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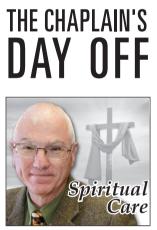


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showcase of Portuguese heritage and religious devotion, Our Lady of Fatima Society of Thornton held its annual celebration in honor of its namesake. Observances and festivities lasted for more than a week, with

By Matthew Malone

THORNTON, CA (MPG) - In a

News Editor

Parade-watchers crowded the streets in Thornton on Saturday for the "Bodo de Leite," a parade celebrating Portuguese culture, particularly the Azores islands, where many Thorntonians of Portuguese descent can trace their lineage. The historical origin of the parade is a charitable distribution of milk (leite)

celebrations for Our Lady of Fatima. Photo by Matthew Malone

vibrant traditional dress and demonstrations of rural life. The Festa queens waved to paradegoers from floats.

Men led teams of oxen, each drawing a wooden cart; some carts were decorated with flowers or loaded with milk cans.

Toward the procession's end, six men walked shoulder to shoulder as they sang cantoria, a form of improvised singing. They took turns singing rhyming

quatrains in Portuguese, made up on the spot.

"They tell a story as they're singing but they do it as they go along. They make up these songs as they go along," Festa Secretary Laura Pereira told the Herald. "It's very popular in the Azores."

Other activities during the week of the Festa include the presen-



High **Schools** Buy **2** More **Electric Buses**

By Matthew Malone **News Editor**

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Joint Union High School District board of trustees approved a purchase of two electric school buses and heard about efforts to reduce suspensions at its regular meeting on Oct. 17.

The trustees first heard about the proposed electric bus purchase at their September meeting, with some trustees voicing skepticism about the idea.

Staff recommended buying the electric buses to replace two aging internal-combustion buses. The

district is using a "piggy-

one of the highlights being a parade on Saturday, Oct. 19.

and bread but it also featured Portuguese folk dancers, participants in tation of the queens, Portuguese-style bullfights Continued on Page 2

Nottoli Gets Key to City for His Service

A participant in the Thornton Festa parade hands out milk and bread to paradegoers. The "Bodo de Leite" is part of a week of

back" agreement in which it is allowed to copy the terms of a contract that was reached through competitive bids at another agency, in this case the Clovis Unified School District. The district has also secured two subsidies that

pay a total of \$900,000 for the two buses. The two buses cost nearly \$1 million total, but after subsidies, the district will pay only \$91,000.

According to the terms of the subsidies, the district must declare as surplus two existing internal-combustion buses. The new vehicles would bring the district up to three electric buses.

Chief business official Douglas Crancer said the electric buses have a range of 80 to 135 miles per charge.

Trustee Dennis Richardson was concerned about the possibility that the range wasn't adequate for longer routes.

The district would evaluate its five bus routes, Superintendent Anna Trunnell said, adding that an electric bus would have enough power to drive one route in the morning, charge during the day and then do another route in the afternoon.

"More than likely, we would not use these buses for long field trips unless we had a destination charger," Trunnell said.

Trustee Melissa

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By Matthew Malone **News Editor**

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt City Council on Oct. 15 presented former Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli with the Key to the City.

Galt Vice-Mayor Rich Lozano said City Council wanted to recognize Nottoli's decades of public service, including 28 years on the county

board of supervisors. Nottoli retired from public office in 2022.

Nottoli has acted in alignment with the city's commitment "to being a provider of exceptional public services that are responsive to the needs of the community," Lozano said, noting that Nottoli has always been willing to meet when Lozano wanted to discuss something.

"So he was very responsive to me

and I hear from many community members in our city and our community about his responsiveness to a stop sign that may have been needed in a place and helping get our community what we need, when we need it," Lozano said.

Lozano praised Nottoli for supporting Sunshine Food Pantry and the Galt Teen Center with "total *Continued on Page 5*

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Dancers with Rancho Folclórico "Saudades do Ribatejo" perform in the parade. Photos by Matthew Malone



Children reenact the appearance of the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Fatima, in 1917.



Azorean cantoria singer Fábio Ourique, far left, performs alongside five other singers after the Bodo de Leite.



A float pays tribute to the history of whaling, and now whale watching, off the Azorean island of Pico.



A marching band plays for the Bodo de Leite attendees.







Portuguese Festa Thrills



Festa Committee Chairs Ruben and Lesley Valim, second and third from left, walk in the Bodo de Leite.



Bodo do Leite participants ride on a float showing a mill surrounded by all kinds of flour.

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and multiple musical and dance performances.

At its root, the Festa is a religious event and Mass is celebrated on each day.

"Our Lady of Fatima, who is actually the Virgin Mary ... she appeared to three children in Portugal beginning on May 13 (1917), every month on the 13th until Oct. 13," Pereira said. "And when she appeared to them, she gave them three secrets, and then she also asked them to pray the rosary for world peace."

Pereira said there were miracles attributed to Our Lady of Fatima, and residents attend the Thornton festival

Members of Hayward's Irmandade do Bom Jesus Milagroso represent the Portuguese archipelago of Madeira.

because "to them, it's almost like being in Fatima, Portugal."

And the Festa attracts more than just Portuguese people; Pereira said the Hispanic and Filipino communities also turn out.

"(There are) so many different cultures that come to our Festa, and they have so much faith that they want to come and they want to see her. I don't even know how to explain it. It's just the faith that they have in her," Pereira continued.

The religious aspect has the most personal importance for Pereira, who has been involved in the celebration with her family for years. She, both her daughters and her granddaughter have been Festa queens.

"So we're very, very involved in it," Pereira said. "I like the whole thing. I like the religious part, the social part, everything. It's just part of my life."



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Hospital Guild Back Open to Volunteers

By Carol Barr, Mercy General Hospital Guild

Editor's note: Mercy General Hospital offers many services, including heart and vascular care, a family birth center and cancer care. The Sacramento hospital, part of the Dignity Health network, is dedicated to delivering high quality, compassionate care and access to Sacramento and nearby communities.

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Mercy General Hospital Guild is back open to all volunteers since the pandemic years.

We are hoping that some will want to give back to your community by volunteering. The address for Mercy General Hospital is 4001 J St., Sacramento.

