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## Council Decides Against ‘At-Large’ Mayor



The Galt City Council agreed to direct staff to move forward with draft district maps that allow for five districts, instead of four districts with a mayor voted “at-large,” at its Tuesday, Feb. 18 council meeting. Photo by Sean P. Thomas

By Sean P. Thomas  
City Council

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - As the city heads toward its first set of district maps, Galt City Council members opted against a system that would allow citizens to vote for an at-large mayor, instead choosing to stick with a rotating mayor selected from the council. The decision came

during a nearly hourlong discussion on the matter at the council’s Tuesday, Feb. 18 meeting. It was the fourth of five potential meetings on the city’s shift to district elections. The city was notified in August that it would need to move to district elections or potentially face litigation under the California Voting Rights Act, which requires

municipalities and other government bodies to create district elections in the hopes of avoiding potential voting imbalances caused by at-large elections. After the change, voters in the 25,000-person town will only be able to vote for candidates who live in their district, as opposed to the current system where voters can vote for any candidate up for election.

With that change came the potential for the city’s first “at-large mayor,” voted for by the entire city of Galt, in addition to the council members who will soon be picked by districts. The at-large mayor would not have been a “strong mayor,” with extraordinary powers, as other larger cities like Los Angeles have, but would

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## Who’s Paying for California Politicians’ Travel?

Audit Proposes  
a Legal Fix

By Alexei Koseff  
CalMatters.org

A law meant to let the public know who is paying for California legislators’ sponsored travel is falling short, according to a new audit by the state’s campaign finance watchdog agency. It recommends simplifying disclosure requirements to cover more interest groups that take lawmakers to policy conferences and on international study tours — a change that can only be made by those very same legislators. The Fair Political Practices Commission audit followed CalMatters’ revelations that a 2015 law requiring such trip organizers to annually disclose their major donors had been used only twice in seven years — despite interest groups paying for millions of dollars in travel for lawmakers during that time. Investigators reviewed the top-spending trip organizers, most of which had never filed a disclosure form, and concluded they followed the rules — but that the reporting threshold is too high. “It can create gaps in reporting, as some organizations with significant donor activity may not meet the threshold and remain exempt from disclosure,” the commission’s audit division wrote in its findings. Elected officials in California are allowed to accept unlimited free travel from a nonprofit organization, as long as the trip is related to policy issues, or they are giving a speech or participating on a panel. Officials must report the travel as a gift on their annual statements of economic interest filed with the Fair Political Practices Commission, but the nonprofits — often funded by corporations, unions and industry associations that lobby the Legislature and the state — are not obligated to reveal how much money they receive and from whom. These trips have long generated criticism from opponents who believe they amount to unofficial lobbying, allowing interest groups to buy privileged access to lawmakers and regulators away from public scrutiny. So in 2015, the Legislature approved a new law requiring “a nonprofit organization that

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## P.D. Says Traffic Stops Up 57%



Police Chief Brian Kalinowski reported a 57% increase in traffic stops in 2024 during the police department’s annual report provided to the Galt City Council on Tuesday, Feb. 18. Photo by Sean P. Thomas

By Sean P. Thomas  
City Editor

**GALT, CA** - Compared to the previous year, the Galt Police Department saw a 57% spike in the number of traffic stops, according to an annual report given to Galt City Council on Tuesday, Feb. 18. In total, the Galt Police Department stopped 3,956 motorists in 2024, compared to 2,543 in 2023. The department’s annual report highlights crime trends in the city, as well as personnel and department

protocol changes. Police Chief Brian Kalinowski said the increase reflects community desires for officers to help tamp down traffic concerns in the city. “You hear it often, traffic complaints in the community,” Kalinowski said. “We hear it on the regular and every community hears it, whether it is around the schools or in high-traffic areas...but staff worked hard to increase traffic stops.” According to the report, Galt Police arrested 112 people in 2024

for DUIs and responded to 24 DUI collisions. In total, they issued 1,453 citations, compared to 1,062 in 2023 and 983 in 2022. They also towed 342 vehicles, mostly for parking citations. “I was really happy to see a huge increase in the traffic stops,” Mayor Shawn Farmer said. “Obviously as you stated, chief, one of the No. 1 complaints we always hear in our small town because we don’t have lots of homicides and serious crimes is traffic stuff. It’s a big topic. So I’m

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# P.D. Says Traffic Stops Up 57%

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happy to see that many traffic stops because that is a No. 1 concern for people.”

Galt Police responded to 29,994 incidents in 2024, an increase of 542 from the previous year. Most of those incidents, 15,415, were officer initiated, according to the report, an increase of 1,262.

The increase comes as calls for service from the community fell by 810: 15,389 the year before to

14,579 in 2024.

“The way I read that is you guys are being very proactive,” Farmer said.

Council member Tim Reed implored the community to read the report to see that the department is “doing everything they can to stop these people from speeding in your neighborhood and running these stop signs.”

According to the report, Galt Police arrested 480 people for misdemeanors and 188 people for felonies, an increase of 93 and

six, respectively.

Galt Police also reported that nearly 43% of all drugs seized by the department was fentanyl in 2024, with another 49% being methamphetamine. The remaining 8% were from a mixture of other various drugs, including heroin.

“The two main ones in Galt are methamphetamines and fentanyl,” Kalinowski said, “and we are very acutely aware of that based on our efforts with lifesaving activities and the work done by the

district attorney’s office with the fentanyl task force and the information we get from the coroner’s office. There has actually been a reduction in those activities, so that is nice to see.”

Rapes increased from three in 2023 to eight in 2024, while statutory rapes decreased from three to two the previous year.

Aggravated assault also decreased from 95 in 2023 to 77 in 2024, while simple assault increased from 180 in 2023 to 191 in 2024. Other crimes, including

larceny and burglary, all decreased.

There were no homicides in Galt in 2023 or 2024.

According to the report, 94% of calls to dispatch were answered within 10 seconds, with 26.7% of the 29,390 calls received being to 911, and the remaining 73.3% being non-emergency calls. Kalinowski said the industry standard is at least 90% of calls answered in 10 seconds.

Reed, who worked for as a dispatcher in the past, commended the dispatch centers statistics.

“Just to show you how well they are doing, it’s almost 95% and some of the times when there are very little dispatchers in there,” Reed said, “and I have worked in dispatch centers that were much larger than that. It was hard to get that 90%, so them getting 94.2 is actually very, very good.”

Kalinowski also highlighted K9 Kane, who retired on Christmas after being deployed 250 times. Kane was responsible for 145 arrests and played a key role in locating 87 suspects, per the report.

The full report can be found online at [cityofgalt.org/government/police-department](http://cityofgalt.org/government/police-department). ★

# Who’s Paying for California Politicians’ Travel?

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regularly organizes and hosts travel for elected officials” to annually report any donors who gave more than \$1,000 and also accompanied elected officials on any portion of a trip — provided that the nonprofit hits certain spending criteria.

Groups frequently fulfill the first threshold; their travel gifts to elected officials often total more than \$10,000, or at least \$5,000 to a single official, in a year. But almost none fulfill the second threshold, which mandates disclosure only if spending for travel, study tours, conferences, conventions and meetings related to elected officials account for at least one-third of the nonprofit’s total expenses, as reflected in its federal tax filings.

The audit recommends switching to a system in which trip organizers file the disclosure form if they exceed a flat amount of travel payments in a given year. One commissioner endorsed the proposal at their meeting Thursday, where the findings were presented.

