driver.

Val met his wife, Judy, of nearly 53 years as a blind date. They were introduced to each other by his cousin and the rest was history. They raised two daughters, Leslie, husband Kenny of Charleston, South Carolina and Angela, husband Ryan, of Riverbank, California.

They have four beloved grandchildren, Austin, Casey, Lucy and Eulalie. Also survived by sisters Irma, Rosie and Veronica all of Texas.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Hector.

Val's passions were roses, trains and travel often combining the latter two. Service will be Sept. 4 at St. Mary's Cemetery 6509 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento CA. Visitation at 1:00, service at 2:00, reception to follow. Please no flowers. If you wish, make a donation to your local animal shelter or rescue organization.

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MEETING MINDERS

Sunday, Sept. 1

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

Monday, Sept. 2

Lodi Parkinson's Support Group, 10 a.m., GracePoint Church, 801 Lower Sacramento Road (enter off Tokay Street), Lodi. 209-269-1080 or 209-329-1185.

Tuesday, Sept. 3

Galt City Council, 6 p.m., Council

Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

Wednesday, Sept. 4

Cosumnes CSD, 5 p.m., Elk Grove CSD boardroom, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd. Herald Community Club, 6:30 p.m., at Hendrickson Hall, 12746 Ivie Road, Herald, 209-810-8390.

Sacramento LAFCo, 5:30 p.m., County Administration Center boardroom, 700 H St., Sacramento.

Friday, Sept. 6

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

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Monday morning as I was writing this column, I tuned into a local sports talk radio station that will go nameless, and listened to the two hosts as they discussed the top 40 Kings players of all time.

What was most interesting, as I listened to their personal choices, was who they put in the top 10 since the Kings came to Sacramento.

Conspicuously missing from that list from both hosts were the names Domantas Sabonis and De'Aaron Fox. Neither could make their top 10 list.

Bench players Doug Christie and Brad Miller made the list, but not the rebounding champ for the past two seasons, or the fastest man in the NBA in our own De'Aaron Fox.

Call me a homer, and I'll be proud to wear the title, but I will tell you without a shadow of a doubt, Domantas Sabonis and De'Aaron Fox have already acquitted themselves honorably to make the top ten list of all time for the Sacramento Kings.

Argue where you place Chris Webber, Vlade Divac, or even Demarcus Cousins, but please show some small modicum of basketball acumen and place Mr. Sabonis and Mr. Fox on the list of the top 10!

Did I get a little fired up? You bet I did. I enjoy talking about the stalwarts of the team as much as the next fan, but I am all about the team as represented today!

Let's spend our time on whether Keegan Murray can elevate to the next level, and garner talk as an all-star candidate someday. Or perhaps whether the Kings will have multiple players with a 20-plus scoring average this season.

Maybe we should discuss how many former Kings have ever led the NBA in rebounding. Names like Wilt Chamberlain, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Charles Barkley, Elvin Hayes, and yes, Sacramento's own Chris Webber have worn that title, but surprisingly none of them ever did it two years in a row.

Oh, did I mention a candidate for the triple-double title? Perhaps because it never happened before Domantas Sabonis did it last season, along with the

double-double title as well.

OK, I got that off my chest, but I hope you get the impression that I am high as a kite on the existing squad. I'll go into the 2024-25 season and stare at a team that will challenge 50 wins and then some.

Newcomer DeMar DeRozan was recently quoted as saying, "I want to be one of the guys that hits the beam."

Domantas Sabonis said, "DeRozan makes us much harder to guard."

I could not agree more, and I will tell you without a doubt that if you get an invite to a Kings game this season, take it, and take it quick. Seats at Golden 1 are going to be scarcer than hen's teeth, and if it's pure entertainment you're looking for, just hang with the Kings this season.

One of the compelling things about the Kings that continues to bring me back again and again is the obvious delight they have playing together.

When a King hits the hardwood on their back, it's a mad scramble to see who will get there first to help the player to his feet.