Volunteers only work in four-hour shifts, which are



The Mercy Hospital Guild volunteers served 608 hospital staff members tea sandwiches and baked goods at the personnel tea in May. Photos courtesy of Deborah McStocker/Mercy Guild

9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 12:30 to 4 p.m. or in some cases, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The basic requirement is only two shifts a month. The yearly fee for membership is \$20.

fee for membership is \$20. There are many departments where volunteers

can work. The AlexGSpanos

information desk is located in the main lobby. Patients are directed to registrars so they can have their procedures completed from that desk. We also direct patients and their families to see loved ones or find the locations of their procedures. The Mercy Medical Plaza Information Desk is located in the doctors' offices building next door, and patients are directed to their doctors' offices or outpatient surgery there.

The Surgery/Cardiac Waiting Area is located on the second floor of the



The Mercy Hospital Guild volunteers host the annual personnel tea.

main hospital. We keep families informed of their loved ones' surgery and its completion.

The gift shop is located on the first floor of the main hospital. There are always beautiful clothes, jewelry and gifts, and seasonal art pieces to purchase as well as books, candy and snacks.

If a volunteer would rather work from home, there are pillowcases that are made for all our cardiac patients, plus there are creations made for our seasonal sales throughout the year.

The fun activities are

planned for the staff at the hospital. These include bake sales, ice cream socials, vendor sales and the annual personnel tea held each May.

There is office work available in the new Guild office located in the main hospital basement. The staff organizes hours and keeps information like addresses and requirements current for all volunteers.

If you are interested in getting an application, please call 916-453-4699. The requirements will be explained to you and an application will be available.

High Schools Buy 2 More Electric Buses

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Neuburger later estimated that the district's longest routes are significantly shorter than the low end of the buses' range.

Trustee Pat Maple doubted that the buses are cost effective; he said that the cost of replacing the batteries is "phenomenal" and he opposed the item.

Board President Mark Beck pointed to pressure from the state of California to electrify bus fleets.

"The state is mandating that you have to have a certain number of electric assuming the buses have a shorter lifespan.

"Even if it did last just eight years, without replacing the battery, I think we're still coming out ahead," Crancer said.

The board approved the contract by a 4-1 vote, with Maple opposed.

Student Services director Jason Lopez presented on the district's implementation of Differentiated Assistance, a state program to improve the performance of student groups with poor results on indicators including English and math scores, suspension rates and graduation rates. The district identified English learners and students with disabilities as having low English and math achievement and high suspension rates. Staff chose to try reducing suspensions. Lopez said the efforts, which include a rework of



Galt High School English teacher Carli Walden, center, holds a plaque recognizing her selection as Sacramento County Office of Education's Teacher of the Year. She is joined by Galt Joint Union High School District Superintendent Anna Trunnell, left, and the district board of trustees. Photo by Matthew Malone

the district's suspension policy, have worked. He cited a drop in the number of suspensions for students with disabilities.

In 2022-23, the school suspended 150 students, including 69 with disabil-

because the number of disabled students dropped.

The measures involved in the program included adding alternative actions before suspension when a student is caught with nicotine or cannabis products, such as a vape pen. The options include in-school detention and referral to YVAPE, a counseling service for students found to use drugs.

as high-risk, to ease their transition.

"By and large," those students were not suspended in their first year, Lopez said.

"If a (vape) pen was confiscated in years past, it might have led to a suspension on the first offense," Lopez said. "Well, what does that student do? They go home, and they probably vape while they're not at school, so we're trying to keep them in school learning, which is where they should be. Rather than sending them home

for a three-day suspension on a first offense, we want them to be educated. We want them to receive counseling to understand why they're vaping. Keep them in school rather than suspending them on the first offense. That's really the point of this whole exercise here." Trustee Terry Parker said she originally had concerns when she heard about the change in suspension policy. She thanked Lopez for "taking the time to let us know, and yourself know, that it's working."

buses and you don't have a choice. ... They have our hands tied otherwise, whether we like it or not," Beck said.

"Somebody has to stand up and say, 'No, enough's enough," Maple replied.

The subsidies make the purchase worthwhile, according to Crancer. even ities; the suspension rate among disabled students was 12.3%. In 2023-24, the number of suspensions dropped, to 113 in the general population and to 33 for students with disabilities. Lopez acknowledged that the suspension rate for disabled students did not change much, to 11.4%,

Lopez and other staff also conducted interviews with 20 incoming freshmen that the elementary school district identified

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Preseason games don't matter. No one cares about preseason games. Preseason games are just about getting the players in shape. Coaches and fans don't care about wins and losses in preseason games.

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The truth is losing matters, and unfortunately it creates a tone and can be contagious.

Preseason games show teams what they have, and winning creates positive habits that more often and not carry over into the regular season.

So, if I'm right, what do Kings fans make of a zero-win preseason record?

You should be concerned, but not worried. There's a difference, so don't wring your hands just yet.

The good news is the Kings starters overall looked pretty good. In the first two preseason games against the Golden State Warriors, the Kings starters played the Warriors to a standstill for the first half of both games.

The starters did not participate in the second half of either game, and the Kings were forced to take a long look at their bench strength.

I'm not certain how deep coach Brown intends to go as it relates to bench players, but my guess with the recent signing of Doug McDermott, he will probably play 10 or even 11 players.

What we know is that due to injuries to Trey Lyles and Kevin Huerter, the Kings have yet to see a true picture of what their regular season bench will look like.

Both Lyles and Huerter are experienced NBA players, and both can have an immediate impact when they enter a game. Both are good passers, can drive effectively to the hoop and have a better than average three-point game.

What we also know is that Malik Monk is likely to be the first player off the bench, so when Lyles and Huerter return, we can see with some certainty who the first three off the bench will undoubtedly be.

Although in a pinch Lyles can play the five, it is more likely that veteran Alex Len will be called on to give Domantas Sabonis a blow every game, and at times in the preseason Len has been a bright spot. I have long believed that Len may have another level to his game, and I'm hopeful that if he sees consistent playing time, his game will demonstrate the kind of NBA confidence the Kings have longed for. Seven footers with skills are in short supply, so giving Len every opportunity to shine just makes lots of sense. At age 31 Len is still in his prime, and with every season he brings much needed veteran experience to the lineup and represents a rim protector when Sabonis is off the floor.

So, with Huerter, Lyles, Monk, and Len coach Brown is nine deep, so who do the Kings have that could also make a contribution?

