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# **Key Issues to Watch in 2025**



Improvements to C Street should wrap up in early winter, the result of nearly six months of work on one of Galt's main thoroughfares. Photo by Sean P. Thomas

By Sean P. Thomas City Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - As the city of Galt barrels into the new year, here are a few of the high-water issues that residents might want to keep their eyes on heading into 2025.

#### **Redistricting** on the Horizon

The Galt City Council has always elected five city council members to four-year terms. A mayor is then picked from the group to serve a one-year term as the de ]facto spokesman for the city.

That may all change in 2025.

The city received a letter from the law firm Shenkman & Hughes in August threatening litigation if the city didn't move away from an at-large voting system. The letter argued that the system, which allows voters anywhere in the city to vote for any candidate for city council, diluted the ability for Latino voters to elect candidates of their choice and influence the election. Furthermore, they argued it violated the California

Voting Rights Act, which was passed to protect voters from being disenfranchised.

While it's certain that the city will move away from at-large voting - no city has successfully defended itself against similar litigation – the council does have the opportunity to decide whether to split into five districts and keep the current rotating mayor or move to four districts with an at-large mayor.

The council is undecided on which direction to go.

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# **Barbara Payne Community** Garden Partially Destroyed



An unnamed motorist crashed into the Barbara Payne Community Garden Christmas morning causing almost \$5,000 in damage. It is unclear what caused the accident. Photo courtesy of Gale Webber

#### By Sean P. Thomas City Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The City of Galt received the worst kind of Christmas present after a vehicle plowed into the Barbara Payne Community Garden on Christmas morning in a hit

Members of the nonprofit Galt Community of

Character Coalition arrived at the garden at Harvey Park on Third Street to find the free food table, community bulletin board and Eagle Scout project destroyed, according to an email from Gale Webber, treasurer for the nonprofit.

Evidence of the car crash could be found around the

Bronson Simunek,

a member of the nonprofit, said her daughter went to the garden around 10:45 a.m. and the garden was intact, but when

she arrived just 15 minutes later, the damage had been "I went to get some

cilantro and that is what I got to see," Simunek said. 'Holy mackerel."

Simunek said someone

turned themselves into police shortly after the organization posted about the incident.

It is unclear who caused the crash or why it occurred.

The Galt Police Department declined to provide a copy of the incident report, citing police

department policy that only

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## State **Stiffens Penalties** on Theft

By Cayla Mihalovich CalMatters.org

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Californians accused of certain drug and retail theft crimes may already be facing stiffer penalties under an initiative voters passed this year, alongside related bills Gov. Gavin Newsom signed into

Voters this November overwhelmingly approved Proposition 36, which both modifies and adds key changes to California law.

That includes prosecutors being able to charge people convicted of various third-time drug offenses with a so-called treatment-mandated felony, which would direct them to substance use disorder or mental health treatment in lieu of up to three years in jail or prison.

Under the new law, courts are also obligated to warn people convicted of selling or providing certain drugs, such as fentanyl, that they could face murder charges for later distributing illegal drugs that kill someone.

And heavier consequences may also extend to petty theft and shoplifting offenses, including the possibility of up to three years in jail or prison if a person has already been twice convicted for certain theft offenses.

Several district attorneys and police departments announced arrests this month that they planned to charge under the new law, including in San Francisco, Solano and Shasta counties.

The measure partially reversed a different initiative voters approved a decade ago, which reduced penalties for certain lower-level drug and petty theft offenses from felonies to misdemeanors.

The initiative, Proposition 47, was intended to develop new public safety strategies and reduce incarceration after the state's prison population exploded due to tough-on-crime policies dating back to the 1980s.

But prosecutors, law enforcement and large retailers who rallied in favor of Prop. 36 said those sentencing reforms went too far and created a revolving door for people to repeatedly commit crimes without being held accountable.

"It's a clear mandate from the public that we need to take a new approach on public safety issues, specifically hard drugs, retail theft and fentanyl," said Jeff Reisig, Yolo County District

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# State Water Project Allocation Increases

California Department of Water Resources News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - On Dec. 23, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced an update to the State Water Project allocation forecast for 2025. The allocation has increased to 15 percent of requested supplies, up from the initial allocation forecast of 5 percent announced in December. The State Water Project provides water to 29 public water agencies that serve 27-million Californians.

Strong storms in late November and early December have helped boost statewide precipitation to just above average for this time of year. Reservoir levels have also increased because of the storms. The initial allocation forecast announced on Dec. 2 had not accounted for these storms because the data was not yet available to water managers. Prior to the second half of November, the start of the water year had been dry and warm.

"The past several weeks has brought welcome rain and snow to Northern California and these improved conditions have allowed the State Water Project to increase the allocation forecast to the benefit of millions of Californians," said Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth. "While we typically wait to provide an update until January, we felt it important to let our state water contractors know of the increase as soon as possible to allow them to better plan their water supply for the year ahead."

State water managers will continue to

monitor precipitation and snowpack conditions, as well as account for dry soils that might soak up some of the spring runoff following record heat this past summer. Additionally, Southern California remains very dry and has not benefited from the atmospheric rivers experienced so far this season.

"California is still in the early months of our wet season and as recent history has shown, conditions can change quickly," said Dr. Michael Anderson, state climatologist. "While Northern California has benefitted from early season storms, dry conditions in the new year can leave us with below average totals when warmer weather arrives."

Each year, the Department of Water Resources provides State Water Project allocation forecasts based on available water storage, projected water supply and water demands. Allocations are updated monthly as snowpack, rainfall and runoff information is assessed, with a final allocation typically determined in May or June.

As the winter progresses, if California sees an increase in rain and snowfall, the allocation forecast might increase. The next update will likely come this month and will use information from the season's first snow surveys.

The allocation forecast notice to state water contractors and historical data on State Water Project allocations are available online at water.ca.gov/programs/state-water-project/management/swp-water-contractors.

# CHP's Operation Holiday Watch Successful

California Highway Patrol News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)
- In the final shopping days before Christmas, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) conducted a successful enforcement operation targeting organized retail crime, promoting safe shopping experiences for communities throughout California.

