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Farmer, Sandhu Appointed Mayor, Vice-Mayor of Galt

**Story and photos
by Sean P. Thomas
City Editor**

GALT, CA (MPG) - Galt City Councilman Shawn Farmer was selected Tuesday night by his fellow council members as the city's new mayor.

Farmer was first elected to the council to one of the five at-large council positions in 2018. He will serve in the position for one year before the council selects a new mayor.

"I am humbled that you would put me in this position," Farmer said shortly after being appointed as mayor. "I know it's not easy; I do appreciate that."

Farmer will replace Councilman Paul Sandhu in the role, who was selected as vice-mayor later that night.

Farmer, a Galt native whose family stretches back to the area for the past



four generations, owns the Coffee Shop Bakery in old town Galt and has served on several local boards and committees, including the Sacramento Public Library Authority, Sacramento Homeless Policy Council and the Galt Public Safety Committee.

According to City Council bylaws, every year, the council is given the opportunity to select a new mayor and vice-mayor by nominating one of their peers for the positions. The first council member to get three votes for one of the seats is appointed to the position.

Councilman Tim Reed first nominated Farmer,

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Districting Process Detailed for Council

**By Sean P. Thomas
City Editor**

GALT, CA (MPG) - Galt City Councilors voiced concerns Tuesday evening during the second of five public hearings intended to provide guidance on the city's state-mandated requirement to switch from at-large council elections to per-district elections.

The city was notified in August that it would need to move to district elections or potentially face litigation under the California Voting Rights Act, which requires municipalities and other government bodies to create district elections in the hopes of avoiding potential voting imbalances caused by at-large elections.

After the change, voters in the 26,000-person town will only be able to vote for candidates who live in their district, as opposed to the current system where voters can vote for any candidate up for election.

The city's consultant, Paul Mitchell, the Sacramento-based redistricting firm Redistricting Partners owner, provided the presentation and discussed the guiding principles of redistricting or in this case, "districting."

Some council members voiced uneasiness with the process following the presentation.

Councilman Shawn Farmer, who was elected mayor earlier during the meeting, said he was concerned that drawing district lines would further divide the city and would encourage councilors to advocate for more funds and services for their own districts as opposed to the rest of Galt.

Farmer called the process anti-democratic and likened it to the Electoral College, where different states receive larger attention from presidential candidates due to unbalanced electoral votes.

Farmer also said he's concerned that residents would be left without another representative to bring their concerns if someone runs unopposed.

"We are going to be compartmentalizing our decisions instead of thinking about the community as a whole, which is a tragedy in my opinion,"

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By Sean P. Thomas

GALT, CA (MPG) - Choppy and cloudy weather couldn't prevent volunteers from showing respect to Galt's military veterans during the holiday season by participating in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Galt Cemetery on Saturday.

The event, the third annual in Galt, was part of the 18th annual Wreaths Across America event, which honors those who served in the U.S. military dating back to the Revolutionary War by placing wreaths on their graves.

Robb Roberts, a trustee on the Galt-Arno Cemetery District Board of Directors, said the holidays can be particularly difficult for members of the armed forces and their families and saw the event as a great way to show respect for those who served.

"I think any way and anything that we can do to honor those who fought for us and died for us; the people who continue to be part of our defense and our nation, I think anyone should try to jump on that and really empathize and put that in the spotlight," Roberts said.

Dozens of Galt citizens attended the ceremony, placing some 450 wreaths on the graves of soldiers that fought in conflicts ranging from the Civil War to present-day conflicts. Nationwide, just over 3.1 million wreaths were placed at almost 5,000 participating locations, including 60 that were placed at Hicksville Cemetery a few miles north a day prior.

The opening ceremony



Galt resident and Army veteran Brian O'Neil affixes a wreath to the grave of Melford Eugene Syrock, a U.S. Air Force veteran who fought in the Korean War.

was held indoors due to the weather and began with an invocation from Michael Dubé, pastor at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. He reflected on the theme of the nationwide event — live with purpose — before leading the crowd in prayer.

“Veterans from every corner of the United States and beyond who have given of themselves for the life we live today, for the freedoms we live today, for the choices we have today, gave with purpose,” Dubé said during his speech.

“You are that purpose, and the idea that we can live as we choose.”

Belinda Ellis, district manager for the cemetery district, then thanked the crowd for “braving the weather” to participate in the event, as well as the people who continue to serve in the military. She encouraged participants to pause to reflect on the importance of the act before placing the wreaths on each grave.

"Each wreath is a thank you from a grateful America," Ellis said.



Megan Clark, right, places a wreath on a grave at the third annual Wreaths Across America event at the Galt Cemetery on Saturday while Michelle Silva and Bea Clark, 18 months, watch.



George Kirbyson salutes a wreath in honor of the nearly 94,000 U.S. servicemembers that have gone missing in action.

Van Steyn agreed, stating that despite the town's population of about 26,000, the town has an oversized representation in the armed forces.

"Galt is very patriotic," Van Steyn said. "We are a small little town, and we do take care of each other. When I think of Galt, I think homey; I think we take care of our own."

Volunteers were also picked to place wreaths on eight indoor stands representing all of the U.S. military branches and the nearly 94,000 service members that have gone missing in action. Shortly after, residents and volunteers dodged the raindrops to begin adorning some of the nearly 700 military graves that can be found at the cemetery.

Brian O'Neil, a Galt resident and Army veteran who fought in the Iraq War, has participated in all three events and said he and his wife Jaime O'Neil, their children Joey and Natalie O'Neil, find the same family gravestone to adorn each year before turning their attention to the other graves.

He said no matter the weather, he wasn't going to miss the opportunity to show his respect to his fellow military members.

“They endured far worse than this,” O’Neil said. “So we need to come out and still honor them.”

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Thomas Becomes City Editor at Herald

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - Sean P. Thomas, a veteran journalist with ties to the Sacramento area, joined Messenger Publishing Group as its city editor for the Galt Herald on Dec. 11.

A 2009 Laguna Creek High School graduate, Thomas said he’s excited to have the opportunity to dive into the news in Galt and create a lasting relationship with its citizens.

“The Galt community might be on the smaller side compared to some of the larger

cities in the region, but it deserves to have a strong community paper filled with strong community news,” Thomas said. “My hope is to be a shepherd for the paper and provide ample leadership at the helm.”

Thomas started his career in journalism as a reporter for the Calaveras Enterprise in San Andreas before being promoted to editor in chief. Thomas also worked for the Los Angeles Downtown News for three years as both a staff writer and managing editor before moving to Santa Fe, N.M., where he worked

for the Santa Fe New Mexican for two years. His roles with the newspaper included reporting on public safety and local government.

Thomas took a short break from the newspaper business in 2022 to open a small café in Santa Fe with his fiancé before returning to journalism in 2024.

He said his inbox and phone line are open to any stories that the community may like to see covered.

Thomas can be reached at 916-410-5389 or sean.thomas@mpg8.com. ★



Citizen City Editor Sean P. Thomas is a Laguna Creek High School alumnus. Photo courtesy of Sean P. Thomas

Trio of Councilors Take Oath of Office

By Sean P. Thomas

GALT, CA (MPG) - The next chapter for the Galt City Council materialized at Tuesday’s council meeting after three new Galt City Council members were sworn into office, just weeks after one of the seats were decided in unusual fashion: a straw drawing.

Mathew Pratton and Bonnie Rodriguez joined Tim Reed as the newest faces on the council, replacing council members Jay Vandenburg and Kevin Papineau. Both opted not to return to the council after their four-year terms ended in December. The trio joined council members Paul Sandhu and Shawn Farmer on the five-person board.

Former Councilman Rich Lozano resigned from the board in December and was replaced by Rodriguez, who joined the council after the other four members voted to appoint and swear in the candidate later that night.

Pratton, a former Galt Union High School District trustee and Galt High School football coach, was propelled to Galt City



Mathew Pratton, left, and Tim Reed, right, take the oath of office Tuesday evening after the council voted to certify the November general election results.

Council on Dec. 3 after he successfully drew the long straw in a tiebreaker with Rodriguez. Both candidates collected 3,882 votes each out of the 13,684 ballots cast, according to Sacramento County election officials.