I hear no acrimony from the bench as it relates to playing time, which is somewhat uncommon.

I'm particularly proud of the way Malik Monk has conducted himself coming off the bench for the past two seasons, when this talented player could easily be starting for any other team. Regardless of whether Malik remains the Kings' sixth man, or breaks into the starting lineup, he has my never-ending support.

Truly, this team has so much talent up and down the lineup, I could poll 10 season ticket holders, and get five to 10 different names as to who is their favorite.

Acquisition discussions have been quiet, but it's always quiet before the storm. Know that Monte McNair is showing up to work each day, and much is happening behind the scenes.

I hope you're looking forward to the upcoming season as much as I am, and especially opening night! ★

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com

July New Home Sales Return to Normal

The Write Staff Communications News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - After six months of new home sales that were well above average, sales returned to a historically normal level in July, the North State Building Industry Association reported Aug. 7.

BIA-member builders reported selling 433 homes during July, 6% above the monthly average of 409 recorded during July since 1997. Sales were down 15% from June and down 13% from July 2023.

BIA President and CEO Tim Murphy suggested the region's heat wave might have been a factor.

"Sales were noticeably lower than they have been this year during the first

two weeks of the month when the Sacramento region was suffering through a historically hot heat wave," he noted. "During eight of those days, temperatures were above 105 and reached 110 or above on three days.

"Temperatures dropped off a bit during the third week of the month and were in the 70s and 80s during the last weekend of the month. It's probably no coincidence that sales climbed during the third week and that the last week of the month was the best week out of the four.

Still, despite the heat, overall it was a solid month for our members."

Murphy said it was also possible that talk of the Federal Reserve finally lowering interest rates next month may be causing

some people to hold off on buying, although a quarter-point drop in rates would not be substantial enough to make much difference in monthly payments.

New home communities in Rancho Cordova saw the most sales during the month (95), followed by Elk Grove (77) and perennial market leader Roseville, which recorded just 62 sales. Sacramento (excluding Natomas) was next with 48 and Folsom rounded out the top five with 42 sales.

The next five were Plumas Lake (20), Rocklin (17), Lincoln (14), Galt (13) and Natomas (12).

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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.

AA 24-Hour Hotline

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

Square Dance Classes on Mondays

The Diamond Dancers Square Dance Club hosts social square-dancing classes in Galt. The classes are open to everyone and are held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays at the Valley Oaks Grange Hall. The classes are formatted for flexibility and students can learn numerous square dance calls in about three months. The Valley

Oaks Grange Hall is at 347 Fifth St. For more information, call Sue Regadanz at 916-835-8916.

Nominate Your Neighbor

The Galt Beautification Committee wants you to “nominate your neighbor.” Has your neighbor recently completed a yard project? Does your neighbor have the best flowers in town or the best-looking yard? The Galt Beautification Committee wants to know. Send an email with pictures and why you are nominating your neighbor to planning-division@cityofgalt.org. The best submissions will be included in future newsletters and City Manager Updates.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

For more information on the Rio Cosumnes Chapter's monthly meetings or membership, contact Registrar Paula

Schroeder at egdarregistrar@gmail.com.

City After-Hours Assistance

After-hours assistance is available at the Galt Public Works and Parks and Recreation departments. For Public Works concerns, call the Galt Police Department nonemergency line at 209-366-7000. The Parks Maintenance Division is available for scheduled field or facility use assistance only from 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. ★

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Aug. 16 to Aug. 22, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in eight arrests.

Friday, Aug. 16

12:10 a.m., trespassing reported at River Oaks Elementary School on Vintage Oak Avenue.
2:27 a.m., stolen vehicle reported on Pestana Drive.
8:20 a.m., vandalism reported on Oakwilde Street.

2:46 p.m., auto burglary reported on Pestana Drive.