“I do think it would be great to just make this a lot cleaner,” said Commissioner Catharine Baker, who voted for the law when she served in the Assembly in 2015. She also warned regulators to consider what other loopholes might get created: “Water goes where it can creep through, even with the well-intentioned folks.”

Ultimately, however, any changes to the law would need the Legislature’s approval — in effect,

asking the beneficiaries of sponsored travel to once again sign off on more transparency. A bill introduced last year to tighten the reporting requirements, inspired by CalMatters’ story, was quickly killed for undisclosed reasons.

“Following our audit, the FPPC is working to identify an effective disclosure framework that ensures enforceable and meaningful transparency,” Adam Silver, the commissioner chairperson, said in a statement. “We look forward to working with the Legislature to make that a reality.”

Trip organizers and their sponsors do not love the additional scrutiny. Several organizations did not voluntarily cooperate with the audit, according to the final report, and the commission

issued subpoenas to obtain their financial records, stretching out the investigation to more than a year.

But in that time, more disclosure forms were filed, including several retroactively. There are now eight forms in total for the past three years.

The Independent Voter Project, which told CalMatters during its original reporting that it never met the one-third of expenses threshold, accounts for half of those. The group organizes an annual conference at a luxury hotel in Maui, paid for by corporate sponsors, whose representatives then gather for a week of policy discussions and schmoozing with legislators.

The new forms provide the most comprehensive glimpse the public has

ever received of who funds and attends the conference, which is a frequent lightning rod for concerns about the close relationship between lawmakers and interest groups that have business before the Legislature. Nearly 60 different entities paid to attend the 2023 conference, the most recent for which a disclosure form has been filed, alongside a bipartisan cohort of 14 lawmakers; the sponsors are primarily major companies and trade organizations such as AT&T, General Motors, Johnson & Johnson, Microsoft, Pfizer and Walmart.

“It was too complicated to try to figure out the forms and provide all of the information they wanted in order to be exempt,” Dan Howle, chairperson and

executive chairman of the Independent Voter Project, said in an interview. “Quite frankly, they really pissed me off. They sent me a subpoena.”


Howle said he had worked with the author of the 2015 law to write requirements that would exempt the Independent Voter Project from disclosure, because he was angry that his event had become the poster child for sponsored travel for elected officials. But he no longer felt it was worth the hassle of proving that his organization is exempt, so he plans to file the form annually going forward.

“If the public wants to go look for that form and figure out who was there, be my guest,” he said. “I think everybody should do the same thing.” ★

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# Museum Exhibit Honors WWII Women Veterans

Highway Patrol. The body was found in the afternoon hours on the shoulder of northbound Highway 99, just north of the Twin Cities Road exit near Galt, the California Highway Patrol's South Sacramento Office said in a social media post just before 4 p.m.

The circumstances surrounding the death are under investigation. ★

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - A man was arrested Feb. 16 for a hit-and-run DUI collision with a motorcyclist near West Stockton Boulevard and Twin Cities Road.

According to Galt Police, a concerned citizen contacted police after witnessing the collision and

provided updates on the direction of the vehicle. Police apprehended the man at a shopping center on the 1000 block of C Street.

According to Galt Police, the man was allegedly so intoxicated that he was unable to remember where he struck the motorcyclist.

He is also reported to have two prior convictions for DUI, was on DUI court probation and had his license suspended for a prior DUI.

The suspect was booked in Sacramento County Jail on felony charges of DUI, felony hit-and-run, and other DUI-related misdemeanor charges. ★

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Children and their families can enjoy a day of literacy-inspired fun at Fairytale Town's Read Across America Day Celebration event on Sunday, March 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting.

Fairytale Town's Story Center will be buzzing with literacy-based fun and hands-on activities and crafts, and families can stop by the Mother Goose Stage for a unique nonstop reading of cherished children's books.

Ignite young imaginations through the magic of books at Fairytale Town's Read Across America Day Celebration.

The Read Across America Day Celebration is free with paid park



admission. Admission is \$10 for adults and children ages two and older. Children under two are free.

Fairytale Town's Read Across America Day Celebration is sponsored by South Sutter Charter School.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit Fairytale Town's website at, <https://www.fairytaletown.org>. ★

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have some level of influence over city governance including helping to set the council agenda.

The only member of the board to fully advocate for an at-large mayor was Vice Mayor Paul Sandhu, who said he was in favor of the at-large mayor only because it provides an opportunity for the community to choose their mayor, versus the current system which allows the council to pick a mayor from the council on an annual basis.

"I am always about giving power to the people," Sandhu said.

Sandhu also highlighted that neighboring cities and towns have elected mayors, like Elk Grove, Lodi, Stockton and Manteca.

Council member Mathew Pratton said he was not sold on an elected, at-large mayor and was leaning toward remaining with an appointed mayor. He voiced concerns that someone without experience could run and potentially win the seat.

"I'm a little concerned with our size that

if we are going to the elected mayor, it's not that I don't trust the public; I might not trust the person running for mayor, possibly," Pratton said.

He added that while other nearby towns have elected mayors, it sometimes creates political issues and divisions.

"In those towns sometimes politics, that is the most controversial pieces is some of the mayors they have had," Pratton said. "I don't want one of those mayors here. It is hard enough to get people to run in this town as all we know. It is not easy to run for public office...I still think it is hard to get people to run for this council, and to get them to run for mayor it is going to be even harder, and I think that narrows us down to folks with possible ulterior motives and people who are concerned with power."

Those same concerns were echoed by Council members Tim Reed and Bonnie Rodriguez.

Reed said if they go with five districts, it provides an opportunity for the council to pick a mayor who has experience from the

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The California Museum is pleased to announce the opening of “Our War Too: Women in Service”, a groundbreaking special exhibit from The National WWII Museum honoring the nearly 350,000 American women who answered the call to serve their country during World War II.

On view at the California Museum from Feb. 4 to May 5, the exhibit explores these brave servicewomen's efforts, struggles, and accomplishments, the impacts of which extend into the present day. The popular and historical narrative of American women during World War II has often focused on those who worked on the home front, while stories of women who volunteered for vital roles in the uniformed services have been largely unrecognized.

This exhibit salutes the hundreds of thousands of women who served in the women's component branches of the US Army, Coast Guard, Navy and Marine Corps, and with the civilian Women Airforce Service Pilots, as well as the additional 73,000 women who served in the Army and the Navy Nurse Corps.

“Our War Too” is unique because it presents a history that isn’t often told,” said the exhibit’s curator, Kimberly Guise, Senior Curator and Director of Curatorial Affairs at The National WWII Museum. “We are proud to be able to share the stories of these women and how their valuable military service opened doors for the many women who came after them. I hope visitors learn something new and see something unexpected, and I hope young women in particular feel empowered by the women they see represented in this exhibit.”

The exhibit features over 200 unique and colorful artifacts from The National WWII Museum's collection that highlight the personal stories and motivations of individual servicewomen. The exhibit's digital elements include an interactive scrapbook that allows visitors to explore



wartime albums and memory books curated by women to remember their time in service. Film pieces examine women's service in the war and their legacy today, featuring interviews with women who served in the footsteps of WWII volunteers.

A standout feature of the exhibit is the interactive video stations, where cutting-edge AI technology enables visitors to hear from three WWII servicewomen in their own words.

Stations feature “We Were There” interactive biographies of: Romay Johnson Davis, a Women’s Army Corps driver in the segregated African American 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion; Virginia Leeman Wilterdink, a US Army nurse with the 314th General Hospital Unit; and SPAR Florence Smith, a baker for the US Coast Guard Women’s Reserve. “We Were There” allows guests to converse with these women, drawing from extensive interviews about their lives and wartime experiences.

