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Valley Oaks Crowns Spelling Champ



Valley Oaks Elementary School Principal David Nelson celebrates fifth-grader Thomas Jung's victory as Valley Oaks Elementary School's spelling bee champion. Photos courtesy Valley Oaks Elementary School

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - "Rebuke."

Correctly spelling that word earned fifth-grader Thomas Jung the distinction as Valley Oaks Elementary School's spelling bee champion last month.

Eleven other students participated in the 13-round event before Jung was crowned champion.

Sixth-grader Zoey Stacher earned second place and fourth-grader Beatriz Angeles Juarez took third place.

The participants included: Ashley Rothstein, third grade; Zuleyka Cervantes, third grade; Eric Govea Bautista, third grade; Emily Valenzuela Hernandez, fourth grade; Beatriz Angeles Juarez, fourth grade; Dominick Ibarra Avarez, fifth grade; Gunnar Wardrobe, fifth grade; Riley Hutchason, fifth grade; Thomas Jung, fifth grade; Zoey Stacher, sixth grade; and Natalia Villalobos Hinojosa, sixth grade.

Guest judges included Wes Cagle, Galt Joint Junior Elementary School District board member; Galt Mayor



Guest judges Galt Mayor Shawn Farmer, left, Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board Member Wes Cagle, right, and Superintendent Lois Young, center, celebrate Thomas Jung's victory.

Shawn Farmer and Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Superintendent Lois Yount.

Racial Profiling Report Released



California Department of Justice News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Racial and Identity Profiling Advisory Board on Dec. 31 announced the release of its annual report on police stops across California. The report analyzes 4.7 million vehicle and pedestrian stops conducted in 2023 by 539 law enforcement agencies in California under the Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA). Overall, the report shows disparities consistent with those observed in prior years' data with respect to perceived race, age, and disability status. The report finds, for example, that the disparity between the proportion of stops and the proportion of residential population was greatest for individuals perceived to be Black, who were stopped 126% more frequently than expected, followed by individuals perceived to be Latino, who were stopped 44% more frequently than expected. In addition to providing an in-depth look into policing in 2023, the report contains a wide array of best practice recommendations related to policing, with a particular focus this year on the policing of youth and its impacts.

"Like those before it, the 2025 report provides actionable information to address bias in policing. This year's report is particularly important with its focus on young Californians. The racial disparities of policing stops, searches and use of force of youth is alarming," said Andrea Guerrero, Co-Chair of the RIPA Board and Executive Director of Alliance San Diego. "Young Californians who are driving, biking, and walking and perceived to be Black or Brown are regularly stopped, asked to consent to a search, handcuffed, sat on the curb, put in a police car, and questioned for information that is recorded on a field interview card before being released. This is California's version of stop and frisk that causes immeasurable harm to the community and erodes trust in law enforcement

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Hoops Legend Cartwright Pens Bio

By Sean P. Thomas City Editor

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - In the world of basketball, former NBA star Bill Cartwright has done it all.

As a prep star for the Elk Grove Thundering Herd, Cartwright earned two California Mr. Basketball distinctions and in 1975 led his squad to a Northern California high school boys' basketball title under coach Dan Risley.

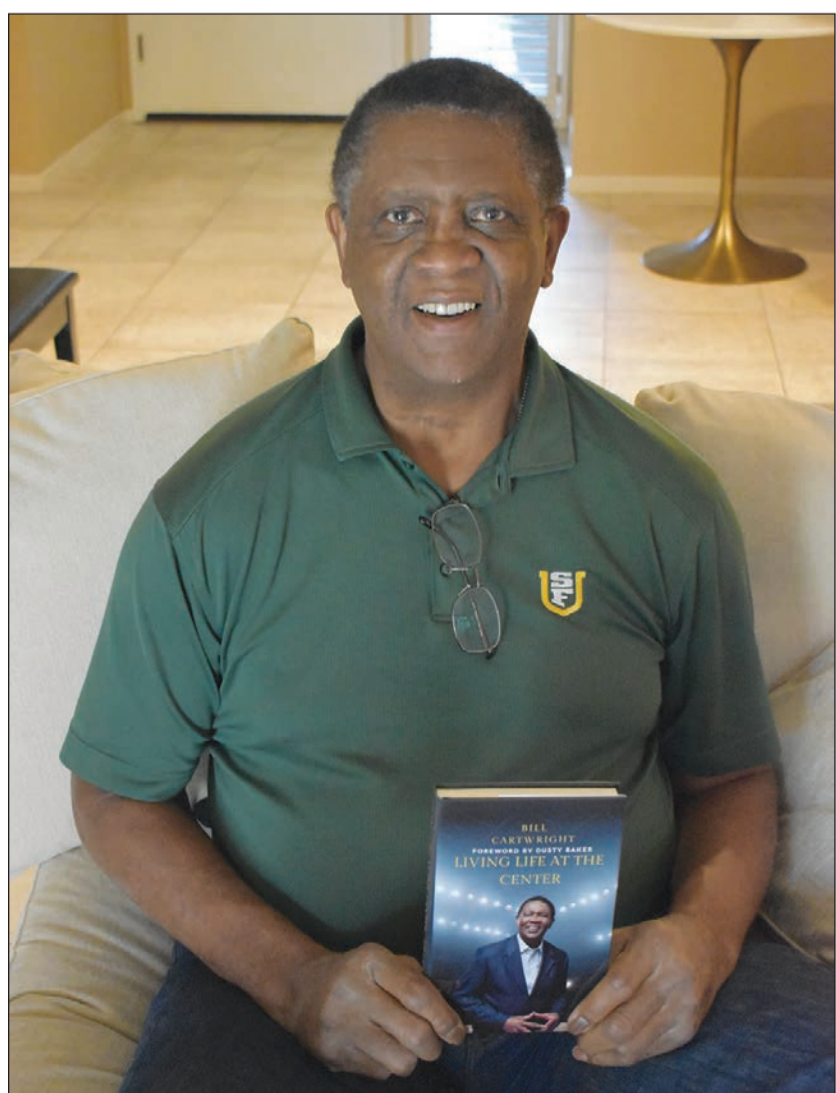
He then went on to play basketball at the University of San Francisco, where he was a three-time All-American and twice named Northern California Player of the Year, ending his career as the Dons' all-time leading in points, field goals and free throws.

In the NBA, Cartwright continued that tradition of excellence, winning three NBA Championships as one of the defensive anchors of the 1991-93 Chicago Bulls three-peat dynasty before earning another two rings as an assistant coach under Phil Jackson in 1996 and 1997.

Now, Cartwright is taking on a different challenge: an autobiography.

In "Living Life at the Center," the 7-foot Cartwright explores his childhood, his transition into sports and his collegiate and professional basketball career, as well as his stint

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Bill Cartwright earned a state championship in 1975 as a member of the Elk Grove Thundering Herd basketball team. Photo by Sean P. Thomas

Winter Bird Festival Puts out the Call for Photographers

By Sean P. Thomas
City Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The organizers behind Galt's upcoming 18th annual Winter Bird Festival are putting out the call for local photographers with an eye for ornithology.

Photographers can try their hand at showcasing their unique perspectives and eye for their avian subjects by taking part in an art exhibition at the annual event. The organizers are looking for photos of birds across Northern California as well as scenes of nature across the Sacramento Valley region.

The photos must be framed to display, and each applicant is allowed up to four entries. An application can be found on the city's website and the deadline is Jan. 20.

The art exhibition is just one part of the larger festival, which has drawn bird enthusiasts to Galt for nearly two decades.

The festival will begin on Friday, Jan. 31 at McCaffery Middle School and provides an opportunity for local bird enthusiasts to share their interests with others while taking part in workshops and bird watching events.

Nine tours are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 1, including a botany walk, paddling tours and a tour of restoration work in the Cosumnes River Preserve.

On Sunday, Feb. 2, the San Francisco Bay Area Nature Journal Club is hosting a free field trip to the Sacramento Valley to explore the active bird



Image courtesy of city of Galt

life and wetlands of the Cosumnes River Preserve. The tour will meet at 10 a.m. at the preserve's visitor center and will explore the wetlands throughout the morning. The event will wrap up at 4 p.m. following a potluck lunch and journaling discussion.

The event also gives the opportunity to catch the migration of Sandhill Cranes that call the area home for the winter.

David Lee, a world-renowned birder who currently owns the distinction as one of the top birders in the Central Valley, is the event's keynote speaker. Lee has authored books on the subject, including "Annotated Checklist of the Birds of San Joaquin County." He also has served as the editor of "North American

Birds, Northern California Region."

The festival includes plenty of events for children, including a live animal show, an opportunity to create a bird feeder and an art contest. The entries in the latter event will have their work showcased on the city's website.

On Jan. 31, the Marion O. Lawrence Library is hosting a reading of "Honk, Honk! A story of Migration" for children. Kids can also participate in an art contest through local school district; entries will be showcased on the city's website.

For more information, see cityofgalt.org/our-city/community-events/winter-bird-festival/art-exhibit or contact the city of Galt's Special Events Division at 209-366-7161. ★

Shoplifting Leads to Felony Arrest Under New Prop. 36

By Sean P. Thomas
City Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Alleged repeat offenders will face stiffer penalties after being arrested for allegedly shoplifting at a Galt store due to a law passed by California voters last year.