I would hope that the signing of Doug McDermott is not just ceremonial, so this veteran sharpshooter should be seeing 10 to 15 minutes nightly.

If last season proved anything to me it was that coach Brown is anything but predictable as it relates to his bench rotation, and I believe his frenetic experiments last year were a contributor to the Kings missing the first round of the playoffs.

Settling into a bench rotation builds confidence in players and gives the team an opportunity to gel. I'm crossing my fingers that any experiments have concluded in the preseason, and the regular season will bring a level on continuity that was missing last year.

Do I think the preseason matters? Of course I do. But I also know the Sacramento Kings have yet to lose a game *in the regular season, and I believe in the players we have.*

I hope you will all join me in applauding our gladiators as they step on the hardwood for the first time on Thursday night (Oct. 24) and open the regular season against the Minnesota Timberwolves.

The NBA schedulers did the Kings no favors as they will face the number one ranked defensive team in the NBA, but I say bring them on.

Put a smile on your faces Kings fans, and let's celebrate on Thursday night!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com.

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Oct. 11 to Oct. 17, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in seven arrests. arrested at Fourth Street/E Street.

3:46 p.m., battery reported on E Street. 2:09 p.m., hit-and-run/non-injury at Family Dollar on North Lincoln Way.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Sunshine Food Pantry Donation Sites

Sunshine Food Pantry is a food closet that helps provide for residents. Collections of canned food and dry good nonperishable items are received at United Methodist Church, 571 C St. in Galt; call to make an appointment for donations at 209-745-4133.

The food closet is open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at the United Methodist Church.

Meals on Wheels Cafe Accepting Older Adults

Meals on Wheels is accepting new participants in its Galt All Seasons Café located in the Chabolla Community Center, 600 Chabolla Ave. The cafe is open at 11:30 a.m. Mondays through Fridays for adults age 60 and older. Those interested can apply at the Chabolla Center when meals are being served or they can call 916-444-9533.

Senior Bingo Weekly at Chabolla

The Galt Commission on Aging is hosting free Senior Bingo games at the Chabolla Community Center at 600 Chabolla Ave. from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays (except holidays and when required by the city). Seniors of Galt and its immediate vicinity are invited to have fun and play bingo together and socialize.

Volunteers Sought for Senior Resource Center

The Commission on Aging is looking for volunteers to operate a computer and are willing to answer questions from seniors in person, over the phone, on social media and by email at the Galt Senior Resource Center. Volunteer slots are available in two-hour increments for up to four hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, excluding holidays. Volunteers will be trained and can contact commission members if questions arise.

The resource center is at the Chabolla Community Center, 600 Chabolla Ave. If interested in helping, call 209-294-3308 and leave a message or inquire in person.

Cosumnes DAR Chapter Accepting New Members

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently started its Rio Cosumnes Chapter in the Elk Grove/ Galt community and is accepting new members.

The nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization is dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education for children. Members are all lineal descendants of those who supported the cause of independence in the Pauclutionery War or facility use assistance only from to 10 p.m. Mondays to Fridays and from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call 209-810-0293.

Office Hours with Mayor Sandhu

Galt Mayor Paul Sandhu meets one-onone with Galt residents on the first and second Thursday of each month to discuss issues important to them at Galt City Hall, 380 Civic Drive. Schedule the 30-minute meetings by contacting the City Clerk's office at 209-366-7130, ext. 7, or clerk@ cityofgalt.org.

Library Offers Older Adults Computer Time

In cooperation with the Galt Commission on Aging, the Galt-Marian O. Lawrence Library will schedule a set time for older adults to use its computers, upon request. Those 65 and older who want computer time can call the library at 916-264-2920. Staff will help set up the computer or tablet. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at 1000 Caroline Ave.

Recycle Household Batteries

City of Galt residents can recycle their household batteries in one of two green household-battery recycling bins: on the west side at the front entrance to the Galt Police Department or on the east side at Galt Community Park, just west of the fire station. The green bin is only for dry-cell household batteries.

For additional information, contact the Public Works Department at 209-366-7260.

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 planningdivision@cityofgalt. org. The best submissions will be included in future newsletters and City Manager Updates.

Friday, Oct. 11

12:27 a.m., DUI/adult arrested at Galt Mobile Estates on West Stockton Boulevard.

11:05 a.m., attempt to serve warrant/ adult arrested at Galt Police Department on Industrial Drive.

12:42 p.m., trespassing reported at McDonald's on Pine Street.

7:37 p.m., trespassing reported at The Galt Place on D Street.

Saturday, Oct. 12

10:15 p.m., drunk and disorderly person reported at Taco Bell on C Street.

Sunday, Oct. 13

1:13 a.m., stolen vehicle reported on Elk Hills Drive.

9:13 a.m., attempt to serve warrant/adult arrested at Hairworks on Industrial Drive.

10:55 a.m., battery reported at Walker Park on West Elm Avenue. Reporting party was a referee for a soccer game; a parent and coach followed him and yelled at him; the parent grabbed his wrist and he was restrained from leaving.

12:39 p.m., trespassing/civil action advised at The Galt Place on D Street.

10:46 p.m., DUI/adult arrested at South Lincoln Way/Kost Road.

Monday, Oct. 14

2:37 a.m., narcotics violation/adult Street; window broken.

Tuesday, Oct. 15

5:17 p.m., hit-and-run/non-injury at Brewster's Bar & Grill on Fourth Street.

6:04 p.m., burglary reported on Spree Court; two male subjects entered residence attempting to sell a vacuum; ATM/ debit cards missing.

10:46 p.m., drunk and disorderly person reported at Trailridge Apartments on North Lincoln Way.

Wednesday, Oct. 16

7:33 a.m., vandalism reported at Trailridge Apartments on North Lincoln Way; car had two tires slashed.

8:17 a.m., child abuse/adult arrested on Pheasant Drive.

6:49 p.m., deceased person reported on Mildred Avenue.

8:14 p.m., DUI/adult arrested at First Street/Downing Drive.

Thursday, Oct. 17

1:02 a.m., vandalism reported on Germaine Drive; vehicle window broken.

5:51 a.m., stolen vehicle reported on Fernando Way.

6:56 a.m., stolen vehicle reported on Vintage Oak Avenue.

9:38 a.m., auto burglary reported on West Stockton Boulevard.