The collaborative state-wide retail theft crackdown on Friday, Dec. 20, resulted in 117 arrests, the recovery of more than \$38,000 in stolen merchandise, the seizure of two illegal fire-arms and the recovery of three stolen vehicles. Charges range from petty theft, grand theft, organized retail crime, felon in possession of a firearm and auto theft.

"Through proactive enforcement operations and strong partnerships with local law enforcement



Operation Holiday Watch. Photos courtesy of California Highway Patrol

and retailers, we were able to protect the state's businesses and consumers during one of the busiest times of the year," said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. "Our efforts send a clear message that retail theft in California will not be tolerated."

Key operation results were 117 arrests made for organized retail theft and related offenses; recovery of 767 stolen items, valued at \$38,290.70,

including clothing, shoes and fragrances; enhanced collaboration among 10 California law enforcement agencies and 56 retail partners to improve in-store security and reporting; and increased law enforcement



Shown are stolen items recovered by the California Highway Patrol during Operation Holiday Watch.

visibility in high-traffic shopping areas, deterring additional crimes.

The daylong operation was conducted in collaboration with the Hemet Police Department, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles Police Department, Glendale Police Department, Bakersfield Police Department, Woodland Police

Department, Walnut Creek Police Department, Livermore Police Department and San Ramon Police Department.

The CHP will work with businesses and the community to prevent retail theft year-round.

Anyone with information about organized retail theft operations is encouraged to contact the CHP atchp.ca.gov/Notify-CHP.

# State Stiffens Penalties on Theft

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Those who opposed the measure warned that it will worsen homelessness, drug use and crime by cutting funding for treatment programs and increasing court and prison costs in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Behavioral health experts across the state have voiced concern over the efficacy of a treatment-mandated felony, given that most California counties lack the resources needed to provide 'mass treatment' that has been promised by the measure's proponents.

"I believe that (proponents) have also received a mandate to embrace problem solving and supportive services for people who are struggling," said Cristine Soto DeBerry, executive director of the Prosecutors Alliance of California, a nonprofit organization that opposed Prop. 36.

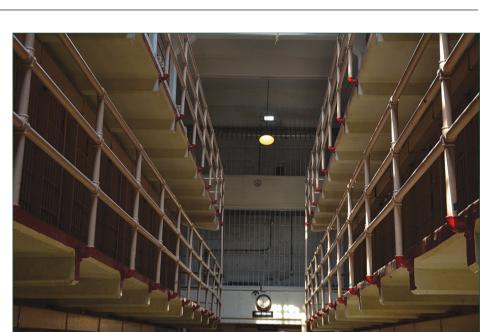
"I don't believe the mandate was (to) put more people in prison. It was not what people believed they were voting for. I hope that people with the discretion to enforce this law will think very carefully about the communities they serve

and what they were asking for in this moment," she

Gov. Gavin Newsom tried to keep Prop. 36 off of the fall ballot and for a time considered putting a competing crime measure before voters.

Instead, he signed a package of 10 bills in August that will make it easier to prosecute retail and vehicle theft. Those laws go into effect on Jan. 1.

Although Gov. Newsom didn't put any money into fighting Prop. 36, he referred to the initiative



Prop 36, approved by California voters in November, includes heavier consequences for petty theft and shoplifting offenses. Photo courtesy of Pixaby

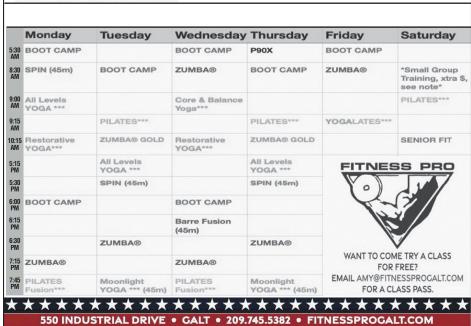
as an "unfunded mandate" that will take California back to the war on drugs. Indeed, the measure included no new funding streams.

But supporters like

Reisig voiced optimism that funding opportunities already exist in the law, pointing to a \$6.4 billion from the mental health bond voters approved in March

"I hope that lawmakers and the governor embrace the mandate and work collaboratively to make sure that we're successful in delivering the promise of Prop. 36," Reisig said. ★







# Key Issues to Watch in 2025

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Paul Mitchell of Redistricting Partners, a consulting firm hired by the city to help with the process, plans to return to the council Jan. 21 with the first set of six draft maps. Three of the maps will have four districts and an at-large mayor, and the other three will have five councilors.

The council is seeking more public comment to help with the decision-making process.

After the January meeting, two public meetings will be held before the council votes on new district lines on April 8.

#### **Homelessness and Affordable Housing**

With a startling 18% increase in homelessness nationwide, local municipalities are looking inward at the state of their unhoused populations. But if you trust the science behind the 2024 Sacramento County homeless count, there shouldn't be anything to worry about

in Galt.

Or should there?

The 2024 Sacramento County point-in-time count took place during that same month and found no unhoused people in Galt. That count took place in January 2024. The next county count will take place in January 2026.

That gives the town of 26,000 and officials all of 2025 to maintain its lower-than-average homeless count, or to watch the numbers tick up. Plenty of factors will impact that data, much of which is completely out of city officials' hands to control.

Newly elected City Councilor Tim Reed already noted his desire to connect the homeless population to services, showing a concern for the issue, even with reported homeless rates being as low as they are.

If you ask most Galt residents, while homelessness isn't as big an issue in the blue-collar town as it is in some of its larger neighboring cities like

Sacramento and Stockton, the belief that there isn't a single homeless person in the city isn't the most believable statistic, and if Galt falls in line with the trends nationwide, there will be more residents in perilous housing situations needing assistance.

Authorities cautioned that the federal data is nearly a year old, and financial constraints have only gotten worse since the count took place.

Hopefully that take is wrong.

#### **Street Improvement**

It's been a long time coming, but the enhancements to C Street should wrap up in 2025.