“I know politics as it is can get kind of crazy and I have seen people comment that they think it is crazy that we did it the way that we did,” Papineau said. “Well, tell me a better way to do it.”

Galt City Clerk Tina Hubert said the drawing, conducted by Galt Police Chief Brian Kalinowski, required just a \$3 pack of straws and avoided an at least \$150,000-plus special

election.

Rodriguez wouldn’t have to wait long for her opportunity to join the dais.

Farmer, who later that night was elected Galt mayor, recommended Rodriguez for Lozano’s vacant seat, noting that the 3,882 votes she collected was the highest of any “losing” candidate in Galt history and more than he and Sandhu received in their successful bids for election.

“I think the voters have spoken,” Farmer said before recommending Rodriguez. “If 3,800 people wanted Ms. Rodriguez to be a councilmember, then we should honor that



Bonnie Rodriguez, who on Dec. 3 lost a straw-drawing tiebreaker with councilman Kevin Papineau, takes the oath of office on Tuesday after being appointed to a vacant seat left by former councilmember Rich Lozano.

and appoint her.”

Rodriguez, the former publisher of The Galt Herald, said it meant a lot that the fellow councilors decided to make the appointment.

“I’m happy to be in a position to serve my fellow constituents and finally, instead of reporting on those positions to be able to be part of the decision,” Rodriguez said.

While Rodriguez said she doesn’t have a particular mission to undertake on the council, she intends to ensure that Galt grows mindfully as it awaits nearly 3,000 additional housing units to come online in the upcoming years.

Pratton said he’s happy with the direction that the city has taken but expects during his term to have to focus on outgoing personnel concerns and positions that currently are filled with interim leadership.

“During my time, I expect there to be four or five top positions that need to be filled,” Pratton said. “So I hope to have some input and be able to help.”

Reed, a retired emergency response professional, had a much easier path to his council seat, collecting 5,870 votes (43.05% of ballots cast). Reed also ran for office in 2022, coming in last in a five-person race with some 16% of the vote.

Reed said he felt relief that the campaign is over but understands that his work as a councilor is only just beginning.

“It’s a different job that I have never had before so it’s a different opportunity,” Reed said.

Reed said he plans to focus on several issues ranging from improving public safety, parks improvements and improving government transparency when it comes to public funds.

He also intends to focus on connecting the town’s homeless population with available public services.

“We being the city of Galt, we don’t have a lot of money to provide all the services like a city like Sacramento and all these other places,” Reed said. “But all those services are already out there provided by the county; we just have to find a way to connect our homeless populations to the services that are already out there.”

Outgoing councilors Vandenburg and Papineau were thanked for their service and received plaques before the new councilors were sworn in. ★

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By Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D., California Secretary of State



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Californians can confidently claim this: California has made more significant reforms to our election laws and expanded voting rights than any other state.

The relevance of this accomplishment deepens as we prepare to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act next year. This landmark legislation began to undo our country’s long history of voter suppression, intimidation, and disenfranchisement that far too many Americans experienced at the polls for decades.

My own parents, who were sharecroppers, were denied their right to vote in the Jim Crow era South. Before moving to Los Angeles from Hope, Arkansas, my parents, David and Mildred Nash, could not vote. My father was an adult with six children before he registered to vote and was only able to exercise that constitutional right for the first time here in California.

As California Secretary of State, I do not take the progress we have made over the years lightly. My staff and I hold sacred the obligation to ensure that our elections are safe, free, fair, and accessible to all. Therefore, before certifying the results for this year’s election on Dec. 13, we have taken a number of steps to ensure that every vote is counted. We have also made sure that our ballot counting process is credible and free from interference.

To meet that deadline without a hitch, California requires elections officials in all 58 counties to turn in their official results by a certain date. This year, that date was Dec. 6.

By law, every eligible voter in our state receives a vote-by-mail ballot. This ensures all registered voters can exercise their right to vote.

Whether you placed your ballot in a designated drop-off box, voted by mail, or cast your ballot at a polling center, votes are safe and secure. And we allow voters to sign up to receive text message, email, or voice call notifications about the status of their own ballots by using the Where’s My Ballot? tool. To learn more or to sign up, paste this URL in your web browser: <https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/>

The ballots of Californians who voted by mail are also protected. The United States Postal Service partners with the State to make sure ballots are delivered on time. All mailed-in ballots are sent by First Class mail with a postage paid envelope provided to every eligible registered voter.

Election Security is our number one priority. That’s why my office designed and implemented a program to back up that commitment. For more information, visit this URL: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/election-cybersecurity>

Additionally, California takes preventive actions to make sure our voting technology keeps our elections safe and protects everyone’s votes.

For example, county voting systems are not connected to the internet, which protects them from cyber-threats. The State also performs regular and rigorous testing to make sure the voting systems are working optimally, and only authorized personnel are granted access.

Staff members are also given phishing and cybersecurity training.

VoteCal, the state’s centralized voter registration system, is also key. The system is regularly updated, and it is used as a resource for counties to verify voter signatures.

California also provides security at all counting locations and makes sure ballot drop-off boxes are secured and monitored.

And all election processes are open to observation during specified hours.

In my role as Secretary of State of California, there is nothing more important to me than defending our democracy. I am committed to safeguarding voting rights, and to leading our state in upholding the highest democratic standards by implementing policies and practices that Californians and all Americans can trust and look to for instruction and hope.

You can contact the California Office of the Secretary of State at 1-800-345-Vote or elections@sos.ca.gov with inquiries or to report suspected incidents or irregularities. Additional information can be found at www.sos.ca.gov and the office’s social media platforms:

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Districting Process Detailed for Council

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Farmer said.

While similar concerns were raised in other jurisdictions, Mitchell said, how the council opts to govern would have to come from “the culture of the council.”

“It is an issue and it is something that people have gone to the legislature about,” Mitchell said. “The legislature is kind of deaf ears to it.”

Under the Fair Maps Act, agencies are required to promote district maps that are relatively equal in size, contiguous, maintain “communities of interest” and are easily identifiable and understandable, while following natural or man-made boundaries.

The city is also required to keep districts compact and avoid considering candidates or political parties.

The maps will be created from 2020 Census data that measured the city population at 25,704. The boundaries will then be reevaluated every 10 years for population and demographic changes, starting in 2031.

Galt resident Chris Brossman agreed with

Farmer’s concerns during the public comment period and said the process was decisive and could cause consternation for his fellow residents.

Brossman said he didn’t understand why the city needed to make the change, outside of facing potential litigation.

“Truthfully, as I see, the only one winning out here are lawyers and tonight, all I heard was a bunch of gobbledygook,” Brossman said. “I see it as divisive but the reality is that the legal system is driving us down that road.”

City Council members remained undecided on whether the council should consist of four councilors and a strong mayor or a five-person council that includes a rotating mayor every year.

Councilman Mathew Pratton said he would still be in favor of a five-person council, with a rotating mayor, while Farmer and Vice-Mayor Paul Sandhu said they would prefer a four-councilor system with a strong mayor.

“At least you have that one at-large position that would be acting on the



Vice Mayor Paul Sandhu, left, and Councilman Mathew Pratton watch as city consultant Paul Mitchell, owner of the Sacramento-based redistricting firm Redistricting Partners, explains the principles behind redistricting in a presentation to the Galt City Council on Tuesday.

entire behalf of the city as mayor,” Farmer said.

Councilwoman Bonnie Rodriguez said it could be too expensive to have a mayoral election every two years but was still undecided on the issue. Councilman Tim Reed also said he needed more time to consider the matter.

Mitchell said he intends to return Jan. 21 with two sets of three draft maps, one that would include four council districts and an at-large mayor, and another set that would stick to the current structure.

The fourth meeting, which Mitchell said was the most important of the

five, is currently unscheduled. That’s when the public can provide more opinion and narrow down a list of possible maps. The fifth and final hearing is also currently unscheduled.

The councilors requested more community input to help the council make the decision.

To give input on the districting process, email districts@cityofgalt.org or go to cityofgalt.org/government/clerk-administrator-and-elected-city-clerk/district-elections.

The next City Council meeting is at 6 p.m. Jan. 21 at Galt Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive. ★

Farmer, Sandhu Appointed Mayor, Vice-Mayor

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who subsequently called on Sandhu to return to his previous post. Sandhu instead requested “his good friend,” Farmer to withdraw his nomination to which Farmer declined.

