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## Community Rallies Against Placement of Sex Predator



Galt resident George Kirbyson was one of 16 people who spoke in opposition to the potential placement of a sexually violent predator at a residence on Hauschildt Road at a special Galt City Council meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 28. Photo by Sean P. Thomas

**By Sean P. Thomas**  
City Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - Residents and the Galt City Council rallied against the potential placement of a sexually violent predator just outside of city limits at a special meeting convened on Tuesday, Jan. 28.

The Department of State Hospitals recommended that Christopher Dryden, 47, be placed in a home at

12655 Hauschildt Road, just a little over a half mile outside of Galt city limits. Dryden is classified as a sexually violent predator, a designation for those who have committed a sexually violent offense against one or more victims and who has been diagnosed with a mental disorder that makes them a danger to others, according to the Department of State Hospitals.

The news of the potential placement quickly spread across social media, causing concern among residents and various city boards and officials, especially considering the resident's proximity to schools including Liberty Ranch High School, Marengo Ranch Elementary School and Lake Canyon Elementary School and adjacent homes with young children.

Dryden was prosecuted and convicted in 1998 by the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office for two counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a child under 14 years of age and sentenced to six years in state prison.

Following his sentence, Dryden was placed at Coalinga State Hospital after the district attorney successfully petitioned

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## CFD Firefighters Return from Duty in Los Angeles



Patrick Lynch, left, Dustin Romero, Andy Shepard and Masato Seki were part of a 22-person strike team that recently returned after responding to the Palisades Fire that has ravaged the Southern California region throughout January. Photo courtesy Cosumnes Fire Department

**By Sean P. Thomas**  
City Editor

**ELK GROVE, CA** - Four Cosumnes Fire Department firefighters returned home safely last week after spending more than two weeks in Southern California fighting the Los Angeles-area wildfires.

Captain Andy Shepard, Patrick Lynch, Dustin Romero and Masato Seki were part of a 22-person

strike team organized through the California Office of Emergency Services to help respond to multiple blazes in Southern California that led to more than 200,000 people receiving evacuation orders and more than 16,000 homes and other structures damaged or destroyed.

Strike Team 4801-A was deployed on Jan. 7 specifically to the Palisades Fire and was made up of five engines and one pickup truck commanded

by a supervisor and a supervisor trainee. The other four engines were made up of two four-person teams from Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District and two four-person teams from Sacramento Fire Department.

The team returned on Jan. 22. "We are happy to share that our personnel have returned home safely after countless hours on the frontlines, assisting with the Palisades and Eaton Fires in Southern California,"

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## Trump Orders More Central Valley Water Deliveries

**By Alastair Bland**  
CalMatters.org

President Donald Trump signed a sweeping executive order on Jan. 21 that told federal agencies to "immediately take action" to deliver more Central Valley water and eliminate rules that stand in the way, including endangered species protections.

In the new order, Trump cited the Los Angeles fires, even though the actions he is ordering — delivering more water from the federal Central Valley Project — would primarily serve farms. About 75% of Central Valley Project water is used for agriculture, while much of the rest goes to cities and towns in the San Joaquin Valley, including Sacramento and Fresno.

"In particular, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce shall immediately take actions to override existing activities that unduly burden efforts to maximize water deliveries," Trump's order reads.

At stake are the rules that guide two massive Delta water systems, the federal Central Valley Project and a state-operated system, the State Water Project. These networks of reservoirs, pumps and canals deliver water to millions of acres of farmland and 30 million people. They draw water from rivers that flow into the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and San Francisco Bay, which imperils Chinook salmon, smelt and sturgeon that are protected by the federal Endangered Species Act.

Trump ordered federal agencies to "expedite action related to any exemption under the Endangered Species Act... for the long-term operation" of the water delivery systems. In addition, he directed the federal Bureau of Reclamation to "take all available measures to ensure that State agencies — including the California Department of Water Resources — do not interfere." He entitled a section "Overriding Disastrous California Policies."

Environmental groups are likely to sue if federal agencies override the Endangered Species Act when setting rules that control how much water is delivered via the Central Valley Project or State Water Project.

Several community watchdog and environmental groups, including Restore the Delta and San Francisco Baykeeper, warned that Trump's actions "will have

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# Person Struck and Killed by Train in Galt

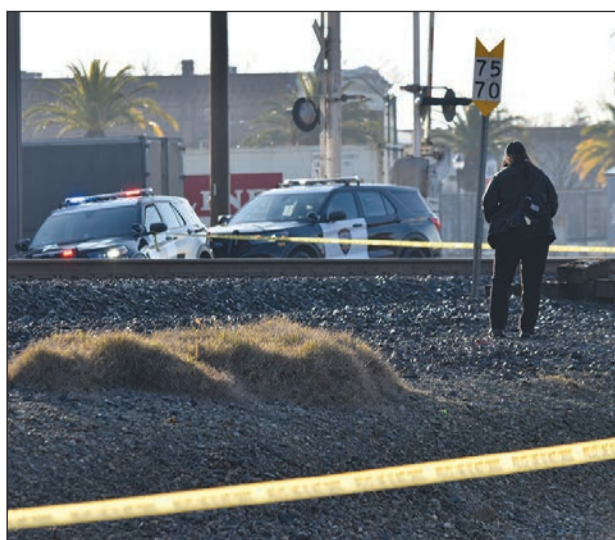
By MPG Staff

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - An unidentified person was struck and killed by a train Wednesday morning on the Union Pacific tracks near the corner of A Street and McFarland Street.

The victim has yet to be identified by the Sacramento County Coroner's office. It remains unclear what led to the fatal collision.

According to Galt Police on the scene, a call for service was put out around 6:30 a.m. Initially the call was for medical service, but the victim was determined to be deceased at the scene.

According to Galt Police the train that struck the individual was stopped



The reason for the incident that left one person dead after a train struck a person on the Union Pacific Railroad tracks is still under investigation.

during the early stages of the investigation.

A Union Pacific spokesperson confirmed the incident in an email to The

Galt Herald but did not respond to a multiple clarifying questions or provide any additional details by press time. ★



The Galt Police Department was on scene after a train struck and killed an unidentified person Wednesday morning on the Union Pacific train tracks near the corner of A Street and McFarland Street. Photos by Sean P. Thomas

## CFD Firefighters Return from Duty in Los Angeles

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Cosumnes Fire Department wrote in a social media post. "Thank you to all the members of Strike Team 4801 and Task Force 7 who helped protect lives and property during these challenging fires."

"The bond shared across departments, cities, and regions is a reminder of the strength of our firefighting family—where no one stands alone," the post continued. "Welcome home."

Shepard, who is a 24-year veteran, all with CFD, said the fire was bigger than any incident that he has been a part of as a member of a strike team in the past.

Since 2002 he said he's responded to the

North Complex, Lightning Complex, Mendocino Complex and, most recently, the Bear Fire in September 2024.

"This is what people call a career fire," Shepard said. "Just the amount of buildings that were destroyed and burned. All the complex problems with resources. It was definitely unique."

Fueled by powerful winds and dry conditions, a series of wildfires erupted on Jan. 7, ripping through the Los Angeles area. The fires started in Pacific Palisades, a neighborhood east of Malibu, as a brush fire, before growing to almost 23,500 acres, according to CAL FIRE.

Shortly after, the Eaton

Fire and the Hughes Fire erupted near a canyon in the national forest lands north of downtown Los Angeles and near Castaic Lake. Combined, the two fires burned over 24,400 acres. Other smaller fires also erupted in Los Angeles and have been completely contained.

According to Los Angeles County fire officials, 29 people died in the fires, 17 in the Eaton Fire and 12 in the Palisades Fire, in addition to an untold number of significant injuries.

The cause of the blazes is still under investigation. According to estimates from JPMorgan, the economic losses tied to the fires could reach \$50

billion.

"The deployment showcases the strength and resilience of the California master Mutual Aid Agreement and highlights the importance of emergency resources sharing statewide," Sacramento Metro Fire wrote in a news release.

Shepard said the strike team made it to the scene around 8 a.m. on Jan. 8 but couldn't progress to their command post due to debris and downed power lines in the road. As soon as they arrived at the fire zone they got to work.