Saturday, Aug. 17

8:08 a.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Caroline Avenue/Fairway Drive.
9:10 a.m., trespassing reported at Savemart on C Street.
11:24 a.m., hit-and-run/non-injury at Dollar Tree on Twin Cities Road.
1:07 p.m., theft reported at Rancho Seco Care Center on F Street.

3:01 p.m., stolen vehicle reported at Hudson Bay Apartments on Lake Park Avenue.

6:07 p.m., trespassing reported on Sugarwood Court.

6:45 p.m., animal cruelty reported at Galt Food Center on A Street; dog inside vehicle with windows rolled up, appears in distress.

Sunday, Aug. 18

1:27 p.m., drunk/disorderly person reported at J

Street/Joy Drive.

Monday, Aug. 19

8:19 a.m., stolen vehicle reported on Crystal Way.
3:19 p.m., stolen vehicle reported at Walmart on Twin Cities Road.
6:35 p.m., violation of city ordinance/adult arrested on Fifth Street.

Tuesday, Aug. 20

12:00 a.m., trespassing reported on J Street.
5:02 a.m., stolen vehicle reported on F Street.
7:08 a.m., narcotics violation/adult arrested at AJ's Towing on Live Oak Avenue.
9:14 a.m., robbery reported at Galt Market on Meladee Lane.

11:20 a.m., attempted theft/tampering reported on Carpinteria Drive.

12:10 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Galt High School on North Lincoln Way.

1:01 p.m., missing adult reported on Lorna Way.

4:54 p.m., vandalism reported at Littleton Community Center on Civic Drive; lights in front of building sign broken.

Wednesday, Aug. 21

4:02 a.m., trespassing reported at Savemart on C Street.
7:53 a.m., robbery reported at 7-Eleven on Pine Street.
9:19 a.m., stolen vehicle

reported on Katsura Street.
11:51 a.m., stolen vehicle reported on Sixth Street.

1:29 p.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Benteen Way/Hansard Court.

7:58 p.m., domestic violence/adult arrested on Lake Canyon Avenue.

11:05 p.m., hit-and-run/non-injury at A Street/North Lincoln Way.

Thursday, Aug. 22

2:40 p.m., domestic violence reported on Taft Way.
3:27 p.m., vandalism reported at Us Storage Centers on A Street.
8:08 p.m., domestic violence reported on Palin Avenue. ★

