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Galt Community Park, pictured, was ranked the second most frequently used park behind Walker Community Park at 45%. Lake Canyon Park, Harvey Park and Veterans Soccer Field were ranked behind Galt Community Park.

By Sean P. Thomas City Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - A splash pad topped the list of requests in a needs assessment survey of Galt parks and recreation services discussed at the city's Parks and Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday,

In early 2024, the

council approved a contract with RHAA Landscape Architecture and Planning to conduct a needs assessment of the Galt parks and recreation system that included several surveys, meetings and community workshops to determine desires for the local community park system.

A splash pad, otherwise known as a spray pool, is a recreational area for water play that has little to no standing water. The area typically has pole-like infrastructure that sprays water onto users.

Parks and Recreation Director Armando Solis said the amenity has been a top request from the assessment, so he wasn't being a big issue." surprised bу

Tuesday's findings.

"That is probably one of the No. 1 asks," Solis said. "But one of our biggest problems here is the maintenance. Listening to other cities and districts, the maintenance is just a horror story. Especially here in Galt with the hard water community prior to the that we have. I just see it

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Council Selects Potential District Map

By Sean P.Thomas City Editor

GALT. CA (MPG) - And then there was

Following some slight tweaks, the Galt City Council selected the potential final map for its districting process, signaling the end of nearly three months of deliberation and setting the stage for a new era in Galt

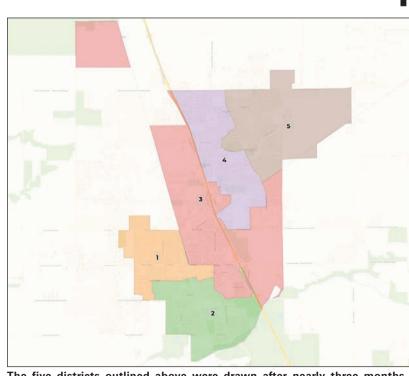
politics. The map, and the city's change to "by district" elections, is part of a response to a demand letter sent on behalf of the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project by Malibu-based law firm Shenkman & Hughes. The letter claimed the city's at-large voting system was in violation of the California Voting Rights Act, which attempts to prevent the disenfranchisement of protected voting groups.

The letter, which is considered a prerequisite to a potential lawsuit, specifically claimed that Galt's Latino voters were being disenfranchised by the city's at-large voting system and required the city to present a district map by April 1.

While some governmental bodies have tried, no agency has successfully defended itself against a similar lawsuit. Ones that have attempted to fight

them have faced millions in legal

In response to the letter, the council opted to begin the process to switch to district elections. Tuesday was the council's fifth meeting on



The five districts outlined above were drawn after nearly three months of deliberation by the Galt City Council and community members. The Council ultimately decided to tweak a map submitted by the community to determine the final draft map. The Council will hold a special meeting before April 1 to approve an ordinance codifying the map. Image courtesy of City of Galt

the matter. At the fourth meeting, the council voted against picking an at-large mayor, opting to stay with a system that allows council members to select a mayor from the council on a one-year term.

The city contracted with Sacramento-based Redistricting Partners to work on a set of draft maps, whittling down nearly a dozen maps to five, including one submitted

by a resident. Mayor Shawn Farmer suggested

the council tweak a map submitted

by the resident, dubbed "The Speer Map." The map in its original form was outside of the allowable population deviation, but by moving census blocks, the map fell into compliance with Fair Maps Act requirements.

Under the Fair Maps Act, each district is required to be within 10% deviation in population from one another, in Galt's case, about 5,150 residents per district. The districts also had to be contiguous, maintain "communities of interest," be easily

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Council **Approves Three New Job Titles**



By Sean P. Thomas City Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt City Council on Tuesday, March 18 approved three new job specifications, two of which are meant to help streamline and improve services in the city's Parks and Recreation Department.

The new positions, a deputy parks and recreation director, market manager and lead custodian, do not add a new full-time employee to the city, instead replacing other classifications.

The deputy parks and recreation director will work directly behind current Parks and Recreation Director Armando Solis and will be responsible for overseeing the city's special events and recreation divisions and will help "address the increasing demands of the department and provide vital support to the Parks and Recreation Director," according to city

documents. The position will replace the Special Events Manager specification, currently held by Jackie Garcia.

"I think this is a sign that we are growing, and we need more help," Council member Bonnie Rodriguez said. "I think this is a great move. Armando is amazing, but he is only one man, and he needs a right-hand person to help facilitate everything."

City Council members said the position also doubled as a succession plan within the Parks and Recreation Department and to help put Measure Q funding to better use.

City voters in 2022 approved Measure Q, a one-cent sales tax intended to help maintain parks, recreation facilities and public

"[Solis] is great, but he is going to need help to help us do the things we want Parks and Recreation to do with all of those Measure Q funds," Council member Tim Reed said. "We can't just keep expecting him to do more and more, because one day he might just quit." The city will utilize

funds from the reclassification of the special events manager position and will result in a \$6,375 increase to the budget.

The market manager will be solely responsible for overseeing the Galt Flea

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Planning Commission Tables Review on Summerfield Homes Project

By Sean P. Thomas City Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Planning Commission voted to table a design review on a planned development in the north Galt area after concerns that the designs didn't match what the City Council originally approved nearly five years

The point of contention for commissioners swirled around a project condition called "A-20" requiring "executive-style housing," a loosely defined term used when the project was entitled in 2020.

The development, dubbed Summerfield at Twin Cities, is slated for 211 "executive style" single-family homes across 58 acres. The development will also include a 1.9-acre private park. available to residents of the development, and nearly 8 acres of open space along the northern boundary.

Commissioners almost unilaterally said the designs presented at the March 13 meeting looked too ordinary to garner the "executive-style" title. The commission ultimately supported a motion from Commissioner Keith Jones to table the discussion and asked the developers, Lennar, to return later with updated designs that included more upscale amenities.

"These plans, in my opinion, look like something you would build in one of our other communities that are currently in the works and not the executive style homes that we were sold on," Planning Commission Chair Dan Denier said.

While there is no official definition for "executive-style housing," Galt commissioners took it as meaning homes with features that could not be found in other Galt neighborhoods.

included Those prominent entryways, single-story floorplans, covered patios, three-car garages and "upscale" amenities.