The California Museum, home of the California Hall of Fame, focuses on the state's rich history, its diversity and its unique influence on the world of ideas, innovation, art and culture. Located at 1020 O St. in the March Fong Eu Secretary of State complex, the Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. General admission is \$8-\$10.

Plan a visit at [CaliforniaMuseum.org](http://CaliforniaMuseum.org).

“If you have two people or three people run for mayor, and they all sit in one district and no one else runs for that district then you cannibalize that district,” Rodriguez said. “That is a big issue for me.”

She said in her discussions with other staffers and representatives from other cities, no one recommended a town of Galt's size to go with an elected mayor.


“The cities around us that have elected mayors, they are not towns, they are huge cities compared to us,” Rodriguez said.

Mayor Shawn Farmer said that while he was leaning toward four districts, which would keep a semblance of the “at-large” system that the city had before, he saw pros and cons from both sides and could go either way.

“This is too big of an issue to have a split decision,” Farmer said.

Toward the end of the discussion, Sandhu said he was in favor of following the will of the board and shifted his vote to allow for a consensus.

The Galt City Council at its next meeting is slated to vote on an ordinance codifying the decision and the district maps. ★

A graphic with a black background. The words "LOCAL ARREST RECORDS" are written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. A yellow diagonal band with black text, resembling crime scene tape, stretches across the middle. The text on the band reads "CRIME SCENE" and "DO NOT CROSS". Below the tape, the text "Find out what's happening in your local area at..." is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there are two horizontal bars: a yellow one with the text "GALTHERALD.COM" in black, and a white one with the text "ARREST LOGS UPDATED DAILY" in black.

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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Well, the all-star break is upon us, and if ever there is a time of reflection needed for Sacramento Kings fans, the time is now.

A beloved member of the Kings family is no longer with the team, and there are some fans that are simply not getting over it. For others, they understand that at the end of the day, the NBA is a monstrous business, and even the most electric of players at times, must be moved for the good of the franchise.

Make no mistake about it, Zach Lavine is no slouch, and he may not be as fast as DeAaron Fox, but this former all-star has game.

Zach has already impressed fans with his mid-range game, and as his 3-point prowess kicks in, Sacramento fans will get a look at the true foray of talent that this baller has to offer.

The acquisition of Jonas Valanciunas is not only welcome, it is long overdue. I have been writing about this big man for over a year, and my only consternation is why he wasn't acquired over the off season when he was available?

Valanciunas will prove his value as the Kings strive to come down the home stretch healthy, and with a team that is just now finding its rhythm.

Amazingly, as the newly assembled Kings have yet to have a single practice with the bevy of new players and that includes newcomer Markelle Fultz. Markelle was drafted No. 1 overall in the 2017 draft, ahead of players like Jason Tatum, Donovan Mitchell, and yes, Sacramento's former point guard DeAaron Fox. Ironic, I would say so, but the NBA is a league of second chances, and if anyone ever needed one, it's Markelle Fultz.

After a storied college career with the Washington Huskies, Markelle leaped to the front of the class and was drafted No. 1 overall by the Philadelphia 76ers. Sadly, his NBA career would get off to an abysmal start, as he suffered a debilitating shoulder injury and the 76ers gave up on their No. 1 pick. Fultz was traded to Orlando Magic but after 5 uneventful and injury riddled seasons, the Magic did not resign Markelle.

I smiled from ear to ear when I heard that Markelle was quoted as saying on his signing with the Kings, "I haven't felt this good since I came into the league. I never had the opportunity to take my time and get healthy, so being able to do that last summer has been great for me. I'm super excited for this opportunity and I'm thankful for it."

I love hearing that kind of talk, and just as the Kings have had No. 1 draft choice busts in the past, perhaps a real opportunity to turn back the clock has finally come their way.

Our starting five is full of talent, but with departure of Alex Len, Kevin Huerter, Jordan McLaughlin, Jalen McDaniels, and most recently Colby Jones, the real question has been the quality and depth of the bench.

Recently acquired Jake LaRavia and Jonas Valanciunas will bring a sturdier presence to front line, and with a healthy Markelle Fultz coming off the bench to give malik Monk some much-needed rest, it's entirely possible the Kings bench is in its best posture all season.

Isaac Jones remains a diamond in the rough, and I'm hopeful coach Christie hasn't lost sight of him. Dynamic, athletic, and able to jump out of the gym, Issac is in his rookie season, and has still to get anything resembling a real shot at playing time. Don't miss on this guy, because I see an enormous upside, and just as we've seen Keon Ellis rise to new heights, so can Isaac Jones.

So, imagine Valanciunas, Keon Ellis, LaRavia, Fultz, Trey Lyles, and Isaac Jones as the key bench players, with Devin Carter and Doug McDermott in the wings. I believe this is overall the strongest bench the Kings have had in the past three seasons, so hold onto your seats Kings fans, because it's just possible the fun has just begun.

There are stories yet to be written, and it's my hope that players like Markelle Fultz and Isaac Jones will soon take center stage! Playoffs, NOT Play-in!

Enjoy the home stretch Kings fans, it could be a real barn burner!

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

# Social Security Matters

## About Claiming Social Security when I have a Health Savings Account (HSA)



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I have reached my full retirement age (66 plus 8 months) and plan to apply for Social Security this month, but I've seen articles which say that when I apply, I must also take Medicare Part A. This, even though I am continuing to work and am covered by my employer's health insurance (a high deductible plan). I contribute bi-weekly into an HSA (Heath Savings Account). I've read that Medicare back dates Part A coverage by 6 months, which suggests I would have had to stop contributing to my HSA six months ago. If this is true, will I need to pay penalties and such to the IRS? I'm not able to find anything else about this topic, and I'm wondering what you might have to say. I have my wife and two children on my employer's HDHP. We contribute \$6,000 annually to our HSA and my employer contributes \$1,250 on January 1st each year. We can live

without the HSA, but the taxes and IRS penalties concern me. Signed: Wanting to Claim SS (but concerned)

**Dear Wanting to Claim:** I'm afraid that what you've read is correct – it is mandatory for you to take Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) when receiving Social Security benefits after age 65. Medicare Part A is free to you, and even though you are still covered under your employer's creditable high deductible healthcare plan and can delay taking Medicare Part B, you must take Medicare Part A to collect Social Security after 65. Medicare and your employer's plan will coordinate healthcare benefit payments.

That does, however, also mean your Health Savings Account (HSA) will be affected because, as you have found, Medicare will backdate your Part A coverage by 6 months. And because Part A is not a high deductible plan (a requirement for HSA), any contributions you make after the effective date of Part A will be subject to an IRS penalty, and your HSA contributions won't be considered tax-exempt. This will mean the IRS will likely assess a 6% excise tax on any contributions made after your Part A effective date, and you'll need to pay income tax on those

contributions.

What you may wish to consider is stopping your HSA contributions now and waiting an additional six months or so to claim your Social Security benefits (to get beyond the HSA penalty phase). This would have the advantage of avoiding the IRS penalty on your HSA contributions and would also increase your Social Security benefit due to Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs). You earn DRCs at the rate of .677% for each month beyond your FRA that you wait to claim, which means an SS benefit about 4% higher if you wait six months longer to claim SS.

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# A 1995 California Court Ruling That Restored Immigrant Rights Could Backfire Now



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California has the nation's largest population of undocumented immigrants with roughly 1.8 million people. Over the last three decades, Californians' attitudes about that fact have undergone an astonishing swing.