5:00 p.m., vandalism reported on Fourth Street; window broken. pendence 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

AA 24-Hour Hotline

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

Nar-Anon Family Group Meetings

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



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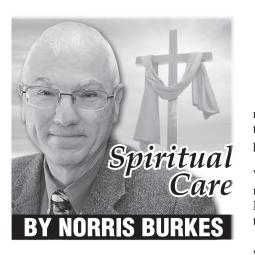


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Long before the 1986 movie "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," I, too, imagined a day off work of fun and frivolity.

After all, who hasn't feigned illness to take a day off from work?

This was my self-justifying question as I called the Baylor University Bookstore one Friday morning in the fall of 1978. When my manager picked up the line, I winked knowingly at my new girlfriend sitting beside me.

"I'm not feeling well today." Cough, cough. "I can't come in until Monday."

"Then you're fired!" he said.

I wasn't expecting the finality in his answer. I could hear a pulse in my ears.

"Don't come back," he added before slamming down the phone receiver.

My face flushed and my eyes suddenly felt overhydrated. I was having a grief

The Chaplain's Day Off

reaction, anticipating the loss of the prestige I'd enjoyed interacting with university professors and freshman co-eds.

How had I miscalculated this scenario? Was my boss aware of the love-struck hormonal illness with which I was afflicted? How would I afford to take my girlfriend to the back-to-school dance?

I had to make this right for many reasons. The bookstore was the center of university life and I didn't want to be dodging my boss for the next year. I needed to apologize.

How does one apologize for such baldfaced lying?

First, it's always good to allow a cooldown period. I waited a few weeks for the back-to-school rush to end and called for an appointment.

Once inside the manager's office, I kept it simple. I admitted that I hadn't been sick. Plain and guileless. "I'm sorry for lying."

I didn't excuse my action or bring my girlfriend into the picture.

Second, I expressed understanding for his situation. I admitted that I abandoned my colleagues, causing them to be shorthanded at his busiest time of the year.

Third, I asked for forgiveness. He

granted that.

Finally, I think I surprised him when I asked his help to clarify the lessons I needed to learn.

That question brought his deepest thought.

"Who is it you want to be?" he asked. "Pardon me?"

"Well, I know you're a ministerial student, so I know WHAT you want to be. But beyond that, WHO do you want to be?"

I thought I got his drift, but I wasn't entirely sure.

"I think above all," he said, "you want to be a person who people trust. I think you want to be a person who keeps his word."

"I see three lessons," he continued.

"First, don't lie. Lying demonstrates that you don't believe you're capable of being who you want to be. Don't sell yourself short. I know you are capable of being who you want to be."

"Second, if I'm not mistaken, Jesus said, 'Let your yes be yes, and your no, no. Whatever is more than these is from the evil one.""

In other words, my ex-boss was telling me to be sure of what I want before I commit to something. And when I do commit, I should keep my word.

"Third." He cleared his throat, trying to remember his third point.

He gave up on that. "Just remember those two for now. Don't lie and keep your word."

The bookstore manager was OK in my book ... even if he didn't give me my old job back.

Fortunately, he gave me a good reference to a better-paying job as a night watchman in a local bank. Good thing, too. I could afford to take the girl to the dance.

Unfortunately, since I can't dance, she broke up with me.

Happily, I met and married my wife Becky a few years after that. But that's a story for another day.

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distinguished service as well as an unselfish way about him."

Nottoli, a Galt native, recalled hearing from Lozano about the Key to the City plans.

"I kind of thought to myself, 'That's very kind and I'm humbled by it.' But certainly, there are many, many deserving people, some here in the audience this evening, who have contributed in many ways to this community," Nottoli said.

The former supervisor said the Galt community is "very blessed" with many opportunities and thanked City Council for the recognition.

Councilmember Kevin Papineau said Nottoli is an example of an elected official "serving the

community in this political world."

Councilmember Jay Vandenburg commended Nottoli's "fair and balanced commitment to everybody you represent."

Councilmember Shawn Farmer agreed on the former supervisor's balanced approach.

"You pretty much are an example of for anybody that wants to be in public office, what you could aspire to. I know for me, you were definitely a role model," Farmer said.

During public comment, Galt resident Gracie Malson urged City Council to recognize September as Suicide Awareness Month.

"On Sept. 10, I came home to my daughter almost unconscious due to bullying over a month and a half at her high school," Malson said, later adding, "I don't have enough fingers or toes to count how many teenagers I know that either have had suicidal thoughts, attempted or even succeeded."

Malson said the 911 call after she discovered her daughter took eight minutes; afterward, it took **Cosumnes Fire Department** less than that to respond.

"I feel that how we honor breast cancer, our veterans and so on, we should also educate the public about suicide. In the month of September, we should wear teal and pink to acknowledge suicide awareness and prevention," Malson said.

She also supported having Galt Police officers wear special patches in September, similar to the pink patches they wear in October for breast cancer awareness.

Councilmembers asked city staff and Police Chief Brian Kalinowski to discuss possible actions the city can take on the subject.

If you or someone you know might be considering suicide, call or text 988 to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.









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GLANCE BACK

80 Years Ago Oct. 27, 1944

Miss Dorothy Lavagnino, Marine, now located at San Diego, was in Galt Wednesday visiting relatives and friends. She was accompanied by fellow Marine Pfc. Frances Atchison. Dorothy is a native of Galt and is a graduate of the Galt High School.

The McFarland Food Locker is being moved to its new location in the I.O.O.F. building, corner of Fourth and B streets.

A Galt Marine, Charles S. Biaggi, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Steve Biaggi, has been promoted from Private First Class to Corporal following his participation in the battle for Saipan and Tinian. He is a member of the famous 2nd Marine Division.

70 Years Ago Nov. 4, 1954

Galt's present population is 1,549, according to a preliminary census report released just before press time today by E.B. Lewis, census supervisor, and Mayor Bennie T. Casado.

Ray H. Arlin, Galt druggist, was elected president of the Galt Chamber of Commerce for 1954-55. Arlin succeeds Charles Bellie. Other officers chosen were Eric Spiess, vice president; Lester O. Knowlton, secretary; and Arnold Mauch, re-elected as treasurer. Named to the board of directors were Glen Smith, Bellie and Hank Tweith.

