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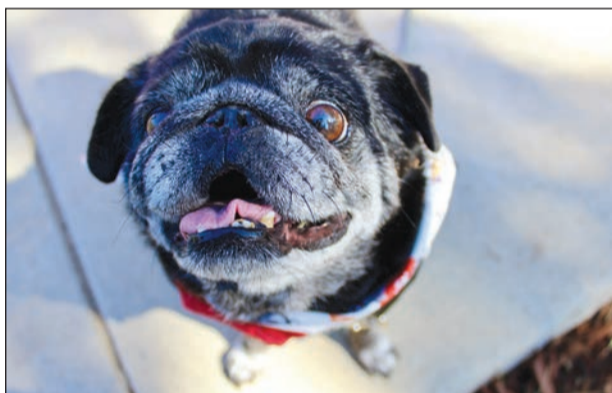


Winnie, one of the first users of the renovated Kiwanis Bark Parks, leaps through a hoop in the agility course. A donation from Kiwanis of Galt helped make the refresh possible. Photos by Matthew Malone

By Matthew Malone
News Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Every dog has its day and now so does every dog park. On Oct. 12, Kiwanis Club of Galt and the city of Galt held a grand reopening of the Kiwanis Bark Parks at Monterey Park, renovated with the help of a donation from Kiwanis.

Volunteers from Kiwanis and Galt Sunrise Rotary, along with city staff and local dog owners, gathered at the dog parks off of Twin Cities Road for a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Many dogs were wearing Halloween costumes. The



Coby the pug was a judge favorite, winning the awards for cutest dog and third-best costume.

park gates were unlocked, allowing the excited canines to rediscover the two parks, one for larger dogs and one for smaller dogs. The grass was green and brand-new obstacle

course equipment dotted the lawn. Afterward, Kiwanis held a dog show, where dogs competed in categories such as best costume, best personality, best talent and

best owner lookalike. Galt Police Department Officers Michael Little and Jared Spinelli demonstrated the skills of K-9 units Kane and Rex. The renovation was kickstarted by Galt resident Sheri Jasso, who regularly brings her dogs to the park. She noticed that some of the dog park equipment "was starting to get run down and it was actually becoming maybe a hazard for the dogs." Jasso and her husband brought the matter to Kiwanis, which partnered with the city to refresh the parks. Kiwanis donated

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Youth Commission Sets Plans for Holidays

By Matthew Malone
News Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Youth Commission on Oct. 7 laid out its plans to participate in several community events over the coming holidays, including a blanket drive, Thornton's Christmas parade, Trick or Treat on 4th Street and Lighting of the Night.

The commission heard about the blanket drive, which collects blankets and warm clothes for older adults, from Commission on Aging Chair Libby Robinson. The two commissions have partnered on the project before. Robinson discussed the logistics of the drive, which focuses on residents at local nursing homes. When the collection is finished, Robinson plans to coordinate with the different locations to have the commissions' representatives deliver the items.

Youth Commission Chair Kareena Lallian voiced interest in participating and the other commissioners agreed. They voted 12-0 to join the effort.

Robinson said barrels where members of the public can donate items are already at Coffee Shop Bakery, Café Latte Co. and Chabolla Community Center and there will be other places added.

Adult mentor Sharon Fjeldstad requested the Youth Commission's participation in Thornton's Christmas parade on Dec. 14, as the town attempts to liven up the event.

"It usually consists of just the fire department. Last year, we had a couple extra entries. So this year, we're trying to ramp it up," Fjeldstad said, explaining that a gathering before the parade at Thornton Community Center will feature snacks, coffee and hot chocolate. She hoped that commissioners' involvement would help with youth engagement.

The commissioners voted 12-0 to lead a cookie-decorating activity. They set aside up to \$100 for frosting and planned to seek donations for the cookies.

Other events added to the calendar were Trick or Treat on 4th Street on Oct. 26 and Lighting of the Night on Dec. 7. The commission traditionally hands out candy at both events, and it voted unanimously to budget \$200 for the candy at each event.

Commissioners Elisa Fewell, Ginger Myrick-Smith, Alexis Ortega and

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Council Candidates Disclose Campaign Expenditures

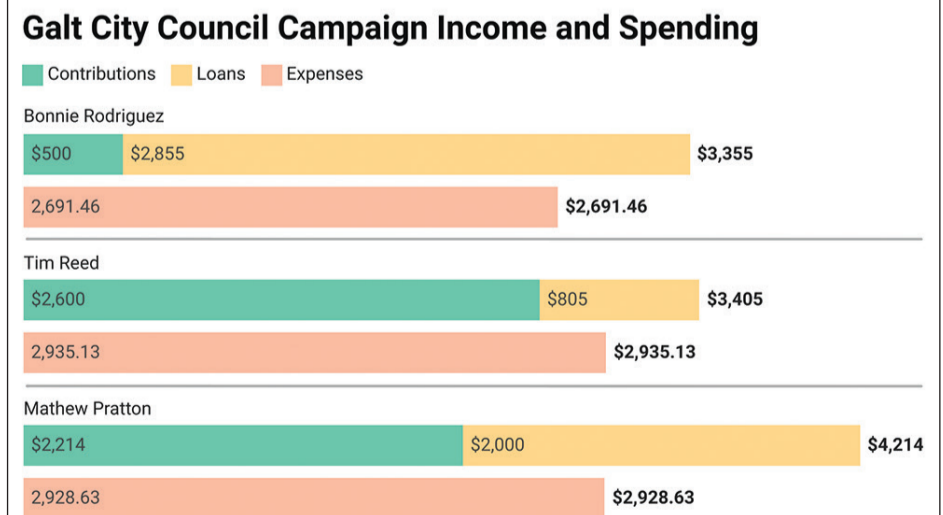
By Matthew Malone
News Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The three candidates for Galt City Council have funded their campaigns with different combinations of supporter contributions and personal funds, recent financial disclosures show.

The disclosures filed by candidates Bonnie Rodriguez, Tim Reed and Mathew Pratton cover the period of July 1 to Sept. 21; none of the City Council hopefuls reported campaign income or spending before July.

While their funding ratios varied, the totals raised by the campaigns were within \$1,000 of each other. The campaigns' expenses were even more similar, with less than \$250 separating the highest spender from the lowest.

Rodriguez reported receiving a total of \$3,355



Campaign disclosures in the Galt City Council race show the three candidates raising and spending similar amounts, but they differed in their funding methods. Created with Datawrapper • Chart by Matthew Malone • Data via city of Galt

in cash, with much of the money coming from a \$2,855 personal loan to her campaign. She raised an additional \$500 in contributions from six donors.

Four donors made the maximum allowed donation of \$100: Randy Morton, Tracy Morton,

LaVonne Riddlespurger and Paige Lampson. Veronica Van Dyke and Mark Jackson donated \$50 each.

The Rodriguez campaign also reported a nonmonetary contribution: \$25 worth of coffee cake from Coffee Shop Bakery.