Due to the chaotic nature of the fire, Shepard said, the crew got to work putting out whatever fires they could.

"Just pick what you can save with what you have," Shepard said.

Shepard said the team was able to save a few large home properties and apartment buildings, as well as the Palisades Charter High School.

Shepard said the team went about 56 hours with few moments of rest because there were no crews to relieve them. In a more common response, the standard would be 24 hours on duty and 24 hours off with CAL FIRE; with federal fires, the standard is 12 hours on and 12 hours off.

"No one wanted to be leaving the line," Shepard said. "It is just kind of hard to leave that behind."

Shepard said the team was able to meet some of the tenants and residents

of Pacific Palisades, who were more than welcoming and thankful for the firefighters' help. He added the local community banded together to make sure the firefighters were well taken care of in terms of food and drinks.

He said the experience built a bond among the strike team and the other firefighters that were called to fight the blaze.

Strike Team 4801-A was joined by Northern California strike teams from Placer County, El Dorado County, Nevada County, Tuolumne County, Stanislaus County, Yolo County and others.

"These things just kind of build that," Shepard said. "We don't always get this kind of work, but when you do, it builds that camaraderie." ★

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# Big Rig Crash Halts Northbound Traffic on Interstate 5



A big rig carrying grocery items crashed the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 28, causing a traffic jam on northbound Interstate 5. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol

By Sean P. Thomas  
City Editor

**GALT, CA** - A big rig carrying hair gel crashed near the Twin Cities Road onramp on Interstate 5 blocking northbound traffic for more than six hours on Tuesday, Jan. 28.

The driver was taken to a nearby hospital, according to the California Highway patrol. No other injuries were reported.

The CHP was dispatched to the scene around 3 a.m., according to CHP incident logs. It is unclear why the big rig overturned. According to a CHP spokesperson, driver

fatigue is believed to have played a factor in the crash.

The truck was carrying a variety of grocery store items, including meat and wine.

Caltrans was on scene to divert traffic off Twin Cities Road, but authorities reopened the northbound lanes around 9:20 a.m. ★

# Community Rallies Against Placement of Sex Predator



A jam-packed audience filled the Galt City Council chamber to voice their opposition to the potential placement of a sexually violent predator in the unincorporated region of Sacramento County, just outside of Galt's city limits. Photos by Sean P. Thomas

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have him designated as a sexually violent predator. The Sacramento Superior Court granted a petition to release Dryden to the community for outpatient treatment, based on recommendations made by the Department of State Hospitals in July 2024.

Before the jam-packed meeting finished, the Galt City Council voted 4-0 to send a letter in opposition to Dryden's placement. Council member Mathew Pratton was absent from the meeting.

The Galt City Council joined both the Galt Joint Union High School and Galt Joint Union Elementary school boards, which sent letters earlier in the month opposing the placement.

The Sacramento Sheriff's Office, County Supervisor Pat Hume's office, the Galt Police Department and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office also sent letters in opposition.

After the meeting, Mayor Shawn Farmer said he's optimistic that the concerns of the community would be enough to sway the judge.

"I think we have a really good shot at this being

successful; I feel really good about it," Farmer said. "Honestly, I don't know how a judge could see letters from the city council, school board members, the police department, the sheriff's department, from the county supervisors, from the DA's office, and hundreds of the people that have written letters and the people that live there and say, '(no), this is the best place.'"

According to the council, over 160 pages of opposition were sent to the judge.

The Galt Police Department took issue with the claim that it would respond to any calls for service at the home within nine minutes. Chief Brian Kalinowski said due to the home's placement outside of the department's jurisdiction, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office would have to respond, which could take upwards of 40 minutes.

"This placement is strongly opposed by Chief Kalinowski and the City of Galt leadership," the department wrote in a statement. "The proposed site lacks access to essential social and medical services and is in an area

historically underserved by county resources. This decision disregards the needs and safety of both our community and the individual."

More than 16 people spoke in opposition to the placement at Tuesday's meeting; most of them were residents and some live on Hauschildt Road.

Jolene Metcalf Koyama said she and her husband live about 40 feet away from the prospective residence and said it's not the first time a sexually violent predator was proposed to move into the property.

Metcalf Koyama said the landlord of the property "does not have any consideration for the families and the neighborhood."

"With all these new families, I would love to sit outside and see the children; listen to the children, but I know the families are very afraid and they should be," Metcalf Koyama said. "I myself do not feel safe in any shape or form."

Paul Nadarisay lives on Hauschildt Road with his two children and pregnant wife, and said he would not feel safe leaving his family alone during his work hours if Dryden was allowed to move into the home.



Paul Nadarisay said he would feel uncomfortable leaving his family at home if Christopher Dryden was allowed to move into the home.



Rebecca Thornton Sloan, Supervisor Pat Hume's chief of staff, said the supervisor's office is working with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office to oppose the placement.

"I am deeply troubled by the possibility of this individual being relocated to an area that is home, as you already know, to many young families and children," Nadarisay said.

Priscilla Lucero also lives on Hauschildt Road, where she owns Lucero Organic Farms, and said her business and her family could be impacted by Dryden's placement at the home.

"I strongly oppose this, and I hope the council also will take up for us," Lucero said. "We don't have a voice when it comes to this kind of placement."

George Kirbyson, a Galt resident, said he grew up next to a mental health facility in Vacaville that housed similar individuals as Dryden and remembered the sense of terror families

would go through when someone would escape the facility.

"That is an area where people are behind bars," Kirbyson said. "Now we want to allow these people to move into our community where we live. My children luckily are adults now, but I have nephews, nieces, and great nephews and nieces. ... Part of the reason we moved here is because it felt so safe to raise our children."

Multiple residents also questioned the system that selects where sexually violent predators are released.

Rebecca Thornton Sloan, chief of staff for Supervisor Hume's office, also spoke at the meeting and said the supervisor's office is working with the District Attorney's Office to oppose the placement.

"I can assure you that Supervisor Hume shares (the) concerns about the number of placements that get placed in this district," Thornton Sloan said.

Deputy District Attorney Carolyn Masingale said District Attorney Thien Ho filed a motion of opposition to the placement of Dryden in the community.

The deadline to submit letters to the court at SVPDDryden@sacda.org is Thursday at 5 p.m.

The final court hearing on Dryden's placement is scheduled for Friday at 9 a.m.

Council member Tim Reed said he would attempt to attend the hearing, as did Farmer.

Farmer implored the community not just to send letters, but also to attend the hearing if they can. ★

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# Trump Orders More Central Valley Water Deliveries

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devastating consequences for California's water future, public health, and environmental protections, threatening a federal takeover of California's right to manage its land and waters."

The powerful Westlands Water District, representing farmers in parts of Kings and Fresno counties, said Sunday that they welcome Trump's order. "The challenges that he highlights are real, and his leadership in addressing the barriers to water delivery are welcomed," the district said in a statement. "It's clear that what we've been doing for the past few decades has not been working; not for the people, for agriculture, or for the fish."

Trump's order said "it is in the Nation's interest to ensure that California has what it needs to prevent and fight these fires and others in the future. Therefore, it is the policy of the United States to provide Southern California with necessary water resources, notwithstanding actively harmful State or local policies."

The environmental groups said Trump's

directives "conflate fire prevention needs with water operations in California all based on the myth that water operations for environmental protections had any impact on water infrastructure used in the Los Angeles fires."

Some Los Angeles fire hydrants ran out of water fighting the fires, but city fire and utility officials say it was caused by a sudden surge in demand and limited capacity of city pipelines, not lack of water supply. In addition, the city's water comes mostly from the Owens Valley, the Colorado River and groundwater, not the Delta or the Central Valley, and Southern California cities say they have ample supply after two wet winters.

"The premise of this executive order is false," said Newsom spokesperson Tara Gallegos. "Attempts to connect water management in Northern California to local wildfire fighting in Los Angeles have zero factual basis. California continues to pump as much water as it did under the Trump administration's policies, and water operations to move water south through

the Delta have absolutely nothing to do with the local fire response in Los Angeles."