The project, which can almost be looked at as a beautification project, will add concrete medians, additional landscaping, better street lighting and bike and pedestrian safety features between Civic Drive and Sixth Street.

Phase 1 of the work began in August, cutting traffic down to only



In April, the Galt City Council will vote on how to draw new district voting maps, the result of a lawsuit filed against the city alleging potential voting imbalances in Galt's electorate under the California Voting Rights Act. Photos by Sean P. Thomas

westbound traffic. Traffic briefly opened on both lanes from Dec. 24 through Jan. 1 before the final leg of construction required the closure of eastbound traffic. Eastbound traffic is once again rerouted to A

The project is currently completing Phase 2, which is on pace to be completed by the end of winter 2025.

The construction has led to minor consternation from business owners who said they saw a small drop in business as the construction has continued. The city launched Shop, Drink and Eat on C Street, where community members can receive prizes by collecting receipts from eligible businesses along C Street.

#### **Grape Glut**

California's wine industry continues to face challenges, and some of those issues will have significant impacts on Galt's local wineries and vineyards.

Last year, an estimated 400.000 tons of grapes went unharvested from California's grapevines, a portion of which comes from vineyards in Galt and

As demand for local

grapes continue to plummet - worldwide wine consumption has dropped to 20-year lows - local farmers have been forced to reduce their vineyard size, leading to a ripple effect that has resulted in a lack of work for farmhands who typically can rely on steady work every season.

Whether or not that slide continues into 2025 remains to be seen, but as farmers fail to renew contracts for their product, 2025 might reveal whether the trend is here to stay, or if wineries across the state see a bounce back in demand.

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# **Barbara Payne Community Garden Partially Destroyed**

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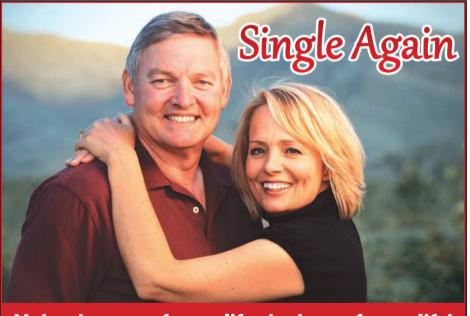
Simunek said the damage likely will cost between \$4,500 and \$5,000 and would have been higher if the motorist had struck the fence.

The community garden was dedicated in 2016 and is named to honor former Councilmember Barbara Payne.

Simunek said she hopes the nonprofit will be able to get the perpetrator's insurance to pay for the damage.

Simunek said the motorist missed a nearby fire hydrant by one foot.

Simunek said if all else fails, the organization will hold a fundraiser to help to pay for the damage.



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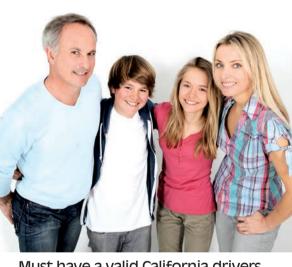
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# Tax Loopholes Cost California and its Cities \$107 Billion but Get Little Scrutiny



#### By Dan Walters, **CALMatters.org**

Among the hundreds of bills introduced in every session of the California Legislature, a few deal with what state officials term "tax expenditures," which requires some explanation.

The term refers to provisions in personal and corporate income taxes and sales taxes that exempt specific financial transactions from levies that otherwise would be applied. They have exactly the same fiscal effect as direct appropriations in the budget, which is why they are dubbed "expenditures."

While many loopholes reflect a broad public and political consensus that they serve positive purposes such as making prescriptions drugs and most grocery store foods tax-free — others provide subsidies to special interests with political clout.

My personal favorite among the latter was enacted about 35 years ago at the behest of Silicon Valley interests. It exempted custom computer programs from sales taxes, generally benefiting corporations willing to pay millions of dollars for such software, while continuing to tax off-the-shelf programs such as Quicken or TurboTax purchased by ordinary consumers.

It's certainly not California's largest tax loophole, costing state and local governments \$119 million a year in lost revenue, but it exemplifies the narrow focus of many exemptions.

The software loophole estimate comes from an annual report issued by the state Department of Finance that gets scant public, media and political attention even though, as this year's version confirms, the accumulated effect on state and local government revenues is \$107 billion, counting only exemptions of \$5 million or more.

"The result: California's \$204 billion of estimated General Fund revenues (excluding transfers) in 2024-25 would be roughly 45% greater if there were no personal income, sales and use, or corporate income tax expenditures in state law," Jason Sisney, a fiscal consultant for the Legislature, says in an analysis of the data.

Over time, the number and size of tax expenditures has tended to increase because they often enjoy political support from their beneficiaries, while there's little or no pressure on governors or legislators to reduce or eliminate those with little or no rational basis, such as the custom software exemption.

The legislation creating it was carried by a Silicon Valley legislator, now deceased, known for his laments about the state's parsimonious attitudes toward vital education, health and social services.

What happened a couple of decades ago in the state Board of Equalization, which was then the collector of sales taxes, is another illustration. State law taxes hot prepared foods, such as those served in restaurants, or offered by delis, but exempts cold prepared foods — for reasons

The owner of a theater chain asked the board to exempt popcorn from the hot food tax, arguing that while it may be warm when purchased, it's cold by the time theater patrons return to their seats. The board granted the exemption.

The new report lists the income tax exemptions for employer-provided medical care and pension contributions, totaling \$29 billion in reduced revenues, as California's two largest tax expenditures. Other personal income tax biggies are exemption of some Social Security benefits (\$5.5 billion) and capital gains on inherited properties (\$5 billion).

The largest corporate income tax provision, valued at \$3.1 billion, limits taxation on the revenues of multinational corporations, an issue that has kicked around the Capitol for at least 50 years with several iterations.

Among the newer items on the list are income and sales tax credits for motion picture and video production (\$213 million) and a sales tax exemption for menstrual products (\$28 million) and children's diapers (\$81 million).