A daughter, Melissa Annette, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bode at Lodi Memorial Hospital at 12:13 a.m. on Oct. 30. She weighed 6 pounds 2 ounces.

60 Years Ago Oct. 29, 1964

The electors of the Elk Grove-Galt Judicial District will be called upon Nov. 3 to determine not only the presidential race nor the constitutional amendments, but something which they deal with day to day, the judgeship for the district: Edwin B. Polhemus of Elk Grove and Fred L. May of Galt.

The E-Zee Market (formerly Jerry's Market) is happy to announce a new addition to their staff, Marshood Farhat Jr. Marshood has lived in Galt for the past 10 years and has been working in Walnut Grove at Big Boy Market.

50 Years Ago Oct. 31, 1974

Marion Inoshita, 16-year employee of the local Mar-Val Food Stores and 19 years with the company, received this year's Galt Chamber of Commerce sponsored Employee of the Year.

Cheryl Meeker reigned as Homecoming Queen at festivities at St. Pius Seminary Oct. 26. Senior princess was Debbie Dodge, Junior princess was Pam Cox, Sophomore princess was Leslie Harding and Freshman princess was Shelley Grenz.

40 Years Ago Oct. 25, 1984

The Homecoming queen will be named at tonight's homecoming rally. The candidates are Jana Butt, V.I.C.A.; Alice Stemler, L.H.S.; Monica Stallings, C.S.F.; Bethany Knorr, Thespians; Jennifer Turner, Senior Princess; Lisa Aschwanden, FFA; Serena Benadum, Student Council; Veronica Castillo, Band; and Tamra Prachar, F.H.A.



Oct. 25, 1984: Officers Joe De Angelis, left, and Ken Erickson stand proudly behind police dogs Bergin, left, and Mike. The dogs placed fourth and second, respectively, in the 1984 Golden State Sheriff K-9 Trials in San Diego. Herald file photo

A two-story barn was destroyed by fire about 9:30 p.m. on October 17. The building, located on New Hope Road, belonged to Charlie Liss. He used it for storage and to house his collection of trains, including one he received when he was three years of age. Cause of the fire had been undetermined, possibly electric.

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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 pe-

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON THE RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT **COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1** (ELK GROVE FIRE PROTECTION)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to California Government Code Section 53322, the Board will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at the meeting place of the Board, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove, California, to consider:

A. A summary of the text of Resolution 2024-33 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DECLARING INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF THE SPECIAL TAX THEREIN is as follows:

The Board has conducted proceedings to establish Community Facilities District No. 1 (Elk Grove Fire Protection) (the "CFD") pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as amended (the "Act"), Chapter 2.5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5, commencing at Section 53311, of the California Government Code and The Board hereby finds and determines that public convenience and necessity require that territory be added to the CFD. The name of the existing CFD is "Cosumnes Community Services District Community Facilities District No. 1 (Elk Grove Fire Protection)." The territory included in the existing CFD is set forth in the map of the CFD recorded in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Sacramento in Book 116 at Page 1580 of Maps of Assessment and Community Facilities Districts, to which map reference is hereby made. The territory now proposed to be annexed to the CFD is as shown on Annexation Map No. 54 to the CFD, on file with the Clerk of the Board ("Board Clerk"). The services and facilities to be financed by the CFD (the "Services and Facilities") and pursuant to the Act are described in Exhibit A of Resolution No. 2012-25 of the District, adopted on June 6, 2012 (the "Resolution of Formation") which is incorporated herein by reference. The Resolution, Description of Facilities, Rate, and Method of Apportionment of Special Tax, and the proposed boundaries of the Community Facilities District No. 1 Annexation No. 54 are on file with Nou Vang, Cosumnes Community Services District, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, California, and are available for review there during business hours by any interested persons.

On Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at the meeting place of the Board, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd. Elk Grove, California, this Board, as the legislative body for the CFD, will conduct a public hearing on the annexation of the territory to the CFD and consider and finally determine whether the public interest, convenience, and necessity require the annexation of the Property to the CFD and the levy of the Special Tax thereon.

At the public hearing, the testimony of all interested persons or taxpayers for or against the proposed annexation will be heard. If owners of one-half or more of the area of land in the existing CFD and not exempt from the Special Tax, or if the owners of one-half or more of the area of land in the territory proposed to be annexed and not exempt from the Special Tax, file written protests against the proposed annexation, and protests are not withdrawn so as to reduce the protests to less than a majority, no further proceedings to annex the same territory shall be undertaken for a period of one year from the date of the decision of the District Board on the issues discussed at the hearing.

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tition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: September 26. 2024 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Oct 18, 25, Nov 1, 8, 2024 RODALES 11-8-24

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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

The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of FICTITIOUS BUSINESS the NAME of: Beacon Property Management Services. 545 Industrial Way, Suite #105, Galt, CA 95632.

155 Sterling Carolyn Morris, Grove Drive, Galt, CA 95632. The Fictitious Business

Statement Name was filed on 5/12/2022 in the County of Sacramento.

Filed with the clerk Sacramento County: 10/4/2024. Publish: Oct 18, 25, Nov 1, 8, 2024 BEACON 11-8-24

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 vour 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 vour response on time, vou mav lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal require-

ments. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral ser-vice. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifornia. org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo. ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting vour local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a

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Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes

California, de (www.sucorte. ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): San Joaquin County Superior Court, 180 E. Weber Avenue, Stockton, CA 95202

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Kelechi C. Emeziem, Esq., Emeziem & Others, 333 Hegenberger Road #503 Oakland, CA 94612, 510-628-0400.