State reservoirs in Southern California are at above-average levels. "There is no shortage of water in Southern California, which is why the Governor has called for an investigation into the local response," Gallegos said.

Rosenfield said the State Water Project ensures, even in the worst of droughts, that communities have a minimum share of water designated for purposes of "human health and safety," which includes firefighting needs. "They always deliver that human health and safety water, always — it's never interrupted," Rosenfield said.

The Central Valley Project provides about 5 million acres feet of water to farms, enough to irrigate about a third of the agricultural land in California, according to the Bureau of Reclamation.

It also delivers about 600,000 acre-feet for municipal and industrial use in the San Joaquin Valley and some Bay Area cities, enough to supply

about 1 million households with water each year.

Trump called on the Bureau of Reclamation to operate the Central Valley Project with rules that his first administration implemented in 2020. Reverting to those rules could override rules signed into law in December by Biden administration officials and endorsed by Gov. Gavin Newsom administration officials. The Biden rules would reduce Central Valley Project farm deliveries, but the State Water Project — which serves Southern California cities as well as San Joaquin Valley farms — would receive more water compared to Trump's 2020 rules.

Directors of the state's water and resources agencies could not be reached for comment.

Ryan Edean, a public information officer with the California Department of Water Resources, said in a statement last week that his agency stands by its new Delta water management rules.

Under those rules, Edean said, "farms and cities have the potential to gain additional water

supply, while endangered species are protected. To abandon these new frameworks would harm California water users and protection of native fish species."

Experts say the Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing, and salmon populations have declined so severely that commercial and recreational salmon fishing have been banned in California for two straight years — with a third year expected, too.

The order follows a series of remarks in recent weeks by the President that reflect a profound misunderstanding of California's water supply, weaving between inaccurate and fantastical.

In Pacific Palisades on Friday, while visiting with local leaders in the aftermath of the region's wildfires, Trump said, "We have to have that water ... You're talking about unlimited water coming down from the Pacific Northwest, even coming up from parts of Canada, and it pours down naturally ... you'll never run out, you'll never have shortages and you won't have things like this, and

when you do you'll have a lot of water to put it out." Water does not flow into California from Canada, and the Pacific Northwest does not feed into Central Valley rivers. Instead, the water comes largely from Sierra Nevada snowmelt.

The order also includes provisions to expedite aid to victims of the Southern California wildfires and Hurricane Helene in North Carolina.

He ordered federal agencies to provide a plan that "expedites options for housing relief to survivors displaced by wildfires in California." Also, "within 5 days from the date of this order," he ordered federal agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency, to "expedite the bulk removal of contaminated and general debris" in order "to accelerate the rebuilding of areas devastated" by the wildfires.

County officials and the Army Corps of Engineers officials have warned homeowners in the fire zones that sifting through debris and removing it could be harmful without guidelines and precautions from the EPA for handling hazardous waste. ★

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## Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



I firmly believe the schedule makers for the NBA have a mean streak in them.

After back-to-back wins over the Wizards and Warriors, the Sactown boys were forced to travel to Denver and play in back-to-back games. The travel, altitude, and Nikola Jokic were too much for Kings as the Nuggets registered a 132-123 win over a tired Sacramento squad.

Amazingly, the Kings mounted an unlikely comeback, coming from 25 points down and bringing the game to within five points late in the contest.

Michael Malone was so concerned, he brought back Jokic late in the game to insure the victory.

Jokic had a historic performance, registering his fifth triple-double in a row, scoring 35 points, claiming 22 rebounds, and dishing out an unheard of 17 assists. His performance was one for the record books, and at the end of the day, the furious comeback by the Kings was no match for the 3-time MVP.

For the basketball purest, you had to just sit back and watch a true master of the hardwood at work.

Domantas Sabonis countered with 23 points and 17 rebounds, but on this night, Denver would not be turned away.

Rumors continue to swirl as the Kings shop the market for the missing link, that being a power forward that can tip the scales.

My hope is that the recent success the Kings have had will calm the front office and allow them to realize what this team is capable of doing. Wins like the one at the Boston Garden serve as a wake-up call to Monte McNair, and scream don't give the store away!

Make absolutely certain you know what you have before you give away a future all-star, and by all means pay attention to your rookies.

Players like Isaac Jones are just waiting for an opportunity to shine, and his recent accomplishments in the G league should serve notice to every fan that his big man has some real game. Jones played for three colleges in three different conferences and earned awards wherever he went. Finally arriving at Washington State Jones earned All-Pac-12 conference honors.

Amazingly, 6'9" Isaac Jones was overlooked in the 2024 NBA draft, and before it's over there will be a lot of teams that will wonder what their scouts were looking at.

When I see the infrequent time that Isaac has had with the Kings, I'm constantly impressed with the way he carries himself on the court, and in this young rookie the Kings have a legitimate forward who seems to get better every time he takes to the hardwood.

In recent G league performances, he has looked like a man among boys and registered three straight 30-point plus performances. Not an easy thing to accomplish, but it tells me Isaac Jones needs more minutes at the NBA level. By all means, put him on the no-trade list along with Sabonis, Fox, and Keon Ellis.

What I'm loudly saying is build from within before you give away talented players that you have not fully realized. Isaac Jones is one of those players and same can be said of Devin Carter. It's essential that the Kings allow rookies to develop, and coach Christie needs to find playing time for them.

The Sactown boys are 10-3 under Doug Christie, and I don't believe it's a fluke. The Kings are currently on a torrid 6-game road trip, and will face the Nets, 76ers, Thunder, and Timberwolves before they set foot in the friendly confines of Golden One Arena.

If the Kings can win two of the remaining four games, I would consider it a victory, as the Thunder and Timberwolves are tough matchups for Sacramento.

The recent 7-game win streak seemed to regenerate Kings fans, and the upside for Sacramento is looking probable rather than just fortuitous.

Let's celebrate our stars and root on our rookies. Great things are yet in store!

If the Kings don't make a trade by the trade deadline of Feb. 6, don't lose heart. This team as assembled can make the playoffs, and I believe McNair will make an acquisition at some point.

We are witnessing some great performances. Enjoy them! More to come.

All the best Kings fans!

Your thoughts are always welcome at [vggharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vggharriskingsfan@gmail.com). ★

## Social Security Matters

### Clarification of Medicare IRMAA and MAGI



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I am confused by an article in my local newspaper which said that "MAGI" (modified adjusted gross income), on which my Medicare Part B premium is based, is my Adjusted Gross Income, plus any non-taxable interest, plus 50% of the social security I received. The part that is confusing is the 50% part. When I look at my tax return my Adjusted Gross Income includes the taxable portion of my Social Security benefit which, in my case, is 85% of my total benefits. Why must 50% of benefits be added to my AGI if it is already included in my total AGI? **Signed: Confused**

**Dear Confused:** The article you refer to was misleading for stating that the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) used to determine your Medicare premiums includes your normal Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) from your income tax return, plus any non-taxable interest you may have had, plus 50% of the SS

benefits you received during the tax year. What the article should have said was that the MAGI which determines your Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) to your Medicare premiums consists of your normal AGI from your tax return (which includes the taxable portion of your Social Security benefits), plus any non-taxable interest you may have had.

For additional clarity, the Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) is a supplemental amount added to the standard Medicare premium for those with higher incomes. The thresholds at which the IRMAA supplements apply depend on your IRS filing status, and your MAGI determines the amount of supplement which will be added to the standard Medicare premium. Single filers with MAGI over \$103,000, or married filers with MAGI over \$206,000 will see an IRMAA supplement added to their Medicare premium. Those whose MAGI is under the first IRMAA threshold pay the standard Medicare premium, but those whose MAGI exceeds the first IRMAA threshold above will pay more. How much more depends on how much their MAGI exceeds the first IRMAA threshold by. The IRMAA supplement (the additional premium amount)

could be anywhere from \$69.90 to \$419.30 per month for Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services), or an additional \$12.90 to \$81.00 per month to the Medicare Part D (prescription drug plan) premium - again dependent on how much over the initial MAGI threshold the person is for their IRS filing status. You can see the MAGI levels and corresponding IRMAA supplements at this Medicare website: [www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/2024-medicare-parts-b-premiums-and-deductibles](http://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/2024-medicare-parts-b-premiums-and-deductibles)

IRMAA and MAGI can be confusing. If you have questions about your Medicare premiums, help is available at [ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org](mailto:ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org), or at 1.888.750.2622.