Hostility reached a peak in the early 1990s, demonstrated by passage of Proposition 187 in 1994 by a 3-2 margin. The measure would have required police to check the legal status of people they encountered and barred public services, including education, to those who could not prove citizenship or legal residency.

It was the centerpiece of Republican Gov. Pete Wilson's campaign for a second term, contending that undocumented people were overwhelming the state's budget.

However, support for a crackdown was not confined to GOP voters. Not only did many Democrats — then as now the largest bloc of voters — vote for the measure, but a Legislature dominated by Democrats passed anti-immigrant laws, such banning driver's licenses.

Soon, however, public sentiment and the political atmosphere began to change. Undocumented immigrants and their advocates scored a big win a year after Prop. 187's passage when federal Judge Marianna Pfaelzer

ruled that the measure violated the federal government's exclusive power to regulate immigration.

"The California voters' overwhelming approval of Proposition 187 reflects their justifiable frustration with the federal government's inability to enforce the immigration laws effectively," she wrote at the time. "No matter how serious the problem may be, however, the authority to regulate immigration belongs exclusively to the federal government and state agencies are not permitted to assume that authority. The state is powerless to enact its own scheme to regulate immigration or to devise immigration regulations which run parallel to or purport to supplement the federal immigration laws."

A few years later, after Democrat Gray Davis succeeded Wilson, the state abandoned an appeal of Pfaelzer's ruling. In subsequent years the Legislature repealed other laws, such as the one on driver's licenses, and has done whatever it could to treat undocumented immigrants as if they were legal residents, such as expanding health care benefits.

When Donald Trump was elected president in 2016 and promised a crackdown on illegal immigration, California reacted with legislation to make it more difficult for federal immigration authorities to capture and deport undocumented Californians.

The most important was Senate Bill 54, introduced a month after Trump won the election. Dubbed the California Values Act, it essentially bars California police from aiding in any way federal efforts to identify and deport undocumented immigrants.

SB 54 survived one court challenge but Trump is once again in the White House, declaring his intention to rid the nation of undocumented immigrants, and is taking aim at California and other states with sanctuary laws.

The U.S. Department of Justice has filed suit to overturn Illinois laws quite similar to California's SB 54, and its contention in the Illinois suit could — with great irony — convert the federal court decision against Prop. 187 three decades ago into a hammer to smash SB 54. If California was illegally interfering with the federal government's exclusive power over immigration in Prop. 187, the suit implies, sanctuary laws also interfere with that power.

The 23-page complaint, filed in federal court in Chicago, alleges that Illinois laws "have the purpose and effect of making it more difficult for, and deliberately impeding, federal immigration officers' ability to carry out their responsibilities in those jurisdictions."

California officials are aware that the Illinois suit will not be the only challenge to local and state laws meant to protect undocumented immigrants.

Were the Illinois suit's argument to prevail, the situation in California could come full circle. A legal principle that protected California's immigrants from Prop. 187 in 1995 might make identifying and deporting them easier in 2025.

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

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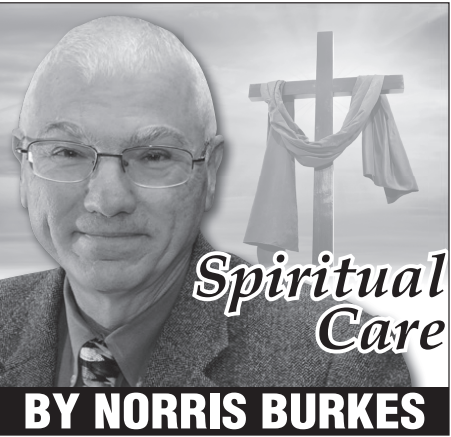


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# Chaplain Gets a Clint Eastwood Lesson



OK, folks, today I’m asking for your best Clint Eastwood impression by repeating these words aloud: “A man’s gotta know his limitations.”

If Eastwood was doing his portrayal of “Dirty Harry,” today, he’d need to be more inclusive. “Everyone’s gotta know their limitations.”

Nonetheless, the maxim still gives solid guidance. However, it’s advice I neglected 15 years ago when I was deployed to an undisclosed location far out onto the sand dunes.

It was a blisteringly hot afternoon when I decided to take a stroll toward our perimeter defenses in hopes of making a morale visit with our Security Forces personnel.

As I walked into their camp, I found a group of cops anxiously unpacking ammunition boxes.

“What’s up, guys?” I asked, a little short of situational awareness.

“We’re a little too busy to chat, Chaplain,” said a perturbed sergeant.

I must have looked a little hurt because their lieutenant appeased me with an explanation.

“Intel reports suggest an attack tonight, so we need to load ammunition magazines for our M-16s.”

“In that case, you’ll need all the help you can get,” I said.

“Agreed,” said an airman offering me a stool and a short tutorial on handling ammunition.

Gratefully, I was soon multitasking — loading magazines and facilitating the chat session I’d come for. I was a happy chappy talking with folks about food, families and weather.

After about 20 minutes, I heard someone loudly clearing their throat. I turned around to see an orange-vested officer standing on our perimeter.

“Chaplain, just what the hell do you think

you’re doing?” he demanded.

“Morale visit, Sir. Just chatting up our cops.”

“I mean with your hands!” he said pointing to the magazine I was loading.

Note: This is the moment where I disclose my previously undisclosed location – on the dunes of Malabar, Florida. This was a military exercise, a dress rehearsal for combat.

The irritated officer was an inspector.

“Captain Burkes,” he growled. “You KNOW chaplains are non-combatants and forbidden by the Geneva Convention to have anything to do with weapons — most especially during an inspection.”

Wowzer, I can tell you that a superior addressing a chaplain by rank is like hearing your mom using your middle name.

He was right, of course. Chaplains who violate this rule in a real deployment are subject to court martial.

I knew the rule applied to guns but hadn’t given thought to magazines. Obviously I’d lost sight of my limitations.

As a military chaplain, I had to abide by certain rules of engagement that limited my religious freedoms. For instance, in addition to being unarmed, I couldn’t proselytize, nor could I bring parochial prayers to mandatory formations.

Some of my pastor colleagues balked at such restrictions. However, by knowing and accepting my limitations, I was rewarded the high honor of being present with service-members as they walked into harm’s way.

These limitations aren’t much different for many of you who carry your faith into workplaces. A teacher can’t preach to his students. An executive can’t thump her employees with biblical proclamations. A foreman can’t limit his hiring to those from his faith preference. These rules of engagement are about respect, not political correctness.

However, these limitations needn’t keep you from becoming a light in your field. The contrary is true. Keeping the rules of engagement should mean that your light shines ever brighter as it shows your esteem for co-workers.

By the way, I ran afoul of one other limitation that day. The Florida heat index shot up so high that 10 people dropped from heat exhaustion. When Slap Happy Chappy became No. 11, the orange vest yelled into his megaphone, “ENDEX.” (End Exercise.)

All together now — “A man’s gotta know his limitations!”

This column was excerpted from my book “Tell it to the Chaplain.” ★

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**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.

**AA 24-Hour Hotline**

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

**Nar-Anon Family Group Meetings**

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

**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.

**Sunshine Food Pantry Donations**

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@city-ofgalt.org](mailto:planningdivision@city-ofgalt.org).