"The whole thing has been sold as executive-style homes, not an executive-style community, but executive-style homes," Denier said. "My question is, with the plans that we have here, what does Lennar describe as an executive-style home, versus a home they would build someplace else?"

A representative for Lennar said executive-style homes could mean homes that have varied floorplans, a "Next Gen Suite," an attached living quarters with a private entrance, a kitchenette, an open common area and a multi-use room, as well as floor plans with dens and other upscale amenities.

"I wasn't here when this community was approved," she said. "But I would say an executive-style community is one that would be more central with more walkability to your business and things like that."

Denier said Galt already has homes in the community that have those amenities.

"What makes this stand out from what we already have or what we already approved over the last year or so?" Denier said. "That's what I want to see: What makes this stand

When the project was first approved, the council required five separate-size tiers, each making up 20% each of the total homes. The tiers were cut into 2,000, 2,400, 2,800, 3,200 and 3,500 square feet, respectively. Homes by Towne purchased the entitled project and in 2022 attempted to modify those conditions during a planning commission meeting, stating that the breakdown in sizes would result in too many two-story homes. They added that market pressures made homes more than 3,000 square feet undesirable.

The planning commission denied the request, but the council ultimately agreed. The meeting included a lengthy discussion regarding concerns from local ranchers, including fencing around the project due to concerns for nearby livestock.

Lennar purchased the project in December 2024 and is currently seeking to continue to buildout, with a mix of one- and two-story homes between 2,000 and 3,300 square feet.

Mayor Shawn Farmer, who was the lone council member to vote against the appeal in 2022, said the designs presented are not what "the council I was on was sold."

"What we are being brought is not that project and it upsets me personally because we represent the citizens of this town and we do things for a certain reason and then those reasons change," Farmer said. "Well, we can't go back and un-annex the land, we can't unzone it; that ship has sailed."

"We appreciate Lennar's commitment to this project," Farmer added. "I think if I was Lennar, I would be upset about the people you bought the project from."

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Solis said if the request does make it in front of the council, it will be accompanied by an economic assessment on the cost to maintain the amenity. "It's not just \$80,000 to put in a splash

pad," Solis said. "Well, you also have to have \$40,000 a year as long as you have that to maintain it."

requests made by Galt residents. Some of the identified needs included

The splash pad was just one of the many

addressing potential safety concerns, improvements to bathrooms, increased cleanliness and faster response to vandalism. Respondents also expressed a desire for updated equipment and facilities that can accommodate larger gatherings.

Community members also requested more ADA-compliant features and universally accessible playgrounds, more shade, and more programs for teenagers

According to the survey, 52 percent of respondents desired the city to renovate

and update existing parks compared to adding new ones.

Senior citizens expressed a need for more water aerobics. They also noted difficulties navigating parks due to large distances between parking, restrooms and amenities, as well as a desire to extend pool hours and swimming season for pub-

Solis said a request for more field space is being solved in part by the addition of Simmerhorn Park.

"We have kind of designed that park to

kind of fit the stuff that residents want," Solis said.

The council will decide how to fund the projects, but Solis noted that Measure Q, a one-cent sales tax intended to fund a number of quality-of-life projects, will like make up most, if not all of the funding.

RHAA will return to the Parks Advisory Committee at a later date to discuss parks and facilities recommendations.

"This is going to give them a roadmap of what the priorities are," Solis said, "what our residents want. But there are a lot of higher priorities that people won't notice, like restrooms being replaced... we'll have to balance the needs and the wants."



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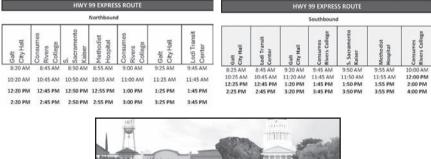


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Bay City Electric Opens Galt Facility

Story and photo by Sean P. Thomas City Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Bay City Electric, a major leader in generator sales, parts and rentals, held its grand opening last week for its new 9-acre facility on Industrial Way.

Bay City Electric broke ground on the 20,000 square-foot facility in November 2023 during a ceremony that featured company and city officials, including then-mayor Jay Vandenburg.

Rodney Lee, CEO for Bay City Electric, said the company was attracted to Galt for its small-town feel, as well as its cost-ofliving benefits compared to surrounding communities like Stockton, Elk Grove and the Bay Area. He added that Galt is centrally located to some of the company's biggest markets in Northern Nevada and across California.

The Galt facility will function as the company's Sacramento regional headquarters.

"If you had a map and said hit the center of it with a bullseye, it would be Galt, California," Lee said.

Bay City Electric was

founded in 1932 and based in Poway, Calif. The company supplies both residential and commercial generators across California and as far as Nevada and Hawaii.

previously operated a facility in Livermore but opted to shutter the location in favor of the new facility. City officials have touted

Lee said the company

the new facility as a mechanism to create more jobs and to further contribute to Galt's local economy.

Lee praised the city staff's responsiveness to Bay City's plans throughout the buildout process.



From left, CEO Rodney Lee, Kim Lee, Austin Lee and Adrian Lee stand outside the recently opened Bay City Electric Works facility in Galt during a grand opening ceremony on March 13.

whole permitting process and the building and inspections were always

answer questions and if we hit any roadblocks, they would help knock those

"The city through the super helpful, there to roadblocks down," Lee said. "They had that welcoming spirit, which was very important to us."

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City Manager Chris Erias said the idea was to hire someone with a "retail, wholesale, hospitality" background who could help grow the market's revenue and provide overall management for the market.

"My experience with retail management is that they are trained to beat the previous year sales," Erias

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said. "The hope and goal is to make sure that kind of mindset is with the market manager."

According to city documents, the position will lead to a \$20,062 increase to the Parks and Recreation Fund and a \$8,368 decrease from the city's general fund. It will primarily use funds from the reclassification of the assistant special events manager position.

"I personally am probably the biggest cheerleader

to have someone specific whose only job is to focus on the market," Rodriguez said. "This is a great opportunity that Galt has here, and we have an opportunity to bring in someone, who that is their only focus, who can bring in a fresh perspective and focus on that."

The market is currently managed by the special events manager.

"When you have someone trying to wear too many hats, they are doing

a good job, but there is only so much they can do," Mayor Shawn Farmer said. "I always felt like we have to have our Parks and Recreation people focused on Parks and Recreation and our director being able to oversee Parks and Recreation."