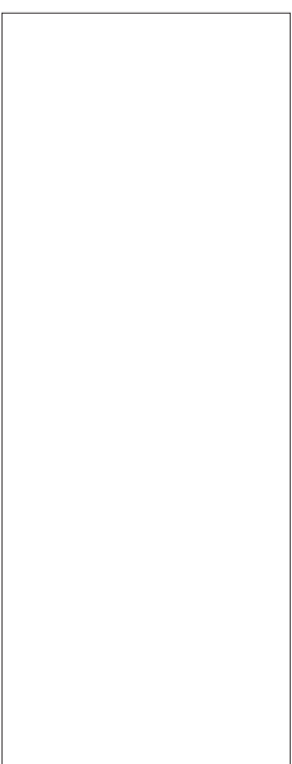
Rodriguez documented \$2,691 in spending, with much of the total going toward photography and printing services for campaign materials.

Individual contributions made up the majority of the income for the Reed

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Businesses Honored for Sustainability

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Sept. 26, Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC), a division of the Sacramento County Office of Economic Development, presented the 18th Annual Sustainable Business Awards in partnership with the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD). Eight businesses were recognized as part of the Sacramento County Sustainable Business Program.

The ceremony recognized the top contenders in eight unique categories whose work practices demonstrate an outstanding commitment to enhancing sustainability in Sacramento County.

Sacramento County Sustainable Business Award Recipients

- Energy Conservation: Teichert Materials
- Water Conservation: Meristem
- Solid Waste Reduction: GreenWaste Florin Perkins
- Green Design: ReIMAGINE Mack Road Community Venter
- Pollution Prevention: Badfish Coffee and Tea
- Transportation & Air Quality: Community Resource Project
- SMUD Clean Power City: Sustainable Building:

Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center
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Congratulations to the Sacramento County Sustainable Business Award Winners for 2024!

Throughout the year, Business Environmental Resource Center conducts community outreach to identify business participation in the Sustainable Business Program.

This no-cost membership platform provides the business community with marketing toolkits, educational opportunities, community engagement events and connections to grant or incentive opportunities in the space of environmental sustainability.

About the BERC Awards

Business Environmental Resource Center's Sustainable Business Program is the region's benchmark for businesses considering or already engaged in eco-friendly practices

Since the program's inception, Business Environmental Resource Center has issued more than 800 certifications and has awarded more than 200 unique businesses.

Learn more at economic.saccounty.gov. ★



Band on the Road

Members of the Galt Liberty Unified Ensemble march Saturday, Oct. 12 in the Franklin Invitational Band Review in Elk Grove. Competing high school and middle school bands, 33 in all, paraded for two blocks south of the Franklin High campus and past a judging stand. Other competitions during the daylong festival, sponsored by the Northern California Band Association, included concert, percussion and field formation. Photo by J.G. Wirt

Council Candidates Disclose Campaign Expenditures

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Reed raised \$3,405 total, including \$2,600 from more than 21 individuals. He also loaned his campaign \$805.

Contributing \$100 were Veronica Van Dyke, Thomas Costa, Samantha Nielson, Anthony Sanchez, Julie Jacobson, Pamela Mclean, Morgan Holbrook, Daniel Garcia, Megan Majewski and Halie Landers, as well as Lauren Coray, Nick Nielson, Kevin Costa, Ariel Aldean, Taylor Robles, Devan Dalla, Megan Meadows, Laura Shelter, Paige Herrera, Brandon Cox and Sierra Garcia.

Under Galt municipal code,

donations of less than \$25 do not need to be itemized. Reed reported \$500 in unitemized donations.

Reed reported spending \$2,935 on his campaign. The largest portion, about \$1,268, funded the purchase of campaign brochures, flags and banners. Venue fees and supplies for fundraising events cost \$581. Reed also bought a campaign website and Facebook advertising. Pratton raised \$4,214 total for his City Council bid, with similar proportions coming from both contributions and a personal loan. Pratton loaned his campaign \$2,000, and he received \$2,214 in contributions from more than 19 individuals.

Those donating \$100 were Joyce Dozier, Tom Dozier, Tonya Caldwell, John Caldwell, Jerod Calantoc, Jaki Calantoc, Tylor Nutter, Leia Ahuactzin, Martin Ahuactzin, Alice Henderson and Gary Henderson, as well as Terry Parker, Tony Jacobson, Dan Denier, Carla Shreve, Paul Sandhu, Edd Mason, Sherry Mason and Bret Henderson. Pratton reported \$314 in donations less than \$10.

Pratton's campaign spent about \$2,929: about \$929 for a banner and lawn signs, and \$2,000 for a postcard mailing.

To view campaign disclosures and other election information, visit bit.ly/3A4qFXA (case sensitive). ★

Blankets for Kids Readies for Holiday Giveaway

By Claire Gliddon, Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Got Beanie Babies?

Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids (SBSK) is asking for donations of new or "almost new" Beanie Babies all year long. Every September, Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids picks as many of the lowest-income elementary schools as they can and finds out how many kindergartners they have.

fleece blankets (about 40" x 60") and a little fleece pouch with a Beanie Baby in it to go with each blanket for its Kindergarten Project. Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids gives blankets and fleece pouches to the children right before Christmas break. Some of the kindergartners live in cars or in places without heat and this is all they get for Christmas.

The gifts are very popular with the teachers and the children.

This is Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento

Kids' 11th year for the Kindergarten Project and the volunteers hope to continue doing it for as long as they can get Beanie Babies. In 2023, Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids gave out more than 2,394 blankets and Beanie Babies for its Kindergarten Project!

Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids is always looking for more volunteers to make blankets year round for children in need. Like to knit, crochet, sew, quilt, make no-sew blankets and have run out of people to make gifts for?



Kindergartners are giddy with their blankets and Beanie Babies from Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids. Photo courtesy of Claire Gliddon

We're looking for you. If you would like more information about Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids, go to www.sacblankets4kids.com and sign in. There is no pressure, no timelines,

no meetings, just others who enjoy crocheting, knitting, quilting, sewing, making no-sew blankets and helping many children at the same time. Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids is a

nonprofit organization that serves children in need from infants to 18-year-olds. While the volunteers help all year long, the Kindergarten Project is their "special" project of the year. ★

Youth Commission Sets Plans for Holidays

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Kaitlyn Cullers volunteered to plan decorations for the booth at Trick or Treat on 4th Street.

Commissioners agreed on a need for better planning after a fundraiser raffle they held at the Oct. 5 Saturday Market.

Adult Mentor Robert King asked the

commissioners to consider their takeaways from the event, similar to one the commission has hosted at Eggstraganza/Kite Day.

Commissioner Gabrielle

Akers said it would have been good to immediately draw up a list of necessary supplies, such as pop-up tents and raffle tickets. Some commissioners

wanted more information on what items to get for the raffle baskets.

Lallian said it is important to account for the different attendance levels of the annual Eggstraganza compared to the monthly Saturday Market.

Despite the points for

improvement, the fundraiser succeeded in raising \$523 for the commission's activities and scholarships. The adult mentors gave encouraging comments, and Lallian and Akers shared anecdotes about the excitement of children who won baskets. ★



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Lewis Resigning as General Manager of CSD

By Matthew Malone
News Editor

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Cosumnes Community Services District General Manager Phil Lewis is set to resign his post after one and a half years as the district's chief executive.

District directors voted in closed session Oct. 8 to accept Lewis' resignation, effective Dec. 1.

During recruitment for Lewis' successor, District Counsel Sigrid Asmundson has been tapped as acting general manager.

In a news release, the district shared a written statement from Lewis.