The Galt Police Department announced the arrest of a 54-year-old Sacramento man for allegedly shoplifting from Save Mart at 1059 C St. on Saturday. According to the department, the man, alongside a 42-year-old North Highlands woman, was arrested as they attempted to load the reportedly stolen goods into their vehicle.

Galt Police reported that after a criminal history check it was determined that the man had multiple prior convictions for property-related crime, making him eligible for felony charges following the approval of Proposition 36: the Homelessness, Drug Addiction and Theft Reduction Act. The law went into effect on Dec. 18.

He was charged with

shoplifting conspiracy and the newly implemented charge of petty theft with priors. The woman was arrested for shoplifting and conspiracy and was released at the scene.

The arrest followed another incident on New Year's Eve where an individual was arrested for allegedly attempting to break into an ATM. That person also faces increased felony charges.

Galt Police Lt. Brian Azevedo described the law change as "another tool in our toolbox."

"It gives us a little more authority and ability to book someone and instead of just issuing a citation, which is how we have had to do it for about the last 10 years," Azevedo said. "We are now able to book people and keep people in jail for theft if it qualifies for that charge."

Prop. 36 reversed some of the punishment reduction requirements approved by voters under Proposition 47, according to an analysis from the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office.

It was widely supported by Galt voters in the 2024 election. The measure received overwhelming statewide support from voters, with 68% in favor of the change.

Prop. 47, approved in 2014, downgraded thefts worth \$950 or less and some drug-related charges into misdemeanors. Some critics argued the change in sentencing guidelines led to a spike in petty crime and drug use.

Under Prop. 36, offenders who have had two prior theft or drug convictions can now be charged with a felony for thefts under \$950 and the possession of certain drugs.

"It helps us out by being able to protect the public more and be able to be out there and get people who are legitimately are committing crimes and should not be able to be out there on the streets," Azevedo added.

The man was booked and transferred to Sacramento County's Jail on I Street in Downtown Sacramento. ★

Chili Cook-off to Benefit Sunshine Food Pantry

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - Want to show off your chili chops?

River Rock Brewery is hosting a chili cook-off to help raise money for the Sunshine Food Pantry in Galt on Jan. 25.

Entry is \$25. Entrants may register at River Rock

Brewery, 608 N. Lincoln Way. Only eight spots were available as of Jan. 8.

Participants should bring their chili pre-cooked and ready to be judged.

First place will take home \$100, in addition to bragging rights; second place will earn \$50 and third place will take home

a \$25 River Rock Brewery gift card.

In addition to the chili cook-off, attendees can enjoy \$5 beers throughout the event and take part in raffle prizes and a silent auction.

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Burglars Hit Four Galt Restaurants

By Sean P. Thomas
City Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Police Department is still looking for four individuals who hit four Galt businesses last week in a brazen string of burglaries. The burglars struck Compadres Bar & Grill, Papas & Wings, Y2 Yan Chinese Food and Santa Cruz Taqueria during the early hours of Dec. 30. Each of the businesses had boarded up windows shortly following the break-ins.

Galt Police Lt. Brian Azevedo said the cases are still under investigation. Jose "Tony" Gutierrez owns Compadres Bar & Grill and said the burglars damaged his restaurant's front door to enter the premises but couldn't get through. They then were able to smash in a window behind the restaurant before rummaging through the premises. Gutierrez also owns Compadres Market on C Street and said while his restaurant has never experienced a break-in before,

it's not an uncommon story for other businesses in the area. "It has been going on every single year," Gutierrez said. "Last year they broke into a lot of businesses over here." Gutierrez said the burglars broke into the space by smashing the back doors and windows before rummaging through the space. He said they couldn't grab anything of real value in the break-in, but the damage to the door could have exceeded \$2,000. "They only took some

change from the cashier machine, and like two bottles of tequila," he said. He said he previously took precautions at Compadres Market by placing wrought iron bars behind his windows to prevent burglars from being able to climb into the business if someone breaks out his windows. "We are the ones who have to protect our businesses," he said. The owners or managers of the other afflicted restaurants, Papas & Wings, Y2 Yan Chinese Food

and Santa Cruz Taqueria could not be reached for comment. Gutierrez said he is unsure of the status of the investigation into the break-ins. According to the Galt Police Department's Facebook page, the suspects, who were caught on surveillance video wearing hooded baggy clothing, arrived in a silver-colored SUV, believed to be a 2016-2018 model Acura RDX. No visible license plates were shown. Galt Police Lt. John

Rocha told KCRA 3 that events like last week's string of burglaries were "never a good thing." "I mean, it affects our local business owners and the community," he told KCRA 3. "It costs money to repair the locations and at the same time any losses incurred. They have to deal with that." Anyone with information is asked to contact the Galt Police Department's detective unit at 209-336-7010. Individuals providing information can remain anonymous. ★

Hoops Legend Cartwright Pens Bio

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as a coach, both stateside and overseas in Japan and Mexico. "My story is not one of tragedy, drugs and alcohol," Cartwright said. "It's not like that. It's just a reflection of my family, friends, coaches and what you are able to accomplish. The trophies and all that stuff, that is nice, but it is more about my coaches, my teams and my teammates, because that would not have been possible if not for them." Cartwright, who is now the director of university initiatives at his alma mater, sat down with the Elk Grove Citizen on Jan. 2 to discuss the book, his life and what he hopes younger athletes might pull from the 5-time NBA Champions life, both on and off the hardwood. **Sean P. Thomas: What drove you to write your autobiography? What was that moment that spoke to you and said, 'Hey, I should sit down and get this on paper?'** Was that something that you always wanted to do? Bill Cartwright: "It was interesting because without the pandemic it would not have happened. It is something that I had been thinking about, and it's really interesting because

I am such a reflection of the people I grew up with, parents and coaches. So, I thought it was a great opportunity to do this reflection of my journey. I've really been all over the place, so it really made you start questioning a lot of things. It made me question my parents, and how well I knew them. You really find out that, 'Hmm, I have known them my whole life, but I didn't know a whole lot about them.'" **ST: With this being your first step into writing, did you look to any other sports autobiographies for guidance?** BC: We had no clue. That was the hardest part because we had to start over about three times to kind of format this and how we wanted to start and finish. As you know, every single person has their opinion, so it was kind of nightmarish. **ST: As you are reflecting on your upbringing, you kind of noted the hard work that was instilled in you from a young age. Is that something that you had reflected on prior to starting this autobiographical journey? Or something that became apparent as you worked through your past growing up and working in**

Lodi, Sacramento and playing in Elk Grove? BC: That is who the Cartwrights are, but that is also who Elk Grove was. We are a working community. A lot of farmers, but you worked. There were not a lot of affluent people around. Everyone was kind of in the same boat: white, black, Hispanic, Filipino, Portuguese, Asian, we were all kind of in the same boat, but you know one thing, is that you could work. That was the time, too. Elk Grove High School was not the reflection of Ivy League education; it reflected work. During the summer, the whole family picked tomatoes. If you could imagine a bunch of kids running around picking tomatoes for eight hours a day. People go, 'Hoeing sugar beet fields?' Oh yeah..." **ST: I'm sure basketball practice couldn't really compare to that.** BC: Oh yeah, after we moved to South Sac, probably a year after that that all stopped because of school. But that transfer of work went into sports. **ST: What other lessons did you pull from your time as a player?** BC: In college and the NBA, you learn to be able to adapt, to be able to adapt

to different coaches and listen to them. Everybody has a different vision for you. I'm like, 'But I'm a shooter.' 'Well, not now you are not.'" **ST: Which is interesting because now in basketball it's positionless almost.** BC: You said that perfectly; I mean, there is (the Sacramento Kings' Domantas) Sabonis bringing the ball up. **ST: To piggyback on that discussion about evolution, what was that transition from player to coach like as you wrapped up your career and how did you approach covering it in your autobiography?** BC: I had never intended to coach. Period. It's genius that my next career worked out. For all my brilliance, I was going to be a McDonald's operator. Throughout my 16-year (career), I thought what could I do so that I could be successful? Then I got a phone call from Jerry Krause, and he asked me to coach. I was coaching an eighth-grade girls' team up in El Dorado Hills; it was really fun. But then Jerry calls me up and says, 'Do you want to coach?' And I'm thinking ... no." I knew there were a few



Five-time NBA Champion Bill Cartwright's autobiography, "Living Life at the Center," chronicles his early life and family, his career both as a coach and a player and his post-basketball career now as an administrator with the University of San Francisco. Photo courtesy of Bill Cartwright

guys up there who wanted to coach, and I didn't want to step over them, and I told him that. That was kind of my way out. He called me back later and told me, 'Man that shows a lot of character,' Oh great, now he thinks I have character. I was trying to get out of this thing. So, I thought, that is where I was being led and I talk about this in the book as well. The decisions you make in your life, you think you are making them, but they are kind of making them themselves. **ST: Is there a lesson that you hope younger players take from your**

experience? BC: If you are a kid, a high school kid, or a college kid and you have ambition, just do more. Do more; more is always better. If that is what you want to do. I didn't shoot more because I was ordered to. I shot more because that is what I liked. It just becomes a part of you and what you like. If you don't want to play, that is all right as long as you are doing something. *"Living Life at the Center" can be pre-ordered at bill-cartwright.com.* ★