"The Market is our golden goose, and we are in a position to take a swing at the fence," Farmer added. "Instead of trying for singles, we need to be trying for triples and home runs."

The Council also approved a lead custodian classification, replacing the current part-time facilities maintenance worker position.

Human Resources Director Tricia Cobey said the person is currently completing jobs outside of the facilities maintenance worker classification, including working hours closer to a full-time position, and city staff thought it was appropriate to reclassify the position.

"The custodian position was working part-time for the city for a number of years and a number of hours put in per week bordered full-time, and based on the quality of service from this person it makes sense that the right thing to do was make them fulltime," Erias said.

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identifiable and understandable and keep district "compact."

The result was a "very balanced map," Elizabeth Stitt, Redistricting Partners' redistricting manager, said.

Because the map was not posted at least seven days prior to the meeting, the

council must reconvene, likely next week, to approve an ordinance selecting the map.

The council will also pick a sequencing order for the district elections.

Currently, it is proposed that odd-numbered districts, 1, 3 and 5, would be up for election in 2026, with the remainder following suit in 2028.



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Kings Korner By V.G. Harris



The past week for the Sacramento Kings may very well be poorest stretch in a helter skelter season that saw the Sactown boys lose games to the New York Nicks, Golden State Warriors and Phoenix Suns by a combined total of 71 points.

Many Kings fans turned their TV sets to another channel in the fourth quarter of these games to avoid the agony of watching another beatdown. No lighting the beam last week and probably the last thing on anyone's mind.

Most fans agree that watching a seesaw battle in which your team is giving the best they have will always keep them watching to the very end but what we witnessed in the past week was hard for even the most ardent fan to lay eyes on.

Thrust into the position of point guard with the trade of DeAaron Fox, Malik Monk has struggled in his new role. Most glaring are the constant turnovers and it appears to be contagious as usually reliable ballhandlers DeMar DeRozan and Zach Lavine have suddenly joined the turnover turnstile. Forty-eight times, the Kings have turned the ball over in the past three games and that means 48 missed opportunities to put a shot up.

Entering Monday night's game against the Memphis Grizzlies, Sacramento sits in the number 9 position in the Western Conference with a 500 record of 33-33.

At no time entering the 2024/2025 season did I believe the Sacramento Kings were a 500 team.

After the firing of Mike Brown and the trading of DeAaron Fox, newcomers Zach Lavine, Jonas Valanciunas and Jake LaRavia gave hope to Kings fans that the playoffs were not a pipe dream.

The bench is stronger but the starting lineup is putting the team in a hole in the first quarter of nearly every game. The past three games saw the Kings down by double digits at the end of the first quarter and climbing out of a hole every game is not a recipe for success.

So what is the answer Kings fans? How does this newly-assembled squad put together a winning stretch that allows Sacramento fans to witness postseason basketball?

With 16 games remaining, there's no more trading or adding to the team, so coach Christie will have to move the chess pieces he has.

Sadly, although Malik has wanted to be a starter for some time, he has not thrived in his new role. Coming off the bench and adding a spark seems to be the logical move for coach Christie to make.

Jake LaRavia has added much needed defense but Markelle Fultz has failed to add much to the point guard position. Coach Christie might be faced with using rookie Devin Carter who has proven himself to be a skilled ball handler and surprisingly a good rebounder Perhaps the time has come to give

Isaac Jones some more court time, as this team could use his length and rebounding. Jones has received too little time on the court but seems to make an impact when given the opportunity.

Trey Lyles and Keegan Murray need to live up to their billing and add 3-point shooting to a team that is in sore need.

Cross your fingers, Kings fans, that Domantas Sabonis will stay healthy and former all-stars DeMar DeRozan and Zach Lavine will be the players we know they can be the rest of the way. Many of the senseless turnovers come

from players trying to do too much and what the Kings need is to get back to basics and keep it simple. Move the ball, make good passes and allow teammates to shoot the basketball in rhythm.

Make no mistake about it, there is plenty of talent on this team.

Play-in appears to be the logical prescription, so take your medicine Sacramento Kings and see where the Play-in might take you. King's fans want postseason basket-

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participants. We do not advise going without outpatient healthcare coverage, so you should carefully consider enrolling in Medicare Part B when you turn 65. If you are already collecting Social Security benefits, you will be automatically enrolled, but you can opt out of Part B if you wish - it's just not advisable, unless you have current creditable healthcare coverage from an employer.

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So, to recap: the Medicare taxes you paid while working only entitled you to free Medicare Part A inpatient hospitalization coverage. You must enroll in Medicare Part B (for which there is a monthly premium) to have Medicare healthcare coverage for outpatient healthcare services. Both Medicare Part A and Part B have deductibles and copayments, for which you may wish to consider getting either a supplemental insurance plan or a Medicare Advantage plan. But, in either case, you must still have both Medicare Part A and Part B to obtain such additional healthcare

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California's Cities and Schools Face **Big Budget Gaps, Few Options**



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California's state budget is mired in what fiscal authorities call a "structural deficit," meaning its revenues cannot keep up with spending mandated by current law.

For several years, Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature have papered over the chronic gap between income and outgo with gimmicks, including on- and off-budget borrowing and creative accounting, plus dips into "rainy day" funds set aside for emergencies.

Those maneuvers merely postpone the day of reckoning, because the administration and the Legislature's budget analyst, Gabe Petek, project yearly multibillion-dollar shortfalls indefinitely.

The state's dilemma has several roots, most notably an erroneously high multiyear revenue forecast in 2022 that led to a belief that there would be an immense budget surplus and to sharply increased spending. The administration later pegged the revenue error at \$165 billion over four years.

That factor was exacerbated by what Petrek dubbed "a sluggish economy."

"Outside of government and health care, the state has added no jobs in a year and a half," Petek noted in a November fiscal overview.

"Similarly, the number of A number of smaller cit-Californians who are unemployed is 25% higher than during the strong labor markets of 2019 and 2022."

State government is not alone in facing chronic budget deficits. The state's major cities and many school districts are also feeling the pinch of stagnant revenues and inflation, especially with rising worker salaries. Add the horrendous Los Angeles wildfires and President Donald Trump's potentially huge federal spending reductions and the budget gaps could become even wider.