Date: (Fecha) May 19, 2023 Clerk (Secretario) Jessica Cayo, Deputy (Adjunto) Publish: October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024 ANUGWARA 10-25-24

STATEMENT OF DAMAGES

(PERSONAL INJURY OR WRONGFUL DEATH)

CASE #STK-CV-LAT-2023-0005189 To: Natalie Grace Conner; et Defendant. Plaintiff's name al. is: Kenneth Anugwara/General damages: Pain, suffering and inconvenience: \$35,000.00. Special damages: Medical Expenses: \$11005.25. Kelechi Charles Emeziem, Esq, 333 Hegenberger Road, Suite 503, Oakland, CA 94621. 510-628-0400 Attorney for the Plaintiff. Publish October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024 N CONNER 10-25-24

> (PERSONAL INJURY OR WRONGFUL DEATH)

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Warm Up to National Breadstick Day

Soft or crunchy, plain or cheesy, eaten on their own or dipped in sauce, according to the dayoftheyear.com website, breadsticks can be enjoyed as an appetizer or a snack, and we celebrate the delectable Italian treat on the last Friday of October

A couple of stories surround the origins of the breadstick, but it is believed these delicious little sticks of bread got their start in the 17th century in the region of Northern Italy, just outside of the town of Turin. Other theories state that breadsticks got their start in the region of Piedmont. which is in Northwest Italy. Some historians related the invention of the breadstick to Italian royalty, in the house of Savoy. They may have been fed to a duke who was ill when he was younger and then, when he became king, the crispy breadstick became the bread of choice in the royal house of Savoy. The original breadsticks, known as grissini, would have been hard and crunchy, with a texture and flavor more like a cracker.

National Breadstick Day serves as a special reminder to appreciate and enjoy



breadsticks, and the first order of business is, of course, heading out to a restaurant or grocery store to secure some breadsticks to be eaten in honor of the day!

We are very fortunate to have some restaurant chains in nearby towns that serve breadsticks: not all are the conventional hard and crunchy type, but warm and soft drenched in seasoned garlic butter.

And get this: Some restaurants serve their breadsticks twisted in a knot! Is a knot stick really considered a breadstick? And not only are breadsticks served with red sauce, but white Alfredo sauce as well.

Another way to enjoy National Breadstick Day is to pop over to Italy where breadsticks got their start. Visit some of the sights, go to restaurants, order some handmade pasta to eat with freshly made breadsticks. A little over the top, but hey! If you have the time and the money, why not?

I like my breadsticks soft, warm and garlicky, and I eat them with salad and Italian dressing. But one of my super alltime favorites: soft, warm breadsticks with creamy white New England Clam chowder or crunchy hard breadsticks with tomato-based Manhattan Clam chowder. YUM!

Halloween is next week. Keep a watchful eye out for those little trick-or-treaters. They will be out early. Good thing, too: it is getting darker earlier.

I am not a fan of Halloween; too many excuses for undisciplined people to act out under a disguise of a costume. And some of the costumes and masks are so gruesome they take the fun out of the day. Whatever happened to such costumes as Li'l Abner, Daisy Mae, a robot, a dog or cat, football player and cheerleader,

a princess, a pirate, cowboy, fireman, policeman, Raggedy Ann and Andy? (Just living in the past for a bit.)

You enjoy the day and eat lots of treats. Make yourself some caramel apples, popcorn balls, cookies, cupcakes: all the good stuff you used to get when you were a trick or treater, but now you wouldn't dare give any of these treats out to the kids of today. Their parents would toss them out for fear of what may be in them. With all the sick people around, I would too.

A person can't be too cautious. I wonder if kids even know how tasty a popped corn ball really is.

To end on a good note, after Halloween, you can continue to use most of the fall decorations; just pack away the scary stuff and add a couple of pilgrims and a turkey or two. The weather will be cooler, Standard Time will soon be here, and you will get an extra hour of sleep. And who couldn't use an extra hour of sleep?

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

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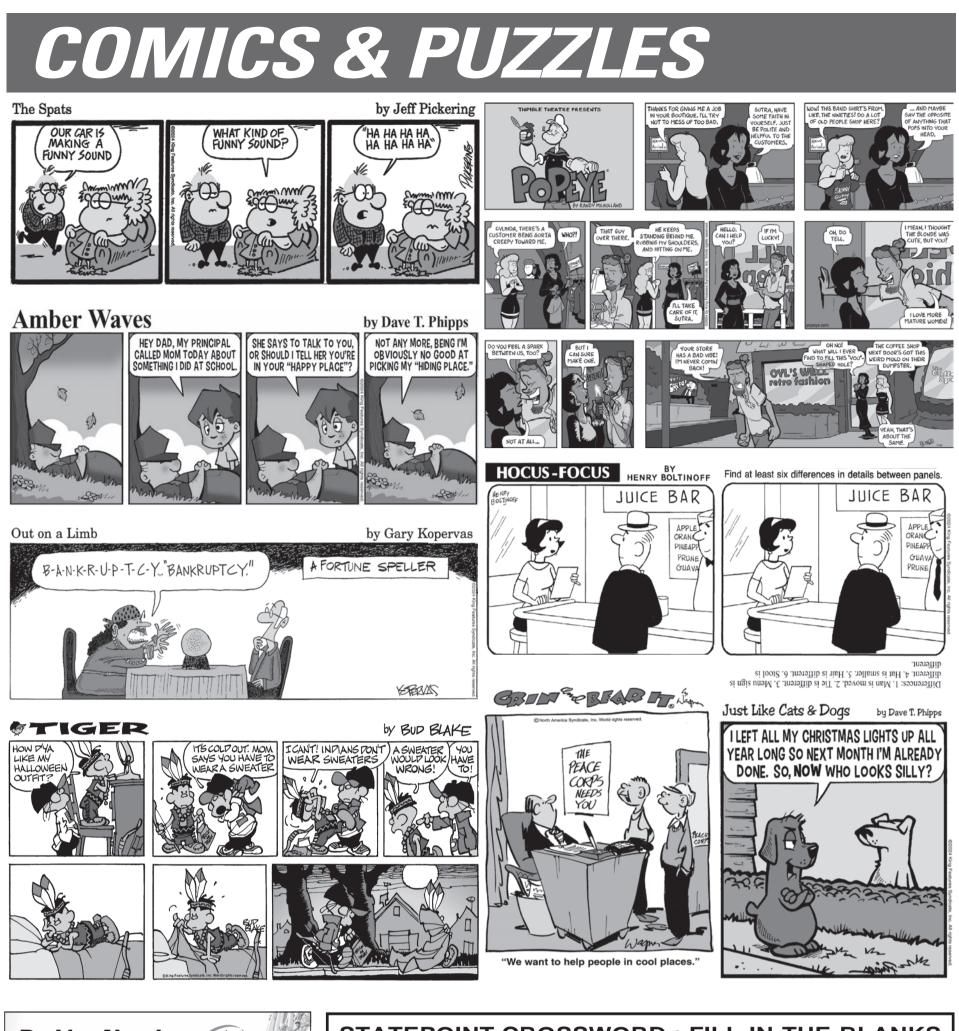
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ABOUT TOWN

American Legion 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.