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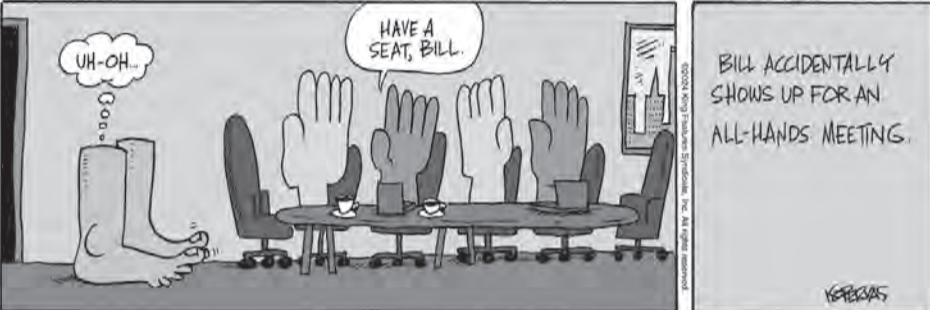
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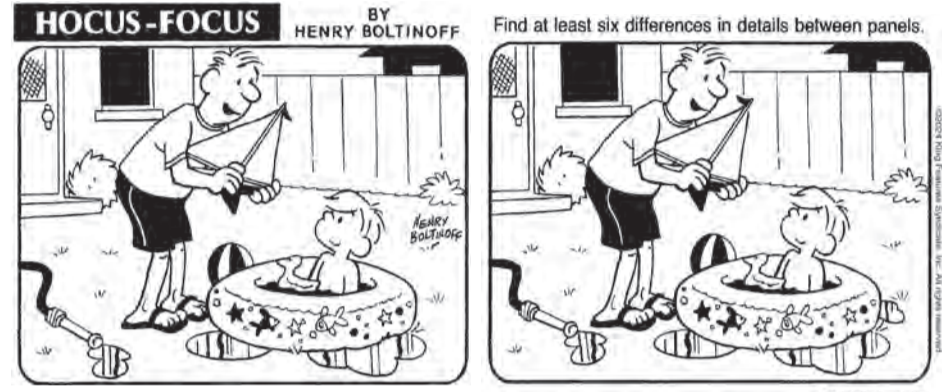
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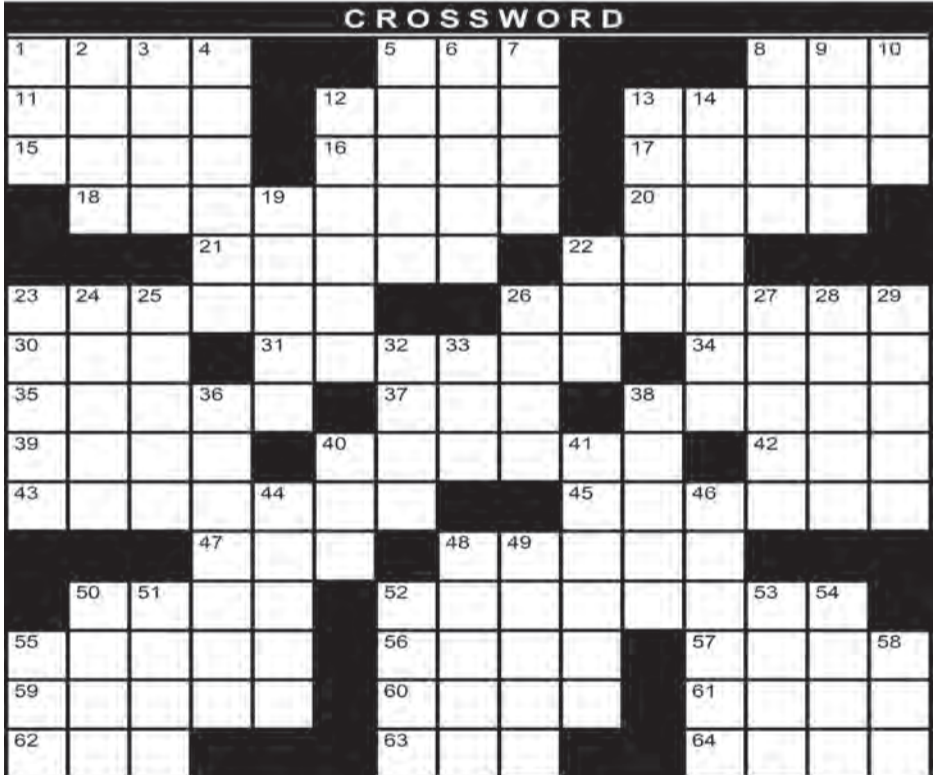
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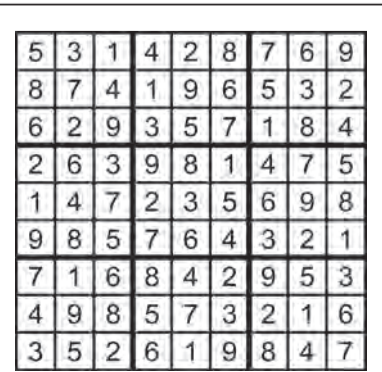


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Plan a Cleanup for National Beach Day



spills and other debris. These items poison animals and get tangled in wings, beaks and intestines, causing pain, starvation and the slow painful death of these innocent animals.

Organize a group to clean up your favorite beach. Since it is near the end of the season, it will be much appreciated and may inspire others to keep the beach clean.

In 1929, the Knights of Columbus out of Milwaukee, Wisconsin launched a National Beach Day as part of their convention plans. However, it never took root. Then, in 2014, Paige reignited the flame to keep our beaches clean.