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

**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.

**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.

**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. ★



**MEMORIAL**

**HARRY ASCHWANDEN • 9/5/1927-2/14/2025**



Harry Aschwanden died peacefully at home in Herald on Friday, Feb. 14, at age 97. He is survived by his sons Ron and Jim (Cathy); daughters Marty (Mike) Diani and Lisa Steele; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Edie and his granddaughter Taylor Steele.

Harry grew up in the Galt area, graduated from Galt High, and operated a dairy in the Oak View area for many years. As an active member of the Oak View community, he served as community leader for the Oak View 4-H club, served 22 years on the Oak View Elementary School Board and supported area youth involved in both 4-H and the Future Farmers of America (FFA) activities.

After selling the dairy, he and Edie relocated to the Herald area where he ran a custom hay business before becoming involved in the real estate business. He was asked

to fill a vacancy on the Herald Fire Board, and he served as a Herald Fire Board member for 30 years. He also served on the board for Herald Day, a community celebration held each August. He supported ag youth and was honored by the Galt and Liberty Ranch FFA chapters as an honorary FFA member.

He enjoyed woodworking and built dozens of birdhouses, planters and garden carts that he donated for fundraising. He enjoyed being surrounded by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as many friends who would visit. In his final years, he enjoyed jigsaw puzzles and sitting on the porch swing with his dear friend Wanda. He will be missed by many whose lives he touched.


A Celebration of Life will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 24 at Champagne Ranch on Borden Road in Herald, with lunch to follow. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Taylor Steele Cancer Foundation.

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# Library Helps Teens Shine on Prom Night



The Sacramento Public Library is hosting 17 free prom giveaway events across the region. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Public Library

## Sacramento Public Library News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Starting Feb. 15, Sacramento Public Library is hosting 17 free prom giveaway events across the region.

Teens ages 13 to 19 can browse the library’s free formalwear collection and take home an outfit to keep for their special night. More than 900 teens benefited from the library’s prom giveaways last year. Formalwear, including gently-worn jackets, ties,

dressess, shoes and accessories in a variety of styles and sizes, were donated by community members. Upcoming prom giveaway events include March 6 at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library and March 8 at Arden-Dimick Library, Fair Oaks Library and Belle Cooledge Library. On March 13, the event will be at North Natomas Library, followed by March 14 at Walnut Grove Library. The event will also be at Walnut Grove Library

and Rio Linda Library on March 15. On March 22, the prom giveaway event will be at Rancho Cordova Library, Valley Hi-North Laguna Library, South Natomas Library and Orangevale Library. March 29 will feature prom giveaway events at Carmichael Library and Franklin Library. The final giveaways will be on April 5 at Sylvan Oaks Library and on April 19 at Arcade Library. Visit [saclibrary.org/prom](http://saclibrary.org/prom) for times and details. ★

# Free Museum Weekend Returning in March

## Sacramento Area Museums News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - More than 20 Sacramento Area Museums are collaborating to present a Free Museum Weekend on March 1-2. This is the 27th consecutive year the local museum community has presented a free museum experience. The popular community event is free but requires advance registration and capacity will be limited for each museum. Nearly 30,000 tickets will be available across all participating destinations but will fluctuate by museum and/or by day. To make the event accessible to underserved community members, pre-selected nonprofit organizations will have the opportunity to secure tickets early in mid-February. Then, free ticket registration for the general public will be available on Feb. 24 beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing until all tickets have been secured. To reserve free entry on either day, interested community members should visit [sacmuseums.org/free-museum-weekend](http://sacmuseums.org/free-museum-weekend). With limited availability, registration is expected to be secured quickly. Local museums participating include: Aerospace Museum of California, 3200 Freedom Park Drive, McClellan California Automobile Museum, 2200 Front St., Sacramento California Museum, Archives Plaza | 1020 O St., Sacramento California State Library, Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building 914 Capitol Mall, Sacramento California State Railroad Museum, 125 I St., Sacramento Capitol Park at California State Capitol Museum, 1315 10th St., Sacramento Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sacramento Don & June Salvatori California Pharmacy Museum, 4030 Lennane Dr., Sacramento Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park, 800 N St., Sacramento



- Locke Boarding House Museum, 13916 Main St., Locke
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  - Roseville Utility Exploration Center, 1501 Pleasant Grove Blvd., Roseville
  - Sacramento Historic City Cemetery, Enter on Broadway at 10th St., Sacramento
  - Sacramento History Museum, 101 I St., Old Sacramento
  - Sacramento Regional Fire Museum, 3650 Industrial Blvd., West Sacramento
  - SMUD Museum of Science and Curiosity, 400 Jibboom St., Sacramento
  - Sojourner Truth African Heritage Museum, 2251 Florin Rd., South Sacramento
  - State Indian Museum, 2618 K St., Midtown Sacramento
  - Sutter's Fort State Historic Park, 2701 L St., Midtown Sacramento
  - Verge Center for the Arts, 625 S St., Downtown Sacramento.
- All participating museums will be open at 10 a.m. both days and the last entry is one hour prior to museum closing time (which could differ slightly by museum). Free tickets are available only for regular admission during March 1-2, 2025. ★

# Bike and Pedestrian Safety Grant Awarded to County

## Sacramento County Office of Education News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Thanks to a new \$188,000 grant awarded to the Prevention and Early Intervention Department at the Sacramento County Office of Education by the California Office of Traffic Safety, students at seven middle school campuses across Sacramento County will lead program activities to increase bicycle and pedestrian safety. “The safety of people walking and biking on our

roads is a top priority for our office,” OTS Director Stephanie Dougherty said. “Everyone moves, and not always by car. It’s important that we invest in efforts to protect people walking, biking, and rolling that help establish a strong traffic safety culture where everyone on California roads can travel to and from places safely.” The Sacramento County Office of Education has been a recipient of this grant since 2015 and it looks forward to continuing the important countywide project.

The goal is to help middle school youth develop attitudes and habits that promote lifelong traffic safety values, building a foundation that helps students make safe decisions when they become teen drivers. Working with Safety Center Incorporated and other community partners, the county office of education will use the grant to increase bicycle helmet compliance for youth (ages 5 to 18). Funding for the grant comes from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and

runs through September 2025. Students will complete a pre- and post-observational survey, identify safety concerns in their school community, and advocate for changes to be made. They will also educate their peers and families about bicycle and pedestrian safety and helmet use through school-based activities, contests, public service announcements, social media posts, newsletters, and the distribution of safety equipment. School sites will also receive crossing guard kits,

including stop signs, electronic whistles, sandwich board signs, and reflective vests. The Sacramento County Office of Education’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program is a comprehensive safety program that teaches valuable skills for all types of road users. It includes classroom education, community-based presentations, and workshops, plus the distribution and proper fitting of bicycle helmets for students and families in need. Bike “rodeos” and family events at Safety Center

in Sacramento will encourage safe riding skills. Walking field trips and on-foot safety trainings will also be conducted, allowing students to practice safe habits with adult supervision. Last school year, classroom and community presentations reached more than 900 individuals. The program distributed more than 225 helmets at seven participating schools and community events, and more than 100 students participated in on-foot safety trainings. ★

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### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF INITIAL STUDY

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT FINAL NEGATIVE DECLARATION

**LEAD AGENCY:** City of Galt  
Public Works Department  
495 Industrial Drive  
Galt, CA 95632

**PROJECT TITLE:** Industrial Water Treatment Plant Test Well Conversion & Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project

**CONTACT PERSON:** Alejandra Ricci, Senior Civil Engineer, (209) 366-7260, [aricci@cityofgalt.org](mailto:aricci@cityofgalt.org)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project site is an existing Industrial Water Treatment Plant (IWTP) located in the City of Galt, Sacramento County, California. The project site is on the south side of Live Oak Avenue, east of McFarland Street, approximately 0.5 miles west of State Route (SR) 99.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The City of Galt Public Works Department constructed a test well at the Industrial Water Treatment Plant (IWTP) in 2016 as part of the IWTP 2016 Deep Well Project. The IWTP 2016 Deep Well Project added a 2,000 gallons per minute (gpm) production well to the existing site. The test well was drilled to a depth of 1,630 feet and constructed with a 12.75 inch outside diameter mild steel and stainless steel well casing and well screen assembly. This Project consists of the design for converting the test well into a production well and required upgrades to the Water Treatment Plant to allow pipeline routing, connection, and the expansion of existing plant for the new well. The test well conversion to a production well shall meet a design capacity of at least 1,000 gpm, with the design flow of the new variable speed well pump at 1,150 gpm at maximum speed.