A few days ago, Matt Szabo, the City of Los Angeles' chief administrative officer, and city Controller Kenneth Mejia bluntly warned the city council that LA is several hundred million dollars short of covering its budgeted expenditures not even counting the likely effects of wildfires on revenues and spending.

"The city is facing significant headwinds," Szabo said, adding "immediate spending reductions required."

"The city of L.A., financially, we are in trouble," Mejia told the council in a letter. He added, "The city is estimated to overspend by \$300 million over budget. So when you have less revenues compared to your budget, and you have more expenses over your budget — that's a big gap that we have to fill."

San Francisco's new mayor, Daniel Lurie, says he wants to "eliminate \$1 billion in overspending" over the next three years to cover an \$876 million deficit over two years. "The era of onetime or Band-Aid solutions is over," Lurie told other officials after taking office

in January.

ies, including Sacramento, are also dealing with significant deficits.

Meanwhile many school districts are also facing big budget gaps due to declining enrollment and chronic absenteeism that reduce state aid based on attendance, in addition to the expiration of federal grants meant to cope with COVID-19 and employee union demands for raises to offset inflation-hammered personal budgets.

The Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, a state agency that monitors school district finances, recently issued a report on school systems in various degrees of fiscal difficulty, with those in Oakland and San Francisco on the list of the most troubled.

The agency cited not only enrollment declines, but the jolts of losing federal pandemic aid and rising costs, particularly for fire insurance and electric power, as factors.

In theory, local officials could seek tax increases as they ponder ways to balance their budgets. However voters facing rising living costs of their own are not likely to approve of that solution.

Therefore the options are either make real spending reductions, which might mean laying off workers and closing schools, or emulate the state's gimmickry and hope the problems solve themselves.

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. ★

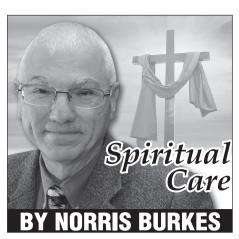


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You Can Ask and They Will Tell



Note to readers: The woman in this column is a composite character representing the conversations I've had with those seeking chaplain jobs.'

Not long ago, I was working for a hospice group when a woman stopped by my office seeking chaplain employment. Touting her recent graduation from a five-week "chaplain course," the 70-year-old had questions.

She showed her assumptions early. "I'll bet you get to lead a lot of people to Jesus in this job."

"Not really," I said. "Our patients are from many religious and nonreligious backgrounds that I must respect."

"Oh," she said, "So do you have an understanding all religions?"

I shook my head, "Honestly, there are far too many religions to learn them all. I simply ask the patient to share their beliefs. I call this strategy 'Ask. They'll tell."

She tilted her head like a dog trying to track a high-pitched sound. I kept talking, as I tend to do.

"When you meet a person from an unfamiliar religion, you merely ask them what they believe or how they practice their religion.

"If you are willing to wait for the answers, most folks will tell you all you need to know."

I took her silence as an invitation to continue.

"But I caution you to ask questions with respectful curiosity. You must show a sincerity that outweighs your determination to convert them.

"If they sense that you are willing to honor their beliefs, they will be forthcoming.

"This process involves a two-way discourse I call 'Listening Love.'

The strategy serves me well as I often ask patients, "How does your faith inform you about dying?

"The answers that sprout from these

questions has provided me an impromptu course in world religions."

"For instance?" she asked.

I told her about a Hmong couple who asked me to help them retrieve a placenta after they lost their newborn. The grieving couple said they would bury the placenta under a tree so the baby's soul could journey back through the past and become reborn.

When I asked a Muslim father what we could do for his dying child in a combat hospital in Iraq, he asked me to place a Koran in bed with the child.

When I asked my question of two brothers at the bedside of their dying mother, they described a New Age belief quite foreign to me. Nonetheless, I listened for what they found comforting, and together, we tied a crystal around their mother's wrist.

When I asked a Chinese man what his faith taught him about consoling his dying wife, he suggested we move the hospital bed in the healing direction of feng shui. He saw this movement as the best way to use energy forces to harmonize individuals with their surrounding environment.

I know, these practices seem a bit odd to our Western sense of mainstream religion. Believe me, these encounters pushed me far out of my Christian comfort zone, too.

When a chaplain begins a dialogue with someone of a different religion, he or she must ask themselves-- "Am I seeking the information because I've targeted them for conversion – or am I seeking the information I needed to show respect for them?"

Concluding my conversation with the woman, I said "If you really want to become a chaplain, you'll need to adopt an approach that opens the faith dialogue.

Listen to those of other faiths. Only when you show them respect will you be given the opportunity to demonstrate the love taught by your own faith."

The woman rubbed her chin, releasing

some thoughtful tones, but I'm really not sure what her thoughts were.

But next time I see her, maybe I'll employ my own advice and simply ask her. After all

my own advice and simply ask her. After all, "listening love" is probably a strategy for most all circumstances.

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email box at https://thechaplain.net/newsletter/ or send me your email address to comment@ thechaplain.net.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Meals on Wheels Cafe Accepting Older Adults

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

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

Senior Bingo Weekly at Chabolla

The Galt Commission on Aging is hosting free Senior Bingo games at the Chabolla Community Center at 600 Chabolla Ave. from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays (except holidays and when required by the city).

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

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.

City After-Hours Assistance

After-hours assistance is available at the Galt Public Works and Parks and Recreation departments. For Public Works concerns, call the Galt Police Department nonemergency line at 209-366-7000.

The Parks Maintenance Division is available for scheduled field or facility use assistance only from to 10 p.m. Mondays to Fridays and from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call 209-810-0293.

Recycle Household Batteries

City of Galt residents can recycle their household batteries in one of two green household-battery recycling bins: on the west side at the front entrance to the Galt Police Department or on the east side at

Galt Community Park, just west of the fire station.

The green bin is only for dry-cell household batteries.

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

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.

AA 24-Hour Hotline

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

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 twohour 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@cityofgalt.org.

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

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M E M O R I A L GEORGIA STOUFFER CURTIN • 07/10/1942-03/10/2025

Georgia Stouffer Curtin passed away on March 10, 2025, in Coral Springs, Florida, after a short illness. Georgia was born July 10, 1942, to Allen and Margaret Blaine Stouffer in Salinas, California.