Matsui Sworn In to 119th Congress

Office of Congresswoman Doris Matsui News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On Friday, Jan. 3, Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-CA), issued the following statement after she was sworn in to serve California's 7th District in the 119th Congress. "Serving my community in the seventh

district continues to be the honor of my life," said Congresswoman Matsui. "This is a critical time for the future of our country. My mission is as clear as ever - to advance the interests of our region and make sure Sacramentans continue to thrive despite the challenges we face. My House Democratic colleagues and I will continue to push for progress

to improve the economy, lower the cost of living, revitalize our infrastructure, and keep our communities safe." "As a leader on the Energy and Commerce Committee, I'm privileged to work on issues that have a transformational impact on our country," Matsui continued. "I'll continue to fight for expanded access to health care, a future with

a livable planet, and broadband access for everyone. I'll continue to defend our democratic institutions and stand up for communities of color, the unhoused, and the most vulnerable among us. I'm ready to get back to work to tackle the pressing issues facing our neighbors and fellow Americans." California's 7th Congressional District encompasses the heart of

the Sacramento region, including the communities of Sacramento, Elk Grove, West Sacramento, Galt, Rancho Murieta, Wilton, and the Delta communities. Congresswoman Doris Matsui has represented the Sacramento region in Congress since 2005. Congresswoman Matsui has been a champion of our regional community, securing billions of dollars of federal funding for infrastructure and flood protection projects across the region. As a leader on

the powerful House Energy and Commerce Committee, she spearheads crucial policy to expand health care access, combat the climate crisis, and tackle the technological challenges of the 21st century economy. *Doris Matsui represents California's 7th Congressional District, centered in Sacramento, and includes Elk Grove, Galt, West Sacramento, Wilton, Rancho Murieta, Vineyard, Isleton, Walnut Grove, Herald, Clay, and the California Delta.* ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



What a difference a week makes! Yes, a lot can happen in a week, and the Sacramento Kings are living proof.

Gone is former coach of the year, Mike Brown, and interim head coach Doug Christie not only is riding a season high 4-game winning streak, he's riding a basketball juggernaut as well.

Wins over injury depleted Dallas Mavericks and Philadelphia 76ers were welcome wins, but to handily defeat the Memphis Grizzlies and archrival Golden State Warriors back-to-back was a sign that the Kings were truly on the road to recovery.

A horrid 6-game losing streak was the undoing of Mike Brown, and every pundit, newscaster and fan had a different opinion. The general consensus was that coach Brown had lost the locker room, and after a meltdown loss to the Detroit Pistons in which collectively the Kings and in particular DeAaron Fox guarded no one, the Pistons came away with an improbable 1-point win. 4-point plays to win a game are a rarity, and it's no fun to be on the losing end, but that's precisely where the Kings found themselves.

Whether coach Brown had truly lost his voice with the team is still open to conjecture, but from this writer's perspective, his lack of any consistency as it relates to playing time for players off the bench, led to overall sub-par productivity. Players from Keon Ellis, Alex Len, to Trey Lyles never knew from one game to the next if they would see significant minutes or no minutes at all.

Doug Christie was tapped on the shoulder and asked to take over the head coaching reigns, and so far, he's been a welcome addition to the head seat.

Some players have commented that Christie brings the mindset of a former player to the table, and thus far his voice is being heard. In particular the defensive end of the court has seen significant improvement, and the past four games have featured some of the best defensive basketball that fans have seen in memory.

A wire-to-wire victory over the Golden State Warriors in which Sacramento never allowed the Warriors any breathing room, was a glimpse of what the

Sactown boys are capable of, and Malik Monk had perhaps his finest game of the season. Malik matched Steph Curry with 26 points and added a season high 12 assists, but his defense was equally impressive. Domantas Sabonis had his usual stellar performance, adding 22 points and 13 rebounds while playing only three quarters.

Does coaching make a difference? You bet it does. Does that mean that winning four of five games since Mike Brown's departure, the Kings are headed to the playoffs.

Too early to tell Kings fans but take solace in seeing what your hometown boys are capable of doing. Not just playing tough teams and winning, but actually accomplishing blow-out wins.

Keon Ellis has returned to form and did a yeoman's job in filling in for an injured DeAaron Fox in the win over the Warriors. Keon has a big upside, as does Trey Lyles who is also showing signs of looking like his former self, playing solid basketball on both ends of the court.

Say hello to Devin Carter Kings fans, and this young rookie has game! Playing in just his 2nd NBA game, Devin broke into the scoring column with 13 points while adding an impressive seven rebounds. This youngster has been on the sidelines all season recovering from off-season shoulder surgery, and he looks eager to impress his fans and teammates alike. I like what I see in Devin, and his defense in particular on Stephon Curry was impressive to see. His debut has been a long time coming, and it could not have come at a more auspicious time. I look for coach Christie to give him all the playing time he can handle, and with the unfortunate departure of Davion Mitchell, another guard that can play ferocious defense is a welcome sight.

Stay tuned Kings fans and stay away from ugly trade rumors. Trades will invariably come, but let's just hope it doesn't involve the core members we've come to love!

All be best!
Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

MEMORIAL

JANE MARIE TAUNTON • 06/10/1947 - 12/24/2024

Jane was born in Alto Pass, Illinois on June 10, 1947. She joined her loving parents in heaven on December 24, 2024.

Jane lived in Illinois with her family for the first few years of her life. Then her family including, her grandparents, aunts, uncles and her cousins she started life with moved to the Bay Area in California in what her mother described as Grapes of Wrath style.

When she was about 12 years old, her parents and siblings left the Bay Area and moved to Galt. She attended Galt high School and was very active in her church youth group. While in high school he was a majorette. She performed during high school sporting events, parades and competitions. She was so good that she performed with a fire baton. After high school she returned to the Bay Area to attend business school and help out her grandparents.

When she finished school she returned to Galt and worked for Sears in the finance department. She married in 1967 and her daughter was born in 1968. She loved being a mom and since she was an amazing seamstress/designer her daughter and her often had matching outfits.

In 1978, she met the love of her life, Norman Taunton who she was married to the rest of her life. When she married Norman she had a bonus son, Dustin



and Norman wasn't just a stepdad but the father who stepped up and helped raise her daughter.

Norman was not just her husband, but her best friend, her business partner and her sole mate. They belonged to the early day gas engine club and a truck club. They would travel all over California, Oregon and Nevada displaying their gas engines and antique trucks at various fairs and shows. They loved traveling to these events together and visiting with their club friends.

Jane was a very loving, kind, talented, creative, strong woman. Any trials that she faced she overcame with a positive attitude. She was an amazing mother who was a mom first then a friend. She always encouraged her daughter and praised her for her accomplishments. Her actions, not just her words, made those around her feel loved and important.

Jane was the most wonderful party planner. She threw outstanding parties for her daughter, husband

and parents that those who attended were always amazed. She loved entertaining her family and friends and always said she could throw a champagne party on a beer budget.

The day Jane passed the world became a little darker. But she will always be remembered for her talents, her strength and the love she shared with her family and friends.

Jane is preceded in death by her parents who loved her so much, Ray and Dolores and her "Giant" of a son in law Harry.

She leaves behind her best chum and love Norman, her daughter Regina, her bonus son Dustin and daughter in law Christy and bonus grandson Justin.

In addition, her sister in law Betty and sisters Linda and Joyce.

She leaves behind aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins. Especially those cousins she started out life with, Steve, Bonnie and Dawna.

She also left so many wonderful friends who meant so much to her, especially Bridie and Julie.

Jane will be missed so much by all those who were part of her life.

Please remember Jane with smiles, laughter and loving thoughts. That is how she will want to be remembered.

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Habitat Health Opens PACE Center

Habitat Health with Kaiser Permanente News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Habitat Health has opened its first Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) center in partnership with Kaiser Permanente, expanding access to vital health care services for older adults. At the new center located at 855 Howe Ave. in Sacramento, Habitat Health with Kaiser Permanente offers participants a fully integrated health care model that includes primary and specialty care, prescriptions, social activities, transportation, home care and more, all coordinated under one roof.

Habitat Health provides comprehensive medical and social care to eligible older adults to help them maintain their independence and stay in their homes and communities. Through the partnership, Habitat Health with Kaiser Permanente PACE participants have access to Kaiser Permanente's industry-leading clinical expertise and sophisticated network of health care services. These services are typically provided at no cost to program participants who are eligible for Medicare and Medi-Cal coverage.



Habitat Health with Kaiser Permanente Sacramento PACE Center is located at 855 Howe Ave. Photo courtesy of Habitat Health with Kaiser Permanente

"We are excited to offer a truly differentiated care experience to support the diverse needs of older adults who live here in Sacramento," said Brad Oglevee, vice president and general manager of Habitat Health with Kaiser Permanente Sacramento. "We know that bringing together Kaiser Permanente's demonstrated expertise delivering complex care with Habitat Health's dedicated interdisciplinary teams and joyful activities here in our center will provide

older adults and their caregivers peace of mind and a sense of community."

participants and support them through a differentiated and effective model. "Our partnership with Habitat Health aligns seamlessly with Kaiser Permanente's commitment to improving the health and well-being of our members and communities by providing access to high-quality, affordable care," said Dr. Jason Gritti, Habitat Health with Kaiser Permanente Sacramento's medical director and Kaiser Permanente primary care

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physician leader. "The beauty of the PACE model of care is that it allows us to expand our scope of care to address older adults' medical, emotional, and social needs as a team."