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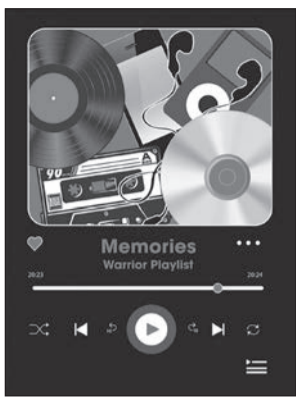


# Galt High Yearbook Staff Takes Home Top Honors

## Galt High School News Release

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - Galt High School yearbook students from the 2023-2024 school year earned a first place award from the American Scholastic Association.

The organization honors yearbook staff nationwide for having a professional yearbook that meets the publication standards in a variety of categories including page design, story layout, graphics, headlining, cover design,



Pictured is the cover of the winning Galt High yearbook.

advertising placement and photography.

Galt High was one of


four recipients of the “out-standing section” award. Over 140 yearbooks were in the contest.

The yearbook’s theme was “Warrior Playlist,” and the section recognized was the senior section titled “The Twelfth of Never.” The section included senior candid photos, portraits, senior rides, senior sunrise, baby photos, senior polls, and senior advertisements

The editors for the yearbook were Delila Leon, Carmen Topete and Jessica Barajas. ★



Galt High yearbook staffers, back row (from left): Brooke Beckett, Ella Ipson, Ociel Gutierrez, Julieta Gonzalez Barba, Alfred Hayden, Daniel Lopez, Jovany Bastida, Antanella Feilback and Mia Ford. Third row: Nela Pujalt Panos, left, Paloma Sandoval, Cindy Jaramillo, Daniel Velazquez Vega, Merlin Diaz, Justin Silva, Amanda Clinton and Mireya Ramirez. Second row: Jessica Barajas, Teresa Rodriguez, Emilyann Sheldon and Genesis Cea Garcia. Front row: Kaylee Benton, Ryan J. Thomas, Andres Vivanco, Delila Leon and Carmen Topete. Not pictured: Liliana Mejia, Jose Ochoa, Emily Roman and Jose Zepeda Acosta. Photos courtesy Galt High School



## City of Plymouth California

### ACCOUNTANT I/II

(Salary Range DOE \$4,844-8,888)

**First Review 02/14/2025**  
(Open Until Filled)

The City of Plymouth is seeking an ACCOUNTANT I/II, who under general supervision from the City Manager, performs high level financial reporting, including budgeting, internal auditing, financial and managerial analysis, cost accounting and analysis, business law, basic economics, follows modern office procedures and practices, methods and equipment and research techniques. Is familiar with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and Procedures (GAAP); General Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS).

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- Valid Class C California driver’s license may be required for some positions.

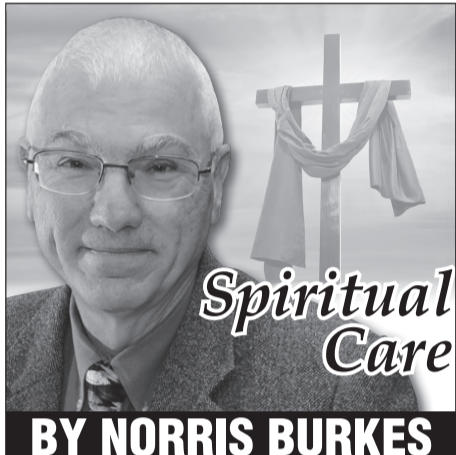
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**Selection Procedure**

Candidates must submit application materials that include a completed and signed employment application and copies of any required certificates or license listed under the requirements.

A complete job description and Application materials are available online at [www.cityofplymouth.org](http://www.cityofplymouth.org). Completed Application materials can be emailed, mailed or hand-delivered to Plymouth City Hall, City Manager’s Office, 9426 Main Street; P. O. Box 429, Plymouth, CA 95669; emailed to [vmchenry@cityofplymouth.org](mailto:vmchenry@cityofplymouth.org).

## Are You One of Those Evangelicals?



*Spiritual Care*  
**BY NORRIS BURKES**

Joe in no uncertain terms, “I am evangelical, just not THAT kind of evangelical.

“I am not the kind of evangelical who engages with the political process to protect my ‘Biblical values.’

“I do not use my pulpit to preach for or against issues such as abortion, euthanasia, gay rights, or science.”

And during the eight Sundays I’m away from my pulpit, I invite a local woman pastor to fill my preaching duties. (Shout-out to Cherise. My folks love you!)

So, as some evangelical churches preach the “Christ-merican” idea, they may enjoy some “growth,” – for just a little bit longer, anyway.

But in the meantime, I accept all as my brother.

And even as some dismiss me as their “Liberal brother,” I’ll continue to interpret Jesus’ teaching in the light of modern knowledge, science and ethics. I’ll lean forward using reason and experience over doctrinal authority.

I’ll address folks like Joe in more relatable language, admitting that, yes, I am evangelical. But only in the sense that I think Jesus spoke with common sense. I encourage all to consider Jesus’s ideas, and I will try to make my church a welcoming place to explore faith.

I’m evangelical because I believe the Holy Bible retains a message for every generation. I’m evangelical in that I believe Jesus loves all of us the way he loves each of us. AND he intensively loves each of us as if we were the only ones on earth.

So, I’ll keep standing in my small pulpit with the same message I always bring “Love the Lord Your God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself.”

Eventually, Joe replied with the kindest of words.

“Thank you, Norris. I apologize for my abrupt tone. I painted with too broad of a brush.”

It’s OK, Joe. In the words my hospice team imprinted on their sweatshirts, “We’re all just walking each other home.” ★

Like most pastors, I send out a weekly email to church members and friends previewing my sermon topic and promoting our upcoming events.

After the election, I received this jarring email from a person we’ll call “Joe Christian.”

“Please remove us from your e-mail list.” Joe asked. “I wish to get as far away as possible from the poison in this country that is evangelical Christianity.”

I have to admit, the email saddened me a bit.

But I understood.

Joe C. understandably mistook me for those evangelicals that I call the “Christ-mericans.”


That’s what I call the believers who’ve morphed Christ into their American patriotism. These are those who promote a certain candidate, issue, or who insist on a certain form of biblical interpretation on both Christians and non-Christians.

These “Evangelicals” are led by those trying to convince parishioners that they are being persecuted and that they’ve lost their freedom to profess their beliefs and follow Christ.

They urge their communities to ban library books, install their evangelical choice on the city council using methods that exploit hot issues like gay rights, abortion, and immigration.

If that describes your church, would you mind if I forwarded Joe’s email. Maybe your pastor can help me compose an answer.