Ultimately, the council voted in favor of Farmer.

The role is largely symbolic under the city’s weak-mayor form of government but the appointee does help run the council meetings and acts almost as the city’s de facto spokesman.

Reed also nominated Sandhu for vice-mayor.

Sandhu, who owns a local Best Western with his wife, Amy Sandu, was first elected in 2018 and has called Galt home for more than 25 years.

He has also served on several local boards, including the Galt Chamber of Commerce,

the Galt Sunrise Rotary and Galt Shop Local boards.

“I want to say to Mr. Sandhu, thank you for your kind gesture and if I was to be the mayor, I definitely wouldn’t want anyone else to be my backup but you,” said Farmer. ★



Interim City Manager Chris Arias presents an plaque to Paul Sandhu on Tuesday to honor his service as Galt mayor. ★

Christmas Berries Grace American River Parkway

By Derek Minnema

Christmas berries adorning the American River Parkway with their brilliant red clusters have symbolically been spreading Christmas cheer along California’s waterways since long before the state was settled.

Spanish missionaries arriving in the late 18th century were struck by the resemblance of the plant to European holly, traditionally used as Christmas celebrations throughout Europe. The plant’s association with Christian symbolism was immediate and profound. The bright red berries, appearing at their peak during the Christmas season, were seen as representing Christ’s blood, while the sharp-toothed evergreen leaves reminded the faithful of the crown of thorns placed upon Jesus’s head during the crucifixion.

This symbolism resonated deeply with early Christian settlers, who saw divine providence in finding such a powerful reminder of Christ’s sacrifice in their new homeland.

The berries’ annual December emergence aligned perfectly with Advent, the Christian season of preparation for the celebration of Christ’s birth.

Just as the Star of Bethlehem guided the Wise Men, these red berries served as natural guides along the paths of early Christian travelers in California.

Today, along the American River Parkway in Fair Oaks, these biblical berries continue their winter display, creating a timeless connection between past and present.

On a crisp December morning, with temperatures hovering around 55 degrees, mountain bikers and equestrians shared the damp trails, their paths lined with the festive shrubs. Recent rains had left the soil perfectly tacky for bike riding, and the air carried that distinctive winter freshness that makes every breath feel like a blessing.

The integration of natural space and residential areas in Fair Oaks creates a unique community character that reflects the peaceful coexistence of nature and civilization. Unlike many Sacramento suburbs that surrendered to high-density development, Fair Oaks has maintained its semi-rural atmosphere, with the American River Parkway serving as a green ribbon that ties the community together.

The Christmas berries mark the changing seasons along the parkway’s winding trails, their transformation from white spring blossoms to red winter fruits mirroring the Christian liturgical calendar.

The berries begin to turn red as Advent approaches, reaching their peak brilliance during the Christmas season, when Christians worldwide celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The berries’ persistent presence through winter mirrors the endurance of faith, while their sharp leaves remind believers of Christ’s later sacrifice.

As another December unfolds, I find myself increasingly grateful for these simple gifts, open spaces that give us room to breathe, trails that bring neighbors together and



Planted on Landis Avenue by early Camichael colonists, an ancient persimmon tree is framed by winter berries. Photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

these beautiful berries remind us of Christmas past and present.

Whether watching a friend’s horse carefully traverse the path or pausing to let a mountain biker pass with a wave and a smile, I’m reminded that the best Christmas presents don’t come wrapped in paper.

They grow wild along our trails, they float down our river and they live in the hearts of the community we’ve built together.

Derek Minnema is a Fair Oaks resident, who can be reached at DerekMinnema.com. ★



Overlooking San Juan Rapids, winter berries brighten a December sunset.

Large-Scale Bird Fighting Ring Investigated in Herald Area

Sacramento County Sheriff's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Two weekends ago, Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Central Division Patrol Deputies responded to a residence in the south area of the county on Borden Road in southern Sacramento County, regarding a large group of vehicles.

Upon their arrival, approximately 40 to 50 individuals fled the area on foot and by vehicle. Multiple vehicles crashed through neighboring fences, and several were left abandoned at the scene.

Suspecting the individuals fled because of a large-scale bird fighting event discovered on the property, Central Division deputies and detectives

from the Sheriff's Special Investigations Bureau (SIB) authored a search warrant, where they recovered seven birds that had been tortured. More than 200 total birds were located on the property, with clear indications of their being raised as fighting birds. Detectives also located numerous antibiotics and drugs used in growing and treating fighting birds, along with vials of painkillers. Sacramento County Animal Control assisted in taking multiple birds for protection, along with the injured birds that will be humanely euthanized due to their extreme injuries.

The Special Investigations Bureau will work with Animal Control and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office during this investigation.



The bird fighting ring was found on Borden Road east of Herald. Photos courtesy of Sacramento County Sheriff's Office

The California Department of Food and Agriculture has been contacted for further testing of the birds. Bird fighting rings have been related to the spread of the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), which has impacted

farmers throughout California. The investigation will be ongoing, and numerous arrests are anticipated. If anyone suspects any mistreatment, abandonment or any event that leads to the torture of animals, the



More than 200 birds were found on the property.

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Tips are paid in cash, and you are never asked for identification. Contact Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP (4357), 1-800-AA-CRIME, or **TIPS. Use the "P3 TIPS" app or online at www.sacvalleycrimestoppers.com. ★

Keep Your Pets Safe During the Holidays

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The holiday season is a time for joy, celebration and spending time with loved ones – including our furry, feathered and scaly family members. However, this festive time can also bring unique challenges and hazards for pets. By taking a few precautions, you can ensure your pet stays safe, comfortable and stress-free while enjoying the holiday spirit.

Decorate with Care
Holiday decorations add

charm, but they can pose risks to pets.

Christmas Trees: Secure your tree to prevent it from tipping over if your pet gets curious. Avoid using tinsel, which can cause intestinal blockages if ingested.

Ornaments: Keep fragile or small ornaments out of reach. Opt for shatterproof decorations on the lower branches.

Lights and Wires: Tape down wires and unplug lights when you're not home to prevent chewing accidents.

Candles: Use flameless candles to avoid burns or fires if a tail or paw knocks

them over.

Watch What They Eat
Holiday meals often include foods that can be harmful to pets.

Toxic Foods: Avoid giving your pet chocolate, grapes, raisins, onions, garlic and anything sweetened with xylitol.

Bones: Cooked bones can splinter and cause serious injuries. Offer pet-safe treats instead.

Alcohol: Keep alcoholic drinks out of reach – even small amounts can be toxic to pets.

If you want to include your pet in the festivities,

prepare them a special treat, like a dog-friendly "pupcake" or some plain, cooked turkey (without seasoning or bones).

Provide a Stress-Free Environment
With guests coming and going, homes can become chaotic during the holidays. Create a calm, safe space for your pet.

Safe Spaces: Set up a quiet room or corner with their bed, toys and water where they can retreat if they feel overwhelmed.

Guests: Remind visitors to keep doors and gates closed and to ask before offering food or treats to

your pet.

Fireworks and Noise: If your holiday celebrations include loud noises like fireworks, consider using calming aids such as white noise machines, anxiety vests or pet-safe CBD oil (with vet approval).

Traveling with Pets
If you're traveling for the holidays and bringing your pet along, make sure they're travel-ready.

Car Safety: Use a pet seatbelt, carrier or barrier to keep them secure.

Pet Identification: Ensure your pet has an updated ID tag and microchip.

Packing: Bring food, water, medications and a few comfort items, such as a favorite blanket or toy.

Be Mindful of Plants
Many holiday plants are toxic to pets, including Poinsettias, which are mildly toxic and can cause irritation if ingested; mistletoe and holly, which can cause severe gastrointestinal upset or worse if consumed; and lilies, which are extremely toxic to cats, even in small amounts.

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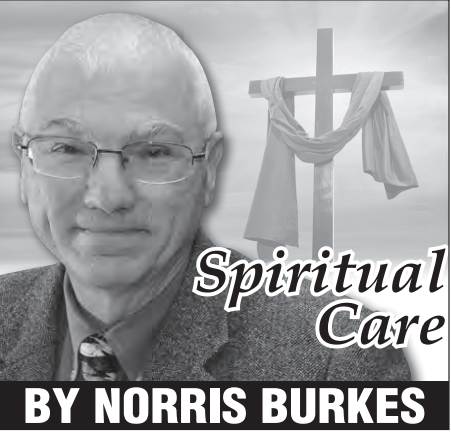
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Definitely NOT the Best Christmas Ever



BY NORRIS BURKES

This is the time of year when writers like to recount their “Best Christmas ever.”