She grew up in the Alta Mesa area and was in the last eighth-grade class to graduate from Colony Elementary School. Georgia was active in 4-H during her elementary and high school years, exhibiting livestock at numerous county and state fairs.

She graduated from Galt High School in 1960 and attended Sacramento City College. In the 1970s, Georgia started her career in Tupperware sales in the Elk Grove area Her success in sales provided an opportunity to travel to interesting places and create lasting and treasured friendships.

Georgia was a gifted gardener and creative seamstress throughout her life. After retirement, Georgia





and her husband Tom moved to the East Coast to be near her daughter's family, where she enjoyed her role as "Nana" to her grandchildren.

Georgia is survived by her husband of 39 years, Tom Curtin of Coral Springs, FL; her daughter Ginny Bowerman (Dennis) of Parkland, FL; her son Mike Cioli (Katie) of Portland, TN; her sister Laurie Cotulla of Sacramento, CA; five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Her welcoming smile and generous hugs will be sorely missed by her family and friends.

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Aquatic Invasive Plants' Control Efforts Begin

California Department of Parks and Recreation News Release

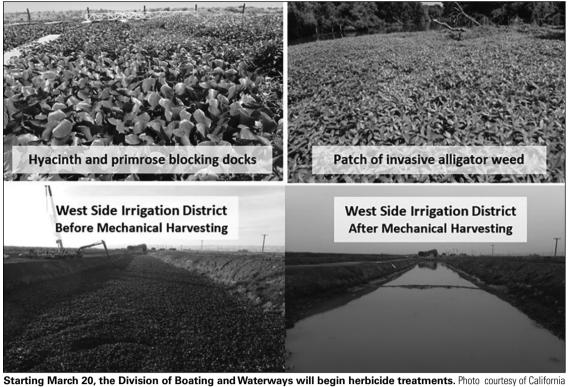
SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) California State Parks' Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) began its 2025 control efforts for invasive aquatic plants in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and its southern tributaries (Delta) this month.

Starting March 20, after press time, the Division of Boating and Waterways began herbicide treatments on water hyacinth, South American spongeplant, Uruguay water primrose, alligator weed, Brazilian waterweed, curlyleaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, coontail, fanwort, and ribbon weed in the Delta. The treatment start date can change, depending on weather conditions and plant growth/movement.

"DBW continues to work with the public and our local, state and federal partners to control these aquatic invasive plants to reduce or eliminate the negative impacts on people's daily lives and businesses," said Division of Boating and Waterways' Deputy Director Ramona Fernandez. "The continued use of monitoring and technology allows the division to focus on the areas that best help us manage wthe challenges."

These aquatic invasive plants have no known natural controls in the Delta, the West Coast's largest estuary. They negatively affect the Delta's ecosystem as they displace native plants that are essential to the area's biodiversity while negatively impacting the economy, environment and public health. Continued warm temperatures help the plants proliferate at high rates.

The plants are also known to



State Parks' Division of Boating and Waterways

form dense mats of vegetation, creating safety hazards for boaters and obstructing navigation channels, marinas and irrigation systems. Due to their ability to spread rapidly to new areas, the plants will likely never be eradicated from Delta waters. Therefore, Division of Boating and Waterways operates control programs as opposed to eradication programs. The division works with local, state and federal entities to better understand the plants and implement new integrated control strategies to increase efficacy.

Funding for Division of Boating and Waterways' aquatic invasive plant control programs comes from the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund, which receives revenues from boaters' registration fees and gasoline taxes.

All herbicides are registered for aquatic use with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation. Treated areas for submersed aquatic vegetation (Brazilian waterweed, curlyleaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, coontail, fanwort, and ribbon weed) will be monitored to ensure herbicide levels do not exceed allowable limits and follow EPAregistered label guidelines. The public can view the public notices and sign up to receive weekly updates on this year's treatment season at the Division of Boating and Waterways' website at dbw. parks.ca.gov.

Below is a list of proposed area control actions for the 2025 treatment season.

Floating Aquatic Vegetation

Control Program is to control water hyacinth, South American spongeplant, Uruguay water primrose and alligator weed. Herbicide control treatment period is for all sites from March 20 to Nov. 30. Types of herbicides are Glyphosate, Imazamox, 2,4-D or Diquat.

Potential treatment areas are initially in and/or around but not limited to the following areas: San Joaquin River, Old River, Middle River, Fourteen Mile Slough and Snodgrass Slough.

The submersed Aquatic Vegetation Control Program is to control Brazilian waterweed, curlyleaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, coontail, ribbon weed, and fanwort. The herbicide control treatment period from March 20 through Nov. 30, based upon Division of Boating and

Waterways field survey data, water temperatures and fish surveys, uses Fluridone, Diquat or Endothall herbicide. Potential Sacramento-area treatments will be at French Island, Hogback, Long Island Slough, Sacramento Marina, Snug Harbor and Washington Lake.

Last year, Division of Boating and Waterways treated a total of 2,649 acres of floating aquatic vegetation and 1,115 acres of submersed aquatic vegetation. No mechanical harvesting was conducted. A combination of herbicide, biological and mechanical control methods will be used to help control invasive plants at high-priority sites in the Delta.

In 1982, California state legislation designated Division of Boating and Waterways as the lead state agency to work with other state, local and federal agencies in controlling water hyacinth in the Delta, its tributaries and the Suisun Marsh. The Egeria Densa Control Program was authorized by law in 1997 and treatment began in 2001. In 2012, spongeplant was authorized for control upon completion of the biological assessment. In 2013, Division of Boating and Waterways's jurisdiction expanded to include other invasive aquatic plants, and since then, other aquatic invasive plants such as Uruguay water primrose, Eurasian watermilfoil, Carolina fanwort, coontail, alligator weed and ribbon weed have been added to the Aquatic Invasion Plant Control Program.

To report sightings, subscribe for program updates or for more information regarding the control program, connect online at dbw.parks.ca.gov/AIS, email a AIS@parks.ca.gov or phone at 888-326-2822.

Los Rios Chancellor Brian King to Retire



Los Rio Community College District News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA

- Los Rios Community College District Chancellor Brian King will retire at the end of the 2025-26 academic year.

"Serving as the chancellor of the Los Rios Community College District has been the professional honor of my lifetime," King said in a video message to faculty, staff and administrators at the four Los Rios colleges and district office. "I'm so proud of what our district has accomplished over the past 13 years."