The question needs to be asked: "What is the best day to go to the beach?" Most people pick the weekend, with Sunday

being the best. (Get it? Sun+day?) However, getting an early start on Friday can be advantageous to having the beach to yourself, as most people use Friday as a travel day. Whatever day you choose, just don't get a sunburn on "Fry"day. LOL. I crack myself up.

Today is considered a day to travel for the unofficial last three-day weekend of summer. So, if your destination is close, that makes it a four-day weekend to go glamping, camping, RVing, trailering etc., and the weather looks like it is cooperating.

I think we will do our staycation and enjoy our view and maybe eat out every night, so we don't mess up the kitchen. Now that is my idea of a vacation. Eat out, or take out, no dishes, and kick back, maybe read a book. After all, Labor Day was designed as a holiday for employees to

rest and refresh.

Fun fact: Oregon was the first state to adopt the first Monday in September 1887 as Labor Day. It didn't take long for other states to follow suit. And in 1894, President Grover Cleveland declared it a federal holiday. It was proposed for early September to bridge the long no-holiday gap between Independence Day and Thanksgiving.

I am very thankful for the break. It is the perfect time to transition from summer into fall. Although the end of summer doesn't come until the autumn equinox on Sept. 22, so we have a few more weeks of summer. Enjoy.

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

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Explore County Parks with Agents of Discovery

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Agents of Discovery, an interactive, augmented reality game, is now available at two Sacramento County Regional Parks: Gibson Ranch Regional Park and River Bend Park.

Gibson Ranch Regional Park is at 8556 Gibson Ranch Park Road, Elverta, and River Bend Park is at 2300 Rod Beaudry Drive, Sacramento.

The Agents of Discovery app is available to park visitors, free of charge. While in participating parks, users will be encouraged to explore new areas to find "challenges" that will ... well, challenge their knowledge of the parks.

"Our team has been diligently creating engaging challenges to ensure that visitors have an enjoyable and educational experience," said Liz Bellas, director of Regional Parks. "Agents of Discovery will provide valuable insights about our local parks and open spaces, showcasing the many benefits of parks and recreation for people of all ages."

If you've ever played games such as Pokémon GO or Harry Potter Wizards Unite, you're likely familiar with augmented reality. This technology combines

visuals and audio from the game with the user's actual environment in real-time.

When users enter the active park area, they will begin receiving tips through the app that will help them find and complete the challenges.

Agents of Discovery Tips and Disclaimers

While Agents of Discovery is best downloaded and played using WiFi, it is also accessible using cellular data.

Under "Missions," search for the park you plan on visiting, either "River Bend Park" or "Gibson Ranch Regional Park," and download mission prior to visiting.

Make sure that GPS is enabled.

Be aware and cautious of possible traffic, other people and obstacles that could be in your way when playing Agents of Discovery. Be sure to look around and be safe when playing.

Create an account to save your progress.

Agents of Discovery is fun for all ages. Children should get parental permission before downloading this app.

Parks are open from sunrise to sunset.

Download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and head to either Gibson Ranch Regional Park or River Bend Park and start playing. ★

No Increase in City Sports Fees

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Council formed a consensus to keep the fees unchanged.

City Council unanimously voted to accept a \$65,000 grant from the state Office of Traffic Safety meant to bolster Galt Police Department's traffic enforcement efforts.

Police Chief Brian Kalinowski said the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program grant would allow the department to perform two formal DUI checkpoints

in the city and eight saturation patrols, as well as other enforcement and public outreach activities.

Farmer commended the department's "phenomenal work" enforcing laws against drunken driving.

"We'll never know how many lives the officers have really saved," Farmer said.

In other business, Councilmember Rich Lozano allocated \$1,000 in discretionary funds to the city's Parks and Recreation Scholarship Program. A

recently reinstated policy gives each councilmember \$1,000 that can be donated to a community cause. Lozano opposed restoring the discretionary funds on budgetary concerns.