Their stories often include a video of a slobbering puppy leaping from a ribbon-covered box or a marriage proposal, or my favorite, a deployed soldier surprising her family with an early homecoming.

But if you’ve read my column long enough, you’ll know that this columnist seeks to fill the holes of the unexpected. So, today, I recollect my very worst Christmas ever!

I was only 4 years old, but savvy enough to ask my parents why our Charlie Brown Christmas tree was so bare. I didn’t understand why my father, a poor ministerial student, had nothing to place under the tree.

However, I became cautiously optimistic on Christmas Eve when my dad called us one-by-one into his study cubby.

My sister came away with a new doll. My brother followed holding a kinetic car, the kind you roll backwards to wind up the energy.

Score! Seeing that kind of haul, my kinetic energy was pushing full throttle.

I approached my dad’s desk and climbed into his loving lap.

“I have something very important to tell you,” he said.

My little eyes reflected with the anticipatory joy of Tiny Tim.

“There is no such thing as Santa Claus,” he said. “We celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas, not Santa.”

My eyes blinked with tears. Could it get any worse for a preschooler than that?

Yes, actually, it could.

When I asked about my present, my dad told me that I’d be sharing the kinetic car with my brother.

“Does it get it any sadder?” you ask.

In fact, it did..

I joined my brother on the kitchen floor where we took turns sending the car careening back and forth like a game of catch.

Twenty minutes into the game, my 5-year-old brother began speculating on how the car mechanism worked.

“Let me take it apart,” my brother begged with screwdriver in hand. I was curious, too, but I would only agree if he promised to restore it to working condition.

He promised.

Ten minutes later, with wheels, chassis and motor spread on the kitchen table, the car was humpty-dumptyed.

Saddest, worst, most disappointing Christmas ever, right?

So, why would I write about a Christmas memory worthy of Debbie-downer?

As foul as it was, it still points toward some spiritual takeaways of Christmas.

First, Christmas needn’t be all about materialism, about what we buy or what we consume. It might also be about sacrifice.

My sacrifice fed my brother’s mechanical mind. He explored the workings of the tiny engine, gaining early insights into motion, potential energy and kinetic energy. He may have failed the car restoration business, but he became an electronics repairman and later started his own electronics business.

Second, my worst Christmas inspired me to share what we are given. Christian scripture reminds us, “To whom much is given, much shall be required.”

I didn’t get much, but in sharing it, I perhaps inspired greater generosity. For years to come, my brother modified other gifts into things much more interesting.

One year he rigged a toy tank to burst from a record player box and shoot rubber bands. Another year, he removed the capacitor from an old radio to make an electric shock device capable of repelling the school bullies.

I’ve shared this sad story with my wife many times over the years. So, last week I told her I’d have my best Christmas ever if she’d give me a miniature Schnauzer puppy for Christmas.

At first she said no, but after reading this column, she assured me that our neighbor would likely “share” his new puppy.

So much for the worst Christmas ever. ★

ABOUT TOWN

Cosumnes DAR Chapter Accepting New Members

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

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For more information, contact Paula Schroeder at egdarregistrar@gmail.com.

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 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove.

There will be no scheduled general meeting in December.

We invite veterans and spouses to join us the first Saturday of each month for our Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 Family Social Breakfast at 9 a.m. at Mimi's Cafe on the corner of Laguna Boulevard and West Stockton Boulevard (just off Highway 99).

For questions, please contact Henry at 916-205-9296 or Sue at 916-683-6128.

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During the time period of Dec. 10 to Dec. 16, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in six arrests.

Dec. 10
6:28 a.m., attempted theft/tampering, Spruce Avenue; rims and tires stolen off vehicle overnight and window broken.
10:57 a.m., warrant served/adult arrested, Raley's on Twin Cities Road.
6:59 p.m., DUI/adult arrested, A Street/Fairway Drive.

Dec. 11
7:36 a.m., theft, Foxtrotter Way; garage door opener stolen from vehicle.
4:01 p.m., theft, Olive

Canyon Drive; mail taken from community mailbox.
4:32 p.m., theft, Cedar Canyon Circle; community mailbox broken into.

Dec. 12
8:27 a.m., hit and run non-Injury, South Carillion Boulevard/Crystal Way; downed street light.

Dec. 13
7:56 DUI/adult arrested, Spur Way/New Hope Road.
10:54 p.m., DUI/adult arrested, North Lincoln Way/Amador Avenue.

Dec. 14
3:14 a.m., burglary, Best Western Inn on North Lincoln Way; vehicle broken into.
7:30 a.m., theft, Village Drive; theft of check from

mailbox.
11:50 a.m., burglary, Galt 24HR Storage on Industrial Drive; storage unit's lock cut and several items taken.
7:02 p.m., DUI/adult arrested, Galt Community Park, Walnut Avenue.

Dec. 15
9:47 a.m., vandalism, Second Street; tires slashed on three vehicles, one windshield broken.
3:46 p.m., vandalism, Third Street; slashed tires and vehicle keyed.
7:20 p.m., assault with deadly weapon/adult arrested, Savemart Supermarkets on C Street.

Dec. 16
11:14 a.m., hit and run non-injury, South Lincoln Way. ★

X Games Set to Celebrate 30th Anniversary in Sacramento



X Games 2025 will take place at Cal Expo in Sacramento. Photo courtesy of X Games

X Games News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Dec. 12, X Games announced a new three-year partnership with California Dreamin' Entertainment that will bring the renowned actions sports and music festival to Cal Expo in Sacramento each summer from 2025-2027.
California Dreamin' Entertainment is reimagining the former Raging Waters site at the Cal Expo/California State Fairgrounds in Sacramento and is leading the city's partnership with X Games. X Games Sacramento 2025 will bring three days of action sports culture and competitions to the capital city from Aug. 22 through Aug. 24 and will mark the 30th anniversary celebration of X Games.
"Some of the biggest moments in X Games history took place in the

San Francisco Bay," said Jeremy Bloom, CEO of X Games. "Twenty-five years later, we're thrilled to bring X Games back to Northern California to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the brand."
With the support of Cal Expo and Visit Sacramento, X Games and California Dreamin' Entertainment are committed to making X Games Sacramento in 2025, 2026 and 2027 the ultimate showcase for action sports and action sports culture, with more competition, more music and more excitement.
X Games Sacramento will include skateboarding, BMX and Moto X and will host more than 100 of the best action sports athletes who will compete for over \$1 million in prize money. In addition, it will feature a full lineup of amazing music appearances to be announced in the coming months.

The 30th anniversary of X Games also marks the countdown to X Games League, the brand's new global team-based format, set to kick off in 2026. As part of the new partnership between X Games and California Dreamin' Entertainment, Sacramento is the first event location to be announced as a host for X Games League.
"I grew up right outside of Sacramento, so this really is a dream come true for me," said Bryce Tryon, five-time X Games BMX athlete, in a press conference Dec. 12. "X Games has always been a huge part of my life, so I'm stoked to feel like I'm playing host to a competition that has given me so much over the years and show my hometown the best that action sports have to offer."
General admission and premium tickets will be available soon for X Games Sacramento. ★

MEMORIAL

JAMES ANDERSON • 10/1947-11/2/2024

James "Jim" Anderson of Galt, son of John and Emma Anderson, passed away on November 2, 2024, at the age of 77.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, two stepsons, one grandson and one granddaughter.

Jim lived his life as a rancher/cattleman and enjoyed hobbies in the past of team roping and, more recently, fishing.

He is greatly missed by his family and friends.