King joined Los Rios as chancellor in February

2012 after an extensive national search by the Los Rios Board of Trustees. He is the ninth chancellor in the 60-year history of the district.

Under King's leadership, Los Rios has raised more than \$60 million through grant-seeking and fundraising efforts and seen marked improvements in student success. In the last 13 years, Los Rios has built or significantly renovated more than a dozen major campus facilities, seen enrollment grow to beyond pre-pandemic levels and expanded programs for students and employers in the Capital region.

During his time at Los Rios, King has served in leadership roles in a number of significant local and statewide organizations, including serving as past president of the Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges Board. King has been a member of the Sacramento Metro Chamber Board of Directors and the Greater Sacramento Economic Council

Executive Committee. King also served as co-chair of the Sacramento Metro Chamber's Cap-to-Cap 50th Anniversary and the past president of the Global Community College Leadership Network.

"The Board of Trustees is grateful for Chancellor King's 13 years of skilled service" said Los Rios Board of Trustees President Kelly Wilkerson. "Chancellor King has shepherded our district through tumultuous times, always keeping students at the forefront of his decision-making. His leadership and deep commitment to creating opportunity throughout the Sacramento region has left a lasting mark on Los Rios and the students we serve."

The Los Rios Board of Trustees expects to immediately begin the process of selecting a search firm to coordinate the recruitment and hiring of King's replacement. The search process will begin this spring and continue into the 2025-26 academic year with significant engagement from faculty, staff, students and the community.

"Though I'm announcing a timeline for my retirement today, this is far from goodbye," King said. "Fifteen months is a long time and we've got a lot of work to do to expand access to our colleges and help students, especially first- generation students and students of color, realize the promise of a college degree for their family and community."

The Los Rios Community College District is the second-largest community college district in California, according to the college district, serving the greater Sacramento region. American River, Cosumnes River, Folsom Lake and Sacramento City colleges; six major education and outreach centers; and specialized workforce and economic development programs for regional businesses, governments and organizations are in the district.

For more information, go online to www.losrios.

SMF Invests \$2 Million in Public Art



Here is a rendering of "Riparian" by HUA Design Studios, one of the new permanent art installations planned at Sacramento International Airport. Photo courtesy of Sacramento International Airport

Sacramento International Airport News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento International Airport (SMF) continues its public art program with a \$2-million investment in three permanent art installations as part of its SMForward expansion.

The artwork will be featured in the new pedestrian walkway, offering travelers an immersive and inspiring experience that reflects the region's natural beauty, his-

tory and culture. "These installations are a reflection of Sacramento's vibrant history and commitment to public art, which has the power to transform spaces and create a sense of place," said Sacramento County First District Supervisor Phil Serna. "These installations will celebrate Sacramento's identity and enhance the journey for millions of travelers who pass through SMF each year."

The selected works explore themes of migration, movement and connection, featuring large-scale sculptures, intricate designs inspired by local landscapes and celestial-inspired imagery. One installation is

Pedestrian Walkway Hub.

"Preserved Flight Path" by David Brooks, showcasing avian flight paths in aluminum and endangered local bird sculptures in the

The second installation is "Riparian" by HUA Design Studios (Huameng Yu & Louis Chinn), evoking the Natomas Basin's habitat with thousands of suspended glass rondelles forming a murmuration, geographic brass inlays and native plant motifs.

The third installation is "Blue Moon (Theia)" by John Roloff, transforming the walkway into a cosmic-inspired space with translucent lunar imagery and meteorite-inspired flooring.

"Our goal in this art program is to cultivate an unforgettable experience for every traveler," said Sacramento County Director of Airports Cindy Nichol. "The artists will create a welcoming, inspiring environment for travelers while celebrating our region's culture, ecology, and spirit of innovation.'

The new selections join iconic sculptures such as "Leap," the red rabbit in Terminal B and the giant whimsical luggage carts, "Samson," in Terminal A.

The public art program is a key component of SMForward, the airport's \$1.4-billion expansion plan, which includes new parking, a pedestrian walkway and terminal improvements. The installations are expected to be completed alongside the new facilities, further establishing Sacramento International Airport as a gateway to Northern California's creativity and diversity.

New Home Sales Rebounded in February

North State Building Industry Association News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION (MPG) -Sacramento - area new home sales

slowed during the first three weeks of February before coming back strong during the last week of the month, according to the North State Building Industry Association on March 11.

Tim Murphy, the Building Industry Association's president and CEO, attributed the late-month surge in part to mortgage interest rate trends.

"As markets adjusted to the presidential transition, interest rates ticked upwards to a little over 7% in mid-January and then gradually eased downward," Murphy said. "That decline accelerated in the latter part of February, which likely accounted for higher sales

at the end of the month." Building Industry Association member builders sold 521 new homes in the

seven-county region in February, which

was above the average for the month (505 sales) but below February sales totals reported in recent years.

Sales were down 32% from February 2024 (partly because that year was a five-week month) and down 21% from January (again, partly because that, too, was a five-week month).

As mentioned, however, sales rebounded from 114 in the third week of February to 148 in the last week of the month, which was the best weekly sales total since the end of last August.

New home communities in Sacramento County reported the highest number of sales in February with 269, due largely to the fact that there are far more open communities there than in other parts of the region. Placer County finished in second-place with 154, followed by Yuba County with 49. Including adjacent Sutter County, the region reported 57 sales in all.

As is often the case, Roseville reported the most sales of any submarket

with 80, followed by Rancho Cordova and Elk Grove, tied with 56 each. Sacramento was fourth with 33 and Plumas Lake fifth with 27. Rocklin came in sixth with 21, followed by Folsom with 20, Natomas with 17, and Lincoln and Antelope, which each saw 14 sales.

Building Industry Association statistics include sales by members in Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties.

Representing more than 500 members who provide 55,000 industry jobs, the North State Building Industry Association is committed to preserving and furthering the economic interests of its members, while working to enhance the industry's standing as a significant contributor to the regional economy. The association, founded in 1944, is comprised of builders, developers, subcontractors, suppliers and related professionals.

For more information, visit online www.northstatebia.org.