In the meantime, I’ve informed



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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08564**  
Tyler James Mackenzie, 800 S Lincoln Way, Unit C, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Get it Gone Junk Removal" 800 S Lincoln Way, Unit C, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 13, 2024  
Publish: January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025  
GET 1-31-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00154**  
Underwood Hauling and Junk Removal LLC, 691 Cedar Flat Avenue, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Noble Doody" 691 Cedar Flat Avenue, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 9, 2025  
Publish: Jan 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 2025  
NOBLE 2-7-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00204**  
Paul Pevehouse, 162 Stirup Court, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Power House Repairs" 162 Stirup Court, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 10, 2025  
Publish: Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 2025  
POWER 2-14-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09671**  
Ink House Social, 812 C Street, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business

Name(s) "Ink House Social" 812 C Street, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 30, 2024  
Publish: Jan 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, 2025  
INK 2-21-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00008**  
S.A. Woodworkers, 7357 Souza Circle, Sacramento, CA 95831 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sacramento Area Woodworkers" 7357 Souza Circle, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 2, 2025  
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WOODWORKERS 2-14-25

## 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  
Publish: January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025  
CHAND 1-31-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#25CV001221

Cayla Jo McDonell-Encina has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Cayla Jo McDonell-Encina to Cayla Jo McDonell. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 3, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, 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: January 15, 2025  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 2025  
MCDONELL 2-14-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#25CV001124

Karen Bao Vang has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Karen Bao Vang to Bao Vaaj Nchaiv Txab. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 3, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, 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: January 15, 2025  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of

the Superior Court  
Publish: Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 2025  
TXAB 2-14-25

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DEBRA KAY MCLAUGHLIN AKA DEBRA K. MCLAUGHLIN, DEBRA MCLAUGHLIN, DEBRA ESTRADA CASE NO. 25PR000085

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Debra Kay McLaughlin aka Debra K. McLaughlin, Debra McLaughlin, Debra Estrada.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Bryan J. McLaughlin, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Bryan J. McLaughlin be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows February 18, 2025, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of

the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Ashley Clower, 6207 S. Walnut Street, Suite 800, Loomis, CA, 95650; 916-652-8296  
Publish: Jan 31, Feb 7, 14, 2025  
MCLAUGHLIN 2-14-25

## SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)  
CASE NUMBER: 24CV004320  
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Jerry Edwin Chapman, individually, Jerry Edwin Chapman, as Administrator of the Estate of Dana Chapman

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Florence Luna.

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

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

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso. The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Todd A. Murray (SBN 075364), 2377 Gold Meadow Way, Suite 290, Gold River, CA 95670; 916-488-1795. Date: (Fecha) 3/07/2024  
Clerk (Secretario) H. Larson, Deputy (Adjunto)  
Publish: Jan 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, 2025  
CHAPMAN 2-21-25

## NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice US Storage Centers - Galt 315 A Street Galt CA 95632 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) on 2/20/2025 at 10:00 AM. Theresa Lane; Pauline Ivonne Parra; Destiny Dykes; Daniel Vaca Mendez. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.  
The Galt Herald 1-31-2025

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A TATTOO PARLOR IN THE DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL (DC) ZONE AT 812 C STREET, GALT, CA 95632

Notice is hereby given that the Galt Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of Galt City Hall, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California, on the date and time indicated below, or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard, to receive and consider all evidence and reports relative to the application described herein. The Planning Commission will take action on the Conditional Use Permit request.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Conditional Use Permit to Allow a Tattoo Parlor  
**PROJECT LOCATION:** 812 C Street, Galt, CA 95632 (APN 150-0261-005)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant, Raina Saldivar, is proposing operation of a tattoo parlor, Ink House Social, in the existing building at 812 C Street. The building is currently vacant, is approximately 1,800 square feet, and adjacent to Next Generation Barber Shop. Services offered by Ink House Social include tattooing, body piercing, and incidental retail sales. The proposed business hours will be from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Construction activities are limited to interior renovations associated with a tenant improvement permit. Tattoo parlors are permitted in the DC zone with a conditional use permit.

The project is exempt from CEQA.

**OWNER/APPLICANT:** Alvin and Shirley Roberts Raina Saldivar  
26297 N Cherokee Lance PO BOX 474  
Galt, CA 95632 Galt, CA 95632

### PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING:

**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, February 13, 2025; 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard.  
If you have any questions regarding the proposed project or wish to review any details prior to the public hearing, please contact Stacy Schafer, Associate Planner at 209-366-7230 or [sschafer@cityofgalt.org](mailto:sschafer@cityofgalt.org).

## 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: January 23, 2025  
s/ Amie Mendes  
Amie Mendes, Interim Community Development Director  
s/ Tina Hubert  
Tina Hubert, City Clerk  
The Galt Herald 1-31-2025

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF GALT MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

Notice is hereby given that the Galt Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of Galt City Hall, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California, on the date and time indicated below, or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard, to receive and consider all evidence and reports relative to the Galt Municipal Code Amendment described herein. The Planning Commission will take action on the proposed Ordinance amending the Galt Municipal Code.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Ordinance Amending the City of Galt Municipal Code Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed Ordinance will amend Chapter 18 Section 16.080 of the Galt Municipal Code to comply with recent changes to state law that impose new limits on the local authority to regulate Accessory Dwelling Units ("ADUs") and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units ("JADUs"). The Planning Commission's action serves as a recommendation to the City Council.

The project is exempt from CEQA.

**OWNER/APPLICANT:** City of Galt  
495 Industrial Dr, Galt, CA 95632

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Dated: January 23, 2025  
s/ Amie Mendes  
Amie Mendes, Interim Community Development Director  
s/ Tina Hubert  
Tina Hubert, City Clerk  
The Galt Herald 1-31-2025

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Galt Joint Union High School District (hereinafter referred to as "Owner") will receive sealed bids prior to the date and time stated for the bid opening for the award of a contract to construct the following project:

### Galt High School Fire Alarm System Replacement

as per the Contract Documents, including the drawings and specifications, which may now be obtained electronically from the following link:  
[https://www.ghsd.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=3755311&type=d&pREC\\_ID=2393853](https://www.ghsd.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=3755311&type=d&pREC_ID=2393853)

The lowest bid shall be determined on the amount of the base bid.

This Contract is subject to prequalification.

Public works projects shall be subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. For all projects over Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), a contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to submit a bid or to be listed in a bid proposal subject to the requirements of Public Contract Code section 4104 unless currently registered and qualified under Labor Code section 1725.5 to perform public work as defined by Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1 (§§1720 et seq.) of the Labor Code. For all projects over Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), a contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to enter into, or engage in the performance of, any contract of public work (as defined by Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1 (§§1720 et seq.) of the Labor Code) unless currently registered and qualified under Labor Code section 1725.5 to perform public work and proof of registration is provided.

The Contract Time shall be seventy-five (125) calendar days, and liquidated damages for delay shall accrue. See Article III of the Agreement for details.

Bids must be sealed and filed at Galt Joint Union High School District Office in the following building:

150 Camellia Way, Galt, California 95632

on February 18, 2025, before 2:00 PM on the clock designated by the Owner or its representative as the bid clock. No bid will be accepted by the Owner after this time. Facsimile (FAX) copies of the bid will not be accepted. Bids may be opened immediately after the above deadline for submittal, or at a later time, within the Owner's discretion.

Mandatory pre-bid site visit will be held on February 3, 2025 at 3:30 PM, at Galt High School, 145 N. Lincoln Way, Galt, CA 95632. Bidders not attending will be disqualified.

This project is subject to the "prime" or the "general contractor" being prequalified with the school district at the time of bid. Any bid submitted by a prime contractor who is not prequalified shall be non-responsive and returned unopened to the bidder. If you would like to be prequalified for this project, the contractor holding an A, B, C-10, or C-16 license may do so on the Quality Bidders website by the hyperlink found here: <https://www.qualitybidders.com>

Bids must be accompanied by a bidder's bond, cashier's check, or certified check for at least ten percent (10%) of the amount of the base bid and made payable to the Owner, as detailed in the Contract Documents.

Pursuant to the Contract Documents, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Payment (Labor and Material) Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, and a Faithful Performance Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum.

The successful bidder will be allowed to substitute securities or establish an escrow in lieu of retainage, pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, and as described in the Agreement Between Owner and Contractor and General Conditions.

The Owner will not consider or accept any bids from contractors who are not licensed to do business in the State of California, in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, providing for the licensing of contractors. In accordance with Section 3300 of said Code, the bidder shall have a Class A, B, C-10, or C-16 license at the time of award and shall maintain that license in good standing through Completion of the Contract and all applicable warranty periods. For all projects over Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), the bidder shall state the public works contractor registration number on the Designation of Subcontractors form for each subcontractor performing more than one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the bidder's total bid.

The Director of Industrial Relations of the State of California, in the manner provided by law, has ascertained the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and rate for legal holidays and overtime work. The Contractor must pay for any labor therein described or classified in an amount not less than the rates specified. Copies of the required rates are on file at the Owner's business office and are available on request.



# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## Sunshine Food Pantry Donation Sites

Sunshine Food Pantry is a food closet that helps provide for residents.

Collections of canned food and dry good nonperishable items are received at United Methodist Church, 571 C St. in Galt; call to make an appointment for donations at 209-745-4133.