"I did vote against it but it's there and I think that the money should go back into the General Fund," Lozano said. The scholarship program is an appropriate beneficiary because it supports local children who can't afford to participate in city sports, according to Lozano. ★

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Galt Football Scores First Win Under New Coach

Story and photos
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Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warriors defeated the Kennedy Cougars at Kennedy last Friday night in a close game 21-13. The Warriors showed up with a lot of energy and enthusiasm and garnered the first win for their new head coach Mark Walden.

"The team took a big step Friday night in laying a foundation of who they are and who they are going to be," said Walden. "322 yards rushing spread out among five different runners is a testament to an offensive line that is beginning to gel and find themselves."

The Warriors received the kickoff and kept plugging away at Kennedy. With five minutes left in the first quarter, Nick Pena made it across the goal line but the yellow flag was thrown and the touchdown was called back due to holding.

The Warriors attempted their first pass, but the ball went dead on a short throw.

They attempted another unsuccessful run into the end zone and the ball was turned over on downs. With four minutes and 38 seconds left in the first quarter the score was still 0-0.

The Cougars were plagued by penalties and had a false start. Then Kennedy ran the ball, and they got another penalty and were moved back to their own ten-yard line. They punted on the fourth down with 2:16 left in the first half.



Jaylen Brooks shakes off a tackle and gains some yards against Kennedy.

Galt ran the ball eight yards on their first play. Then Kennedy committed a false start and was penalized five yards, so it was a first down for the Warriors.

Galt ran the ball 15 yards on the next play and got another first down on Kennedy's 15-yard line.

Nick Nemo ran it in for the first score of the night with a little more than two minutes left in the first half. Hayden Miller came in to kick and the point was good.

After the game was delayed for an injury, the team jumped in, and after getting the ball back, drove down to the one-yard line but fumbled, and Kennedy took over the ball with a minute and 16 seconds left in the half.

The score at halftime was Galt 7, Kennedy 0.

Kennedy started out with the ball after halftime, but the Galt defense was relentless and kept driving them backwards and sacked the quarterback.



Jayden Jackson stiff-arms a Kennedy defender.

Kennedy was forced to punt the ball.

Izaac Robledo broke free and crossed into the end zone. Miller's kick was good and the score was 14-0.

Near the end of the third quarter a Kennedy running back broke free of the Warrior defense and ran close to 50 yards to put them on the board, 14-7.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, Noah Barron had an amazing run breaking and shaking off multiple tackles to get

the Warriors down to the 25-yard line with 9:09 left in the game.

The Warriors were not able to take advantage of their position, and were tackled in the backfield for a loss, and they ended up punting with 7:39 left.

Kennedy finally connected a pass after multiple misses, and it got all the way down to Galt's 40-yard line. Next, the Cougars broke free with a run up the middle and score. The kick was no good, so the score was a



New head coach Mark Walden gives final instructions before the game starts.



Galt's Nico Gilmore soundly throws down Kennedy's rusher.



Noah Barron shakes off multiple defenders for a huge gain.

close Galt 14, Kennedy 13 with 6:45 left in the game.

Galt received the ball and the offense got back to work. Jayden Jackson scored on a huge run for the Warriors and the extra point was good. The score was then Galt 21-13.

Kennedy attempted a pass on their fourth down, and it was almost caught by the Warriors.

With Galt in control of

the ball with 1:30 left on the clock the lights went out because they were on a timer and it was 10:16 p.m.

It took a good 20 minutes to get them turned back on so the teams could play the last minute.

Galt held and the team celebrated their win.

The Warriors play Elite High School Friday, Aug. 30, at Warrior Stadium. ★

Liberty Ranch Shuts Down Stagg Football

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawk football team headed to Stockton last Friday night to take on the Stagg Delta Kings. The Hawks were relentless, scoring two touchdowns in the first quarter while the defense held the Delta Kings from scoring at all.