Each year, the governor and the Legislature spend months negotiating thousands of items in the state budget. With \$107 billion at stake, perhaps they should spend some of that time reviewing off-budget tax expenditures.

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

## **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.

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, contact Paula Schroeder at egdarregistrar@gmail.com.

#### **American Legion Post 233**

American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 has general meetings the fourth Thursday each month at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Dinner at 6 p.m.

Elk Grove American Legion Post 233

Family Breakfast meets the first Saturday each month with location TBD. Currently we meet at Mimi's Cafe on the corner of Laguna Boulevard and West Stockton Boulevard (just off Highway 99).

For information, call Henry at 916-205-9296 or Sue at 916-683-6128.

Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 233 meets the first Monday each month at 5:45 p.m. at the Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove.

#### **Other Veterans Meetings**

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Marine Corps League: first Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting, 7p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

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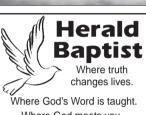


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During the time period of Dec. 23 to Dec. 29, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in nine arrests.

#### Dec. 23

6:35 a.m., burglary, Billorights Way; trailer broken into.

2:12 p.m., vandalism, Associated Family Physicians, Inc. on C Street; van back window broken.

#### **Dec. 24**

1:01 p.m., reckless driving/adult arrest, Fairway Drive.

1:42 p.m., hit and run/

non-injury, Walmart on Twin Cities Road.

#### **Dec. 26**

10:13 a.m., attempted theft/tamper, GJES Transport Facility on Beaver Park Way; gas siphoned from school district vehicles.

1:24 p.m., warrant service/adult arrest, McDonald's on East Stockton Boulevard.

#### Dec. 27

12:41 a.m., warrant served/adult arrest, Comfort Inn & Suites on Twin Cities Road.

9:18 a.m., theft, A Street; truck broken into

10:25 p.m., vandalism, Robin Court; community mailbox pried open.

#### **Dec. 28**

8:48 a.m., warrant service/adult arrest, North Lincoln Way.

10:43 a.m., shoplifting/ adult arrest, Civic Drive/ Caroline Avenue.

10:49 a.m., fraud, Stargell Way.

7:46 p.m., DUI/adult arrest, La Quinta Inn & Suites, North Lincoln Way.

#### Dec. 29

11:06 a.m., domestic violence/adult arrest, A

## By V.G. Harris It's raining in Sactown and it's not a wel-

Kings Korner

come rain. Fans, a derivate of fanatic, are having their true fervor tested.

Seen as a team with 50 wins plus potential, the Kings entered the 2024/2025 season by losing every game in the preseason. What was even more surprising to many fans was coach Brown's seemingly inability to assess the talent on his roster.

Brown's substitution patterns reminded me of a middle school team whose coach was bent on equal playing time for every player.

The preseason had no chance of finding anything resembling a rotation that made any semblance of sense. Every game saw different bench players with significant court time, leading to inconsistency and a style of substitution that can only be described as frenetic.

The only thing consistent in the preseason was the Kings losing, and regrettably this habit carried into the regular season, as the Kings dropped the first three games of the regular season. Sadly, this team with high expectations had yet to find anything resembling a consistent rotation of players coming off the bench. As a result, bench players found themselves with no court time whatsoever, absent from the court for multiple games in succession, or suddenly, inexplicably breaking into the starting lineup.

This became Mike Brown's brand of 2024/2025 basketball known as experimental substitution. Sadly, this continued for the first third of the season, and with an abysmal record of 13-18 Monte McNair and owner Vivek Ranadive decided to give coach Mike Brown the rest of the season off. Coach Brown's tenure was punctuated by an atrocious 5-game stretch that saw the Kings lose every game, culminating in a purely giveaway game against the Detroit Pistons.

Pundits and fans will likely argue the merits of replacing a coach that is just 1 ½ years removed from leading the Kings to their first playoff appearance in 16 years, albeit claiming the title of coach of the year in the process.

The truth is that too many players no longer knew their role, and players like Alex Len didn't know if they'd see significant playing time or spend three games on the bench with no court appearance whatsoever. The problem with this style of coaching is the reflection it invariably has on a player's confidence, and a player without confidence is doomed to failure.

From this writer's perspective, the real issue this season has been a carryover from last year, and that is the inability to accurately assess the talent on this team as it is assembled today.

Case in point is the outright blunder in trading Davion Mitchel and Sasha Vezenkov, along with a 2nd round draft pick to the Toronto Raptors for Jalen McDaniels. Mitchell wasn't just a Sacramento fan

favorite; he was highly popular in the locker room and had a reputation for playing defense like a whirling dervish. Davion had too many intangibles to note, and his absence from this lineup has been sorely missed. Davion has started several games for the

Raptors this season, averaging 9.1 points, 6.3 assists, 2.8 rebounds, and 1.1 steals, while averaging 31 minutes per game. As for the player we traded for, Jalen McDaniels never even saw the regular season, being sent unceremoniously to the San Antonio Spurs before the 2024/2025 campaign ever

With the departure of Mike Brown, the Kings have entrusted our Sactown ballers to assistant coach Doug Christie. Coaching from the perspective of a former player will undoubtedly be different, and I'm sure every fan is wishing Doug much success in his new role.

First and foremost, I will be looking for the basics, and that is making sure every player clearly understands his role. Consistency in who replaces Domantas Sabonis every game when he takes a break, and a tighter handle on depth of the bench. It wasn't uncommon for Brown to go as far as 12 deep, and that simply has to change. I see Kevin Huerter, Alex Len, Keon Ellis, and Trey Lyles as the go-to guys off the bench and the rotation needs to have consistency. Time for experiments to stop, and confidence building to begin.

Whatever you do, don't quit on this team Kings fans. 2025 is a new year full of new beginnings.

Happy New Year and all the best Kings fans!

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

## **MEETING MINDERS**

#### Sunday, Jan. 5

Galt 4-H Club meeting, 3 p.m., at either Barbara Payne Community Garden or Grange Hall (depending on weather); see Facebook page GALT 4-H or email galt4h@gmail.com.