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Governor’s Office Press Release

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and developmental disabilities who receive services. “Happy holidays, California! It was an honor to stand with Carter in solidarity with all of California’s kids with intellectual and developmental disabilities, to light the Capitol Tree this year. The holiday season is about gratitude, being together with loved ones, and giving to those less fortunate than ourselves, and I am so pleased to usher in this time of joy with Carter and his family,” Gov. Gavin Newsom said at the tree lighting ceremony. First Partner Jennifer Siebel

Newsom commented on the occasion, “The holidays are a powerful reminder to lead with empathy and compassion, spreading joy and kindness to those around us. “This year’s California State Capitol Tree Lighting was especially meaningful as we joined Carter and his family for this beautiful tradition. Standing with them, we were reminded of the strength and resilience of our communities and the importance of coming together to celebrate hope and connection during this season.”



Gov. Gavin Newsom and family gather at the 93rd annual Capitol Christmas Tree lighting ceremony on Dec. 11. Photo courtesy of Governor’s Office

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of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): Gail Ann Richardson, as trustee of the Gail Ann Shields - Sanders Revocable Trust Recorded: 12/20/2019 as Instrument No. 201912200492 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California; Date of Sale: 1/7/2025 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the East Main Entrance of the Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$362,239.14 The purported property address is: 13034 ALTA MESA RD, HERALD, CA 95638 Assessor’s Parcel No.: 152-0260-007-0000 Legal Description: Please be advised that the legal description set forth on the Deed of Trust is in error. The legal description of the property secured by the Deed of Trust is more properly set forth and made part of Exhibit “A” as attached hereto. The South One half of Lot 33 as shown on the Official Plat of “Central California Traction Colony No. 1”, recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of Sacramento County on June 22, 1911, in Book 12 of Maps, Map No. 23. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder’s office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee’s sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-24-990008-BF. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You

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(866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION TS No.: CA-24-990008-BF IDSPub #0225530 12/6/2024 12/13/2024 12/20/2024 THE GALT HERALD 12-20-24 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE TS No. CA-23-966169-SH Order No.: 230435086-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/11/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier’s check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): LAURRIE BROWN, A MARRIED WOMAN, AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Recorded: 4/19/2005 as Instrument No. xxx in Book 20050419 Page 2520 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California; Date of Sale: 1/28/2025 at 1:30 PM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, located at 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$341,273.74 The purported property address is: 781 HANOVERIAN CIR, GALT, CA 95632 Assessor’s Parcel No.: 148-0580-031-0000 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder’s office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call

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(866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION TS No.: CA-23-966169-SH IDSPub #0225552 12/6/2024 12/13/2024 12/20/2024 THE GALT HERALD 12-20-24 SUMMONS SUMMONS (CIVIL HARASSMENT RESTRAINING ORDER) CITACIÓN (ORDEN DE RESTRICCIÓN POR ACOSO CIVIL) CASE NUMBER/ NUMERO DE CASO: 24CH001997 1. Person asking for protection/ La persona que solicita protección: SUTTER MEDICAL GROUP, ALICIA GORDON, DION PARKS 2. Notice to (name of person to be restrained)/Aviso a (nombre de la persona a ser restringida): KEVIN UFFELMAN The person in (1) is asking for a Workplace Violence Restraining Order against you. La persona en (1) esta pidiendo una orden de restricción por acoso civil contra usted. You have a court date/ Tiene una audiencia en la corte: Date/Fecha: 01/24/2025 Time/Hora: 1:30 p.m. Dept./Deppto: 1 Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento/Corte Superior de California, Condado de SACRAMENTO, Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, 95814 What if I don’t go to my court date? If you do not go to your court date, the judge can grant a restraining order that limits your contact with the person in (1). Having a restraining order against you may impact your life in other ways, including preventing you from having guns and ammunition. If you do not go to your court date, the judge could grant everything that the person in (1) asked the judge to order. ¿Cómo pasa si no voy a la audiencia? Si nov a la audiencia, el juez puede dictar una orden de restricción que limita su contacto con la persona en G). Una orden de restricción en su contra puede tener otras consecuencias, como prohibirle tener armas de fuego y municiones. Si nov a la audiencia, el juez puede ordenar todo lo que pide la persona en(1) How do I find out what the person in (1) is asking for? To find out what the person in (1) is asking the judge to order, go to the courthouse listed at the top of page 1. Ask the court clerk to let you see your case file. You will need to give the court clerk your case number, which is listed above and on page 1. The request for restraining order will be on form WV-100, Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Order. ¿Cómo puedo entender lo que pide la persona en (1)? Para entender lo que pide la persona en (1), vaya al tribunal en la dirección indicada en la parte superior de la pagina 1. Pida al secretario de la corte permiso para ver el expediente de su caso. Tendrá que darle al secretario el número de su caso, que aparece arriba y en la pagina 1. La solicitud de una orden de restricción se hace en el formulario WV-100, Solicitud de órdenes de restricción par acoso civil. Where can I get help? Free legal information is available at your local court’s self-help center. Go to www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp to find your local center. ¿Dónde puedo obtener ayuda? Puede obtener información legal gratis en el centro de ayuda de su corte. Vea www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelpselfhelpcenters.htm?rde=LocaleAttr es para encontrar el centro de ayuda en su condado. Do I need a lawyer? You are not required to have a lawyer, but you may want legal advice before your court hearing. For help finding a lawyer, you can visit www.lawhelpca.org or contact your local bar association. ¿Necesito un abogado? No es obligatorio tener un abogado, pero es posible que quiera consejos legales antes de la audiencia en la corte. Para ayuda a encontrar un abogado, visite www.lawhelpca.org/es/home-page o contacte al Colegio de Abogados local. Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025 THE GALT HERALD 1-10-25 MPG

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Free Community Dinner Dec. 21

The Sunrise Rotary Club is hosting its 14th annual Galt Community Dinner from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21 at the Littleton Center at 410 Civic Drive.

The family event is free and will include a turkey dinner, dessert and a drink. No reservation or ticket is required.

Cosumnes DAR Chapter Accepting New Members

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

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

For more information on the Rio Cosumnes Chapter’s monthly meetings or membership, contact Registrar Paula Schroeder at egdarregistrar@gmail.com.

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.

City After-Hours Assistance

After-hours assistance is available at the Galt Public Works and Parks and Recreation departments. For Public Works concerns, call the Galt Police Department nonemergency line at 209-366-7000. The Parks Maintenance Division is available for scheduled field or facility use assistance only from 10 p.m. Mondays to Fridays and from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call 209-810-0293

Recycle Household Batteries

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

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

Nominate Your Neighbor

The Galt Beautification Committee wants you to “nominate your neighbor.” Has your neighbor recently completed a yard project? Does your neighbor have the best flowers in town or the best-looking yard? The Galt Beautification Committee wants to know. Send an email with pictures and why you are nominating your neighbor to planningdivision@cityofgalt.org.

The best submissions will be included in future newsletters and City Manager Updates.

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.

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.

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.

Nar-Anon Family Group Meetings

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

Meals on Wheels Cafe Accepting Older Adults

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

Senior Bingo Weekly at Chabolla

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

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A-Caroling We Will Go

According to the National Day Calendar website, today is Go Caroling Day, so tune up your voice to join others.

Caroling is the practice of singing Christmas songs from door to door as a form of celebration. The word carol means a joyful song or dance. The traditional of signing carols has roots in pagan celebrations of the Winter Solstice. Carols were later adopted by the Christian faith to celebrate the nativity during the Fourth and Fifth centuries and were primarily sung in Latin.

St. Francis of Assisi improved the popularity of sung carols when he paired the songs with stories (canticles), and many popular caroling songs still sung today were written during this era. Though caroling is not as popular as it once was, it's still a tradition many families, communities and churches look forward to every year. It is easy to celebrate and spreads joy and cheer.

If you've never caroled before, select three or four easier songs and friends who are in the holiday spirit. Not everyone can carry a tune but that won't matter when you're surrounded by loved ones who



share in your enthusiasm. Visit friends and neighbors and sing the songs with all the joy and gusto in your heart. Afterward, return home for hot cocoa or hot chocolate or eggnog and cookies. Caroling is a simple way to make memories and to give back to others.

I remember in the late 1970s the Herald Fire Department Volunteers stopped by our home and sang a couple of carols including one of my favorites: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." It was so fun seeing them standing in their large panel truck singing loud and proud.

The next few years when our children were in 4-H we took them and other 4-H members out caroling and then returned to one of their parents' homes for hot cocoa and cookies. It was so much fun. I'll bet those members still remember

those songs.

What a great new tradition for your family to start, even if you just go singing around your block.