The PACE center in Sacramento is the first of several centers that Habitat Health and Kaiser Permanente plan to open together in California, subject to applicable regulatory approvals.

For those interested in enrolling yourself or your loved one into Habitat Health with Kaiser Permanente, call 1-844-664-2248 (TTY: 711) or visit online www.habitathealth.com/refer.

About Habitat Health

Habitat Health empowers older adults to manage their health and maintain their independence in their homes and communities. Health insurance coverage, and medical and social care, is provided at the centers and in participants' homes. Through partnerships with health leaders such as Kaiser Permanente, scalable, affordable solutions are offered to meet the care needs of aging populations. Habitat Health redefines aging in place to bring more good days and a sense of belonging to participants and their caregivers. To learn more, visit www.habitathealth.com. ★

Beyond the Call: Supporting Foster Care Services



Quality Management worker Rose Vu has dedicated her career to making a difference in the lives of children and families served by the Department of Child, Family and Adult Services. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County's Department of Child, Family and Adult Services (DCFAS) is celebrating its dedicated staff members. Quality Management worker Rose Vu has dedicated her career to making a difference in the lives of children and families served by the Department of Child, Family and Adult Services. Vu's career is a great example of hard work, innovation and a passion for improving lives.

"I started as a temporary employee and then I became a permanent employee as an assistant," Vu said. "I worked my way

up to getting promoted to a clerical supervisor level one and then level two. I was recently promoted to my current position as Human Services Program Specialist."

In her role, Vu acts as a data entry liaison, ensuring critical data is collected and analyzed. This data reflects the care foster children receive and identifies patterns and trends that can drive improvements in outcomes.

"It's important to collect this data because we want to ensure that our foster children are taken care of," Vu explained. "In addition to that, we are always striving to do better."

For Vu, improving

processes and supporting transitional-age foster youth are priorities. By overseeing data entry for programs such as supervised independent living, Vu ensures young adults in extended foster care can access the financial resources they need to thrive.

"Extended foster care is a great opportunity for foster children to be out on their own, learn skills and take them out into the real world so they can take care of themselves," Vu said.

Beyond data and processes, Vu takes pride in developing staff and training new social workers to understand the importance of placement information.

Vu is also an advocate for Sacramento County's PRIDE values: Principal, Respect, Innovation, Diversity and Inclusion, and Excellence. She appreciates how these values shape the work environment and provide opportunities for employees to recognize and celebrate each other's contributions.

"Sometimes, we are just so tunnel-visioned in the work that we do that we don't recognize the great work that we do," Vu said. "Sacramento County gives us that opportunity to recognize each other and to have great values."

Through her dedication, Vu makes a meaningful impact that helps families and children in Sacramento County. Vu is an example of one of Sacramento County's many employees who goes beyond the call. ★

Stand Against Hunger Raises Nearly \$630K for Food Banks

Annual Programs supported by generous community members along with Wells Fargo, Ashley Law, Bayside Church and Northwest Exteriors



Yolo Food Bank: Shown are from left, Darla Weaver, a community volunteer, Rebecca Elliott, Don Henry, Corey Rose, Aaron Heinrich, Mark S. Allen, Katie Kim and Gerardo Cabral. Photo courtesy of ABC10.

ABC10 News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A signature initiative proudly led by ABC10, a Tegna-owned media station, the fifth annual Stand Against Hunger holiday fundraising campaign raised \$628,169. The impact of the annual fundraising drive is significant, especially with today's increased grocery prices. Every dollar donated to a food bank helps to address the issue of rising food insecurity taking place throughout the region. In fact, a donation of just \$5 equates to 15 meals for those in need.

Through the 2024 Stand Against Hunger initiative, donated funds from the community went to seven participating food bank partners: Emergency Food Bank of Stockton (Sally Joquin as Placer Food Bank); Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano; Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services; Second Harvest of the Greater Valley; Yolo County Food Bank; and Yuba-Sutter Food Bank.

The 2024 Stand Against Hunger

campaign ran for six weeks from Nov. 6 through Dec. 22, and was supported by Wells Fargo, Ashley Law, Bayside Church and Northwest Exteriors. The TEGNA Foundation also donated \$25,000 to kick off the program. In addition, Telemundo 33 and KAT Country 103.3 in Stockton joined ABC10 by providing on-air support for the cause.

"Throughout the 2024 Stand Against Hunger initiative, it was heartbreaking to see the increased number of individuals and families in line at local food banks as they struggle with food insecurity," said Risa Omega, president and general manager of ABC10. "I am very pleased that ABC10 and our parent company TEGNA teamed up with nonprofits, along with other community-minded businesses and organizations, to take a Stand Against Hunger. Along with an incredible number of viewers who donated, we are proud to do our part to help put food on the table for so many community members in need."

For more information, visit www.abc10.com or www.youtube.com/ABC10. ★

Expanding Two Behavioral Health Service Programs

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County is kicking off the new year by expanding two Behavioral Health Service programs, combining Access and Substance Use Prevention Treatment (SUPT) services to streamline care, address critical needs and enhance the health and safety of our community.

Behavioral Health Services-Screening and Coordination (BHS-SAC) Call Center

Services-Screening and Coordination Call Center simplifies access to mental health and substance use treatment services by combining multiple phone numbers into one centralized line at 916-875-1055. This new service integrates the Mental Health Access Team and the Substance Use Prevention and Treatment System of Care under one number. By doing so, Sacramento County ensures that individuals in need can receive timely coordination among providers and improve health outcomes for those struggling with mental health and

substance use challenges.

"The BHS-SAC Call Center is a game-changer for our community," said Dr. Ryan Quist, the Behavioral Health director. "By centralizing these essential services, we're breaking down barriers to care and simplifying how our community can receive mental health and substance use resources."

Implementation of Senate Bill 43 (SB 43)

Sacramento County will implement the state's modernized law for involuntary psychiatric holds, which expands the definition of

"gravely disabled." This new definition includes individuals unable to care for their basic needs for health and safety due to a severe substance use disorder or a co-occurring mental health disorder and severe substance use disorder.

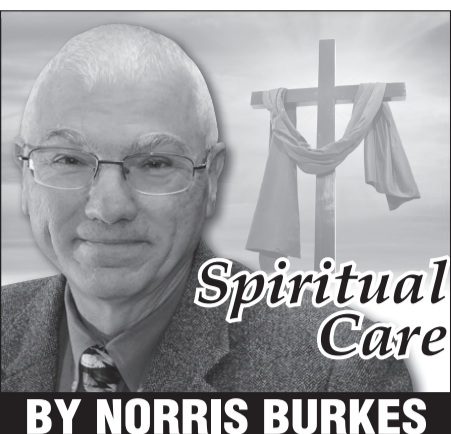
Senate Bill 43 also broadens the definition of "basic needs" to include a person's ability to obtain necessary medical care, personal safety, food, weather-appropriate clothing and/or shelter.

The updated law will expand access to acute and long-term care for our most vulnerable community members who meet the definition

of gravely disabled and are suffering from a severe substance use disorder.

These efforts are part of a broader initiative in California to address homelessness, mental health crises and substance abuse treatment. The efforts implemented reflect the county's dedication to providing comprehensive care and fostering collaboration between health services and community partners. For more information about these programs, visit Sacramento County's Department of Health Services' Behavioral Health website at dhs.saccounty.gov/BHS. ★

Come Fly With Me or Buy With Me



BY NORRIS BURKES

Not long ago, I spoke to a Spanish club, a group of women hoping to hone their Spanish skills and asked the attendees to “Come fly with me.”

Not wanting my invite to be misinterpreted, my wife Becky, chimed in, “And me too.”

A few older woman heard a reference to United Airline’s 1968 campaign, “Come Fly with me.” But the younger ones began humming the Jonas Brothers 2009 hit “Fly with Me.”

“To clarify,” I said, “I’d like you join us on one of the two volunteer trips to Honduras to help Chispa Project.”

Of course, I was pushing the Spanish immersion trip on April 6-13. “But no worries, you needn’t speak Spanish or have any particular skill; you just need to be willing to help out as needed!”

One woman seemed interested, but questioned the sparse accommodations, hoping to book her own hotel.

Well, you know me. I had an answer for her.

“Both trips have nice accommodations, but if you want the 5-star trip, then join us in March 5-16. It’ll be an “immersive experience of volun-tourism that will allow you to explore one of the hidden gems of Honduras.

“Arguably the most beautiful colonial town in the country, Copan boasts traditional Mayan chocolate, the best Honduran coffee, and some of the most incredible and well-preserved Mayan Ruins.”

Yup, I was reading from the travel brochure.

If you’ve only recently joined my readership, you’ll need to know that my daughter, Sara, started Chispa Project, pronounced cheez-pah, meaning

“spark” in Spanish. Hondurans use the word to describe people with spark or drive.

Chispa has a simple mission: Sponsor children’s libraries and equip them with quality books in Spanish by working side by side with Honduran community leaders and educators.

In the 80 schools where Chispa works, they build alliances with communities to design, fund and manage their own libraries. Community members also volunteer in the library project and raise a symbolic portion of the funding that ensures sustainability and ownership.