"I am grateful for the

opportunities I've had to contribute to the District's growth and make a positive impact in the community. Most importantly, I truly appreciate the friendship and support my family has received as we made this our home. I look forward to staying involved in the Elk Grove and Galt communities and supporting the great work you all continue to do," Lewis wrote.

Lewis has been on leave since the vote, according to an automated email sent in response to a request for comment.

A district spokesperson said Lewis will remain on leave through December.

Before his time as general manager, Lewis served as parks and

recreation administrator. Then-General Manager Joshua Green announced his resignation in April 2023, and Lewis was appointed that May.

The district provides parks and recreation services in Elk Grove, and fire service in Elk Grove and Galt.

In its release, the district said Lewis' leadership "has been instrumental" in several initiatives, including the CORE Recreation Center and opening of Fire Station 77, both in Elk Grove.

Lewis also oversaw the launch of projects funded by the city of Elk Grove's Measure E sales tax, the opening of the Albani and Oasis recreation centers, and the

purchase of more than 100 acres of land planned for park space.

In a statement, board Vice President Angela Spease expressed gratitude for Lewis' work.

"The Board of Directors would like to thank Phil for his dedicated service to our community and wish him all the best in his future endeavors. His commitment to our District has left a lasting impact, from enhancing our facilities to expanding services," Spease said.

"Phil's efforts, including the hiring of additional public safety personnel, have helped ensure that our community's needs are met with excellence now and in the years to come." ★



Phil Lewis has been general manager since May 2023. Photo courtesy of Cosumnes Community Services District



Jelly, left, and Simba give each other a sniff at the dog parks' reopening.



Ranger retrieves a ball at the Kiwanis Bark Parks. The lawn was reseeded as part of the renovation. Photos by Matthew Malone



Dressed as a dinosaur, Baxter competes for best costume. He won second place.

Kiwanis Dog Parks Reopen After Refresh

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\$10,000, and the city contributed \$30,000 from the Measure Q sales tax.

The money funded replacement equipment, new drinking fountains, a reseeded lawn and tree trimming.

"Everything got cleaned up. It looks so good now and the dogs are super, super happy," Jasso said. "And I know our dog is really excited to be back in the park, running through the obstacle courses and having a good time."

Kiwanis' commitment to the renovation convinced Jasso to become a member.

Galt Parks and Recreation Director Armando Solis thanked Kiwanis for its donation and said the city's maintenance staff had done well in the renovation work.

"This park's over 25 years old, so the

equipment had done its job, lived its life, and now it was just time to replace it," Solis said. "This is our only dog park in the city of Galt and you know what? It's beautiful. It's great. It serves our community and I'm glad we were able to get it back open and all the new equipment in it."

Jasso said Kiwanis is "committed to making the community great" through projects that provide useful amenities.

"Kiwanis is all about community, providing things for the community, and there are so many dog owners in Galt, and they (Kiwanis) wanted to provide a nice, safe space for dogs to be able to run around. ... This is a great place where dogs can socialize with each other, the dog parents can socialize with each other," Jasso said. ★



The renovated Kiwanis Dog Parks come with new obstacle-course equipment to help dogs get their exercise.

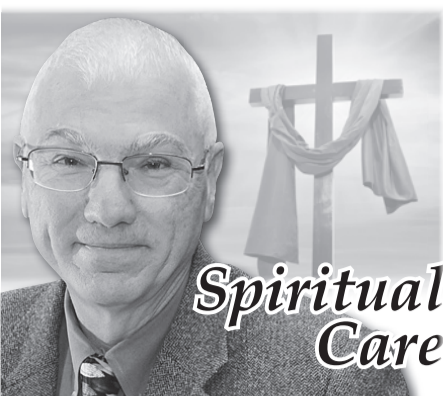
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What Would You Do If You Weren't Afraid?



Spiritual Care

BY NORRIS BURKES

Earlier this month, I celebrated my 67th birthday with a couple of pieces of German chocolate cake.

Fortunately, experience told me not to go for a third.

That's because I still remember my seventh birthday when I sneaked a half-dozen cupcakes from my mom's cake carrier, devoured them and threw up just prior to the party.

But still, that birthday wasn't the worst. My worst birthday was my 45th when my Air Force chaplain supervisor came into my office at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, wearing a strained expression.

"I'm sorry to have to tell you this," he said, "but your name didn't appear on the Air Force promotion list to major."

I was unsure how to interpret the news. The pessimist in me said I'd just been fired.

And if my optimist was saying anything, I couldn't hear it because the pessimist was choking him out. The military doesn't keep officers who don't make the rank of major. This meant I had only six months to find a new job before I would be unemployed and stranded 3,000 miles from my California home.

The only reaction I offered my supervisor was, "And this is my birthday."

It was about that time that a colleague presented me with a helpful book titled "Who Moved My Cheese?" by authors Spencer Johnson, M.D., and Ken Blanchard. Johnson and Blanchard seemed to be proclaiming that change was the only certainty in life, so deal with it.

The book uses a parable format to depict talking lab mice that work to outsmart the scientists who are constantly moving their cheese into an unfamiliar part of their maze.

Somebody had indeed moved my cheese, and the military maze I'd known for eight years became an unfriendly place, so I spent the next hour hunting for help.

About halfway through the book, I

stopped, taken aback by a particularly evocative question that the mouse characters found written inside their maze.

"What would you do if you weren't afraid?"

I looked away, paraphrasing the conundrum aloud in a slow and thoughtful repetition. "What would I do if I weren't so afraid of change?"

It was abundantly clear what I normally did when I felt afraid. I got upset, I fretted and then became a generally rude person toward those who loved me.

But the authors were insisting that I answer a different question: "What would I do if I weren't afraid?"

I went to the copy machine where I enlarged the quote into a mini poster, which I placed above my desk.

A few weeks later, as fear melted from the equation, I came to know exactly what I would do.

I would return to my California home and to the most rewarding ministry of my life: I determined to resume my career in hospital chaplaincy.

No, the cheese question didn't work magic. It didn't totally suspend my fears.

I was still scared, but I was determined to keep fear from obscuring my goal. I printed my resumés, scheduled hospital interviews and kept pressing toward the goal.

Three months later, I had six job offers for hospital chaplaincies and I returned to part-time military life as an Air National Guard chaplain.

Twenty-three years have passed since that harsh announcement. But that day continues to remind me that whenever I'm uncertain, fearful or just plain indecisive, I can reach into my resiliency repertoire for the refrain of that birthday question.

When I think about it long enough, the answer usually floats to the top.

You may ask, "Does that always work for you, Norris?"

No, not always. Sometimes I default to eating a half-dozen cupcakes.

All of my books are available on my website or by sending a check for \$20 (per book) to 10566 Combie Rd. Suite 6643 Auburn, CA 95602.

Email comments to comment@thechaplain.net or by text or voicemail to (843) 608-9715. ★

'American Pickers' to Film in California

Cineflix Productions News Release

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG) - The American Pickers are excited to return to California! They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout your area in November 2024.