Think about how many people you will bring joy to singing "Jingle Bells," "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," "Joy to the World," "Silent Night," etc. I'll bet you will get to know your neighbors really well.

OK, tomorrow is the Winter Solstice: the shortest day of the year ... go to work in the dark and come home in the dark. Not my favorite thing to do. But looking on the bright side, the days will start getting longer. There are also fewer than five days until Christmas. Are you ready? I am, sort of.

Just a few more gifts to wrap and baking to be done. Got to have fresh cookies for Santa. Yes, Santa. In our home if you don't believe, you get socks and underwear because coal is too expensive. That is just the way it is. Don't tempt the white-bearded guy in the red suit, LOL.

In my opinion, we should be watching

for the wise men who came from afar and brought gifts to celebrate Jesus' birth. And the angels sang on high to the lowly shepherds that "Jesus Christ was Born."

Let us not forget the reason we sing, we rejoice, we are light-hearted and forgiving, because Jesus was born, walked this earth teaching and healing, and died for our sins. That is a lot to rejoice and sing about.

From my family to yours: May you have a blessed Christmas with your family and friends.

Be kind to strangers you may never know; you might be giving hospitality to angels.

And rejoice! We are celebrating our Savior's birth with songs, feasting and gifts.

New Year's Day is in 12 days. Do you have any plans to celebrate? I think we will be going out to an early dinner and get home before the traffic gets too crazy and watch the ball drop from home.

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

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COMICS & PUZZLES

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

THEY WON'T LET ME USE "BEEFSTEAK" AS MY PASSWORD.

WHY NOT??

THEY SAID IT WASN'T "STROGANOFF."

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS

POPEYE

BLUTO, DO YOU LIKE IT WHEN COMICS BREAK THE FOURTH WALL?

NO, IT'S ANNOYING.

AND WHAT DO YOU ALL THINK?

STOP IT!

HEY THERE! DID YOU KNOW DECEMBER 19TH WILL BE THIS COMIC'S 105TH ANNIVERSARY?

HERE'S SOME "THIMBLE THEATRE" STORYLINES FROM YEARS GONE BY!

1924 - THE COMIC WELCOMES OLIVE'S NEPHEW, BLUTO, ON TV.

1953 - POPEYE GOES BEFORE THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE OVER THE RED SPINACH SCANDAL.

1969 - OLIVE HARSHES VICES.

"DOCTOR'S GARDEN" TOOK AWAY SPACE FOR A GEORGE TRACK!

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

THERE YOU GO, BOY. MOM GOT YOU A NEW FANCY BRAND OF DOG FOOD.

IT SURE SMELLS WEIRD, BUT THE DOG ON THE LABEL REALLY LOOKS HAPPY.

I GUESS THIS NEW STUFF WILL GIVE YOU A SHINY COAT AND FRESH BREATH.

I'M FIXED. WHO THE HECK AM I TRYING TO IMPRESS?

1985 - SEA HAWK BECOMES A TELEVISIONIST.

... AND THEN A VISION OF A NINE-HUNDRED-FOOT-TALL JEEP TOLD ME TO RAISE TEN MILLION DOLLARS FOR A HOLY JETLINER!

1999 - BOB'S SHEEP.

2002 - ALICE THE GOON'S EPIC RAP BATTLE WITH HAGAR THE HORRIBLE.

WHAT?

HOW COME I KIN'T MEMBER NONE O' THAT?

BECAUSE YOU WEREN'T AROUND WHEN I MADE IT ALL UP.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

SWACK!

HONESTLY, THE BIG GUYS GOT A LOT MORE FREE TIME SINCE HE STARTED USING CHAT GPT TO ANSWER ALL HIS "LETTERS TO SANTA."

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

1. Boy's legs are longer.

2. Tree is shorter.

3. Stocking is shorter.

4. Woman's leg is moved.

5. Belt is shorter.

6. Robe collar is different.

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

TURN IT SO THE BOW IS ON THE SIDE.

HOLD IT A LITTLE HIGHER.

NOW A BIT TO THE LEFT.

DOWN ABOUT AN INCH.

LOOKS ABOUT RIGHT. NOW DON'T MOVE!

HOLD IT EXACTLY THERE! I'LL SEE IF I CAN FIND A HAMMER AND NAIL.

BUD BLAKE

GRIN & BEAR IT

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

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1. Bet's predecessor

6. Ogre-like creature

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13. Old but in

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15. Located near crannies?

16. List of Catholic saints

17. Down Under runner

18. White heron

19. * ____ meal, or staff meal

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23. Singer/songwriter Yoko

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28. Like a reliable move

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37. Painter Chagall

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44. Of an arm bone

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53. Stomach reflex

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61. * ____ d'hotel

64. Not mainstream, as in art

65. "To His ____ Mistress"

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20. Rumpelstiltskin's machine, pl.

22. *Freshwater staple in sushi restaurant

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31. Baby porcupines

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33. Like Cheerios

34. *Blue- ____ special

36. Unsuspecting's focus

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45. Cujo's disease

49. Ray shooter

51. Foxhunter's call to hounds

54. Short version

56. C2H5

57. Marlboros or Camels, slangily

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Hornet Football Coach Resigns

By Daniel Canfield

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Friday, Dec. 6, Sacramento State University announced that Hornet Football head coach Andy Thompson had resigned to pursue other career opportunities. Thompson's departure after two years at the helm of the Hornet Football program comes at the conclusion of a 2024 campaign that saw the Hornets finish with a 3-9 overall record and 1-7 in Big Sky Conference play. Sac State dropped the final five games of the 2024 season including the annual causeway classic matchup with UC Davis which was played on Nov. 23 at Hornet stadium.

The official news release from the university includes a gracious statement from Athletic Director Mark Orr regarding Thompson's tenure with the Hornets. "We want to thank Coach Thompson and his family for all they have done for Sacramento State football over the last five seasons," Orr said. "Under his watch, the program has achieved its highest level of success. We wish him the best of luck in the future."

In his two years as head coach Thompson posted



Sac State's Football program is in search of a new head coach to replace Andy Thompson who resigned on Dec. 6 to join the Stanford University football coaching staff. Photo by Sacramento State Athletics

an overall record of 11 wins and 14 losses. In his first year as head coach in 2023, the Hornets enjoyed an 8-5 record and made it to the second round the 2023 FCS Playoffs. Unfortunately, that success was not seen again in the disappointing 2024 season.

Thompson had been on the Hornet coaching staff since the 2019 season.

As defensive coordinator, Thompson was instrumental in the Hornet football program earning Big Sky Conference titles in 2019, 2021 and 2022. Following the conclusion of the 2022 season, Thompson was promoted to the Hornet head coach position which had been vacated by Troy Taylor who left Sacramento State to take

the head football coaching position at Stanford University.

On the heels of the official announcement from Sacramento State Athletics regarding Thompson's departure on Dec. 6, Stanford University officially announced that coach Thompson would be joining the Stanford Football coaching staff

as Stanford Football's assistant head coach and co-defensive coordinator. Reuniting Thompson with his former boss and former Hornet head coach Troy Taylor.

The Hornet Football program owes a debt of gratitude to Coach Thompson as his involvement with the program led to success and accolades

not previously enjoyed by the Hornets. Best wishes to Coach Thompson in his new position, as long as Stanford football's interests do not conflict with Hornet football's interests.

Sacramento State officials announced that a national search will begin immediately to find the next head coach for the Hornets. ★

Jesuit High's Cross Country Coach Honored



Jesuit High School's Cross County Head Coach Walt Lange, photographed here with his 2024 State Championship team, was named the Joe Newton Coach of the Year at the Nike Cross Nationals on Saturday, Dec. 7. Courtesy Photo

Jesuit High School News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Jesuit High School Cross Country Head Coach Walt Lange received a prestigious honor on Saturday, Dec. 7, as he was named the Joe Newton Coach of the Year at the Nike Cross Nationals (NXN).

This award, named after legendary coach Joe Newton of York High School, celebrates lifetime achievement in high school cross country. Newton's teams captured at least 24 Illinois State Championships, and his legacy extends far beyond victories, having profoundly shaped the lives of countless young athletes.