#### Monday, Jan. 6

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

Galt Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m.,

Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 8

Cosumnes CSD, 5 p.m., Elk Grove CSD boardroom, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

Herald Community Club, 6:30 p.m., Hendrickson Hall, 12746 Ivie Road, Herald, 209-810-8390.

#### Friday, Nov. 10

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

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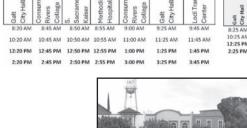
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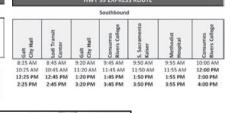


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# United Way Unveils New Brand

Kristin Thebaud **Communications** News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - United Way California Capital Region has joined United Way Worldwide in announcing a refreshed brand to reflect the organization's reach and impact in communities as one of the world's largest and oldest privately funded charities that helps more than 48 million people annually, including more

The brand refresh comes in time for year-end giving when many make their tax-deductible gifts.

than 12,000 in the greater

Sacramento region.

"As we embrace this new chapter with our refreshed brand, we are committed to addressing the unique challenges faced by our community," said Dr. Dawnté Early, president and CEO, United Way California Capital



chair Dr. Richard Pan make phone calls to donors under a new mural that reflects United Way's refreshed brand. Photo courtesy of Kristin Thebaud Communications

Region. "United Way's vision not only reflects our deep-rooted history but also our forward-thinking approach to creating lasting change.

Together, we can inspire and empower every individual to thrive."

Underpinning the revitalized brand are four impact areas - youth opportunity, healthy community, financial security and community resiliency. The new brand includes the theme. United is the Way<sup>TM</sup>, which activates the United Way name into a declarative statement of purpose to invite all people and communities to take action and make a bigger impact together.

The brand also includes a revitalized visual identity, in which United Way's circle of hope logo has been unboxed to signify the dynamic nature of the nonprofit, which – through its deep roots in tens of thousands of communities around the world – listens and responds in real time to pressing needs.

"The global brand refresh is a significant milestone in our organization's 137-year history and represents our commitment to evolve and innovate in order to meet the changing needs of our communities worldwide," said Angela F. Williams, president and CEO, United Way Worldwide. "It signifies our organization's longstanding journey, while also embodying our transformative approach to remain relevant, sustainable, impactful now and in the future."

The refresh was informed by a comprehensive and robust brand discovery process that included both qualitative and quantitative research at the local and global level reflecting the needs of communities. The effort comes at a time when a September 2024 Generosity Commission report reveals a decline in the proportion of Americans who volunteer or contribute to nonprofits. Through this renewed strategy, United Way aims to spur greater engagement and action among the public and reinforce what United Way stands for, how it is different and why audiences should be engaged with its work.

United Way California Capital Region has been a driving force across the region for more than 100 years, listening, responding and taking

comprehensive action to meet local needs. From advancing youth opportunities and helping kids excel in school, to strengthening local communities and investing in families' financial security and health, United Way mobilizes communities to build a future where everyone can reach their full potential and thrive.

Working across Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties, the local United Way provides books and literacy tutoring, addresses housing and food security, leads the region's largest tax preparation initiative, launched Sacramento's first guaranteed income program, works with foster youth across school districts and leads the Community Schools initiative in West Sacramento.

To make a donation, visitYourLocalUnitedWay.

# Sacramento County Launches CARE Court Program

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) -Sacramento County officially launched its Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act Program (known as CARE Court) on Dec. 1 to connect individuals struggling with schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorders with voluntary, community-based treatment through a civil court

The program is available to individuals aged 18 and older who are diagnosed with a schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorder, currently experiencing behaviors and symptoms associated with severe mental illness (SMI), unable to stabilize through existing voluntary treatment, and unlikely to survive safely in the community without supervision.

The Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment process begins with an individual, family members, behavioral health professionals, directors of organizations or hospitals involved in their care filing a petition, which is reviewed by a Sacramento County Superior Court judge to determine eligibility.

If criteria are met, the court may order Sacramento County's Behavioral Health Services Division to investigate and develop a Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment agreement

or plan tailored to the participant's needs. Through this process, participants can receive support through the program for up to 24 months, ensuring continuity of care and ongoing access to essential

"Launching the CARE Act Program is an important step toward providing hope and support for individuals who need services but are not seeking care for themselves," said Behavioral Health Services Director Ryan Quist. "This program reflects a collaborative effort with the Sacramento Superior Court and our community partners. Together, we are ensuring that those in need have the opportunity to find stability and recovery."

The Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act embodies Sacramento County's commitment to a compassionate, recovery-focused approach for addressing mental health challenges. By empowering individuals with the resources and support they need, the program fosters connections within the community, prioritizing dignity and respect throughout the recovery process.

For more information about the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Court Program, including eligibility details and the forms to fill out a petition, visit Sacramento County's Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Court program webpage.★

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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 #24CV024003 Ashiesh Chand has filed a pe-

tition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ashiesh Chand to Warenn Chand Vurtan. IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 2, 2024 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of

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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

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de su caso. Tendrá que darle al

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que aparece arriba y en la pagina La solicitud de una orden de restricci6n se hace en el formulario WV-100, Solicitud de órdenes de restricci6n par acoso civil. Where can I get help?

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## **Court Issues Text Scam Alert**

Sacramento Superior Court News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) -Sacramento Superior Court has been notified of an active "smishing" cam-

Smishing is a cybercrime in which text messages are sent pretending to be from reputable companies to convince individuals to share personal information, such as passwords or credit card numbers, and install malicious software via links attached to the text message received by the targeted individual.

The Sacramento Superior Court has become aware that text messages impersonating court staff and trusted court organizations meant to trick text message recipients have been

The Court asks the public to be mindful of text messages received from unfamiliar numbers and scrutinize them carefully.

As a precaution, if you receive a smishing text message, do not click on any links or attachments in the text message and do not reply to the text message sender. The text message can be reported as spam and the text message sender's number can be blocked through the text message program. Finally, delete the text message completely.