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

## Nominate Your Neighbor

The Galt Beautification Committee wants you to “nominate your neighbor.” Has your neighbor recently completed a yard project? Does your neighbor have the best flowers in town or the best-looking yard? The Galt Beautification Committee wants to know.

Send an email with pictures and why you are nominating your neighbor to [planningdivision@cityofgalt.org](mailto:planningdivision@cityofgalt.org).

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

## Square Dance Classes on Mondays

The Diamond Dancers Square Dance Club hosts social square-dancing classes in Galt. The classes are open to everyone and are held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays at the Valley Oaks Grange Hall. The classes are formatted for flexibility and students can learn numerous square dance calls in about three months.

The Valley Oaks Grange Hall is at 347 Fifth St. For more information, call Sue Regadanz at 916-835-8916.

## Nar-Anon Family Group Meetings

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

## Meals on Wheels Cafe Accepting Older Adults

Meals on Wheels is accepting new participants in its Galt All Seasons Café located in the Chabolla Community Center, 600 Chabolla Ave.

The cafe is open at 11:30 a.m. Mondays through Fridays for adults age 60 and older. Those interested can apply at the Chabolla Center when meals are being served or they can call 916-444-9533.

## Senior Bingo Weekly at Chabolla

The Galt Commission on Aging is hosting free Senior Bingo games at the

Chabolla Community Center at 600 Chabolla Ave. from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays (except holidays and when required by the city).

Seniors of Galt and its immediate vicinity are invited to have fun and play bingo together and socialize.

## 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.

## 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. ★

# Sac Metro Air District Welcomes Board Members

## Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On Jan. 23, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (Sac Metro Air District) welcomed several new board members during its January meeting.

New board members include Roger Dickinson, City of Sacramento Council Member; Rosario Rodriguez, Sacramento County Supervisor; and David Sander, Ph.D., City of Rancho Cordova Council Member.

In addition, a board member representing Galt will be appointed at Galt's City Council meeting on Feb. 4.

The District's Governing Board is composed of 14 members, including all

five Sacramento County Supervisors, four members of the Sacramento City Council, one member each from the cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, and Rancho Cordova, and one member representing the cities of Galt and Isleton. City of Folsom Mayor Sarah Aquino will serve as Chair, while City of Sacramento Vice-Mayor Caitly Maple will serve as Vice-Chair for the next two-year term.

“We are grateful to our board members, both new and returning, for their dedication to clean air and climate progress,” said Air Pollution Control Officer Alberto Ayala. “With the board's leadership, I am confident that the Air District will continue to create innovative programs and opportunities to address the region's unique challenges, protect public

health, and bring us closer to our vision of a clean air and low-carbon future for all.”

## About Sac Metro Air District

The Air District is responsible for monitoring air quality, reducing air pollution, and enforcing air quality regulations in Sacramento County. The Air District also plays a leading role in promoting decarbonization efforts through innovative programs, financial incentives, and projects throughout Sacramento County and the larger region. The Air District's mission is to achieve state and federal clean air and climate goals as we envision a clean air and low-carbon future for all. For more information about the Air District, please visit [www.AirQuality.org](http://www.AirQuality.org). ★

# ABOUT TOWN

## 18th Annual Winter Bird Festival Feb. 1

The city of Galt is hosting the 18th annual Winter Bird Festival on Feb. 1. The event provides local ornithologists a chance to learn more about their avian subjects, and enjoy local tours of nature preserves, take in bird photography, workshops and more.

The event is free and will take place at McCaffrey Middle School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Elk Grove Community Band Concert Feb. 3

The next Elk Grove Community Concert, free for the community, is from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3 in the Multipurpose Room at Joseph Kerr Middle School, 8865 Elk Grove Blvd.

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

The band's future concerts are April 7 and May 19. Learn more at [elkgrovecommunityband.org](http://elkgrovecommunityband.org).

## Artists' and Authors' Education Expo Feb. 6

The Galt Adventist School is hosting a student art exhibit and writing presentation on Feb. 6 to help raise funds for the 2025-2026 school year.

Students will display their art and writings for family and friends to view, and a silent dessert auction will take place to help raise funds for the upcoming school year.

Hors d'oeuvres and light refreshments will be served, and families can take advantage of a special \$130 pre-registration fee to secure a spot for the 2025-2026 school year.

For more information, go to [galtadventistschool.com/school-news](http://galtadventistschool.com/school-news).

## Night to Shine Feb. 7 at Galt High

The Horizon Community Church in Galt is hosting “Night to Shine,” an

unforgettable prom night experience for people with special needs, on Feb. 7 at Galt High School.

The nationwide event was created by the Tim Tebow Foundation in 2014 and seeks to provide a prom experience for people with special needs ages 14 and older. The event is free.

Each guest will be celebrated, and a King and Queen will be crowned at the event. All of the guests will also receive a special take-home gift bag.

Registration is currently full, but the event is still seeking “buddies” to help accompany the guests.

For more information, contact Night to Shine Nor-Cal at 209-754-0700 or email at [NTS@Horizonweb.org](mailto:NTS@Horizonweb.org).

## American Legion Post 233 Invites Veterans

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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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE GALT MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO HIGH DENSITY MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Galt Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of Galt City Hall, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California, on the date and time indicated below, or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard, to receive and consider all evidence and reports relative to the Galt Municipal Code Amendment described herein. The Planning Commission will take action on the proposed Ordinance amending the Galt Municipal Code.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Ordinance Amendment to Sections 18.12.020, 18.16.020, 18.16.040, 18.16.050, and 18.16.060 of the Galt Municipal Code Regarding High Density Multiple-Family Residential Dwellings.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed Ordinance will amend the City of Galt Development Code Sections 18.12.020, 18.16.020, 18.16.040, 18.16.050, and 18.16.060 to comply with the City of Galt 6th Cycle Housing Element Implementation Program HE-K pertaining to High Density Multiple Family Residential Dwellings. The Planning Commission's action serves as a recommendation to the City Council.

The project is exempt from CEQA.

**OWNER/APPLICANT:** City of Galt  
 495 Industrial Dr., Galt, CA 95632

**PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING:**

**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, February 13, 2025; 6:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed project or wish to review any details prior to the public hearing, please contact Stacy Schafer, Associate Planner at 209-366-7230 or [sschafer@cityofgalt.org](mailto:sschafer@cityofgalt.org).

**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: January 23, 2025

Amie Mendes, Interim Community Development Director

Tina Hubert, City Clerk

# OH NO!

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# POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Jan. 21 to Jan. 27, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 18 arrests.

### Jan. 21

7:39 a.m., Theft, First Street: Catalytic converter stolen.  
 11:04 a.m., Theft, Koralla Court: Luggage rack taken from backyard.  
 3:12 p.m., Violation of court order/adult arrest, Galt High School on North Lincoln Way.  
 9:13 p.m., Theft, McDonald's on East Stockton Boulevard: Bike stolen.  
 9:51 p.m., Theft, Oldenburg Way: Stolen iPhone tracking to location.

### Jan. 22

3:57 a.m., Burglary, Mimi's Mini Mart on C Street: Group of male subjects attempted to break into business.  
 8:49 a.m., Stolen vehicle, Stetson Way.  
 3:09 p.m., Adult Protective Services/adult arrest, Galt Police Department on Industrial Drive.

### Jan. 23

7:51 a.m., Trespassing/adult arrest, Galt Plaza on C Street.  
 9:00 a.m., Hit and run/non-injury, Twin Cities Road/East Stockton Boulevard.  
 6:15 p.m., Vandalism, Lake Canyon Avenue: Garage door kicked.

### Jan. 24

9:36 a.m., Domestic violence/adult arrest, Days Inn on North Lincoln Way.  
 5:24 p.m., DUI/adult arrest, South Lincoln Way.  
 8:16 p.m., DUI/adult arrest, Stetson

Way.  
 11:23 p.m., DUI, adult arrest, South Lincoln Way/G Street.