“What will we do during the volunteer week?” asked another.

“We begin the day after arrival by decorating library spaces that will make children proud of their school. We paint the walls with colorful murals, assemble bookshelves, and stock and catalog an entire library.

“Imagine us working together, rolling two coats of white paint on crumbling walls. The paint provides a bright pallet for those murals intended to inspire future readers.

The children will surround us, chattering the few English words they know. Their smiles go for miles as they read the picture books we bring.”

Some in my group gave an empathetic sigh.

Finally, one woman asked the most common question about our trips “Is it dangerous?”

“That’s a risk you will have to assess on your own. We safely welcomed volunteers from ages 3 to 83. I can also tell you that that my daughter, Sara, her husband and her two children spent several years in Honduras.

Unsure how many takers I’d persuaded, I added, “While the days are sometimes hot and long, I reward my volunteers with ice-cream cones.”

I suggested additional questions might be answered on our website at ChispaProject.org/volunteertrip. “Read the details and fill out the forms,” I said. “Watch the five-minute video and e-mail Sara or me with your questions.”

And, finally, you know I made one more pitch –

“If you can’t fly with me, then “Buy with Me!” ★

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Dec. 30 to Jan. 6, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 21 arrests.

Dec. 30

5:28 a.m., Burglary, Papas & Wings on C Street.

5:54 a.m., Burglary, T2 Yan Chinese Food on Twin Cities Road.

7:06 a.m., Burglary, Santa Cruz Taqueria Express on C Street.

7:13 a.m., Burglary, Compadres Grill & Bar on Twin Cities Road.

10:31 a.m., Domestic violence/adult arrest, CVS Pharmacy on C Street.

12:07 p.m., Theft, Walmart, Twin Cities Road.

12:16 p.m., Theft, Conwell Court: package stolen.

5:06 p.m., DUI/adult arrest, Pringle Avenue/ North Lincoln Way.

8:24 p.m., Assault w/ Deadly Weapon/adult arrest, Tranquil Lane.

Dec. 31

7:27 a.m., Warrant

service/adult arrest, Wilder Way.

12:41 p.m., Fraud reported, Galt Market on Meladee Lane: Reporting party advising fraudulent 49er Gildan shirts and sweatshirts being sold.

11:53 p.m., Burglary/adult arrest, Golden One (ATM only) on Carol Drive.

Jan. 1

8:10 a.m., Narcotics violation/adult arrest, B Street/ Seventh Street.

11:33 p.m., Warrant service/adult arrest, Marichal Way.

1:35 p.m., Warrant service/adult arrest, South Lincoln Way.

10:48 p.m., Narcotics violation/citation issued, North Lincoln Way/Elm Avenue.

Jan. 2

4:14 a.m., Warrant service/adult arrest, Seventh Street/A Street.

12:09 p.m., Stolen vehicle, Gaylon Way.

2:56 p.m., Vandalism, Walmart on Twin Cities Road: Reporting party parked her vehicle; noticed

“bullet hole” in vehicle.

5:43 p.m., Shoplifting/adult arrest, 1059 C St.

8:59 p.m., Fraud, Rossi Drive: Reporting party’s mother has had money fraudulently taken.

Jan. 3

2:58 p.m., Vandalism, Wildflower Drive/Sunshine Drive.

9:49 p.m., Narcotics violation/adult arrest, Auto Zone, C Street.

Jan. 4

8:56 a.m., Vandalism, Courtenay Court: Son chased reporting party around with a piece of wood.

Jan. 5

1:23 a.m., Arson/adult arrest, The Galt Place on D Street.

4:35 p.m., Burglary, Spoonbill Lane.

10:02 p.m., Arson/adult arrest, The Galt Place on D Street.

Jan. 6

12:43 p.m., Warrant service/adult arrest, A Street/ Fairway Drive. ★

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 Listed

American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units: fourth Wednesday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Breakfast: second Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave.

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

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



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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 petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ashiesh Chand to Warehn Chand Vurtan.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons 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 30, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CIVIL HARASSMENT RESTRAINING ORDER) CITACION (ORDEN DE RESTRICCIÓN POR ACOSO CIVIL) CASE NUMBER/ NÚMERO 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./Depto: 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.
¿Que pasa si no voy a la audiencia? Si no va 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 no va 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

Superior de California, Condado de SACRAMENTO, Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, 95814

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.
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¿Necesito un abogado? No es obligatorio tener un abogado, pero es posible que quiera consejo legal antes de la audiencia en la corte. Para ayuda a encontrar un abogado, visite www.lawhelpca.org/es/homepage o contacte al Colegio de Abogados local.
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CITY OF GALT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 6:15 pm**, or soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council of the City of Galt will hold a Public Hearing at Galt City Hall, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, CA, to consider the following:

THIRD PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT ON COMPOSITION OF ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR TRANSITIONING TO DISTRICT BASED COUNCIL ELECTIONS CONSISTENT WITH ELECTIONS CODE 10010

The purpose of this public hearing is: To receive presentation and provide input to staff regarding the composition of voting districts and number of districts.

The City of Galt encourages interested parties to attend public meetings and comment on the issues being discussed. If you wish to provide public comment and are unable to attend the meeting, written comments can be submitted to pubcom@cityofgalt.org by 4:00 pm on the day of the meeting. Comments will be distributed to City Council, made part of the official minutes, and posted on the City’s website prior to the meeting. Email/written comments will not be read out loud during the meeting.

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

Pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation, California Government Sections 65009, 66020, and/or California Public Resources Code Section 21177, if you wish to challenge in court any of the above decisions (regarding planning, zoning and/or environmental decisions), you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing(s) described in this notice/agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the city at, or prior to, this public hearing.

Dated: December 31, 2024

vs\Tina Hubert

Tina Hubert, City Clerk

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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.

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, non-political volunteer women's service organization is dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's

future through better education for children. Members are all lineal descendants of those who supported the cause of independence in the Revolutionary War.

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

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@city-ofgalt.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. ★

MEETING MINDERS

Wednesday, Jan. 15

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

Galt Elementary School Board, 7 p.m., City Hall, 380 Civic Drive, 209-745-4545.

Thursday, Jan. 16

Galt High School Board, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

Galt Beautification Committee, 10 a.m., Community Development Dept., 495 Industrial Drive, 209-366-7130.

Galt Chamber Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., (at designated locations), 209-745-2529.

Friday, Jan. 17

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

Racial Profiling Report Released

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In this report, the Board makes a number of recommendations that we encourage policy makers, law enforcement agencies, and community advocates to consider to eliminate bias in policing and enhance public safety."

"The annual collection of RIPA stop data is one part of our broader effort to increase public safety for

all Californians. Through the analysis of stop data and recommendations for thoughtful reforms, we're continuing to strengthen trust between local law enforcement and the communities they serve," said Attorney General Rob Bonta.

"This year's report takes a close look at the policing of youth and the lasting impact interactions with police can have

at a young age. I'm grateful to the board and staff at the California Department of Justice for continuing to shine a light on disparities in police stops at every age and provide recommendations for targeted data-driven reforms."

The information collected under the act includes data on peace officers' perceptions of the demographics of stopped individuals, such as race or

ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, and disability. The board uses several well-established methodologies to analyze the data and determine whether disparities can be found across demographic groups and whether bias exists.

The board's report also contains a wide array of policy recommendations related to policing, with a particular focus

on the impact of police interactions with youth, civilian complaint processes, accountability, officer decertification, and training, on racial and identity profiling.

Through this data analysis and these recommendations, the board reaffirms its commitment to improving public safety and achieving the legal mandate to eliminate the racial and identity profiling

of all Californians.

For more information on the Racial and Identity Profiling Act, members of the public are encouraged to visit <https://openjustice.doj.ca.gov/>, a data-driven initiative that works to increase access to data and support the development of public policy.

A copy of the report is available at, <https://oag.ca.gov/ab953/board/reports>. ★

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Got a Green Thumb for Houseplants?

According to the National Day website, one of the best ways to enhance a space is by adding house plants.

The busy holidays cause many of us to neglect some of our regular routines, including houseplant care. National House Plant Appreciation Day is today, Jan. 10. It serves as a reminder to give your houseplants a little extra attention to keep them thriving.

Those with green thumbs know that having house plants comes with several benefits, some even backed by science. Some studies have shown that indoor plants may improve productivity and performance in the workplace and in school.

Caring for plants provides therapeutic benefits. Similar to outdoor gardening, indoor gardening may help to ease the symptoms of depression, anxiety and dementia. In 1989, NASA published a study that showed plants may improve the air quality for indoor spaces. Since we all know from elementary science that plants consume carbon dioxide and produce oxygen, this study makes sense.

The more plants you have the more effective they are at improving air quality.



Specific plant species are more effective than others, too. For example, Boston ferns, spider plants, ficus, rubber trees and bamboo palms clean the air more effectively than other plants. They improve humidity, especially in drier climates and in the winter months when plants release moisture into the air they improve the humidity in a room.

Humidity enhances a home's comfort level, and we also breathe easier when the humidity in our homes is balanced. Also, plants are prettier than humidifiers. Houseplants offer much to be appreciated, as you can see.

Beyond these benefits, house plants bring the outdoors inside where it can be enjoyed all year long. They fill our homes with color. You don't have to have a green thumb to care for houseplants, either.