The final score was Liberty Ranch 40, Stagg 21. The Hawks put up 27

points in the first half with Stagg only able to answer back with one touchdown.

Quarterback Wyatt Blevins completed three out of 5 passes for 41 yards, and rushed 25 yards in four carries.

Camren Hudson carried the ball racking up 103 yards. Joseph Brown rushed 100 yards and gained an additional 14 on a punt return.

The Hawks kept the Delta Kings guessing,



Liberty Ranch running back Joseph Brown gains some of his 114 game yards. Photos courtesy of Tom Santillan

having 11 players carry the ball. James Rangel had 78 yards, Oscar Romero 69, Antonio Nuno 47, Lucas Temple 31, Landon Peterson 14, Brodey Johnston 13, Eston Tucker 6 and George Adrian 4.

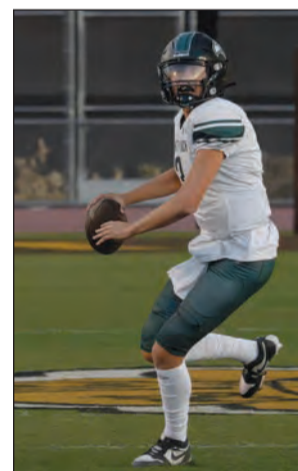
The scoring was spread across the grid also with James Rangel scoring twice, and Lucas Temple, Joseph Brown, George Adrian and Camren Hudson each scoring one touchdown.



Oscar Romero returns a kickoff.

Kicker Brodey Johnston scored 4 PATs.

Michael Lamson was the tackle king with four. James Rangel, Joseph Adams, Camren Hudson and Oscar Romero each garnered two tackles while



Quarterback Wyatt Blevins looks for an open receiver.

George Adrian, Sean O'Brien and Axel Torres were each credited with one tackle.

The Hawks are away again the night of Friday, Aug. 30, heading to Linden to take on the Lions. ★



Galt's Scarlett Gaither and Bayley Miller go up to block a kill from Hawk Haley Smith.

Volleyball Begins Season with Foundation Game

Story and photos
by Paige Lampson



Hawk Rachel Smith puts the ball over Warrior Morgan Erman.

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Volleyball team hosted the Galt Warriors on Tuesday Aug. 20. The faceoff was considered a scrimmage and doesn't count towards their season record.

The Foundation Game is played every year. Liberty won in three sets, but the Warriors had some amazing digs and saves off of the Hawk spikes.

The Sac-Joaquin Section uses the Foundation Games to raise money for the Dale Lackey Scholarship Fund.

The Hawks have been busy with a 5-1 record in their preseason so far. The Warriors have beat Bear Creek and Chavez so far in their preseason. ★

Galt Warriors Kick Off Cross Country Season

By Head Coach Bruce Peterson

GALT, CA (MPG) - On Friday, Aug. 23, the Galt Cross Country team kicked off their season at the Flame Invitational held at Lodi Lake Park. The event featured 23 teams and 570 runners.

It was a great early season meet with six top-20 finishes. Ten runners set personal bests compared to last year. Out of our 23 runners, ten were new to cross country and five were freshmen.

Girls Freshman two-mile race: Danielle Aragon finished in 23rd place with a time of 16:30.74.

Boys Freshman two-mile race results: Aiden Bowles finished 43rd with a time of 12:57.30; David Espinoza placed 52nd at 13:30.90; Daniel Crownover completed the race in 13:39.14; and Noah Dean finished at 17:17.02.

Girls Sophomore two-mile race results: Kristine Meixner achieved a new personal record with a 13th-place finish at 14:34.56; Morgan Jones came in 14th with a time of 14:37.84; Analisa Alfaro secured the 25th spot, finishing in 15:39.93; and Maeve Cordonnier placed 40th with a time of 17:33.17.