### Jan. 25

12:44 a.m., DUI/adult arrest, Galt Post Office, North Lincoln Way.  
 1:17 a.m., Domestic violence/adult arrest, Clover Court.  
 7:06 a.m., Rape, report taken at Galt Police Department on Industrial Drive.  
 12:27 p.m., Theft, Fourth Street: Generator and backpack blower stolen.  
 2:30 p.m., Trespassing, Fifth Street: Homeless subject inside shed.  
 10:55 p.m., DUI/adult arrest, Chelsham Avenue/Carillion Boulevard.

### Jan. 26

2:30 a.m., Attempted theft/tamper-in-progress/adult arrest, Dorothy Lane.  
 9:55 a.m., Burglary, Chisholm Trail: Truck door lock punched and backpack taken.  
 10:58 a.m., Domestic violence-in-progress/adult arrest, Park Stream Court.  
 8:37 p.m., DUI/adult arrest, E Street/Second Street.  
 10:16 p.m., Narcotics violation/adult arrest, Savemart Supermarket on C Street.

### Jan. 27

1:29 a.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, Kost Road/First Street.  
 8:14 a.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, South Lincoln Way/Kost Road.  
 3:47 p.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, Port Ashton Court.  
 6:32 p.m., Court order violation/adult arrest, Village Run Drive. ★

## Galt Resident is Stockton Shooting Victim

By MPG Staff

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - A Galt man was identified as the man killed in a shooting in Stockton on Jan. 19, according to the San Joaquin County Medical Examiner's Office.  
 The victim was identified as 20-year-old Daniel Ledesma of Galt. According to a

Stockton Police Department news release, Ledesma was shot at an unknown location before being dropped off at a hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.  
 According to Stockton Police there is no suspect description and it is unclear what led to the shooting.  
 The case is still under investigation. ★

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## MEETING MINDERS

### Sunday, Feb. 2

Galt 4-H Club meeting, 4 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, Feb. 3

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.

### Tuesday, Feb. 4

Galt City Council, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

### Wednesday, Feb. 5

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.

Sacramento LAFCo, 5:30 p.m., County Administration Center boardroom, 700 H St., Sacramento.

### Friday, Feb. 7

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

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# All Work and No Play Makes for a Boring Day!

According to nationaltoday.com, today is National Fun at Work Day! (as if Fridays couldn't get any better around the office.)

National Fun at Work Day falls on the last Friday of January. Whether you work for a small office or a large organization, injecting fun into the workplace is a great way to bond with coworkers, boost team morale, gain inspiration and even increase productivity.

National Fun at Work Day was created to foster happiness and humor in the office and bring employees together. So, rally your coworkers and bosses and brainstorm ways to best celebrate. From parties, potlucks and goodies, to games, awards and more. There is no wrong way to celebrate National Fun at Work Day; you just need to bring the fun.

Boosting team morale with fun in an effort to reach a shared goal is a timeless method that has been used by chiefs, commanders and rulers for centuries. From inspiring speeches to motivating songs, smart leaders seek to create a fun work environment that increases efficiency. Modern methods for achieving this



goal range from company retreats and team-building exercises to offsite parties and office perks. National Fun at Work Day encourages a break from the monotony of the work day with a dose of fun all within office walls: no need to plan an elaborate field trip!

Not sure fun belongs in the workplace? Think again. Evidence shows that when employees are happy, organizations thrive. Specifically, happy employees are more productive, successful and loyal than unhappy employees. Not to mention, happy employees are less stressed and take fewer sick days than their unhappy coworkers.

Regardless of your office's culture, no one is immune from falling into a work routine, feeling stressed or prioritizing work over relationships and other

passions. National Fun at Work Day is a great opportunity to inject fun into the work place, reconnect with coworkers, foster new relationships with team members, relax and recharge, and above all, have fun!

If you're still worried about taking a break during the workday, you know what ideas, inspiration, or connections will occur when you take the time to engage in office fun. National Fun at Work Day is all about boosting employee happiness and promoting a better work/life balance. No matter how you choose to spend National Fun at Work Day, the result is definitely worth celebrating!

What a great idea; hopefully, some bosses will take heed. In this somewhat cold drizzly month of January, a little morale boosting is what we need to improve our attitude and not let us fall into a pit with the attitude of "Whatever." Sometimes we need to shake it up a little just to see if we can inspire others.

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Groundhog Day is this coming Sunday, Feb. 2. Hopefully that furry-ball rodent

in Pennsylvania will not see his shadow so we will not have six more weeks of winter.

I know we need the rain, but the cold, below 40-degree weather is miserable.

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Valentine's Day is in two weeks. Still time to figure out what you want to do to show your love to that special person or make it a family Valentine's Day event. Go to the zoo, invite the whole family to bring a special appetizer and have a "grazing" dinner; if you are sports minded, go snowboarding or skiing.

There is a place in Elk Grove that has an axe-throwing area and bowling. Or if you are more of a traditionalist, there is dinner and a movie. Or give them a Spa Day for two. Lots of options, but be sure to do something. Make it memorable.

And please pick up that special Valentine's card early; there is nothing worse than receiving a Valentine card from the cat ... and you don't have a cat. LOL!