Start with forgiving plants such as pathos, philodendron, sansevieria or spider plant. These plants will bounce back if you forget to water them and won't whine if you accidentally overwater them.

I recently received an amaryllis bulb, already planted, and the directions said to place it in a lit area and watch it grow. Seems simple enough. I will let you know how it grows. However, the cyclamen from outside have been leafed out since before Christmas and are starting to bloom, and the tulips bulbs Don planted this year are starting to peek through the ground along with the tulips that are 10 years old and just keep blooming.

I love tulips, especially the insides; there are all different colors on the inside compared to the colors on the outside. Tulips and cyclamen make winter bearable. It is like a promise that Spring is on its way.

But first, the remnants of the Christmas decorations need to be stored away. Everything takes time. I should be done by this weekend as long as the weather cooperates.

It has been an odd season: Between

Thanksgiving and Christmas seemed too short and then bam! Christmas is over and the Wise Men showed up on Monday with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and went on their merry way. So, it is time to store the Christmas décor because Valentine's Day is knocking on the back door and so is Spring.

Speaking of Spring, it's never too early to start planning your garden and start to do some spring cleaning. I must say, getting ahead on the cleaning is hard when it is so cold and miserable.

Thank you, Lord, for the sunshine. But whatever you get done now, you don't have to think about later. I know some gardeners who already have seeds sprouting in containers in their garages and sunrooms.

Now, that is dedication to preparation. I'm still contemplating what I want to plant. And I like to go to nurseries to check out what they have to offer. Plus, I get to look at the new yard art.

Let's just slow down and enjoy what we have while we have it.

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

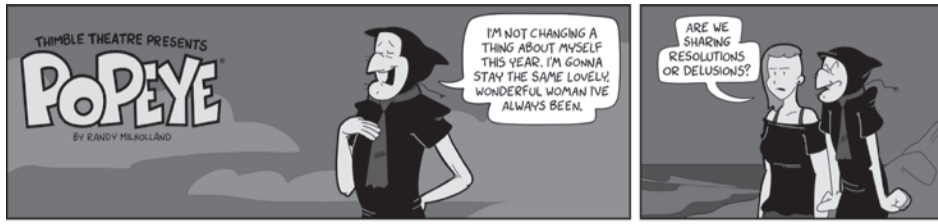
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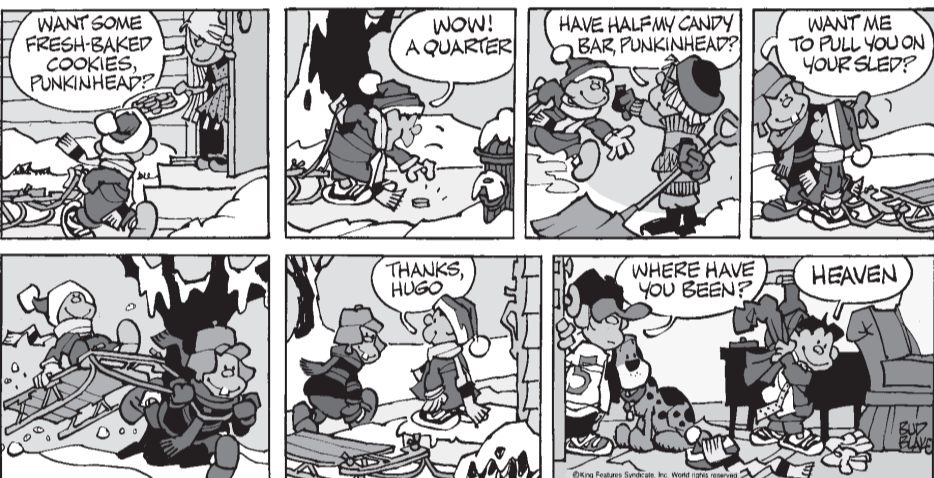
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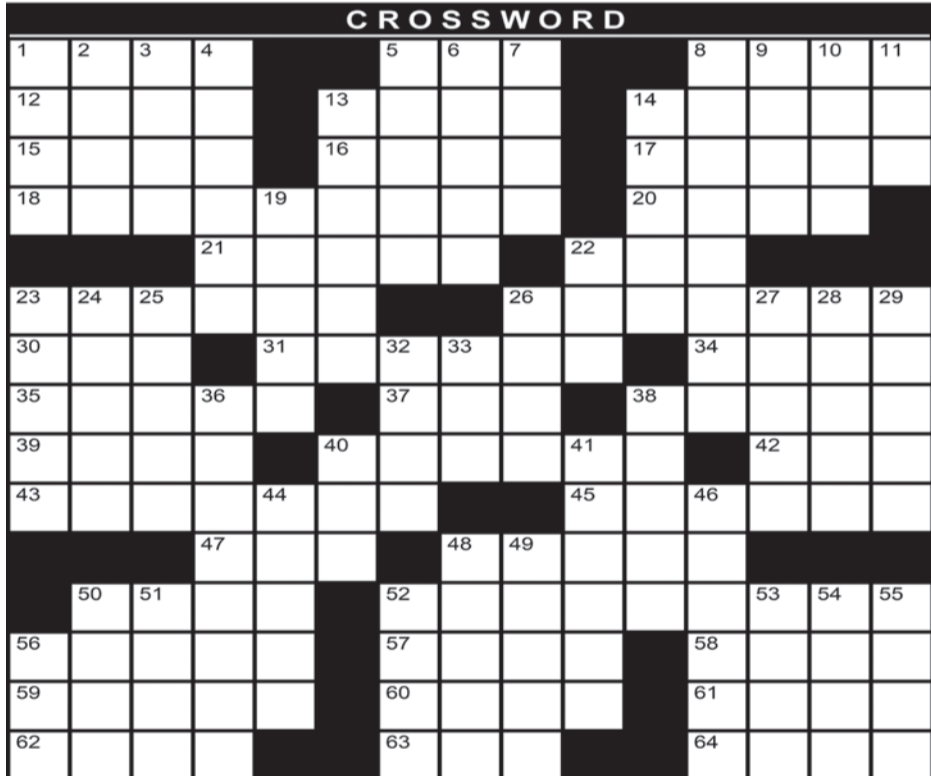
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By Daniel Canfield

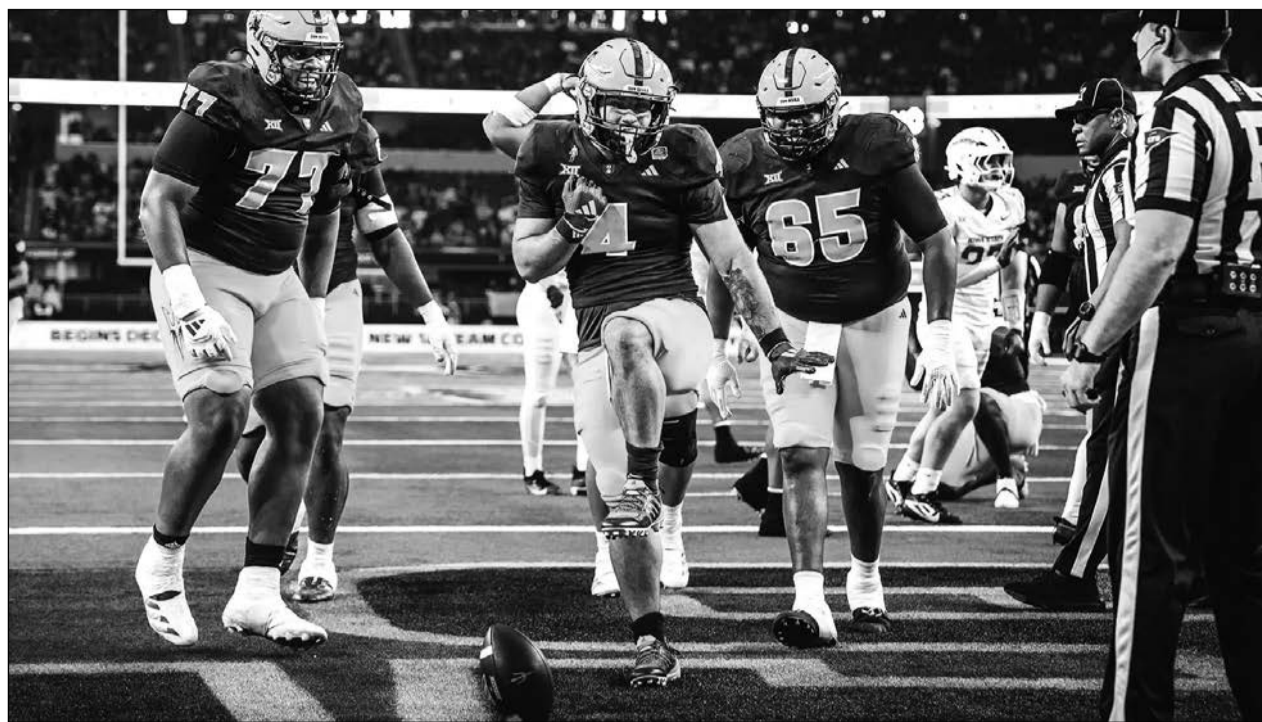
SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Rio Linda High School alumnus and former Sacramento State Hornet Cam Skattebo gave 110% in the Sun Devils' 39-31 College Football Playoff loss to the Texas Longhorns in the Peach Bowl on New Year's Eve. Skattebo transferred from Sacramento State University to Arizona State University following the 2022 season and just completed his senior year, culminating with the thrilling overtime loss to the Longhorns.

performance included two rushing touchdowns, a passing touchdown, and a two-point conversion. A herculean effort from the 5-foot, 11-inch, 215-pound senior running back.