**FINDINGS/DETERMINATION:** An Initial Study of the effect of this project has been prepared, and it has been determined that there will be no significant adverse effects on the quality of the environment; therefore, a Negative Declaration is proposed.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** A 30-day public review period for the Negative Declaration will commence on February 21, 2025, and end at 5:00 pm on March 24, 2025, for interested and concerned individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the Negative Declaration must be received within the public review period. Copies of the Negative Declaration are available for review at the City address provided above and an electronic version of the document is available online at: <https://www.cityofgalt.org/government/public-works-department/bid-cip-construction-projects>

**PUBLIC MEETING:** At this time, the City does not have plans to host a public meeting for this project. If you believe a public meeting is warranted, you may request that one be held in your written comments, or attend the City Council hearing for when the CEQA document is proposed for adoption.

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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 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

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.

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The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, 720 9<sup>th</sup> 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

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Today, we honor those individuals who selflessly provide personal care, physical and emotional support to those who need it the most. According to national-today.com, National Caregivers Day is observed on the third Friday in February. That would be today, Feb. 21. There are different types of caregivers who are not just limited to the health sector. The types are family caregiver, professional caregiver, independent caregiver, private duty caregiver, and informal caregiver.

Some of them are not always paid, which is why it is essential to appreciate and thank them for their long-term commitment.

Caregivers really go the extra mile in providing the essentials and necessities, from medical aid to personal grooming. Despite this they are under-appreciated and often underpaid or not paid at all. For this reason, the Providers Association for Home Health and Hospice Agencies established this day in 2015. They aimed to dedicate a day annually to recognize and appreciate the caregivers in their lives. The first celebration of the holiday took place in 2016.



According to a report by the Gallup-Healthways “Well-Being Index,” caregivers spend six days a month grooming, feeding, dressing, bathing, and walking, 13 days a month commuting, cleaning, doing the laundry monitoring medication, shopping and cooking special meals for their patient. Furthermore, 13 hours a month are spent coordinating visits with physicians, researching symptoms and diseases, and managing finances.

The National alliance for Caregiving and American Association of Retired Persons reports an estimated 53 million caregivers in the United States cared for an adult or child without getting paid for it in 2020. While most caregivers tend to care for one adult, approximately 15% look after two adults, and 3% care for three or more adults. The institute on

Aging reports that over three-fourths of caregivers are female who spend 50% more time providing essential services than males.

But who will care for the caregivers? What’s surprising is that many caregivers are elders themselves, and the number of hours they spend caregiving only increases with time. The average age of caregivers looking after a person 65 years or older is 63 years old. Many of them report having poor health themselves. I think the special kindness and patience of caregivers should be celebrated year-round. Their importance is especially honored on National Caregivers Day when we should be there for them just as they are there for our loved ones.

I have a couple of friends that are caregivers, and it takes a unique type of personality to be one. It is amazing how they take care of their clients, anticipate what is needed and what to do next. It is almost like they can read minds, and they never seem to get their feathers ruffled. They become their client’s closest friend and confidant.

Caregivers have the ‘patience’ of Job and are fierce protectors when it comes to caring for their clients.

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Have you given any thought to the gardening I wrote about last week? I thought about planting some Yukon Gold potatoes, rosemary, basil, and cilantro. That is probably more than I can handle. But first I must tackle the dreaded Spring cleaning not only inside but outside. And with this weather, who knows when I will get to that.

The inside of my home needs some sprucing up and maybe a little furniture change-up and refreshing. Plus declutter the knick-knacks and start getting rid of the clothes that are torn, stained, the ones I don’t like and just plain need to go. Outside it is a little less cluttered but still needs some “TLC.” Get rid of the broken yard art to make room for some new and touch up the paint scraps and chips.

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VILE CUR, I WAS LOOKING FOR THE LOST EYE OF THE BASILISK AN ARTIFACT YOU STOLE—

I USED TO HAVE A CAT NAMED "CUR" HUH?

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WHAT DO YOU EXPECT? THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR TAKING A "MOOBER."

HEY, I THOUGHT IT WAS FUNNY.

WHY WOULD I CARE ABOUT YOUR PETS?

I JUST THOUGHT IT WAS INTERESTING.

LISTEN, YOU POTTY OLD BAT—

YOU DON'T GOTTA BE RUDE.

ZAP!

DISINTEGRATING HIM SEEMS RUDER.

HE'S FINE, I JUST SENT HIM WHERE HE BELONGS.

WHO KEEPS DUMPIN' HEROES IN ME TRASH CAN?!

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YUP

THIS ONE'S FROM HUGO ASKING ME TO BE HIS VALENTINE

HEY! HE SENT ME ONE JUST LIKE IT!

THAT RAT! I HATE HIM

ME TOO!

THIS YEAR I DID IT RIGHT, TIGER

I SENT BONNIE AND SUZY THE SAME CARD SO NOBODY WOULD GET HURT FEELINGS

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9. "Germinal" author Emile

13. Bye, in Paris

14. Bigheadedness

15. Relating to wine, arch.

16. Tabletop mountains

17. H+, e.g.

18. Large key on the right

19. \*"" Boys"

21. \*""Emilia Pérez" leading actress

23. H in HMS, some-times

24. Kids' get-away

25. Like certain Four

28. Queen of Carthage

30. Razzed

35. Scary fairytale creature

37. Soft drink

39. Like certain egg order

40. Sir Mix-\_\_\_\_\_-

41. \*Sean Baker's original screenplay

43. Loyal, arch.

44. Caldecott award

46. Ascus, pl.

47. AI's learning material

48. Harry \_\_\_\_\_, once of One Direction

50. Wearing footwear

52. \*At 2024 Oscars, Ryan Gosling sang "I'm Just \_\_\_\_\_"

53. Sushi restaurant libation

55. Unit of length of yarn

57. \*This year's Academy Awards host

60. \*Elphaba and Galinda story

63. Antique shop item

64. Metal-bearing rock

66. Mountain nymph

68. Southeast Asian org.

69. Lavatory, abbr.

70. \* \_\_\_\_\_ Theatre

71. Whimper

72. Sodium hydroxide

73. Follow

DOWN

1. Scottish cap

2. Barbara of "I Dream of Jeannie"

3. Not yet final, at law

4. Mold a mind

5. Like ear of corn that is ready to cook

6. Bride's cover

7. Opposite of hence

8. Polynesian kingdom

9. Zn

10. "I'm \_\_\_\_\_ you!"