Cosumnes Community Services District Seeks to Fill Board Vacancy

Cosumnes Community Services District News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors has announced that it is inviting community members to fill a vacant seat representing Division 3. The Board vacancy results from Director Jim Luttrell announcing his resignation

Luttrell has served Division 3 since December 2016 and has been a dedicated advocate for the communities of Elk Grove and Galt.

During his eight-year tenure, Luttrell played a key role in major initiatives, including providing COVID-19 vaccines to first responders and the community, building and opening Cosumnes Fire

Station 77, and building the CORE Recreation Center. He served as board president in 2021 and 2024.

"Director Luttrell has been a steady and thoughtful leader on the Board, always advocating for the best interests of our community. His dedication and service have made a lasting impact and we sincerely thank him for his service. We wish him all the best in his next chapter," said President Angela Spease.

Cosumnes CSD is a Special District that provides fire protection and emergency medical services in southern Sacramento County, as well as parks and recreation programs in Elk Grove. The Board of Directors guides these essential services, ensuring safe communities, quality recreational opportunities,

and a high standard of living for residents.

Cosumnes CSD Board of Directors Application Process: On March 17, the Board of Directors held a special meeting and voted to fill the Division 3 vacancy by appointment. Cosumnes CSD invites eligible community members to apply for the vacant Board seat. Applicants must be registered voters who reside in Division 3.

To be considered, interested individuals must submit a letter of interest to the District Office at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd. by Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 5 p.m. The Board intends to appoint a new member at its regular meeting on April 16.

The individual appointed will serve until the next regularly scheduled election, which will take place on Nov. 3, 2026.

ABOUT TOWN

Library Events Listed

Marian O. Lawrence Library, located at 1000 Caroline Ave. has the following events this week:

Friday, March 21: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4

Wednesday, March 26: English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, March 28: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4

Call 916-264-2920 for more information on any of these events.

Saturday, March 22 5th Annual Police

Chief's Gala – 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.: This will be a Casino Night themed black-tie event. In addition to casino games, attendees can look forward to live and silent auction items, dance, and a delectable dinner. Tickets can be purchased at zeffy.com/ en-US/ticketing/2025-lodi-police-gala. Lodi Grape Festival Grounds, 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

All Things Women noon to 4 p.m.: Join us to celebrate all things women. We will be hosting 20+ women-owned businesses, women-owned food trucks, all-woman band and guest speakers like Mrs. California 2024. For information, call 916-883-2555. Valensin Vineyard & Winery, 10675 Valensin

Saturday, March 29 13th Annual "Miniatures in the Wine Country" Miniature Show -9 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Over 80 tables of miniatures plus dollhouses and room boxes galore. \$7 entry fee and kids under 10 are free with paying adult. For more information. see miniaturesinthewinecountry.com. Lodi Grape Festival Grounds, 413 E.

Thursday, April 3

Lockeford St., Lodi.

Easter/Pascha Class at Cheese Central - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.: It's a rare and special occurrence – this year, Easter and Eastern Orthodox Easter fall on the same day, Sunday April 20. Celebrate this unique convergence with a culinary journey that blends both traditions. You'll learn how to put a delicious twist on classic Easter dishes while discovering new favorites from Eastern traditions - both savory and sweet. Registration is \$85 per person and closes on March

26th. For more information, call 209-368-3033. 11 N. School St., Lodi.

Saturday, April 5 Touch-a-Truck & Safety Expo at the Saturday Market - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Do you have a cool vehicle to showcase? Galt is on the lookout for trucks, emergency vehicles, heavy machinery, and more! This is a great opportunity to share your ride with the community and inspire kids and adults of all ages. For more information, call 209-366-7115. 4th Street Promenade.

Lodi Arbor Day at Lodi Lake Park – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Join this funfilled, family-friendly celebration. Perfect for all ages, local environmental organizations and city representatives will share expert insights on sustainability, conservation, and the vital role trees play in our daily lives. Be sure to bring your shovel, gloves, water and closed-toe shoes. For more information, contact sdutra1967@gmail. com. 1101 W. Turner Road, Lodi

Wilton Bingo – 5 p.m.: Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale, and bingo starts at 6 p.m. in the Wilton Community Center All proceeds go to two non-profits: the local Park Council and the Wilton History Group. Colony Road, at Dillard Road.

Monday, April 7 **Elk Grove Community** Band Concert - 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.: The band includes professional, semi-professionals, community members, and students. Concerts are in the multipurpose room at Joseph Kerr Middle School. Concerts are free and donations are accepted. 8865 Elk Grove Blvd.

Saturday, April 12 Shred Event - 7:30 **a.m. to 11:30 a.m.:** Protect your personal information - don't toss it, shred it! Join us for the Annual Shred event and safely dispose of your confidential documents. Bring up to three standard storage boxes or one garbage bag full of documents to shred. Must be a resident within Galt city limits, please bring proof of residency or a utility statement. For more information, contact the City Clerk's office: clerk@cityofgalt.org or call 209-366-7130. Galt Market Grounds, 610 Chabolla Ave.

Oil Filter Exchange **Event – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.:** The City of Galt will host a used oil filter exchange. For every oil filter recycled, you can receive a new one for free (limit 2). Not for use by commercial automotive or repair facilities. For more information, call 209-745-7094. Auto Zone, 1018 C St.

Lodi Art Hop - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Discover the vibrant heart of Lodi's art scene. This free, family-friendly event brings together artists, art lovers, and the community to celebrate creativity and local talent. The Art Hop transforms the town into an open gallery where visitors can explore a variety of art displays, meet artists, and immerse themselves in the local art scene. For more information and updates, visit lodiarts.com. Veterans Park, 305 W. Pine St., Lodi.

Ongoing Meetings American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233: General meetings fourth Thursday at 7 p.m., Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Dinner at 6 p.m.

Elk Grove American **Legion Post 233** Family Breakfast, first Saturday each month at Mimi's Cafe in Elk Grove. For information, call Henry at 916-205-9296 or Sue at

916-683-6128.

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

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

Cosumnes DAR Seeks Members

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

Members are all lineal descendants of those who supported the cause of independence in the Revolutionary War.

For more, contact Registrar Paula Schroeder at egdarregistrar@gmail.

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During the time period of March 11 to March 17, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 10 arrests.

March 11

11:11 p.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, A Street/Fourth Street.

March 12

8:27 a.m., Narcotics violation/adult arrest, Beaver Park Way/Elk Hills Drive.