Coach Lange, with an extraordinary 55 years of coaching at Jesuit High

School, including 54 years as head coach, now joins the ranks of elite coaches recognized on a national stage. Known for his humility, Lange's contributions to high school cross country and the countless lives he has impacted over the decades make this recognition richly deserved.

"I'm overjoyed that the boys were there to witness this moment," shared Assistant Coach David Zielke, reflecting on the significance of the occasion.

Lange's dedication, passion, and lifelong commitment to developing athletes both on and off the course embody the Jesuit tradition of excellence and service. Congratulations to Coach Lange on this remarkable and well-deserved honor! ★

UC Davis To Join Mountain West Conference

UC Davis News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The University of California, Davis has accepted a formal invitation to join the Mountain West Conference beginning July 1, 2026.

"We are thrilled to join the Mountain West Conference, and we look forward to an incredible experience for our student-athletes and for our fans," said UC Davis Chancellor Gary S. May. "Our transition to the highly regarded conference will introduce our Aggie community to a broader audience, in major metropolitan areas and through increased media coverage. It also provides us with an opportunity to align with universities that share similar academic strengths while also expanding our competitive presence in the Western United States."

The Aggies will compete in all Mountain West Conference-sponsored sports, except for football, which will continue to participate in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) in the Big Sky Conference. Men's and women's water polo as well as beach volleyball will seek to remain in the Big West through affiliate membership but are prepared to explore other options, if necessary.

agreements for equestrian, field hockey and lacrosse.

"Adding UC Davis further strengthens the trajectory of the Mountain West as it continues to build its brand that has proven to elevate institutions and student-athletes," said MW Commissioner Gloria Nevarez. "Chancellor Gary S. May and Director of Athletics Rocko DeLuca have shared their strategic plan and financial vision for enhancing student-athlete development, welfare, and competitive excellence, and I believe UC Davis brings a wealth of positives in the continuing growth of the Mountain West."

The announcement comes on the heels of a historic fall sport season for the Aggies in which all eight varsity fall sports teams qualified for postseason competition.

Men's soccer secured a Big West

tournament. UC Davis football finished the regular season seeded fifth in the nation with a bye in the first round of the NCAA Division I Football Championship followed by a win against Illinois State on Dec. 7. They will play South Dakota on Saturday, Dec. 14 at noon in the quarterfinals.



ish third in the Big West and field hockey finishing sixth in the America East.

"We are grateful to the Mountain West Conference membership for this incredible opportunity and for sharing our vision of academic and athletics excellence," said UC Davis Director of Athletics Rocko DeLuca. "Our campus leadership, students, and staff are excited to be a

community and the broader Sacramento region all recognize the unique spirit of UC Davis and carry Aggie Pride with them each and every day. They have invested their time, talent and resources in supporting our growth, and the success of our fall sports is a clear reflection of those efforts. Now is the time to showcase Aggie Pride on a national stage, and the Mountain West's brand and strategy align perfectly with our aspirations."

Additional costs to support the transition, including travel, staffing and support services, will be primarily offset by increased revenues from ticket sales, donations, multimedia rights and, for the first time, revenue distributions from the conference. A ramp-up period of three to four years is anticipated before revenues fully reach projected levels. The university does not plan to use existing institutional funds to support the transition.

Starting no later than the 2026-27 academic year, the Mountain West will feature the United States Air Force Academy; University of California, Davis; Grand Canyon University; University of Hawaii at Mānoa; University of Nevada, Reno; University of New Mexico; San José State University; University of Nevada, Las Vegas; University of Texas, El Paso and the University of Utah.

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Warrior Soccer Starts League Play Strong

Story and photos
by Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warrior boys' soccer team completely shut down Rosemont 7-0 in their first league game of the season.

To prepare, the Warriors had a tough preseason competing against some D-1 teams, beating Elk Grove, Turlock, Tokay, Downey and Atwater.

The team worked very well together against Rosemont, staying settled, connecting an amazing number of passes and working well together.

New Head Coach Julian Parra isn't taking anything for granted.

"There is still work to be done so we can accomplish playing more as a unit," said Parra. "The goal since the first day, which was when we first had our first boys' soccer interest meeting during lunch, was that the overall program goal was to look more united and play together as one. The boys deserve all the credit in the world; they work extremely hard and 1 through 25 all care for each other's overall well-being."

"Again, we must continue to perfect our game, we have to build strong habits and maintain constant discipline and focus in order to improve on a day-to-day basis."

Junior Giovanni De Leon scored two goals against Rosemont. Freshman Noah Stratton also scored two goals and got a huge hug from his big brother, senior Ben Stratton. Seniors Hayden Miller, Jaylen Mendez and Christian Gomez also all



Christian Gomez aims and scores the first goal against Rosemont.



Giovanni De Leon heads the ball and scores past two defenders and the goalie.



Jaylen Mendez kicks the ball under the goalie's jump and scores.

The goal assists came from Gilberto



Ben Stratton muscles to the ball.



Freshman Noah Stratton wins the battle and scores.

Coss, Josue Diaz, Hayden Miller, Breen Velazquez, Christian Gomez and Giovanni De Leon.

The boys will face Bradshaw Christian, El Dorado and Franklin before the year ends.

Lady Hawk Soccer Ready to Compete



Defender Eliana Enriquez fights off a Franklin player in the corner.



Libby Portillo wrestles to control the ball.



Freshman Giovanna Guerrero gains the upper hand.



Hailey Katzen jams after the ball.



Juliana Romero turns the ball away from her opponent.

Story and photos
by Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Lady Hawks are poised for an exciting and competitive season this winter, with a well-rounded squad and some key returning players, according to longtime Head Coach Rob Huarte.

"The leadership from our senior captains — Libby Portillo, Eliana Enriquez and Hailey Katzen — will undoubtedly provide

strong guidance, especially in the middle of the pitch where the game is often won or lost," said Huarte. "The experience of Yoselin Del Toro and Serena Tarifa will add depth to that area, and they'll be instrumental in controlling the flow of play throughout the season."

"Kennedy Arechiga and Juliana Romero are critical assets on the wings, offering both speed and creativity. Their ability to stretch the field and create chances in transition will

make them key players in both attack and defense."

According to Huarte, the addition of Bailey Alcoriza, Gia Sandoval and Favi Vasquez as new starters will give the team some fresh energy and flexibility, especially if they can gel with the returning players quickly.

"Having a dynamic freshman like Giovanna Guerrero on the team adds excitement, as she could bring something special to the squad and offer a new dimension to our attacking

options," said Huarte.

The goalkeeping duo of junior Zia Ruppert and sophomore Kennie Thomas is certainly one to watch. Huarte says it's rare to have two strong goalkeepers who can push each other for the starting spot and provide reliable support throughout the season. Their performances will be crucial in tight games, and having such depth at that position will give the team confidence heading into tough matchups.

Huarte, in his 15th

season as head varsity coach, is a cornerstone of the program's success. His overall record of 192-65-30 and league record of 111-21-17 speaks for itself. Being just eight wins away from the 200-win milestone is a testament to his dedication, leadership and consistent success over the years.

That kind of experience, both on and off the field, will be a huge asset for the Lady Hawks this season as they look to build on their legacy and keep pushing for that league championship.

While Huarte can get a little frustrated with some of the calls, his coaching style is calm and positive, and never yelling or screaming at his players during a game. He will confidently move girls around and make slight corrections, but most often you can hear him say, "Good idea" when a player tries a play or move. He holds the record for being the longest-standing coach since Liberty Ranch opened.

Huarte also likes to

schedule a challenging preseason. This year the Hawks faced some strong preseason opponents in Colfax and Franklin and Cosumnes Oaks of Elk Grove.

"While those games didn't end in the win column, it's encouraging that the team competed hard for 40 minutes in each match," said Huarte. "Preseason results are often more about learning and improving, and the Lady Hawks are building the belief that we can hang with the best and be competitive in the SVC this year."

With the added challenge of two new teams, Amador and Argonaut, joining the league, the Lady Hawks will need to stay focused and continue to improve as the season progresses. They already beat Union Mine in their first league game of the season.

The combination of seasoned leadership, new talent and tough preseason experience should help the team hit the ground running and make a strong push for the League Championship.

GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Libby Portillo
Liberty Ranch
Soccer

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Giovanni
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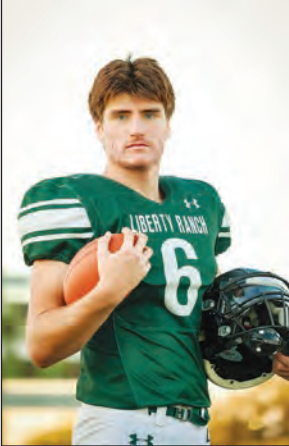
Liberty Ranch Football All League



Andrew Quinn, All League.



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George Adrian, All League.



Joseph Brown, All League.



Sean O'Brien, All League.



Wyatt Blevins, All League.

Story and photos
by Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch football team held its awards banquet earlier this month. The Hawks placed third in the SCV League and made it to round two of the playoffs. Six players were honored to receive the Sac Joaquin SVC All League award. Seniors George Adrian, Joseph Brown, Sean O'Brien and Wyatt Blevins and sophomores

Andrew Quinn and Cutler Perez were awarded the top honors. Named to the second team were seniors Mikey Schroeder, Brodey Johnston, Camren Hudson and Andres Raya, junior Kyle Quaresma and sophomores Daniel Swearingen and DeShaun Jackson. Honorable mention went to seniors Lucas Temple, Kobe Aguillen, Axel Torres and Jojo Adams and junior Cesar Becerra. Joseph Brown, who rushed 1,781 yards this

past season, was awarded Team MVP. Quarterback Wyatt Blevins was named Offensive MVP and George Adrian was named Defensive MVP. Sean O'Brien was named Defensive Line MVP and center Mikey Schroeder was awarded Offensive Line MVP. Camren Hudson was given the Coaches Award, Eddie Estrada the Player Award, Daimien Lee 12th Man, and Ben Onuegbu, Hawk Award. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

Things can change quickly in Kings Town, and the happenings of the past week certainly demonstrate exactly that. The hardcourt gladiators from Sacramento are currently on a torrid 3-game winning streak, looking ahead to Monday night's game against the Denver Nuggets. If you hadn't paid attention and just tuned into the Kings, you'd discover a team that is just finding themselves 26 games into the regular season, after losing every game in the preseason. Fans and pundits alike have riddled the airwaves with remedies for multiple losing streaks, along with advice to coach Brown as to who should be his starting five. I am more than happy to announce that coach Brown's decision to finally insert Malik Brown into the King's starting lineup has produced four wins in the last five games, and everyone is now wondering why it took three seasons to figure this one out. But rather than casting aspersions, I will take the high road, and just give him an attaboy for making a decision that was long overdue. Malik is thrilled to be where he always thought he should be, and now coach Brown can simply focus on his bench that is currently ranked in the bottom of the league. Kevin Huerter is showing signs of returning to form and seems to be comfortable taking the 6th man position that was formerly Monk's, so it's really the next three or four rotations that are going to tell the tale. What has created chaos with the team is the night-in and night out inconsistency as to who will sit the night out completely, or who will garnish the majority of the minutes. Big man Alex Len cannot catch a break, as he all too often finds himself at the end of the bench being a spectator for the entire game. This 7-foot giant has NBA game, and from my perspective, it's up to coach Brown and his staff to build this big man's confidence. One way you do that is by giving him a consistent rotation that he can count on every night. Len has played several good games and shows real promise, only to find

himself relegated to the bench the very next game with no explanation except for the dreaded, coaches' decision. The Kings can keep scouring the league for another trade/acquisition, or just look at their own bench, and perhaps realize that there is more talent already on this team than they are giving them credit for. I for one believe that Alex Len has a big upside, but it takes a coach and staff that are willing to build a player's confidence if you want to see the desired result. So far, I'm giving this staff a failing grade as it relates to evaluating talent, and you need to look no further than the inexplicable trade of Davion Mitchell to qualify my comments. The Kings are still feeling the void left in Mitchell's absence, and all he is doing in Toronto is making Canadian fans fall in love with him. From the Kings bench to the Raptor's starting point guard, Davion is making the Toronto GM look like a basketball wizard. The Kings cannot afford to continue undervaluing talent, or simply not see the forest for the trees. Let's get everything out of the team currently constituted, and that means starting with consistency as it relates to players coming off the bench. If Huerter is the 6th man, who is #7, 8, and 9? At this point no one but coach Brown knows, and he doesn't know until just before gametime. Here's the good news! At 13-13 it's time to hit the reset button. Yes, the Kings are at 500, and now is the time to start making a run that can propel this team to the playoffs. The starting five of, Fox, Monk, DeRozan, Murray, and Sabonis are a formidable group to guard, and I look forward to watching this team come out of the blocks on all 8 cylinders every night. So, take heart Kings fans, because the best is yet to come, and that's without a trade or an acquisition. Merry Christmas to one and all and go Kings! Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

Smith Heading to Florida to Play College Volleyball



Six-foot-six-inch Rachel Smith smacks the ball past an opponent to get the kill. Photo by Paige Lampson

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - This week Liberty Ranch volleyball standout Rachel Smith and her family will celebrate her early graduation from Liberty Ranch High School. Smith has chosen to graduate early and move to Florida to compete on the Palm Beach Atlantic volleyball team and study Sports Psychology and Broadcasting. Smith was born here in Galt and attended Marengo Ranch Elementary, McCaffery Middle School, and now Liberty Ranch High School.

It was during second grade that she began her volleyball career. She played for Club Prime Volleyball. While there, she loved watching her older sister play and wanted to be like her. From there Smith moved to Twin Cities Volleyball Club. While playing for TCVC she would start playing with girls she would eventually finish her high school playing years with. Force Volleyball Club was the third club Smith played for. She played three years for FPVC, and it was there that Smith began to truly love the game. Smith says her FPVC coaches made the game "come alive" and encouraged her to pursue great things. During Smith's middle school years, she made some records for the McCaffrey history books. She scored the first point ever for the newly started volleyball program. Smith's eighth grade year was hindered by COVID, so she and her teammates were unable to play that year. It was during COVID that Smith would move to her fourth club team. She started to play at OMNI Volleyball Club in Rancho Cordova. As a developing player, she was coached by coaches that pushed her both mentally and physically. During her time at OMNI they not only traveled nationally but also qualified for the U-17 National tournament. Smith's high school years have been filled with excitement and grew her love of the game even more. During her freshman year, Smith made the varsity team coached by long time Liberty Ranch High School coach Mark Snow. That year, Liberty Ranch finished second (7-3) in the SVC league and went on to the league playoff games. They lost in the second round to Sonora. Smith was picked as a member of the SVC All-league team. As a sophomore, Smith and her teammates would win first place (10-0) in the SVC league and went on to the league playoffs, losing again in the second round to Central Catholic. It was there first time in Liberty Ranch volleyball history that the team had a 10-0 record during a high school season. Again, Smith was voted All-league. As for her junior year, Smith had to face adversity. She had to sit out her junior year due to a back injury. Smith said it was very difficult for her to watch her friends play as she recovered. During that time, she would spend many hours in physical therapy, training and supporting her team. It was in January of 2024 that Smith was physically able to play again for her volleyball club. She started out a bit timid.



Smith on her recruiting trip to Palm Beach Atlantic University in Florida. Courtesy photo



Smith takes aim and prepares to strike. Photo by Paige Lampson

According to Smith, she was mentally fearful of the injury happening again. As she continued to play and build strength, she became stronger both mentally and physically. After playing in multiple tournaments, reaching out to many coaches and sending videos, Smith began to be recruited by a few teams. It was during the summer of her junior year that Smith took an official visit out to Florida to visit a school. She not only loved the school but knew she wanted to play for their coach. As a 6'6" senior at Liberty Ranch, Smith and the team won first place again in the SVC league. The team went on to play in the SJS section championship game. Smith was the second champion to reach 400 kills in one season. She ended her senior season with 428 kills, 153 blocks, 65 ace serves, and a .439 hitting percentage. Her hitting percentage ranked her both in the state and nationally. This year she was voted the team's co-MVP and All-league. As the excitement builds these next few weeks, Smith, an honor student, will be heading to Palm Beach Atlantic University. There she will be playing volleyball on a full ride scholarship. Smith would like to thank all her family, teachers, coaches, teammates and friends that have come out and watched her play volleyball and supported her along her journey. We look forward to following her at the next level. ★

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