11. Property right

12. Acronym, abbr.

15. Evening worship

20. "All My Children" vixen

22. Invoice qty.

24. Colossus, pl.

25. Fizzes

26. End of a shoelace

27. \*""The Brutalist" leading actor

29. Spanish lady

31. Old, in Scottish

32. Go stealthily

33. Related on mother's side

34. \*Chalامت's role

36. Et alibi, abbr.

38. St. Louis' Gateway

42. Garlicky mayonnaise

45. Acne, technically

49. Famous frat house

51. Crack

54. Grassy mound

56. Ohio metropolis

57. Yorkshire river

58. Tea or beer

59. Iranian money

60. We have

61. Mature elvers

62. Dabu-\_\_\_\_\_, chili pepper condiment

63. Operator's equip.

65. \*Jamie Foxx won Best Actor in 2005 for this biopic

67. Yellow #5, e.g.

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# Running for Cancer Research

## Dana-Farber Cancer Institute News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - On April 21, Maria Amparo Haynes of Elk Grove is running to defy cancer as a member of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team in the 129th Boston Marathon.

Along with more than 500 Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge teammates from across the United States and around the world, they will run Massachusetts' historic marathon route from Hopkinton to Boston to collectively raise \$8.5 million for cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

This year marks the 36th annual running of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge. One hundred percent of the money raised by the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team benefits Dana-Farber's Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research, which supports promising science research in its earliest stages. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge has raised more than \$132 million for the Barr Program to date.



Maria Amparo Haynes of Elk Grove along with more than 500 Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge teammates from across the United States will be running in the 2025 Boston Marathon. Photo courtesy of Pixaby

In 1990, Dana-Farber was among the first charity organizations to be recognized by the Boston Athletic Association, which organizes the Boston Marathon. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team offers its

members extensive fundraising support, training guidance from 1976 Boston Marathon Men's Open Division Champion Jack Fultz, and team training runs. Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge runners who are

not time-qualified for the Boston Marathon receive an invitational entry into the race.

Runners include cancer survivors and patients, and family and friends of those who have been

affected by cancer.

Each team member must fulfill a basic fundraising commitment of \$10,000 for runners who receive their entry from Dana-Farber and \$4,000 for runners who have obtained

their own race entry.

To contribute to the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge, visit RunDFMC.org or contact the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge office at 617-632-1970. ★

## Pranyte Named Player of the Week



Hornet freshman Emilija Pranyte was awarded Big Sky Conference Player of the Week honors on Feb. 12, after the Hornets posted a thrilling victory over Saint Mary's. Photo courtesy of Sac State Athletics

### Sacramento State University News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - An undefeated record and a historic team victory for the Sacramento State women's tennis team helped lift freshman Emilija Pranyte to Big Sky Conference Player of the Week honors on Feb. 12, after the Hornets posted a thrilling victory over Saint Mary's in their lone match of the week.

It is the first career weekly honor for Pranyte and the first for a Sacramento State student-athlete since Irene Riva earned the second award of her career on March 27 of last season.

Extending their unbeaten start to the 2025 campaign to four straight matches, the program's best since opening 4-0 in 2008, the Hornets handed the host Gaels a 4-2 defeat on Super Bowl Sunday, posting the program's first win over Saint Mary's

since a 4-3 win at home in 2011 and its first win in Moraga since a 6-0 shutout in 1992.

Pranyte played a key role in that victory, getting Sacramento State its first win of the day alongside partner Palina Saulevich in their season debut at No. 1 doubles with a 6-3 victory as the Hornets went on to clinch the doubles point for a 1-0 lead in the match.

Shortly thereafter, Pranyte put her team on the brink of victory with a 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (5), win over Juliette Daries at No. 3 singles, breaking a 2-2 tie and setting up teammate Maddy Ferreros to clinch the contest with a three-set win at No. 1 for the final score.

Pranyte's victory improved her to 2-1 in three-set singles contests this season as the Lithuanian improved to 3-1 overall in singles — playing at the No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4 spots in the lineup — and 2-0 in doubles play. ★

## Athletics Storming into Spring Training

By Martin Gallegos, MLB.com

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - There was a different energy as Athletics pitchers and catchers took the field at Mesa Arizona's Hohokam Stadium on Feb. 12 for the first day of spring training, one that has not been felt around these parts in quite some time.

Since the roster teardown of their previous playoff-contending team took place just before the start of the 2022 season, the A's have entered camp each spring operating in rebuild mode. This year, however, the messaging has shifted, no longer is this a rebuilding period. The A's believe they are ready to win now.

"There is definitely a higher level of expectation," manager Mark Kotsay said. "You look at the progress we made in the second half and the group that came together, that nucleus of guys, I think they've built a culture in there that they believe in each other and know that they belong."

That belief system was established over the second half of last season, when the A's finished 39-37 over their final 76 games. That second-half success led to an improvement upon their 2023 win total by 19 games (69-93), ending the year having identified a talented group of players that have solidified Major League roles such as Brent Rooker, Lawrence Butler, Mason Miller, JJ Bleday, Shea Langeliers and Zack Gelof.

Through the discovery of that core group, as well as the additions of veterans such as Luis Severino, Jeffrey Springs, José Leclerc and Gio Urshela, this spring is going to be atypical from the past few

years. Sure, there might be a couple of roster battles on the pitching side and at backup catcher. But for the most part, 2025 Spring Training is going to focus less on configuring the 26-man roster and more on sharpening up the tools for a year in which the A's expect to be in playoff contention.

"Everyone in this game wants those expectations," Kotsay said. "We haven't necessarily had those over the last [three] seasons. We've had our challenges, and we're still going to have our challenges. Our improvement of 19 games still was only 69 wins. We recognize that. We understand it's going to take a great season to improve on 69 [wins] to get to the playoffs. We're preparing ourselves for that and those are expectations that we want to have."

JP Sears certainly sensed a different vibe inside the clubhouse from his previous two springs with the A's. Whereas in the past, the room was filled with a bunch of players who were just fighting to establish themselves as big leaguers, there is now a true sense of camaraderie amongst a group that has been through the ups and downs of a Major League Baseball season together.

"The past two years of Spring Training, you kind of just came in hoping to survive at times," Sears said. "Now it feels like we can be a little bit more expecting of things. We have a lot of the same guys that have been here the last two years. The overall outlook is that we're going to be more on the attack and know we're going to be really competitive throughout the year. We're going to hang with every team and be better than a lot of teams that we face." ★

## Hornet Freshman Named Player of the Week

### Sacramento State University News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - On Feb. 12, Hornet freshman Gur Libal was named the Big Sky Conference Player of the Week after leading the Hornets to a 3-1 record over the previous week. That included a Big Sky season-opening road win at Portland State.

Those four matches came over a seven-day span, and the Netanyahu, Israel, native went 4-0 in singles play, and 3-1 in doubles. He won three of the four singles matches in straight sets, including a 7-5, 6-3 win over Portland State's Edoardo Cravanzola at No. 2.

Libal played his first match of the week at No. 3 in the singles lineup, but moved up to No.

2 for his final three matches. He played at positions 1, 2 and 3 in doubles (twice at No. 1).

At No. 3 against American River College on Feb. 5, he won his match by a 6-1, 6-4 score. He followed up that effort with a 7-6 (2), 3-6, 6-3 win at No. 2 against Seattle on Feb. 7. He won in straight sets on Feb. 9 at Portland State and dropped just one game in the home-opening victory over Jessup 6-1, 6-0, on Feb. 11.