Until next week - be strong, be courageous, make some memories. ★

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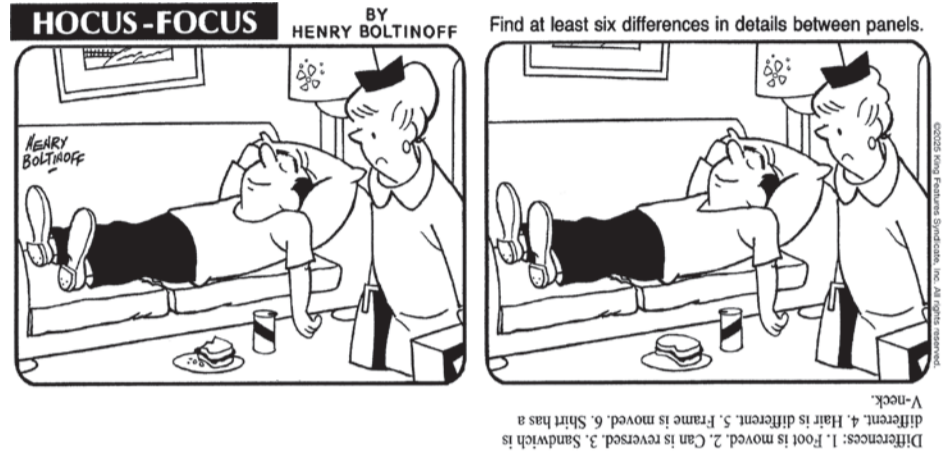
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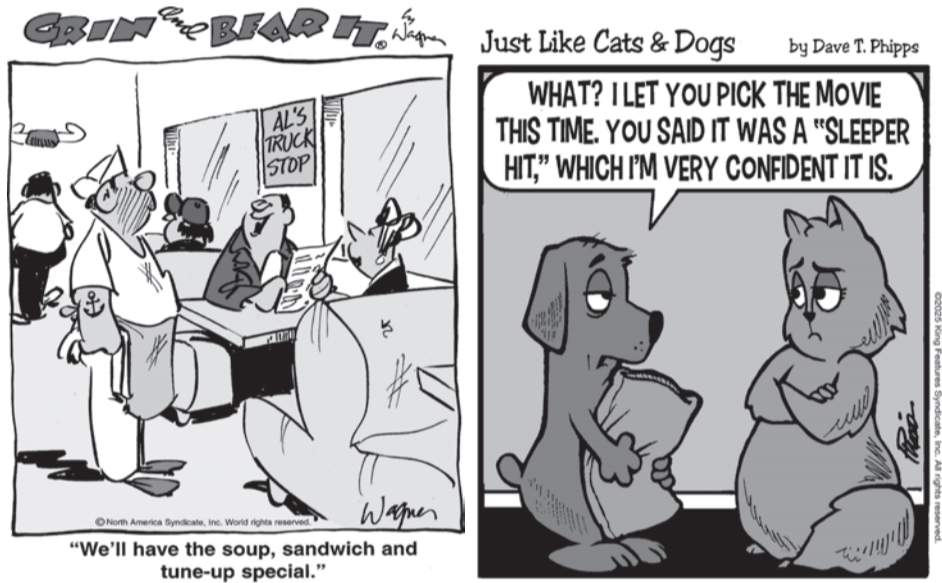
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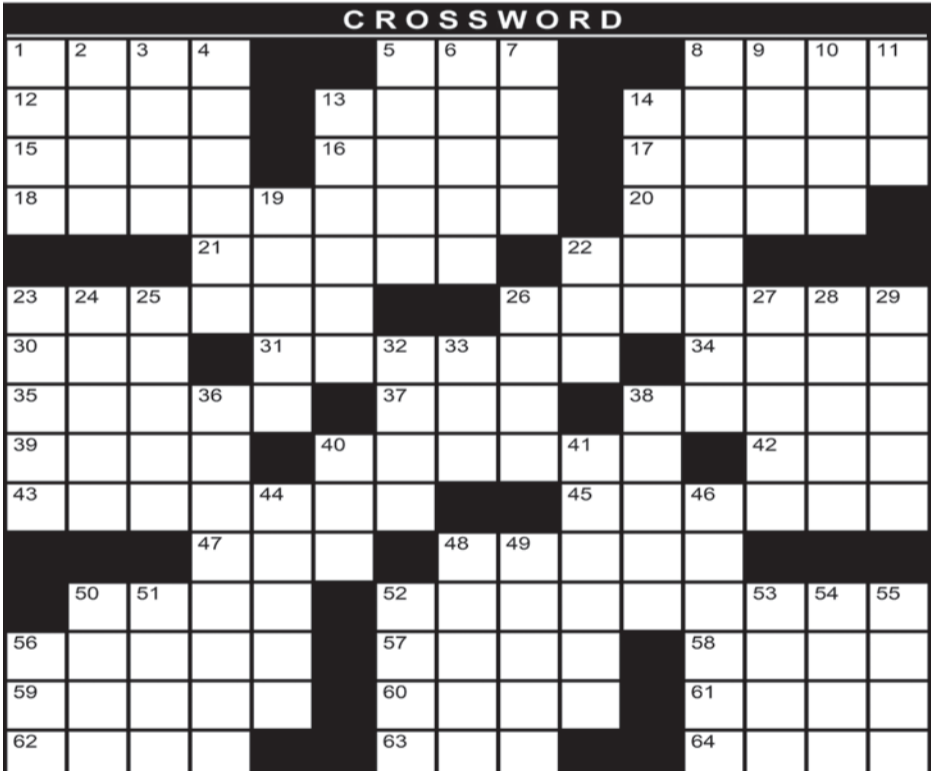
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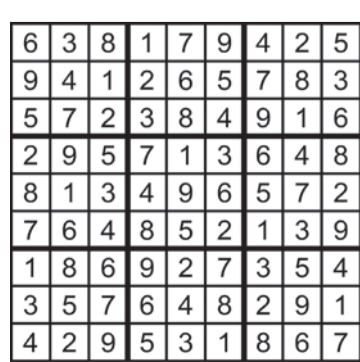


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# LOCAL SPORTS → COVERAGE

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## Liberty Boys Soccer Wins Crosstown Rivalry

Story and Photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Warriors came up short when they hosted the Liberty Ranch Hawks in the crosstown game on Jan. 17. The Hawks prevailed by a final score of 3-2.

Both teams were psyched up and ready to play. The boys have played with or against each other since they were little, but this game is the one that matters most to them.

With both teams neck and neck for first in league, the title was on the line.

Junior Giovanni De Leon outran the Liberty defense and scored first for the Warriors. Hawk sophomore Christian Maciel was able to get one in when the Galt goalie came out for a save and went around him.

The Hawks stayed focused and Sophomore Isaac Flores, always in the right place for the Hawks, scored Liberty's second goal.

During the second half, the Warriors still hadn't answered back when Hawk Freshman Ivan Gonzalez scored again, making the score 3-1. With nine minutes left in the game,

Warrior sophomore Angle Munoz kept hope alive by scoring for the Warriors, making it 3-2.

The play started getting frantic as Galt tried to score the equalizer. The night was freezing cold, but the sweat was pouring off both teams as each tried to best the other.

Hawk goalie senior Raj Pillay had four saves while Galt's sophomore keeper Adam Preciado had three. Beto Dominguez and Christian Maciel were credited with assists for the Hawks and Ben Stratton was credited with an assist for the Warriors. ★



Hawk Alan Montelongo works to steal the ball from Warrior Jaylen Mendez.



Galt's Breen Velazquez closely shadows Liberty's Isaac Flores.



Galt's Ben Stratton gets triple-teamed by the Hawk defense.



Liberty goalie Raj Pillay keeps the Warriors from scoring in a close call.

## Galt JV Soccer Shuts Out Liberty Ranch



Hawk goalie Hunter Adversalo stops a Warrior shot.

Story and Photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warriors vs. Liberty Ranch Hawks crosstown junior varsity game was played at Galt High on Jan. 17.

During the cold evening with the beautiful setting sun, Galt came out ahead with a final score of 3-0.

Galt's Aldo Carrillo scored two goals and Edgar Zavala scored one. ★



Galt's Kevin Mendoza digs low for the ball.



The JV Galt vs. Liberty Ranch game is played under a beautiful Galt sunset on Jan. 17.

## Hawk Girls Head for League Title



Yoselin Del Toro boots the ball. Photos courtesy of Peyton Alexander

By Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Hawk ladies are having a great season with a 9-0 league win record so far.

Last week they obliterated Amador 12-0. Three Hawks had "hat tricks" that evening. Senior Libby Portillo, sophomore

Juliana Romera and junior Faviola Vasquez were the high-scoring players.

Placing the rest of the 12 goals were Serena Tarifa, Yoselin Del Toro and Nimran Dhaliwal.

Galt High is right on the Hawks' heels, and the teams won't face each other until the last two games of the season to determine the league winner Feb. 10 and 11. ★



Captain Libby Portillo kicks the ball.



# LOCAL SPORTS → COVERAGE

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## Hawks Prevail in Crosstown Basketball

## Galt Freshman Basketball Struggles



Hawk Derek Nelson looks to pass, guarded by Warrior Cooper Cagle. Photos courtesy of Antanella Feilbach



Bowdyn Beck aims and scores.



Hawk Jimmy Lopez guards Warrior Anthony Rose-Garcia.

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - The Warrior basketball team hosted the Liberty Ranch Hawks on Friday, Jan. 24. The Hawks came out on top by a score of 56-37.

Carson Cagle was the top scorer for Galt with 15 points. Jayden Gaither and Antyony Rose-Garcia tied for second with seven points each. Cooper Cagle scored three, Karlos Cornejo two, Seth Miller two and Joseph Gomez one.

Carson Cagle made two three-point shots and his brother Cooper Cagle made one along with Anthony Rose Garcia.

Liberty Ranch had not posted statistics by press time. ★



Chidiebube "MC" Azubuikue jumps for that rebound.

Story and Photos  
by Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - The Galt freshman basketball team continues to struggle now that league play has started.

The freshman Warrior team had some wins under their belts against

Venture Academy, McNair, Calaveras and Mesa Verde in the preseason.

So far, the team has not won a league game, but the scores have been respectably close. They lost to Union Mine 53-48, then a close loss to Liberty Ranch 40-37 and on Jan. 27 lost to El Dorado 63-41. ★

## Hawks Stop Warriors in JV Basketball Showdown



Galt's Hunter Hileman shoots. Photos courtesy of Ella Ipson



Galt's Dominic Gonzalez guards Liberty Ranch's Devin Saechao.

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - The boys JV Warrior basketball team lost to Liberty Ranch 50-39 on Friday, Jan. 24.

Garrett Rose scored the most points for the Warriors at 17 followed by freshman Hunter Hileman with 12. Other Galt point makers were Able Romero with eight points and Julian Miliano with two.

No stats were posted for Liberty Ranch by press time. ★

### GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



**Wyatt Blevins**  
Liberty Ranch Basketball



**Haley Smith**  
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Galt High Basketball



**Jayden Gaither**  
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