Skattebo's performance was so great that despite being on the losing end of the game, he was named the Offensive Most Valuable Player of the Peach Bowl. It's the first time in 26 years that a member of the losing team has won the game's Offensive Most Valuable Player award.

Prior to the Peach Bowl, Skattebo had foreshadowed his game performance in his media day comments on Dec. 30.

"There's nobody out there that can stop me," Skattebo said. "If they're studying hard, there's a reason. I have full respect for them, because they understand what they're playing against, and that's why I love playing in games like this, because they constantly look at me as a



Rio Linda High School alumnus Cam Skattebo won Offensive Most Valuable Player Award for the 2024-25 Peach Bowl played in Atlanta on Jan. 1. Photo by Arizona State University Athletics

threat, and that's something I've always wanted to be. And if I'm a threat on the football field against an SEC team that was the runner-up to win their conference, then I think I'm in a pretty good position." In 2024, Skattebo had a

breakthrough senior season, rushing for 1,568 yards and 19 touchdowns while catching 37 passes for 506 yards and three touchdowns. Making him the first Big 12 player ever to have at least 1500 rushing yards and 500 receiving

yards in the same season and the first FBS player to do it since Christian McCaffrey in 2015. The star running back finished fifth in Heisman Trophy voting. While Skattebo and the Arizona State University Wildcats would have

preferred to beat the Longhorns in the Peach Bowl and advance in the College Football Playoff, the Offensive MVP award is an admirable accomplishment for one of the nation's top running backs. ★

Hornet Sophomore Picked in MLS Draft



Sacramento State Hornet sophomore Donovan Sessoms (No. 21) was selected by San Diego FC in the 2025 Major League Soccer SuperDraft on Dec. 20. Courtesy photo

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - A spectacular sophomore season has translated into a ticket to the next level for Sacramento State sophomore forward Donovan Sessoms, who was selected with the first pick of the third round (No. 61 overall) by expansion side San Diego FC in the 2025 Major League Soccer (MLS) SuperDraft on Dec. 20.

Sessoms is the first Hornet to be taken in the MLS SuperDraft since Chimdum Mez was taken in the fourth round (66th overall) by the San Jose Earthquakes, and the fifth Sacramento State student-athlete to be drafted by an MLS club in school history along with Brandon Cavitt (1996 College Draft, Dallas Burn), Ernesto Carranza (2011 Supplemental Draft, Chivas USA), and Fernando Cabadas (2011 Supplemental Draft, New England Revolution).

San Diego FC had five selections in the draft, building a roster as the newest of Major League Soccer's 30 clubs that will compete in 2025. The city was awarded a franchise in May of 2023 and will play its first match on Feb. 23 against defending MLS Cup champion LA Galaxy.

An All-Big West first-team selection in 2024, Sessoms put together one of the finest offensive seasons in school history, finishing with a team-high 10 goals and 20 points for the year, both ranking among the top 10 in single-season history. Half of those 10 scored went for game-winning goals, ranking tied for fifth in the nation.

Among his Big West Conference brethren, Sessoms ranked third in the Big West in shot attempts (48) and led the league with 2.67 shots per match. He also finished fifth in the league in points, fourth in points per match (1.11), fourth in goals, and third in goals per match (0.56). ★

Athletics Add Infielder Gio Urshela

Major League Baseball News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Athletics agreed to terms with infielder Gio Urshela on a one-year contract for the 2025 season, the club announced on Dec. 22.

Urshela began the 2024 season at Detroit and was hitting .243 with five home runs and 37 RBI in 92 games when he was released in mid-August. He signed with Atlanta and batted .265 with four home runs and 15 RBI in 36 games with the Braves. The 33-year-old right-handed hitter combined for a .250 batting average in 128 games overall, making 102 starts at third base and 15 at first base. Urshela also went 0-for-6 in two postseason games for Atlanta, his fifth season with postseason experience.

Urshela is a .273 career hitter with 73 home runs, 332 RBI and a .729 OPS in 792 games over nine seasons in the majors with Cleveland (2015, 17), Toronto (2018), New York-AL (2019-21), Minnesota (2022), Los Angeles-AL (2023), Detroit (2024) and Atlanta (2024). He batted .299 in 62 games with the Angels in 2023 before a fractured pelvis ended his season in mid-June. The native of Colombia had



On Dec. 22, the Athletics announced infielder Gio Urshela will join the team for the 2025 campaign. Courtesy photo

his best season with the Yankees in 2019 when he hit .314 with 21 home runs and 74 RBI in 132 games. Urshela led Major League third basemen with a .992 fielding percentage in 2020 and has made 614 of his 700 career starts at third base. ★

Athletics' President Resigns

Major League Baseball News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Dave Kaval, President of the Athletics for the past eight years, announced today that he is resigning to pursue new business opportunities in California. His last day with the team, which is in the process of building a new ballpark in Las Vegas, was Dec. 31, 2024.

"We are grateful for Dave's contributions and leadership over the past eight years. He guided our organization through a period of significant transition, and we sincerely thank him for his unwavering commitment to the team," said A's Owner John Fisher. "As we look ahead to the next chapter of our franchise, the team will continue to grow under new leadership, driving the organization toward success during our interim years in West Sacramento and at our new home in Las Vegas."

Sandy Dean, a longtime business partner with the Fisher family, will serve as Interim President. Dean has worked with the A's since John and his family became

owners in 2005. The club will begin a search for a new leader in the new year.

Kaval said that, given the substantial progress toward the team's move to a new, state-of-the-art ballpark in Las Vegas, "I will be staying in California to explore new opportunities at the crossroads of business and government. I am grateful to A's ownership for the opportunities they have given me."

Kaval, 49, served as the seventh president of the Athletics in the franchise's 123-year history. The franchise was founded in Philadelphia in 1901.

Prior to his role with the A's, Kaval served as president of the San Jose Earthquakes, where he played a pivotal role in the development of PayPal Park, home of the Earthquakes and Bay FC.

Kaval has also served as vice chairman of the San Jose Sports Commission, board member of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, member of the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board, and Executive Committee member of the Bay Area Council. He has also taught Sports Management at the Stanford Graduate School of Business for the past decade. ★

River Cats Announce 2025 Promotions

River Cats News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Fans will be sure to find plenty of fun and new surprises at Sutter Health Park next season as the Sacramento River Cats, proud affiliate of the San Francisco Giants, are excited to share the first half of their 2025 promotions schedule while also announcing single game tickets on sale for games through July 3.

Highlighting the beginning of the 2025 baseball season is the return of 2024 MLB All-Star Heliot Ramos, in miniature form that is, as Opening Night on Friday, March 28 will see the first 2,500 fans receive their own Heliot Ramos bobblehead presented by Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort.

The first half of the season includes three additional giveaway games on Saturday, May 3, Friday, May 30, and Friday, June 27. Fans can stay tuned to River Cats social media for the future reveal of these items or sign up for the River Cats email list by visiting rivercats.com/newsletter for first access to this information and other release.

Theme nights will be aplenty as Sacramento hosts nine during the first half of the season including returning favorites Green Awareness Night presented by SMUD (April 17), First Responder's Night (April 18), Dinger's

Birthday/Take Meow't to the Ballgame (May 4), Salute to Armed Forces Night (May 17), and Dino Night (May 31). Joining those for the first time in 2025 are AAPI Night (May 3), Bark in the Park (May 18), and Videogame Night (June 28).

SMUD Orange Fridays and Sutter Health Fireworks Saturdays return for the entirety of the 2025 season. Fans can watch the River Cats light up the sky with their bats and fireworks shows a total of 15 nights during the first half of the season concluding with a special Independence Eve Fireworks Spectacular following the game against the Reno Aces on July 3.

The River Cats will play four games as the Dorados de Sacramento this season as part of Minor league Baseball's 2025 Copa de la Diversión, celebrating baseball's Hispanic/Latino fan base. During the first half of the year, Sacramento will take the field as the Dorados on Thursday, May 1 and Thursday, May 29.

The Sacramento River Cats kick off their season at home with Opening Night on Friday, March 28 against the Albuquerque Isotopes at 6:45 p.m. (PT). The full schedule is currently available online at rivercats.com. Game dates, times, and promotional dates may be subject to change. Memberships, select ticket packs, hospitality rentals, and now single-game tickets are currently available by visiting rivercats.com or by calling the River Cats ticket hotline at (916) 371-HITS (4487). ★



LOCAL SPORTS → COVERAGE

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Galt Varsity Boys Come on Too Late Against Rosemont

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt High School Warriors varsity boys basketball team played their first league game on Tuesday, Jan. 7 against the Rosemont Wolverines.

However, they were not able to break out of their rough patch as the team picked up their sixth straight loss.

They lost 62-41 to the Wolverines. The Warriors were in a tough position after the first half, with the score already sitting at 42-13.