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collections.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, they want to meet characters with amazing stories and fun items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

The American Pickers TV show is



"American Pickers" follows skilled pickers as they hunt for America's treasures. Photo courtesy of Cineflix Productions

looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a unique item, story to tell, and is ready to sell ... we would love to hear from you! Please note, the Pickers DO NOT pick stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, museums

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GLANCE BACK

80 Years Ago Oct. 20, 1944

The Methodist Youth Fellowship has planned a candlelight installation service for new officers: Marcia Willyard, president; Jane Nicholson, vice president; Ann Nicholson, worship chairman; Edna Balliet, chairman of Commission of World Friendship; Betty Lou Evers, recreation chairman; Mary Balliet, publicity chairman; Loretta Imhoff, secretary; Peggy Hall, treasurer; Janet Thomas, song leader and Mrs. Alice Willyard, counselor.

Galt will reign as Queen of the entire Dairy & Livestock Show beginning Saturday at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. Miss Martin, a drum majorette, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Martin and is a former member and silver star of the Galt 4-H Club.

Charles Fleming, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Fleming of Galt, has recently been honorably discharged from the U.S. Army and returned to Galt this week.

Mayor Ben Casado and daughter Shirley were among those who attended the Republican dinner in Stockton this week at which Sen. William Knowland was the speaker.

60 Years Ago Oct. 22, 1964

Homecoming Queen Dee Lawrence presided over the football game Friday night. Princesses were Carol Cowley, senior; Kathy Liss, junior; Jean Cowley,

sophomore; and Elaine Johnson, freshman.

The Robert J. Barbers are the proud parents of an 8-pound 5-ounce baby boy born Oct. 13 and named Robert Vincent ... New queen at the Gary and Sue Cinquini home is Kimberly Ann who was born Oct. 2 at Lodi Memorial Hospital. Little Kimberly weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces.

50 Years Ago Oct. 24, 1974

Kathy Ann Koehler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Koehler, and John Albert Gudel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gudel, all of Galt, joined the just weds when they recited wedding vows Sept. 14 at the Assembly of God Church at Carson City, Nev. The couple graduated from Galt High School.

Marty Aschwanden, a senior at Galt High School, was recently notified that she is to be featured in the eighth annual edition

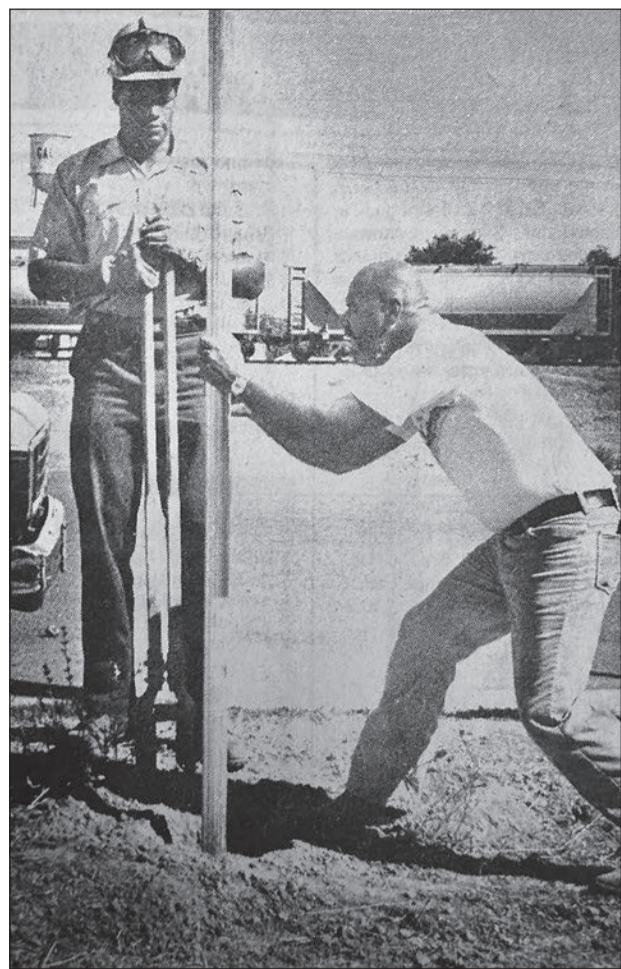
of Who's Who Among American High School Students. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Aschwanden of Galt.

40 Years Ago Oct. 18, 1984

Dr. Baxter Sperry invited friends to a print show at her private Liberty School museum on Fourth Street. There were some new drawings of Galt, made into engravings and colored by hand. Recently Dr. Sperry gave all of her original drawings to the state library in Sacramento.

Galt Herald Publisher Roy Herburger encountered vehement opposition to his proposal for a prison in the Galt area at a public meeting Thursday night at City Hall. The general opposition led Mayor Donald Prachar to doubt that City Council would approve an election on the issue. Herburger is persisting, saying a prison would create jobs.

—Herald archives



Oct. 18, 1984: The City of Galt, in conjunction with the California Conservation Corps, is conducting the renovation of Harvey Park. The CCC will completely irrigate the park, rebuild the bathrooms and improve fencing, among other enhancements. Herald file photo

Changes Coming to SMF Airport

By Daniel Canfield

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA - Effective Oct. 1 and without much ceremony, the Sacramento International Airport (SMF) hourly parking lot was closed, according to the airport website.

This was the closest parking lot to Terminal B, had more than 600 parking spaces available and was ideal for short visits to the airport to meet or drop off travelers using Terminal B. Terminal B accommodates the following airlines: Aeromexico, Alaska Airlines, Frontier, Hawaiian Airlines, Horizon, JetBlue, Southwest, Spirit and Volaris.

The Sacramento International Airport's website indicates the hourly lot will be

permanently closed to make way for a new parking garage that will boast more than 5,500 spaces when completed.

This new development is part of a larger capital improvement project ongoing at the airport. The project, dubbed SMF Foreword by Sacramento County leaders, is expected to cost \$1.3 billion when completed.

According to a September airport news release, project funding is coming from the sale of General Airport Revenue Bonds.

"Increasing close-in garage parking capacity is the number one opportunity we have to improve the guest experience at SMF," said Cindy Nichol, director of airports for the Sacramento County Department of Airports,

in an April 2024 news release.

Indeed, a day after the hourly lot was closed, airport officials were joined by local dignitaries to break ground on the new Terminal B parking garage.

"Today's groundbreaking is another important step to realize the SMF Forward vision and deliver tangible improvements for our community," said Rep. Doris Matsui, D-Sacramento, at the groundbreaking event. "This new parking garage will greatly expand capacity while going above and beyond to make the facility convenient and technologically cutting edge. I'm proud to champion the work of our airport and we are only continuing to push the envelope to keep it the national gold standard for years to come."



Here is an architectural rendering of the future Terminal B parking garage as seen from street level. Photos courtesy of Sacramento County Department of Airports

According to a Sacramento County news release on the groundbreaking, the parking garage project will generate 1,000 jobs during its construction phase and will utilize labor under a Community Workforce Training Agreement, creating opportunities for the local workforce.

Sacramento International Airport visitors have recently become accustomed to the airport's existing parking lots and parking garages near the

terminals being full during busy travel periods, leaving travelers few options except to utilize the remote long-term parking lots and ride the shuttle to the terminals.

The new parking garage, when completed, will be a great asset to Sacramento travelers.

In the meantime, the hourly-lot closure will put additional pressure on the other airport parking lots during the new garage's construction.

Sacramento International

Airport's Senior Public Information Officer Scott Johnston provided this guidance: "Travelers are encouraged to check parking availability and track shuttles in real-time before arriving at the airport. We also recommend arriving two-and-a-half hours before a flight and using rideshare options instead of driving."