Día de los Muertos at Galt Cemetery Oct. 26

The Galt-Arno Cemtery 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.itsyourrace.com.

Wilton Bingo Games Held Monthly

November bingo will be on Saturday Nov. 9. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale and bingo starts at 6 p.m. in the Wilton Community Center (9717 Colony Road, at Dillard Road).

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

The next bingo will be on Jan. 4. Questions, call Lorraine Robinson at 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: Nov. 3 and Dec. 1.

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

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 Nov . 28.

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.

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Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association's Statewide **Ballot Measure Information, Voting Recommendations**

Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association News Release

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG) - Below are Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association's (HJTA) statewide ballot measure information and voting recommendations. For more information, visit the association's website at www.hjta.org.

NO on 2

Why we're against it

Proposition 2 is \$10 billion of bonds, new state debt, to pay for school facilities. It is almost certain to result in higher property tax bills, because school districts must provide a "local match" of funds in order to receive money from the Prop. 2 state bonds. That will lead to districts issuing new local school bonds, which are paid for by adding new charges to property tax bills. Enrollment is declining in both K-12 district schools and community colleges and the declines are projected to continue. But Proposition 2 commits California to pay an estimated \$18 billion, including interest, for school buildings that may not even be necessary. VOTE NO **ON PROPOSITION 2.**

Proposition 3

HJTA takes no position on this measure

Proposition 3 removes language from the state Constitution that defines marriage as between a man and woman. It adds the language, "right to marry is a fundamental right." This measure has no effect on the current law, because the U.S. Supreme Court held that the federal Constitution protects the right to marry.

NO on 4

Why we're against it

This is the \$10 billion "climate bond" that state politicians have long planned. California already has too much bond debt, over

\$78 billion outstanding as of Jan. 1. Then \$6.38 billion was added with Proposition 1 in March. Proposition 4 would add another \$10 billion in bond debt to pay for climate "programs." It's reckless to use borrowed money, an estimated \$18 billion with interest, to pay for "programs,"

not stopped, property tax bills are likely to go up after every election, forever. Proposition 5 will raise the cost of living in California, which already has the highest poverty rate in the country when the cost of living is taken into account. VOTE NO **ON PROPOSITION 5.**

NO on 33 Why we're against it

Proposition 33 is a rent control measure that would lead to a reduction in the supply of rental housing. It repeals a sensible 1995 law, the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act, which put limits on rent control laws to ensure that

Proposition 35 HJTA takes no position on this measure

California currently taxes managed care organizations (MCOs) such as Anthem Blue Cross and others. The MCO tax is set to expire in 2026, and we expect the Legislature to make it permanent. Proposition 35 would also make it permanent but would require the revenue from the tax to fund Medi-Cal, the government health insurance program for low-income residents, instead of being used to close gaps in the state budget. About 14 million California residents rely on the Medi-Cal program for their health care needs.

YES on 36 Why we're for it

Proposition 36 is the "Homelessness, Drug Addiction and Theft Reduction Act," backed by law enforcement groups and retailers. It makes thoughtful changes to Proposition 47 (2014), which reduced some theft and drug felonies to misdemeanors. Proposition 36 would get tougher on third offenses and also offer drug and mental health treatment as an alternative to incarceration. It would allow judges to sentence some individuals to state prison instead of county jail. The surge of retail theft, vehicle break-ins and open drug use on California's streets has increased the burden on first responders, and on taxpayers, as well as raising insurance costs throughout the state. VOTE YES ON **PROPOSITION 36.**

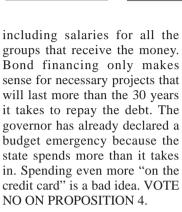
Local Measures In Folsom

No on Measure G

A sales tax increase of 1%, sponsored by "citizens."

In Yuba City

No on Measure D A 1% sales tax increase.



NO on 5 Why we're against it

Proposition 5 is ACA 1, a direct attack on Proposition 13. It makes it easier to raise taxes by eliminating the longstanding two-thirds vote of the electorate required to pass local bonds (borrowed money that must be repaid with interest). All new bond measures for "infrastructure" (nearly everything is "infrastructure") and for public housing projects would pass with just 55% approval instead of the current 66.7%. Local bonds are paid for with extra charges on property tax bills, adding to the tax burden on homeowners and businesses, leading to higher rents for tenants and higher consumer prices for everyone. If Proposition 5 is

NO on 6

Howard Jarvis

Why we're against it

Taxpayers Association

established in 1978 -----

Proposition 6 bans mandatory work requirements for state prison inmates. It doesn't seem fair to further increase the burden on taxpayers by creating the conditions to negotiate higher wages for inmates who are paying off their debt to society by serving their sentences in state prison. VOTE NO ON **PROPOSITION 6.**

NO on 32

Why we're against it

Proposition 32 would raise California's hourly minimum wage from \$16 to \$18 and then adjust it annually for inflation. Unfortunately, raising the hourly minimum wage has sometimes reduced weekly wages as businesses cut hours and lay off workers. The best way to raise incomes in California is to stop driving job-creating businesses out of the state or into the ground. Raising the minimum wage is counter-productive. It also increases the state's expenses by raising government labor costs. VOTE NO **ON PROPOSITION 32.**

housing providers could make a fair return on their investment and stay in business. Repealing Costa-Hawkins would mean cities could enact radical rent control, even on single-family homes and condos, and prevent property owners from resetting the rent to the market rate after a tenant voluntarily moves out. Proposition 33 would lead to a sharp reduction in new apartment construction as lenders evaluate financial risk due to potential rent control laws. That will worsen the housing shortage in California. Voters have already rejected this proposal twice before, in 2018 and 2020. VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 33.

YES on 34 Why we're for it

Some nonprofit healthcare organizations that receive federal funds to provide health care services have abused the system to spend large amounts of money on political causes. Proposition 34 would end this practice and require that healthcare providers spend most of the money they receive from a federal prescription drug discount program on direct patient care. VOTE YES **ON PROPOSITION 34.**



By John McGinness

society would have in an in court supervised treat- consequences be brought lost to drugs on the streets vironment in which 200 ment. Those cited typically against those who habituignore 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

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. Lawabiding 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.