Boys Sophomore two-mile race: Elliott Kramer finished 22nd with a new personal record of 12:30.05; Garrett Rose placed 30th, also setting a new personal record at 12:49.51.

Girls JV two-mile race results: Ely Rodriguez secured 11th place with a time of 15:18.67; Mae



The sophomore girls begin their race. Courtesy photos



Aidan Bowles competes in the Freshman two-mile race.



Sophomore Garret Rose heads out to the course.

Trull achieved 27th place with a personal record of 16:34.04; Ella Ipson finished in 29th place, setting a personal record of 17:14.39.

Boys JV two-mile race: Xavier Gomez finished in 11th place with a time of 12:06.09, while Austin Nichols secured the 29th position with a time of 13:35.55.

Girls Varsity 5k race results: Emilyann Sheldon finished 27th with a time of 22:51.29; Allana Juarez came in 36th, achieving a personal record of 24:09.55; and Nora Werdon placed 37th with a time of 24:18.18.

Boys Varsity 5k race results: Kitto Gonzalez finished in fifth place with a personal record of 16:29.04; Logan Rose secured 10th place with a time of 16:55.06; Alejandro Herrera achieved a personal record with a time of 18:10.58.

It was a fun meet, and the weather was great for running. We have a bigger team this year and many had never run a cross-country race before, so it was a new experience for them.

It was a fun meet with perfect running weather. We have a larger team this year with many first-time

runners.

Several of our runners achieved personal records compared to their times last year, which is a promising sign early in the season. I am proud of this team, as many dedicated themselves over the summer to get better.

This year promises to be exciting with a blend of youthful runners and more experienced older runners. I am confident the students will continue striving to improve, making this season fun and rewarding.

Our next meet will be the Kim Duyst Invitational Twilight meet in Ceres on Sept. 14.

GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

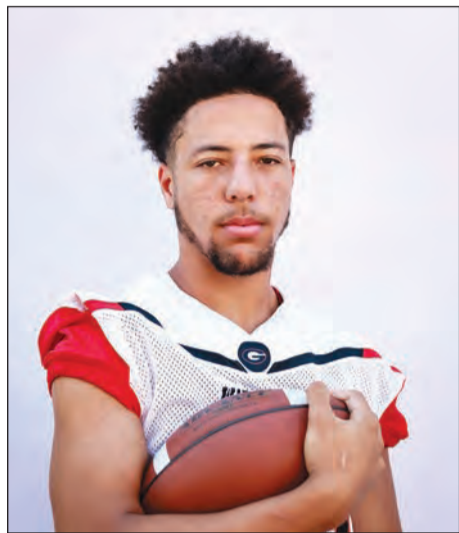


Camren Hudson
Liberty Ranch High School Football

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Jaylen Brooks
Galt High School Football



Men's Softball Champions



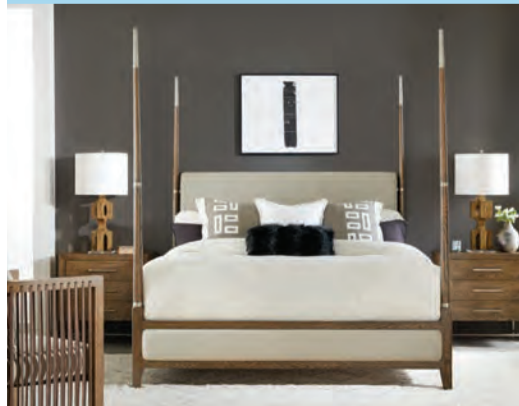
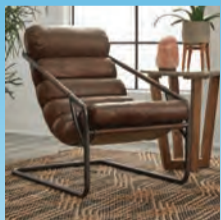
The Bronco Bat Company are the champions of this summer's Galt Parks and Rec men's softball league. Courtesy photo

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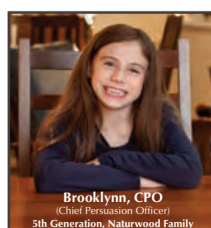
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