The image is an example of a smishing text message being circulated. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Superior Court

## **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

#### **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.

#### **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 to 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 drycell 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 planning division@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

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.

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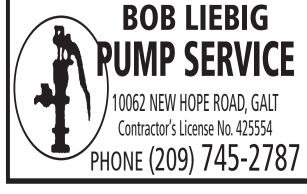
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# It's Chocolate Covered Cherry Day

Jan. 3 spotlights National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day, a favorite during many holidays. Furthermore, the National Confectioners Association is known to recognize the day as an annal event.

Chocolate-covered cherry lovers know how impossible it is to eat just one of these candies. Candy makers combine these two favorite flavors into one delicious treat, and it turns into something irresistible. They also often make the candy with a sweet liquid center and in some cases a liqueur filling. Chocolatecovered cherries are also known as chocolate cordials. They can be either store-bought or homemade. They are known as a midwinter pick-me-up.

During the 1700s in England, cherries were enclosed in chocolate with a little kirsch (cordial) liqueur. After the candies found their way to the United States, Americans began delighting in the little bit of alcoholic cordial surrounding the fruit dipped in chocolate. Although originally made with liqueur, cordials or chocolate-covered cherries are more commonly made with a sugar syrup flavored with cherries. The pitted cherries have



been cooked in sugar syrup and jarred.

There are two methods to cover the cherries. One is enrobing: Chocolate is poured over the cherry to coat it. The other is shell molding, where chocolate is poured into a mold. When it hardens the cherry and syrup are added. Another bit of chocolate is poured over the opening to seal the cherry and syrup inside.

My mother loved dark chocolate-covered cherries. She would buy several boxes and put them away for herself to enjoy. She would consume three or four of them with hot tea at night. I like the milk chocolate-covered ones. But one box would last me a while.

Then there are the white chocolate-covered cherries. The "white chocolate"-covered cherries are too sweet. And really? Is there such a thing as

white chocolate? Chocolate has a cocoa flavor, while white chocolate tastes like I imagine "white" anything to taste: like sugar. Even when food coloring is used to get those pretty pastel colors, it still has no flavor. I'll stick to milk chocolate. Whatever your choice, take time to enjoy this mid-inter pick-me-up.

OK, so, we are three days into January .. are you still recovering from New Year's Eve? Are you still keeping those resolutions you made? So, far so good for

Most of the outside decorations are put away, simply because the weather wreaks havoc on the inflatables and wreaths. However, I like seeing the lights when I am coming home at night, and we just need to revamp the hay bale decorations into Valentine hearts and flowers and maybe exchange the multi-colored lights for red and white lights. The celebration of the Three King's Day (Epiphany) is Monday, Jan. 6, and also the first day of school in the new year at the Galt High School District.

The first three-day weekend is coming up. Martin Luther King's birthday will be celebrated on Monday, Jan. 20, which is also Inauguration Day. And the Lunar New Year is Jan. 29, celebrating the year of the Snake.

I think I will use the time to start spring cleaning: closets, maybe venture up into the attic, under the bed, and the garage. UGH! Or maybe I will just get a blanket and a cup of hot coffee, some leftover Christmas cookies or fudge and watch reruns of my favorite Christmas movies.

Shopping is out of the question; I have enough stuff. Well, I could always use some yard art. I really like the stone animals, old birdhouses, metal sculptures and large ceramic flowerpots for my succulents. And they are very pretty around the yard. The thing is, I have to keep them neat and cared for, pull the weeds that grow around them, clean the debris off, keep them upright when the wind blows them around. I will need to think about this to see if it is really worth pursuing.

Enjoy this beginning of the year. Until next week – be strong, be courageous, and make a memory.

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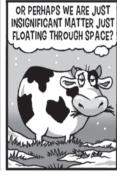






















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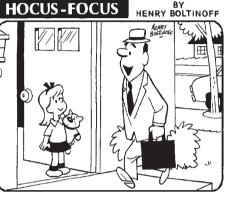


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# Slater Completes Consensus All-American Campaign



Hornet senior Jackson Slater (No. 76) was named to the AFCA FCS All-America team, it was announced on Dec. 20. Photo by Sacramento State Athletics

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -Sacramento State offensive lineman Jackson Slater became the first Hornet to be a consensus first team All-American as he was named to the AFCA FCS All-America team, it was

announced on Dec. 20. The honor follows Slater being named to the first team of the Associated Press, Stats Perform and FCS Central.

A four-year starter, Slater entered the lineup in the fourth week of the 2021 season and did not leave the group for the next 44 games. During his time with the team, Sacramento State won a pair of Big Sky Conference titles and made three NCAA FCS Playoff appearances.

The Bellevue, Wash., native became just the fifth player in school history, and the first offensive lineman, to earn three first team all-Big Sky honors.

Later this winter, he will take part in the East-West Shrine Bowl in Arlington, Texas.

Slater joins running back Charles Roberts (1998), wide receiver DeAndre Carter (2014), linebacker Darnell Sankey (2015), tight end Marshel Martin (2022), safety Marte Mapu (2022) and running

back Cameron Skattebo (2022) as the only Sacramento State players to be recognized as an All-America by the AP, Stats Perform (formerly the Sports Network) and the AFCA in the same season. However, Slater is the first to be named to the first team by each organization in the same season.

# **Brennan Marion Named Hornet Football Coach**



On Dec. 20. Brennan Marion was announced as the 13th head football coach in Sac **State history.** Photo by Sacramento State Athletics

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State Director of Athletics Mark Orr announced on Dec. 20 that Brennan Marion has been appointed as the 13th

head football coach in school history. One of the top offensive coordinators in the country, Marion comes to the Hornets after spending the last two seasons at UNLV. Under his watch, the Rebels had great success, posting a 19-8 overall record and qualifying for a pair of bowl games. This season, UNLV ranked 14th in the FBS with a school-record setting average of 36.2 points per game. The team's average of 251.2 rushing yards per game would also be the most for the school in over 45 years. For his efforts, Marion was named one of five finalists for the Football Scoop Offensive Coordinator

"I'm truly honored by the heartfelt welcome from President Luke Wood and Director of Athletics Mark Orr to be the program's next head football coach," Marion said. "Sacramento State is fully invested in becoming a nationally known football program, and I've always relished the opportunity to build and create. My family and I can't wait to serve the student-athletes of this program and the Sacramento community. As a university, we're going to write history and work tirelessly to build something that the community will be proud of for generations to come."