For more on Sacramento International airport parking, visit www.sacramento.aero/smf/to-and-from/parking.

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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV019480
Ana Jolett Olivares Rodales has

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ana Jolett Olivares Rodales to Ana Jolett Rodales.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 23, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, 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: September 26, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. FBNF2022-03738

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SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: STK-CV-LAT-2023-0005189

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Natalie Grace Conner, Tammy Conner, and Does 1 to 100.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Kenneth Anugwara. NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and

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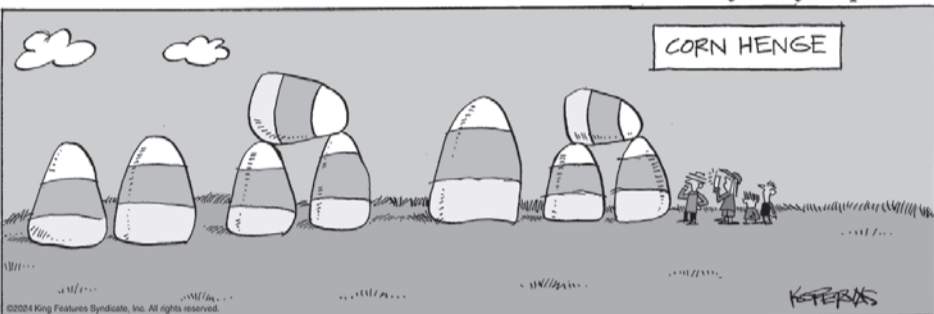
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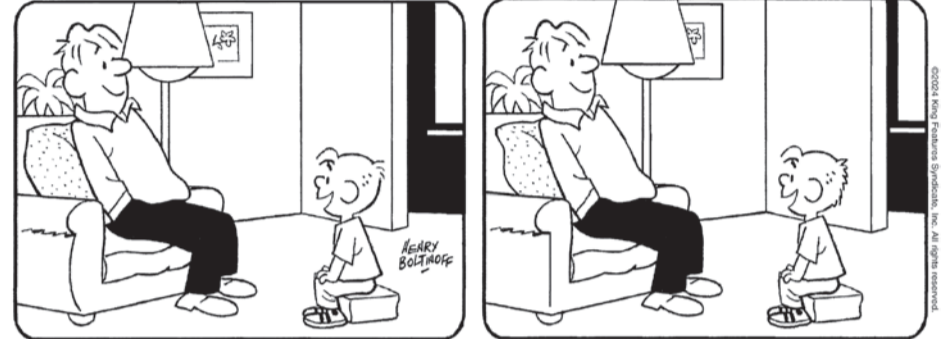


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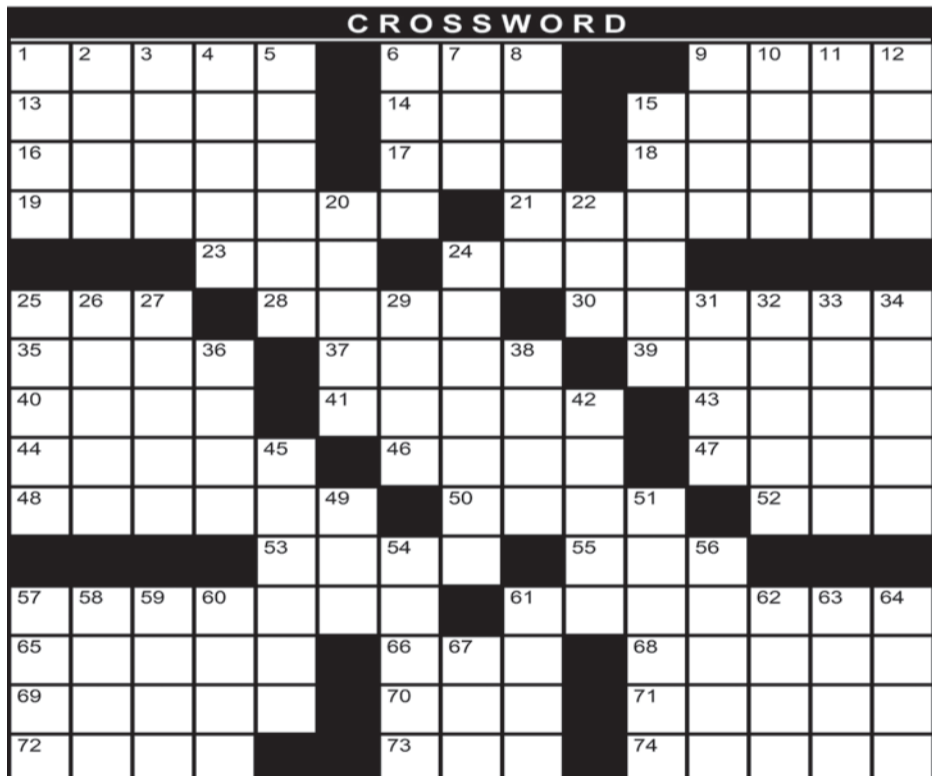
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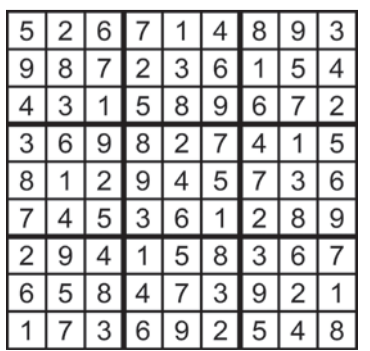


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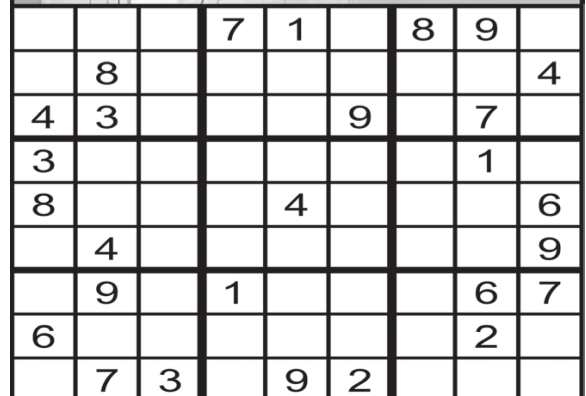


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ABOUT TOWN

Fatima Society Festa Oct. 14-21

The Our Lady of Fatima Society of Thornton is hosting its annual celebration in honor of its namesake, Oct. 14-21. The festivities will take place at the Our Lady of Fatima Society Hall (26590 N. Sacramento Blvd.) and Mater Ecclesiae Catholic Church (26500 N. Sacramento Blvd.)

From Oct. 14 to 16, the recitation of the rosary and a Mass were to be celebrated in English at 7 p.m. On Oct. 17 and 18, the ceremonies will be held in Portuguese.

Oct. 19 will begin with a parade at 10 a.m., followed by Portuguese-style bullfights at 2 p.m. Mass and a candlelight procession will be held at 6 p.m. On Oct. 20, Mass will be at 10 a.m., followed by a procession and live auction. Oct. 21 will feature bullfights at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, visit the Our Lady of Fatima Society's Facebook page.

American Legion Post 233

The Elk Grove American Legion Post 233, established in 1994, invites veterans to our monthly meetings every fourth

Thursday of the month at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Our next meeting is Oct. 24.

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.