Coach Ron Earp must have been motivating in the locker room, because the boys came out and out-scored Rosemont in the second half. In the third

quarter, Galt dropped 19 points compared to Rosemont's nine. Joseph Gomez swished in three 3-pointers to help close the gap.

In the fourth quarter the Warriors scored nine points while the Wolverines dropped 11 and it just wasn't enough to finish Rosemont off.

Sophomore Anthony Rose-Garcia, junior Joseph Gomez, and newcomer senior Jayden Gaither shared the high score honors, each scoring nine points.

Also on the score sheet, Carsan Cagle scored eight, Cooper Cagle-2 and Keving Lee-2.

Galt is scheduled to challenge Bradshaw Christian at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 10, after press time. ★



Jayden Gaither wins the tip-off against Rosemont. Photos by Paige Lampson



Cooper Cagle tries to force a layup through the Wolverine defense.



Anthony Rose-Garcia tries to score through the gap.



Nothing but net as Joseph Gomez scores from 3-point line.



Carson Cagle goes up and scores.

JV Warriors Lose Lead vs. Rosemont



Hunter Hileman fights to get the ball to the basket. Photos by Paige Lampson

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt junior varsity (JV) Warriors went into half-time against the Rosemont Wolverines with a 24-20 lead for the start of their league season. The balls just weren't dropping in the second half and the Wolverines pulled ahead

and won the close game 45-39.

Freshman Hunter Hileman was the team point leader with 13 points on the board for the Warriors. Bryan Villalobos scored eight points, Abel Romero scored seven, Garrett Rose scored six, Jalen Hall scored three and Dominic Gonzalez scored two. ★



Garrett Rose goes for a layup.



Jose Ramos gets around a guard.

Basketball Schedules

Liberty Ranch Boys

- Jan. 10, 5:30 p.m. @ Amador (Sutter Creek)
- Jan. 11, 6 p.m. vs. Woodland Christian
- Jan. 13, 7 p.m. @ El Dorado (Placerville)
- Jan. 14, 7 p.m. @ Argonaut (Jackson)
- Jan. 17, 7 p.m. vs. Rosemont
- Jan. 21, 7 p.m. vs. Bradshaw Christian
- Jan. 24, 7 p.m. @ Galt
- Jan. 28, 7 p.m. vs. Union Mine
- Jan. 29, 7 p.m. vs. Amador
- Jan. 31, 7 p.m. vs. Argonaut
- Feb. 5, 7 p.m. vs. El Dorado
- Feb. 7, 7 p.m. @ Rosemont
- Feb. 11, 7 p.m. @ Bradshaw Christian
- Feb. 13, 7 p.m. vs. Galt

Liberty Ranch Girls

- Jan. 10, 7 p.m. @ Amador (Sutter Creek)
- Jan. 14, 7 p.m. vs. Argonaut
- Jan. 15, 7 p.m. vs. El Dorado
- Jan. 17, 7 p.m. @ Rosemont (Sacramento)
- Jan. 20, 2 p.m., vs. Pleasant Grove
- Jan. 21, 7 p.m. "@ Bradshaw Christian
- Jan. 24, 7 p.m. vs. Galt
- Jan. 28, 7 p.m. @ Union Mine (El Dorado)
- Jan. 29, 5:30 p.m. vs. Amador
- Jan. 31, 7 p.m. @ Argonaut
- Feb. 4, 7 p.m. @ El Dorado (Placerville)
- Feb. 7, 7 p.m. vs. Rosemont (Sacramento)
- Feb. 11, 7 p.m. vs. Bradshaw Christian

Galt Boys

- Jan. 10, 7 p.m. @ Bradshaw Christian *
- Jan. 14, 7 p.m. vs. El Dorado
- Jan. 15, 7 p.m. @ Amador (Sutter Creek)
- Jan. 17, 7 p.m. vs. Argonaut
- Jan. 21, 7 p.m. @ Union Mine (El Dorado)
- Jan. 24, 7 p.m. vs. Liberty Ranch
- Jan. 27, 7 p.m. "@ El Dorado (Placerville, CA)
- Jan. 28, 7 p.m. "@ Rosemont (Sacramento,)
- Jan. 29, 7 p.m. vs. Bradshaw Christian
- Feb. 4, 7 p.m. vs. Amador
- Feb. 7, 7 p.m. @ Argonaut (Jackson)
- Feb. 11, 7 p.m. vs. Union Mine
- Feb. 13, 7 p.m. @ Liberty Ranch

Galt Girls

- Jan. 10, 7 p.m. vs. Bradshaw Christian
- Jan. 14, 7 p.m. @ El Dorado (Placerville)
- Jan. 15, 7 p.m. @ Amador (Sutter Creek)
- Jan. 17, 7 p.m. @ Argonaut (Jackson)
- Jan. 21, 7 p.m. vs. Union Mine
- Jan. 24, 7 p.m. @ Liberty Ranch
- Jan. 27, 7 p.m. vs. El Dorado
- Jan. 28, 7 p.m. vs. Rosemont
- Jan. 29, 7 p.m. @ Bradshaw Christian
- Feb. 4, 5:30 p.m. vs. Amador
- Feb. 6, 7 p.m. vs. Argonaut
- Feb. 11, 7 p.m. @ Union Mine (El Dorado)
- Feb. 13, 7 p.m. vs. Liberty Ranch

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Young Lady Warriors Working on Fundamentals

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Lady Warrior basketball team finished up their preseason and headed out to Rosemont High School for their first league game on Jan. 7. Unfortunately, they didn't bring home a win against the Wolverines, losing with a final score of 42-23.

New head coach Jared Moore is building a team that consists of three freshman, four sophomores, four juniors and two seniors.

"Besides fundamentals, offense and defense, we are working on cohesiveness and learning to trust each

other," said Moore.

"We are fitting our offensive program to the players skillsets. We have seen lots of improvement, and I am looking forward to see how that equates to the regular season."

The high scorer of the Rosemont game was freshman Alexandra Gonzalez Landa with nine points. Freshman Allison Garcia scored six, junior Alaya Gunter scored four, junior Antanella Feilbach scored two and freshman Skyler Moore scored 2 points also.

The Warriors are scheduled to face Bradshaw Christian next on Jan. 10, after press time. ★



Freshman Alexandra Gonzalez Landa works toward a layup. Photos courtesy of Ella Ipson



Marilyn Kate Miller takes a free-throw.



Freshman Allison Garcia shoots the ball.



Freshman Skyler Moore works her way around an opponent.



Senior Izabella Cathey prepares her free-throw.

Smith Leading the Hawks to Victory

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Liberty Ranch girls basketball went into league season with nine straight wins. On Tuesday, Jan. 7 they faced Union Mine and made it 10 straight wins. This pushes their season record up to 12-2 and ranked first in the league.

Junior Haley Smith continues to do her part and has been averaging 21.5 points per game. Smith usually scores at least a third of the team's points. She also averages eight rebounds and 4.3 steals per game and tops it off with an 80% free throw average.

The Hawk offense has been very strong this year across that stretch, as they average 63.8 points per game.

The Hawks under head coach Josh Williams, in his second year coaching the girls, has another league championship in their sights.



★ Junior Haley Smith leads the Hawks in scoring. Photo by Paige Lampson

Soccer Schedules

Galt Boys
Jan. 10, 6:30 p.m. vs. Argonaut
Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m. @ Union Mine (El Dorado)
Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m. vs. Liberty Ranch
Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m. @ Rosemont (Sacramento)
Jan. 24, 6:30 p.m. vs. Bradshaw Christian
Jan. 29, 6:30 p.m. @ El Dorado (Placerville)
Jan. 31, 6:30 p.m. vs. Amador
Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m. @ Argonaut (Jackson)
Feb. 7, 6:30 p.m. vs. Union Mine
Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m. @ Liberty Ranch

Liberty Ranch Boys
Jan. 10, 6:30 p.m. vs. Rosemont
Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m. vs. Bradshaw Christian
Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m. @ Galt
Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m. vs. Union Mine
Jan. 24, 6:30 p.m. @ Amador (Sutter Creek)
Jan. 29, 6:30 p.m. vs. Argonaut
Jan. 31, 6:30 p.m. vs. El Dorado
Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m. @ Rosemont
Feb. 7, 6:30 p.m. @ Bradshaw Christian
Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m. vs. Galt

Galt Girls
Jan. 10, 6:30 p.m. @ Argonaut (Jackson)
Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m. vs. Union Mine
Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m. @ Liberty Ranch
Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m. vs. Rosemont
Jan. 24, 4:30 p.m. @ Bradshaw Christian
Jan. 29, 6:30 p.m. vs. El Dorado
Jan. 31, 6:30 p.m. @ Amador (Sutter Creek, CA)
Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m. vs. Argonaut
Feb. 7, 6:30 p.m. @ Union Mine (El Dorado)
Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m. vs. Liberty Ranch

Liberty Ranch Girls
Jan. 10, 6:30 p.m. @ Rosemont (Sacramento)
Jan. 15, 4:30 p.m. @ Bradshaw Christian
Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m. vs. Galt
Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m. @ Union Mine (El Dorado)
Jan. 24, 6:30 p.m. vs. Amador
Jan. 29, 6:30 p.m. @ Argonaut (Jackson)
Jan. 31, 6:30 p.m. @ El Dorado (Placerville)
Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m. vs. Rosemont
Feb. 7, 6:30 p.m. vs. Bradshaw Christian
Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m. @ Galt