In Marion's "Go-Go" offense, five UNLV offensive players earned either first or second team all-Mountain West this fall. That includes wide receiver Ricky White III, who became the first player in school history to post two 1,000-yard seasons, and Hajj-Malik Williams, who became just the second Rebel quarterback since 1996 to

be named either first or second team all-league. "I'm thrilled to announce Brennan

Marion as our next head football coach,"

Mark Orr said. "Coach Marion is the perfect fit for our football program, our department, our university and our community. His demonstrated success in recruiting promising student-athletes and maximizing their talents will help us return our football program to winning conference championships. I'm confident Coach Marion possesses the dynamic ability to cultivate impactful relationships with internal and external constituents surrounding Hornet football. He will lead the student-athletes in our program to reach and surpass their aspirations of achievement both on and off the field."

Following the 2023 season, Marion earned the Mountain West Wire Coordinator of the Year honor and was a nominee for the prestigious Broyles Award in just his first season at UNLV. During the season, the team scored 40+ points in a school-record six games and had 24 points in a school-record 10 straight games. The Rebels finished sixth in the FBS in third-down conversions (49.3 percent), tied for eighth in red-zone offense (93.1 percent) and 22nd in scoring (34.4 ppg).

UNLV was the Mountain West regular season co-champion and boasted a first team All-American in wide receiver Ricky White III, a Mountain West Freshman of the Year in quarterback Jayden Maiava and a rookie who led the nation among all freshmen in rushing touchdowns with 12 in Jai'Den Thomas as part of a school-record 39 overall rushing scores.

Marion came to UNLV from Texas where he served the 2022 season as the passing game coordinator and wide receivers coach. The Longhorns finished with a top 25 scoring offense (34.5 PPG) while Marion tutored Big 12 Conference receiving touchdowns leader Xavier Worthy, who became the

28th overall pick in the 2024 NFL Draft by the Kansas City Chiefs. Marion coached 2021 Biletnikoff Award winner Jordan Addison at

Pittsburgh. The nation's top wideout

was a consensus first team All-American after setting a school single-season record with 100 catches for 1,593 yards and an FBS-leading 17 touchdowns. He would become a first round NFL Draft pick by the Minnesota Vikings.

UNLV was Marion's second stop in the Mountain West as he served as wide receivers coach at Hawaii in 2020. On the islands, he oversaw the development of all-Mountain West receiver Calvin Turner who was named the New Mexico Bowl Most Outstanding Offensive Player after compiling 252 all-purpose yards and scoring two touchdowns in the Rainbow Warriors' 28-14 win over

In 2019, Marion was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at William & Mary, where he dramatically improved the Tribe's production in every major statistical category. William & Mary nearly doubled its scoring average while its total offensive output increased by almost 100 yards per contest.

Marion's first NCAA Div. I coaching opportunity came at Howard, where he posted two exceptional seasons (2017-18) as the Bisons' offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. In 2017, quarterback Caylin Newton was named the MEAC Rookie of the Year after becoming the first freshman in conference history to surpass 3,000 yards of total offense (3,185). Marion's offense sparked Howard to a 7-4 record in 2017, including a memorable 43-40 win over UNLV — the largest upset in college football history.

Marion also coached the running backs at Oklahoma Baptist in 2016 and spent the 2015 season as an offensive quality control assistant at Arizona

A 2009 graduate of Tulsa, Marion was a record-setting receiver for the Golden Hurricane. In two seasons at Tulsa (2007-08), he compiled 2,356 yards on 82 receptions with 19 touchdowns. He was a two-time all-Conference-USA selection and the 2007 C-USA Newcomer of the Year. Marion set NCAA records for yards per catch in both a season (31.9 in 2007) and a career (28.7).

Prior to Tulsa, he was a standout at De Anza junior college. In 2006, he led California's junior colleges with 1,196 receiving yards and 16 touchdowns on 60 receptions. Following his collegiate playing career, Marion signed free agent contracts with the NFL's Miami Dolphins, as well as the Canadian Football League's Montreal Alouettes.

A native of Greensburg, Pa., Marion was a four-year letterman in three different sports (football, basketball and

track) at Greensburg Salem HS. Marion

has three children, Mariah, Brennan

and Melrose.

# **UC Davis Football Players Named All-Americans**

UC Davis Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - With the 2024 season in the review mirror, UC Davis football's postseason accolades continue to roll in as Walter Payton Finalist senior running back Lan Larison along with Buck Buchanan Award finalist redshirt junior David Mever and junior Rex Connors were all named American Football Coaches Association FCS

Coaches All-Americans. The nod makes Larison a six-time All-American (named twice a first team All-American by the Associated Press) and Connors a five-time All-American this season having earned nods from Stats Perform, FCS Football Central, the Associated Press and Phil Steele. While not to be outdone, the award means Meyer is now a four-time All-American earned recognition by Stats Perform, FCS Football Central and Phil Steele.

Larison (running back) was named to the first team while Connors (defensive back) and Meyer (linebacker) earned second team nods.

The Aggie running back led the nation in all-purpose yards finishing with 2,387 all-purpose yards. His 847 receiving yards and 62 receptions led all running backs in the country and he finished third in the nation with 1,465 rushing yards. Larison also found the endzone 23 times, second-most in the country, crossing the goal line 17 times on the ground (sixth in the nation) and six times through the air (first among running backs in the nation).

During the season the preseason All-American earned multiple Big Sky and national player of the week awards, he was named first team All-Big Sky Conference and this marks the second-straight season Larison has earned postseason All-American honors.