Stockton Fall Boutique

Oct. 25-26

Portuguese Club of Stockton will host its 41st annual Fall Boutique on Oct. 25 and 26 at Stockton Ballroom (9650 Thornton Road, Stockton).

The charitable event will feature more than 50 vendor booths offering crafts for sale, as well as a snack bar. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Oct. 25 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 26.

For more information, call 209-464-3924.

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Día de los Muertos at Galt Cemetery Oct. 26

The Galt-Arno Cemetery District will host its Día de los Muertos celebration on Oct. 26, starting at 9 a.m.

The free, family-friendly event is a chance to honor deceased loved ones.

The day will begin with Mass and a dove release at 9 a.m. There will be performances by Ballet Folklórico Raíces Mexicanas (10:15 a.m.), Yolotl Tonantzin Aztec dances (10:45 a.m.), Los Doble Jrs band (11:45 a.m.), Nostalgias de Mexico dancers (2 p.m.) and Mariachi Luz de Luna (3:15 p.m.)

Galt Cemetery is at 14180 Joy Drive.

Trick or Treat on 4th Street Oct. 26

Local residents are invited to Trick or Treat on Fourth Street, a free event on Oct. 26 where local businesses, nonprofits and service clubs will hand out candy, and attendees are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes.

It runs from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Fourth Street between B and E streets. To sign up as a vendor, visit galtvendor.com.

Elk Grove Community Band Concert Oct. 28

The Elk Grove Community Concert Band's Children's Concert, free for the community, is from 7 p.m. to 8

p.m. Monday, Oct. 28 in the Multipurpose Room at Joseph Kerr Middle School, 8865 Elk Grove Blvd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Christopher J. Tootle is musical director of the band, which includes professional, semi-professional and amateur adult musicians; and talented Elk Grove Unified School District school musicians.

The Oct. 28 theme is "Planes, Trains & Automobiles." The band's future concerts are Dec. 16, Feb. 3, 2025, April 7, 2025, and May 19, 2025. Learn more at elkgrovecommunityband.org.

Haunted House at the Rae Oct. 31

The Galt Area Historical Society will hold a haunted house in front of the Rae House Museum on Halloween, Oct. 31, at 204 Oak Ave., from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The haunted house includes several live actors who will scare guests throughout, and there will be another haunted house for those that do not want to be scared.

Kids can choose candy and one other item, like a glow stick, stickers, glow rings or glow balls.

For more information,

contact Lisa Haug at 209-712-5236 or Darlene at 209-747-0910.

Lodi Police Fun Run Nov. 2

The Lodi Police Foundation will hold its Heroes Fun Run on Nov. 2, from 8 a.m. to noon, at Jessie's Grove Winery (1973 W. Turner Road).

Benefiting the Lodi Police Department Outdoor Training Center, the run features a 5K, a 10K and a free kids fun run.

Adult advance registration costs \$40 for the 5K and \$44 for the 10K; day-of registration is \$50 and \$55, respectively.

For more registration information, including student and family discounts, visit lodiheroes.itstourrace.com.

Historical Tours Offered Monthly

The Galt Area Historical Society will offer tours at McFarland Living History Ranch (8898 Orr Road) and the Rae House Museum (204 Oak Ave.), 1-4 p.m., on the following Sundays: Nov. 3 and Dec. 1.

Parking is free and donations are accepted. For more information, call 209-730-3127. ★

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Stop Criminals, Drugs, Theft

By John McGinness

California voters will have several very important decisions to make as they complete their November 2024 ballots. One that has the potential to reverse a decade of deterioration of the state's criminal justice system is Proposition 36.

To adequately analyze the merits of Proposition 36, a quick review of history is in order. Ten years ago, voters approved Proposition 47 based upon assurance that it would improve public safety. The voters were deceived – Proposition 47 eliminated compounding consequences for several theft and possession and use of dangerous drugs. Many crimes were reduced from felonies to misdemeanors, eliminating the deterrent value of discipline.

The results have been devastating for the state of California. Urban, suburban, and even rural areas once used for recreation have been taken over by critically addicted people living like walking zombies. Retail businesses have become so frequently victimized by "smash and grab" thieves that merchants have been forced to lock up much of their merchandise out of reach, inconveniencing legitimate costumers and staff. Fentanyl poisoning has become the leading cause of death for Americans 18-45-years-of-age. On average, over 200 deaths by fentanyl poisoning occur in the United States every day. Consider the tolerance

society would have in an environment in which 200 people were killed in a commercial airline crash every day – public outcry would be extreme and warranted; change would be mandated by an outraged public. Yet persons in positions of leadership seem oblivious or apathetic to the plight of our youth.

Proposition 36 will restore the ability of the criminal justice system to impose compounding consequences on chronic habitual offenders for the sake of discouraging unacceptable behavior. Specifically, offenders convicted not once, but twice of possession of hard and dangerous drugs will be eligible for felony prosecution or completion of a court-supervised treatment for addiction. This course of action was common before the passage of Proposition 47, when drug court was a viable option for those first charged with felony drug possession. The impetus for treatment is now gone by virtue of chronic drug offenders suffering through addiction and only being cited for misdemeanor violations of law. That means no time in custody in California, and no incentive to participate

in court supervised treatment. Those cited typically ignore their citations, fail to appear in court and continue to live their destructive lifestyle, wreaking havoc on the streets, parks and public facilities throughout the state. Proposition

consequences be brought against those who habitually violate the law for the sake of discouraging habitual lawlessness.

Critics have asserted that Proposition 36 represents a reversion to days of mass incarceration. It does not!

Proposition 36 is a bipartisan concept created by elected attorneys of diverse political and philosophical affiliation, supported by big city mayors from California's diverse communities, to provide incentive for treatment for those chronically addicted to dangerous

lost to drugs on the streets represents an apathetic disregard for our fellow human beings. Swift, lawful action taken to put these lost souls on the path to a vastly better existence is the compassionate and appropriate action to be taken by the electorate of this state.

Ten years ago, the political leadership of the state of California misled the voters, assuring them that Proposition 47 would enhance public safety, that eliminating thoughtful punitive consequences for lawlessness would somehow make the schools and neighborhoods safer. Many of those same people are again describing Proposition as something vastly different than what it is. Proposition 36 is a plan to reduce homelessness, drug addiction, and theft in California. Law-abiding taxpayers deserve better, future generations of Californians deserve better and those in the grip of addiction need our help. Please do not be fooled by the same people who misled the voters to pass Proposition 47.

Please help save California. Vote "Yes" on Prop.36.

John McGinness, MS, is the retired sheriff of Sacramento County, an adjunct professor of criminal justice and host of the John McGinness Show on KFBK. He can be reached at 916-924-3901

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36 will give incentive to those who badly need treatment. Those who complete the treatment and graduate from the program will have the opportunity to have their record expunged and avoid incarceration, liberating them to live rich full lives.

drugs, as well as common sense solutions to those who habitually break the law and diminish the quality of life for law abiding Californians.

If concern for law abiding citizens and those seeking to safely pursue their dreams in this state is insufficient to motivate voters to support this thoughtful proposition, consider the wellbeing of the people directly adversely impacted by the results of the horrific current state of law. Since 2014, when Proposition 47 passed, the number of chronically addicted people living on the streets of California has exploded. Failing to recognize the wellbeing of those

Proposition 36 will also reclassify fentanyl as a hard drug, and provide enhanced penalties on those who possess fentanyl while armed with a firearm.