Libal played with two different doubles partners, including a 6-3 win at No. 1 in the victory over Portland State. It was that match that clinched the all-important doubles point in a 4-3 victory against the Vikings. He also won his match at No. 2 by a 6-3 score against American River, and 6-1 at No. 1 vs. Jessup. ★



Sacramento State University freshman Gur Libal was named the Big Sky Conference Player of the Week on Feb. 12. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State University Athletics



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# Lady Hawks Soar Past Warriors in Final Home Game



Warrior Skyler Moore dribbles around the key guarded by Lexi Williams.

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - The Liberty Ranch Hawk girls' basketball team delivered a stunning performance last Friday as they faced the host Warriors in their final home game of the season. With a commanding victory of 63-17, the Hawks solidified their position at the top of the league standings.

From the outset, it was clear that the Hawks were determined to finish strong. Junior Haley Smith led the charge, scoring 19 points and further extending her impressive school scoring record. Smith's dynamic presence on the court was matched by her ability to control both ends of the game, contributing significantly to her team's success.

Madisyn Robbins and Kamrynn Blevins were also instrumental in the Hawks' victory, each contributing 12 points. The Hawks' balanced scoring attack continued with Kendall Duryee adding 6 points, and Lexi Williams and Aneesa Barns each contributing 4, while Cruz Gregorio, Ella Garcia and Summer McCoy chipped in with 2 points apiece.

Defensively, the Hawks did not let up, showcasing their versatility. Smith not only shined on offense but also grabbed 10 crucial rebounds. McCoy added 8 rebounds, while Blevins seized 5 and Gregorio 4, and Robbins also contributed 4 rebounds, helping the Hawks dominate the boards.

For the Warriors, who struggled against the Hawks' relentless defense, the scoring came mainly from their freshman players. Alexandra Gonzalez Landa was the top scorer with 7 points, followed by Allison Garcia with 6. Skyler Moore and junior Antanella Feilbach each managed to score 2 points. Despite their efforts, the Warriors were unable to find a rhythm throughout



Hawk Summer McCoy fights for her rebound.

the game.

As the Hawks prepare for the playoffs as the No. 1 seed, Hawk head coach Josh Williams expressed confidence in his team's readiness for the challenges ahead.

"The ladies have worked hard all season, and they are prepared to face whatever comes their way in the playoffs," Williams said.

With their sights set on a championship, the Hawks will look to continue their momentum as they head into postseason play, fueled by powerful performances and teamwork showcased throughout the season.

The Warriors, meanwhile, will reflect on their season and look to build for the future, gaining valuable experience for their young team as they continue to build.



Hawk Kamrynn Blevins goes for a layup. Photos by Paige Lampson



Galt's Allison Garcia shoots for two.



Liberty's Madisyn Robbins looks to score.



Galt High basketball seniors Carson Cagle, left, and Jayden Gaither are celebrated with coaches Hunter Johnson and John Van den Raadt. Photos by Paige Lampson

# Galt Senior Night



The Galt High senior cheerleaders, celebrating their last game: Isabella Cantu, left, Areonna Rocha, Jayda Williams and Vi Haro.





# League Winners

The Liberty Ranch girls' basketball team is presented with the CIF league winner banner by athletic director Samanta Victoria. Photo by Paige Lampson



## Hawks Rally from Early Deficit to Defeat Warriors in Clash at Hawks' Nest



Warrior Anthony Rose-Garcia shoots



Galt's Carson Cagle looks to shoot.



Hawk Everett Dixon wins the rebound.



Liberty's Elliott Hawker snags a rebound.

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - The battle at the Hawk Nest last Thursday showcased the resilience and determination of the Hawks as they mounted a comeback against the visiting Warriors after trailing early in the game.

From the tip-off, the Warriors were on fire, hitting their shots with precision. By the time of 4:37 remaining in the first quarter rolled around, they had jumped out to an 11-0 lead, leaving the Hawks scrambling to find their rhythm. Recognizing the urgency of the moment, Hawk head coach Phil Ricci called a timeout to regroup his team. He urged them not to “just phone it in” and emphasized that they needed to dig deep and give it everything they had. That talk ignited a spark in the Hawks. With renewed energy, they began to claw back into the game, narrowing the score to 18-15 by the end of the

first quarter. The second quarter was a back-and-forth affair, with the Warriors holding a small lead at 20-17 with 5:25 left in the half. However, Hawk sensation Wyatt Blevins began to find his groove, draining basket after basket. By the 3:13 mark, the Hawks had surged ahead 21-20, and they continued to build on that momentum, heading into halftime with a 25-23 lead. After the break, the Hawks took charge, determined to defend their newfound advantage. The intensity on the court was palpable as both teams battled fiercely. Entering the fourth quarter, the Hawks were leading 39-33, with fans on the edge of their seats. In the final stretch, the Hawks held firm, overcoming every challenge posed by the Warriors, ultimately sealing the victory with a final score of 55-43. It was a standout performance from Blevins, who lit up the scoreboard with



Hawk Wyatt Blevins goes up to score. Photos by Paige Lampson

an impressive 24 points. His ability to find the basket at key moments proved crucial in turning the tide for the Hawks. Elliott Hawker added 15 points to the tally, while JoJo Adams contributed 6. Jimmy Lopez and Conrad Dixon each chipped in 4, and Kobe Aguillen rounded things out with 2 points. Post-game, Coach Ricci expressed his admiration for both teams, acknowledging the effort and tenacity displayed throughout the contest.

“That was a hard-fought game. No team deserves to lose when two teams play that hard,” he said. The Hawks secured third place in the league and are now set to advance to the first round of the playoffs, where they will look to build on their momentum and continue their journey toward more victories. ★

## JV Hawks Edge Warriors in Thrilling Overtime Showdown



Warrior Able Romero battles to win the ball from Hawks Hunter Rohner and Fabian Contreras. Photos by Paige Lampson

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - In a thrilling conclusion to the season, the JV Hawks faced off against the Warriors in a nail-biting game at the Hawks' Nest that was full of intensity and excitement. The game ended in a tie, 38-38, at the conclusion of regulation, setting the stage for a dramatic overtime period.

As the clock ticked down in overtime, the atmosphere in the arena was electric with fans on the edge of their seats cheering for both teams. With just 2:34 remaining, the Hawks managed to hold a narrow lead of 45-43 after a fierce battle on the court. The tension only increased as the Hawks pulled ahead to 47-43, seemingly in control of the game. However, the Warriors refused to give up, rallying in the final moments to score 3 points, bringing the score to 47-46.

In a gripping finish, the Hawks were able to execute their defense effectively just when it mattered the most, holding on to secure the win at 47-46.


For the Warriors, freshman standout Hunter Hileman shone bright, finishing as the game's top scorer with 12 points. He was supported by Bryan Villalobos with 11 points, along with key




Galt's Bryan Villalobos shoots.


contributions from Abel Romero and Jalen Hall, each adding 8 points. Garrett Rose and Dominic Gonzalez rounded out the scoring with 5 and 2 points, respectively. While the Hawks' stats were not available at press time, their victory marked a significant accomplishment for the team, ending the season on a high note. Coach and players alike expressed pride in their performance and determination to build on this success. As the season comes to a close, both teams can take pride in their hard-fought battles and the memories created on the court. We are already looking forward to next season when both teams will elevate their games even further, as many players will move up to varsity. ★

## GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK







**Elliott Hawker**  
Liberty Ranch Basketball




**Madisyn Robbins**  
Liberty Ranch Basketball



**Emily Pena**  
Galt Basketball



**Carson Cagle**  
Galt Basketball



Photos by Paige Lampson



Liberty Ranch's Devin Saechao dribbles around the key.