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

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 lead-

ership 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

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.

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 ally 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 distract attorneys of diverse political and philosophical affiliation, supported by big city mayfrom o r s California's diverse communities,

provide to incentive for treatment for those chronically addicted to dangerous

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

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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Bradshaw Christian Takes Down Hawks



Joseph Brown and Lucas Temple work together to stop the Bradshaw runner. Photos courtesy of Peyton Alexander

By Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The varsity Liberty Ranch Hawks had a tough game against the No. 1 in league, Bradshaw Christian, losing 9-49 at home on Friday, Oct. 18.

Junior varsity, however, was able to score consistently every quarter and beat Bradshaw 28-13.

For varsity, star rusher Joseph Brown was held to 120 yards on 19 carries, while sophomore Andrew Quinn managed 89 yards on 12 carries.

Quarterback Wyatt Blevins rushed 12 yards on three carries and completed one of five pass attempts to Brody Johnston for 5 vards.

Sean O'Brien was kept busy participating in 11 tackles, while Johnston (back from an injury) managed 10 tackles. Camren Hudsen had nine; Brown, seven; Axel Torres, six;

Cesar Becerra, six; George Adrian, five; Joseph Adams, five; Andres Raya, five; Landon Peterson, three: and Lucas Temple, Easton Tucker and Andrew Quinn each had two.

George Adrian sacked the Bradshaw quarterback once while Axel Torres and Cesar Becerra shared a sack.

The Hawks are ranked third in league and will play Rosemont on Friday, Oct. 25, for senior night. \bigstar





Pedro Ramos busts through the defense and scores for the Warriors.

Warriors Narrowly Lose to Argonaut

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - It was a great game to watch, but a heartbreaker for the Warriors when they came from behind to get ahead of Argonaut on Friday, Oct. 18. Unfortunately, there was too much time left on the clock, and Argonaut put one more touchdown on the board, winning a close game 17-21.

Argonaut scored first in the latter part of the first quarter. After a few turnovers, the Mustangs managed to score again, but the Warriors kept fighting and Pedro Ramos literally fought his way and punched through the Argonaut line to score from the 2-yard line.

The Warrior defense held on for the next Argonaut possession and forced a turnover. Once again, the Warriors started marching down the field. On a



Nico Gilmore tackles an Argonaut rusher.



Galt players each had a #9 on their helmet to support senior who wasn't able to finish the season due to

JV players Brandon Gershanoff and Hunter Owen stop a Bradshaw rusher.

fourth down, it didn't look like the Warriors would be able to score a touchdown before halftime, and with the clock running down to seconds Hayden Miller kicked a field goal, keeping the Warriors in the game only behind 10-14.

After half, the Galt defense held tough against the Mustangs, and you could hear the Warrior spirit on the sidelines as the players supported and cheered each other on. Suddenly, lineman Leo Garcia caught an interception and knew what to do.

Jaylen Brooks, brain surgery.

He high-tailed it to the end zone, scoring a pick six and putting the Warriors ahead 17-14. The Warriors hadn't been ahead in a league game all season, so it was a very exciting moment.

The Mustangs managed to regain the lead with one more touchdown in the fourth quarter and the Warriors just didn't have enough time to get down the gridiron and score again.

Head Coach Mark Waldon said their biggest priority this season was to have the boys play like a team and it happened.

"I am super proud of the effort; we just couldn't make the key plays when we needed to," said Waldon. "There are still a lot of positives that came out of this game, and we will keep building on those. They really worked together and supported each other out there and this young team has a great future to build on."

Assistant Coach and Galt football alumnus Dan Bitondo was bursting with pride after the game:

"Big things are coming for these boys," said Bitondo. "I think they sensed the shift in momentum and the shift in energy. Hard work fuels that change and that shift. Keep it rolling, guys."

The Warriors will face the second-place team in the league, Union Mine, on Oct. 25 in El Dorado.



The Galt High football seniors are celebrated.



Andrew Quinn

Devin Williams Galt High Football

Photos by Paige Lampson



The Galt High senior cheerleaders celebrate senior night.



Pick six: Defensive lineman Leo Garcia runs for a touchdown after catching an interception.





The league champion Liberty Ranch flag football seniors with coaches Mike Turpin, left, and Andy Peterson.



Emma Cerda looks to see if anyone will catch her on the way to the end zone.



Nimran Dhaliwal runs the ball.



Kaitlynn Castro catches a pass against Amador.

Inaugural Flag Football Seniors Celebrate League Championship

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - So far, it's been a perfect league season for the inaugural Liberty Ranch flag football team.

They have secured the league championship with a 12-0 record. Quite a feat for the ladies, who can always say they were on the first team ever along with the glory of the championship.

First touchdown, first win, first pass, first flag pulled, to name a few of the firsts the ladies can claim. First head coach Andy Peterson acknowledges his talented athletes.

"We had a great group of girls that played at a high level all year," said Peterson. "I am very proud of their effort and performance. I am looking forward to watching some more great football in the playoffs."

Only five of the eight teams in the conference were able to field teams this year. That includes the Hawks, Galt High, Bradshaw, Amador and Argonaut.

Next up are the playoffs, where it is anticipated that the first game will be played at home. \bigstar



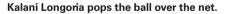
Jordan Bloed dodges a defender.



Fatima Cabrera and Maggie Stephens stop the Amador rusher.









The Mustangs have no defense for Rachel Smith's spike.



Haley Smith gets some air before her kill.

Hawk Volleyball Does It Again



Paityn Snow slams one of her 1,402 career kills.

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch volleyball team has secured the league title for the second year in a row.

The Hawks had the

perfect season this year with a 14-0 win record.

With seniors like twotime league MVP Paityn Snow, setter Gabby Arevalo, middle hitter Kalani Longoria, six-foot, six-inch middle hitter Rachel Smith, and Libero Taryn Cooley, the team had a great foundation.

Junior outside hitter Haley Smith was also a valuable contributor, rarely coming out of the game.

With two more juniors, Savannah Lethbridge and Riley Sickles, they have a strong foundation for next year. Sophomores Maritza Arevalo, Vivian Frame, Lily Pittman and Abby Lapp were pulled up to varsity this year and will have big shoes to fill next

season. The Hawks will begin the playoff season Oct. 29.

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