As or thieves, Proposition 36 will impose the potential for felony consequences for persons twice convicted of petty theft and charged with a subsequent theft case. It simply demands that

Interactive Database Reports if Agencies Fiscally Healthy

California Policy Center News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - California Policy Center released a Local Fiscal Health Dashboard on Oct. 4 that tracks the financial health of California cities, counties and school districts. The interactive database allows users to track how elected officials are managing local budgets, support ongoing budget decision-making and identify financial red flags.

The new dashboard is especially timely for California voters who have local tax and bond measures on their November ballots. Each city, county and school district has been awarded a fiscal health score and letter grade from A to F, depending on how well they have managed their finances. Government entities are also identified and color-coded as low, moderate or high-risk for fiscal distress.

"We're excited to be able to offer local officials and voters this important tool for tracking their city's fiscal performance," said Lance Christensen, vice-president of government affairs at the California Policy Center. "Today, many local governments are asking taxpayers for more money to fund lower-quality services. Californians have the right to know where their hard-earned dollars are being effectively used and where they are not."

Sacramento-area cities had mixed results, from an "A" for Elk Grove while Folsom flunked the test. The grades for several cities in the region, listed alphabetically, include Citrus Heights, B; Colusa, C; Dixon, B; Elk Grove, A; Galt, B; Gridley,

Local Fiscal Health Dashboard Scoring Table

Letter Grade	Fiscal Health Score out of 100	Description - Overall Fiscal Risk
A	85 to 100	Low Risk of financial distress
B	70 to 84	Low Risk of financial distress
C	60 to 70	Moderate Risk of financial distress
D	50 to 60	Moderate Risk of financial distress
F	49 and under	High Risk of financial distress
N/A	No Data	Jurisdiction is delinquent in publishing timely financial audits
Exempt	Exempt From Reporting Requirement	Local entity's federal awards expenditures were less than \$750K

Local Fiscal Health Dashboard Scoring Table

B; Lincoln, B; Live Oak, C; Marysville, C; Rancho Cordova, B; Sacramento, D; West Sacramento, B; and Yuba City, D.

The Local Fiscal Health Dashboard fills a void in government transparency data left after the California State Auditor's Office unexpectedly discontinued its popular Local Government High-Risk Dashboard in October 2023. California Policy Center's new dashboard was created to replace and expand on that data to ensure local governments maintain transparency and accountability when it comes to their budgets.

California Policy Center's dashboard uses public data from Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports (ACFR) that local governments are required to submit every year to get access to federal funds. The dashboard provides key financial metrics to allow local elected officials, analysts, reporters and citizens to understand how cities are performing overall and

in comparison to other cities, and spotlight concerning financial trends.

"The public should have access to the tools necessary to ensure government budgets are transparent and government officials are held accountable," Christensen said. "Californians can't allow government officials to sweep bad fiscal news under the rug."

Tracking local financial metrics, such as liabilities and revenue trends, is crucial. California has more than \$1.6 trillion in unfunded liabilities (debt) at both state and local levels. Many cities have potentially catastrophic unfunded pension liabilities. Other municipalities are making budget decisions based on incomplete, missing or delayed financial reports.

Cities are required to file their Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports, often referred to as annual audits, every year. Most municipalities submit the financial reports within nine months of fiscal year end (as required

by the federal and state governments) but many others are routinely and egregiously late in filing their required annual financial reports, according to the California Policy Center. That means local officials are left to make budgeting decisions without current fiscal information.

Out of 482 cities, 86 (or 17.8%) received an "A" grade; 21 (4.4%) received an "F" grade, indicating they are at high-risk of fiscal catastrophe and 70 cities (14.52%) are delinquent in submitting their 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. (Sixteen cities are exempt from reporting.)

But 189 cities, counties and school districts have still not submitted Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports for 2023. Twenty-six of those cities, counties and school districts that are missing their 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report are asking voters to OK a local tax increase on the November ballot and/or approve new bonds

totaling \$534.6 million in new borrowing.

"When cities don't turn in their fiscal reports on time, city officials have to make important budget decisions without the data they need," Christensen said. "Even worse, many of the cities that aren't on top of their financial reports are proposing tax increases and putting local bond measures on the ballot."

Based on the dashboard data, California Policy Center has identified 10 of the best and worst performing cities statewide when it comes to financial health. The dashboard designates the level of financial risk as low, moderate or high.

This financial risk determination is achieved by evaluating each entity on 10 key fiscal metrics: General Fund Reserves, Debt Burden, Liquidity, Revenue Trends, Pension Costs, Pension Funding, Pension Obligations, Other Post Employment Benefit Obligations, Other Post Employment Benefit

Funding, and Net Worth.

The 10 cities earning the highest fiscal health scores and an "A" grade are Eastvale (Riverside County), Indian Wells (Riverside County), Danville (Contra Costa County), Rancho Mirage (Riverside County), Lake Forest (Orange County), La Quinta (Riverside County), Laguna Woods (Orange County), Dublin (Alameda County), La Mirada (Los Angeles County) and Jurupa Valley (Riverside County).

Ten of the worst performing cities are considered high-risk for fiscal stress, including the ability of the city to pay its bills in the short and long term.

Cities earning the lowest fiscal health scores and an "F" grade are Ukiah (Mendocino County), West Covina (Los Angeles County), Richmond (Contra Costa County), Calexico (Imperial County), San Gabriel (Los Angeles County), Oakland (Alameda County), Orange (Orange County), Pinole (Contra Costa County), Atwater (Merced County) and Escondido (San Diego County).

Other cities that received an "F" include San Buenaventura/Ventura, Grover Beach, Banning, Lake Elsinore, Folsom, Costa Mesa, Montebello, Downey, Monrovia, Hayward and Lindsay. With many cities having yet to file Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports for Fiscal Year 2023 and in some cases, Fiscal Year 2022, this list of worst cities is subject to change. Some cities with poor financial metrics are often late filers.

Information about California cities, counties and school districts can be found at californiapolicycenter.org/fiscal-health-dashboard. ★

LOCAL SPORTS → COVERAGE

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Hawk Football Takes the Win Against El Dorado

LEAGUE STANDINGS



Football

School	W/L
Bradshaw	4-0
Union Mine	3-1
Liberty Ranch	3-1
El Dorado	2-2
Amador	2-2
Rosemont	1-3
Argonaut	1-3
Galt	0-4

Flag Football

School	W/L
Liberty Ranch	9-0
Amador	7-2
Argonaut	3-6
Bradshaw	3-7
Galt	1-8

Volleyball

School	W/L
Liberty Ranch	12-0
El Dorado	10-2
Union Mine	8-4
Rosemont	7-5
Bradshaw	6-6
Amador	3-9
Galt	2-10
Argonaut	0-11

Boys Cross Country

- 1st El Dorado
- 2nd Union Mine
- 3rd Galt
- 4th Rosemont
- 5th Bradshaw Christian

Girls Cross Country

- 1st El Dorado
- 2nd Union Mine
- 3rd Galt

Girls Golf

- 1st Union Mine
- 2nd Liberty Ranch
- 3rd El Dorado

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

PLACERVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch football team headed up the hill to El Dorado on Friday, Oct. 11. They soundly put the Cougars away with a final score of 37-56.