In only 11 games played, the first team All-Big Sky conference honoree made his presence felt on each snap racking up an impressive 115 total tackles, setting a program record with 74 solo tackles in the season. Connors added six pass break ups, snagging a pair of interceptions and he had at least 11 tackles in six games and had a team-high 16 total tackles in the Aggies NCAA Division I Championship Quarterfinal game at No. 4 South Dakota.

He finished seventh in the nation in total tackles per game (10.5) and led the nation in solo tackles per game, averaging 6.7 over 11 games. And three times during the season, the Aggie defensive back and first time All-American had at least 10 solo tackles in a game, including back-to-back games of 11 solo tackles (vs. Idaho) and 10 solo tackles at Portland State.

The team leader in tackles with 122, Meyer made the trip up from Cal Poly via graduate transfer and his impact was felt immediately among the Aggie linebacking corps. His 122 total tackles ranks him second all-time in program history, and he comes only the fourth Aggie in history to reach the century mark in total tackles during a single season.

Meyer originally set the solo tackles record, setting the record and holding it for one game after getting his 64th solo tackle of the season against No. 12 Illinois State in the second round of the NCAA Division I Championships. But he was passed, by just one solo tackle, by teammate Rex Connors who wrestled the record away from his teammate in the Aggies quarterfinal match up at No. 4 South Dakota.

He finished 11th in the nation in solo tackles per game (6.7) and his 8.7 tackles per game ranked him 30th among the nation's best. The Aggie linebacker was named first team All-Big Sky Conference, earned a pair of Big Sky defensive player of the week honors and a national defensive player of the week nod following his performance against Northern Colorado.

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# LOCAL SPORTS **COVERAGE** PRESENTED BY THE GALT HERALD

# Winning Players in 2024 Sports

**Gonzalez Competes at State Cross Country Championship** 



Galt High School senior Kitto Gonzalez improved his previous years' time at the CA State Championship at Woodward Park by nearly 33 seconds and improved on his 65th-place previous finish, placing 40th against California's top high school

Miguel Garcia: Galt High Male Co-Athlete of the Year



Miguel Garcia played varsity soccer all four years at Galt High School, earning an unprecedented all-league honor all four years and being named SVC league MVP twice. Garcia also was the No. 1 scorer in the nation for winter soccer. Photo by Paige

# Liberty Ranch Flag Football Wins All League: Warrior Inaugural Flag Football **Blevins Named League MVP**





Madisyn Robbins





coaches in the league.



Coaches Andy Peterson and Mike Turpin led the inaugural Liberty Ranch girls' flag football team to a 12-0 perfect league record and the league championship. The coaches were allowed to pick five girls for the All-League honor. They selected sophomore quarterback Kamrynn Blevins, left, along with junior Madisyn Robbins, senior Kaeli Vang, senior Kendall Duryee and junior Maggie Stephens.

Blevins was voted League MVP by all of the

losses. "We had our challenges this season, but I am proud of how hard the ladies worked," said Head Coach Ryan Tassell. "I am excited for next season as we continue to build the team." Vanessa Corrales, above, catches a pass. Photo courtesy of Ella Ipson

**Team Finishes Season** 

Kamrynn Blevins Photos by Paige Lampson

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# 2024 High School Sports Achievers

# Strong Competition at STUNT Sections Hawk Volleyball Headed to Section Finals



Twelve teams competed at the Galt High Gym for the STUNT Section title on April 26 and 27. While Oakridge won the Section title again, the Liberty Ranch Hawks continued to provide some good competition. The Hawks, pictured above, throw a twist basket and two pike baskets. Photo by Paige Lampson

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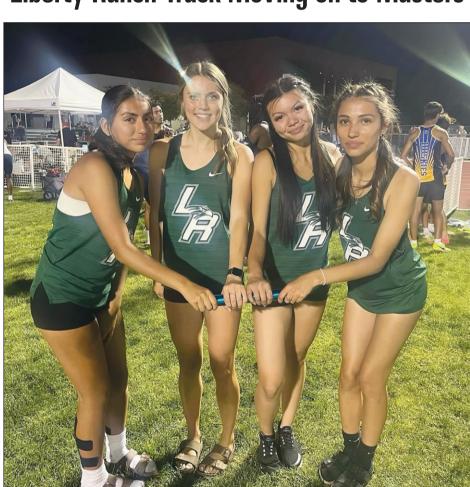
For the first time in history, the Liberty Ranch girls volleyball team qualified for the Sac-Joaquin section finals. The team had a perfect run of 14 wins and zero losses to win league for the second time in a row. No Liberty Ranch volleyball team had ever made it past the quarterfinals. The Hawks, above, celebrate their win over Hilmar on Nov. 5. Photo by Paige Lampson

## **Galt Football Scores First Win Under New Coach**



The Galt Warriors defeated the Kennedy Cougars 21-13 in August. The Warriors showed up with a lot of energy and enthusiasm for new head coach Mark Walden, shown above giving final instructions before the game. "The team took a big step Friday night in laying a foundation of who they are and who they are going to be," said Waldon. Photo by Paige Lampson

# **Liberty Ranch Track Moving on to Masters**



The 4x400 girls' team of Mariah Gonzalez, Halle Ory, Gianella Sandoval and Kimberly Rodriguez, above, prepares to run at the San Joaquin Section Meet. Competition was steep for the Hawk ladies, and even though the team placed fifth, they still set a new Liberty Ranch

# Snow Named League MVP Unprecedented Third Year in a Row





Paityn Snow, above left, played varsity all four years and was the first sophomore to be named league MVP in anyone's recollection. She exceeded 500 kills in the season, making her the first player ever to do so at Liberty Ranch or in the Sierra Valley Conference. She was the first player to reach the 1,000-kill benchmark. And Snow didn't stop there; she finished her season adding

those kills and set the record high with more than 1,500. "My coaches have taught me to play the game as if it were my last, and this season that really was the case. I have worked very hard for this sport, and I have loved every second doing it." At right, Snow digs deep and saves the ball. Photo by Paige Lampson Photo by Paige Lampson