The Hawk offense was nothing if not consistent, scoring two touchdowns and two two-point conversions after touchdowns each of the four quarters.

Head Coach Warren Schroeder is looking ahead to the Bradshaw game this week.

"El Dorado was a great test for us going into a tough game against Bradshaw this week," said Schroeder.

"Offensively, we executed well as our young offensive line opened up great running lanes for our running backs.

"Our quarterback, Wyatt Blevins, did a good job directing the offense and ensuring that we got into the end zone on practically every drive. We will continue to develop and improve defensively as we have some young players filling in for starters who unfortunately went down with season-ending injuries."

Senior Joseph Brown carried the ball 24 times, gaining a total of 333 all-purpose yards, making his season total 1,311 yards with three games left before the playoffs. Brown also snagged an interception.

Liberty Ranch's Andrew Quinn continues to perform well with 170 yards, Camren Hudson had 54 yards, Lucas Temple had a 35-yard reception and is back from injury, and Brody Johnston rushed for



Brodey Johnston and George Adrian take down an El Dorado receiver. Photos courtesy of Braden Tanous



Andrew Quinn fights for every inch of the field.

10 yards.

Quarterback Wyatt Blevins completed three out of four passes and threw for a total of 48 yards.

Brown managed four

touchdowns; Quinn-2, Hudson-1 and Temple-1.

On the defense side, George Adrian and Cesar Becerra each sacked the quarterback once, and Sean O'Brien and Andres Raya



Liberty Ranch senior Joseph Brown racks up the yards.

combined on a sack of the Cougar quarterback.

O'Brien and Adrian were in on six tackles while Kobe Aguillen and Hudson each made four.

Each participating

in three tackles were Johnston, Axel Torres and Quinn.

The Hawks are scheduled to face first-place Bradshaw Christian on Friday, Oct. 18 at home. ★



Warrior Morgan Erman slams the ball over the net. Photos courtesy of Ella Ipson



Zoey Sanchez serves the ball.

Galt Volleyball Finally Plays on New Floor

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - After 18 games, the Galt Warrior volleyball team is finally able to play on its new gym floor. The resurfacing of the floor took longer than expected, so the sport and physical education classes have not been able to use the gym.

Volleyball relocated to the Nottoli Dome, but with the excessive heat this season, the air conditioners were not able to

keep up and the volleyball fans were uncomfortable with the temperature. The Warriors then played many of their home games in the Liberty Ranch gym if it was available.

The season ends Oct. 21 when the Warriors play Liberty Ranch at the Hawks Nest for the final game. The Warriors faced a strong league this year and were only able to beat Argonaut in league play; however, they did beat Bear Creek and Chavez in the preseason. ★



Monica Valencia waits for the whistle.



Kylee Chapman digs deep to save the ball.

GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Rachel Smith
Liberty Ranch High Volleyball



Morgan Erman
Galt High Volleyball

Photos by Paige Lampson

Warriors Cross Country Competes at League Meet

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warriors cross country team's second Sierra Valley Conference (SVC) League meet of the season was held at Rosemont High School on Oct. 9.

The boys and girls varsity teams placed third, while the Warrior girls frosh/soph team took second place. The athletes continue to improve as the season winds down, and 16 of the Warrior athletes improved on their records.

The Warriors are able to boast six top 10 finishers. In the varsity boys competition, senior Kitto Gonzalez came in first, senior Logan Rose placed third and junior Alejandro Herrera placed seventh.

In the girls varsity competition, Senior Emilyann Sheldon placed ninth in the 5K race, and in the frosh/soph division Emily Razo placed second while Sophomore Kristine Meixner placed sixth.

Boys frosh/soph two-mile race results: Elliott Kramer, 11th place with a time of 12:07.15 (PR); Daniel Crownover, 25th place at 13:08.90 (PR); Julian Alvarado, 31st place in 13:41.64 (PR); Aiden Bowles, 32nd place clocked at 13:55.61; Mateo Mejia, 35th place with a time of 14:18.53 (PR); and Rylan Graviette, 36th place at 14:38.35 (PR).



The Warrior girls' cross-country team poses for a photo.



Paola Corral and Maeve Cordonnier compete at the Sierra Valley Conference meet on Oct. 9. Courtesy photos

two-mile race results: Emily Razo secured second place with a personal record of 13:35.44; Kristine Meixner finished sixth, clocking in at 14:16.65, also a personal record; Danielle Aragon achieved 12th place with a personal best of 15:27.67; Analisa Alfaro came in 13th at 15:51.96; Paola Corral placed 19th with a time of 18:24.89; and Maeve Cordonnier finished 20th at 18:34.27.

results: Kitto Gonzalez secured first place with a time of 16:00.46 (personal record); Logan Rose finished third with 16:26.66 (personal record); Alejandro Herrera took seventh place with 17:27.10 (personal record); Xavier Gomez came in 31st at 19:52.86 (personal record); Garrett Rose was right behind in 32nd with 19:59.33 (personal record); David Espinoza Terrones placed 33rd with a time of 20:06.27; Jonathon Power



Galt Warrior Analisa Alfaro runs at Rosemont.



Danielle Aragon competes for Galt junior varsity.

completed the race in 25:46.33.

Girls varsity 5K race: Emilyann Sheldon placed ninth with a time of 24:28.16 (PR); Alanna Juarez finished 15th at 24:15.22; Elia Rodriguez was 16th with 24:18.60; Nora Werdon clocked in at 24:24.28; Mae Trull came in 22nd at 26:49.43 (PR); Ella Ipson finished at 26:50.94 (PR).

Head coach Bruce Peterson has his eye on the championships.

"I was happy with the effort of our runners today," said Peterson. "This was our second meet in five days and it's been very hot so it was a challenge. We still have work to do to get ready for league championships, subsections and sections, which are at the end of October into November."

Galt Shooters Aim High



The GALT Shooters gather at the Birds Landing Series 3 Shoot. Courtesy photos

By Joseph Camacho
Special to the Herald

SOLANO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The GALT Shooters made a strong return to Birds Landing for the third event in this season's five-part Sporting Clay series. The team, having put in significant training since their last outing, saw their hard work pay off as overall athlete scores improved, with many members achieving personal bests.

In the young adult division, recent Liberty Ranch High School graduate Timothy Domingo took home first place. This victory marks his second first-place finish of the season, in addition to a fourth-place award, showcasing his consistency and skill in competition.

In the junior varsity division, first-year shooter Conrad Dixon earned an impressive fourth place. Dixon has proven to be a solid addition to the team, steadily performing well and contributing to the squad's overall success.

As a team, the GALT Shooter varsity squad currently sits in third place out of 16 schools competing for the coveted Series Points Cup, while the junior varsity squad also



Austin Mason takes aim while teammates watch in anticipation.



Timothy Domingo, left, earned first place, while Conrad Dixon won fourth.

holds third place out of 11 competing schools.

Both teams are determined to maintain their momentum as they prepare for the next competition at Quail Point Hunting Club in Zamora on Oct. 20, for the fourth event of the season.

With two events left, the GALT Shooters aim to climb even higher in the standings and continue their successful season. ★

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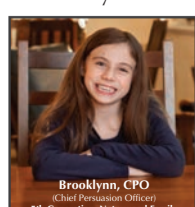
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