March 13

8:48 p.m., Vehicle Accident/Injury, West Stockton Boulevard/Twin Cities Road.

10:08 p.m., Theft, Walmart on Twin Cities Road: Purse was stolen from cart while reporting party was loading groceries into her car.

March 14

4:45 a.m., Burglary-Auto, Comfort Inn & Suites on Twin Cities Road: Vehicle broken into.

10:35 a.m., Shoplifting/ adult arrest, 1000 C St.

3:12 p.m., Vehicle Accident-Injury, Carillion Boulevard/Elk Hills Drive: Single-vehicle accident.

4:44 p.m., Fraud, Janine Court: Ex-wife forging signature on his checks.

8:20 p.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, C Street/Boessow Road.

11:35 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Building Material Distributors, Inc. on West Elm Avenue.

March 15

6:42 a.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, East Stockton Boulevard/Walnut Avenue.

10:15 a.m., Vandalism, Well Care Homes III on Simmerhorn Road: Unknown subject put 1/2 gallon of water in reporting party's gas tank.

1:52 p.m., Narcotics Violation/adult arrest, Twin Cities Road/Casity Lane.

7:13 p.m., Domestic Violence/adult arrest, Dover Drive.

10:21 p.m., Burglary, Dover Drive: Residence door broken and unknown items taken.

10:40 p.m., Extortion, Trailridge Apartments on North Lincoln Way: Reporting party sent private pictures to female subject; female subject now threatening to make photos public unless money is sent.

March 16

5:17 p.m., Domestic Violence/Adult Arrest. Crow Creek Drive.

March 17

11:43 a.m., Fraud, Danny Drive: Money taken from checking account.

12:59 p.m., Fraud, Elk Hills Drive: Money taken from bank account.

5:27 p.m., Hit and Run/ Non-Injury, Savemart Supermarkets on C Street.

Woods Premieres Choral Work at Carnegie Hall

Linfield University News Release

MCMINNVILLE, OR - Liberty Ranch Graduate Madison Woods and the Linfield University Concert Choir performed on the famed Carnegie Hall stage on March 13.

Woods is a junior from Galt majoring in anthropology at Linfield University.

"It was such a surreal experience, and I am happy I was able to attend and perform in such a historical place," Woods said in an email to the Herald. "The music has become so important to me throughout

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practicing and I'm proud that I was part of the world premiere."

Together with choirs from Baylor University and Bridgewater State University, the nearly 200voice National Masterwork Chorus performed the world premiere of Andrea Ramsey's groundbreaking composition, "The Wilderness of You."

Ramsey is an award-winning composer with over 150 works to date. A native of Arkansas, Ramsey has experienced in her own life the power of music to provide a sense of community, better understanding of our humanity and rich opportunities for self-discovery.

In "The Wilderness of You," Ramsey adapted the naturalist and perspective-shifting poetry of Jarod K. Anderson in an approximately twenty-five-minute work. The piece pulls listeners toward those things people most have in common: the inner workings and wonder of human bodies.

For Woods and the other Linfield students, performing at the iconic Carnegie Hall was a momentous occasion. Many members were overwhelmed by the experience, with some unable to hold back tears of joy as they stepped off the stage. One choir member described the moment as "a surreal experience," reflecting the deep emotional and artistic impact of performing in such a legendary setting.

The Linfield Concert Choir returned to McMinnville to perform the Oregon premiere of "The Wilderness of You" on Thursday, March 20, in the university's Richard and Lucille Ice Auditorium inside Melrose Hall.

Linfield University is an independent, nonprofit university with campuses in



Madison Woods, a Liberty Ranch High School graduate, performed at Carnegie Hall on March 13 with the Linfield University Concert Choir. Photo courtesy of Linfield University

McMinnville and Portland, Oregon, as well an eCampus for online learning. Since 1858, Linfield has connected a traditional liberal arts experience with practical education through 54 majors, including wine studies, sport management and nursing.

City Editor Sean P. Thomas contributed to this

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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Harness Lane, Galt, CA 95632. The Fictitious **Business** Statement Name was filed on 5/19/2021 in the County of Sacramento. of

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CHANGE OF NAME #25CV004582 Abdullah Nizar Ziadeh has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Abdullah Nizar Ziadeh to Zade

Sacramento County: 2/14/2025.

ORDER TO SHOW FOR

CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF

CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Publish: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 15, 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: February 25, 2025 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025 ZIADEH 4-11-25 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO

ADMINISTER ESTATE OF TAD MARCUS STRIBLING CASE NO. 25PR000072

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate. or both, of Tad Marcus Stribling. A Petition for Probate has been

filed by Thomas Stribling, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Thomas Stribling 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 April 3, 2025, 9:30 a.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 obections 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 Codé, 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: Eurik O'Bryant, Kroloff, Belcher, Smart, Perry & Christopherson, 7540 Shoreline Drive, Stockton, CA 95219; 209-478-2000

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DEBRA DOAN CASE NO. 25PR000253

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 Doan aka Debra Manhart Doan aka Debra Doan Chapman aka Debbie Doan.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Natalie Doan, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Natalie Doan be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the dece-

dent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the

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 wil 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 April 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept Probate. Room 214; 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 grant-

ing of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state vour 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, vou must file vour 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 Petitioner is: Natalie Doan, 9797 Harvey Road, Galt, CA 95632; 530-301-9102 Publish: March 21, 28, April 4, 2025

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TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No.: 200-019840 Title Order No. 91232869 APN: 148-0590-043-0000 Property Address: 770 MORGAN'S RANCH CIRCLE GALT, CA 95632 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/10/2023. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale of the Trustor's interest will be made to the highest bidder for lawful money of the United

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drawn on a state or national bank. cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union. or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: A&J PACIFIC BLUE LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Duly Appointed Trustee: PLM LOAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES. INC. Recorded 10/12/2023, as Instrument No. 202310120759, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale: 4/1/2025 at 1:30 PM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and charges: \$75,247,97 (estimated as of the first publication date) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 770 MORGAN'S RANCH CIRCLE GALT, CA 95632 A.P.N.: 148-0590-043-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. The folstatements; NOTICE POTENTIAL BIDDERS lowing POTENTIAL TO and NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER are statutory notices for all one to four single family residences and a courtesy notice for all other types of properties. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there

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Is Common Courtesy Fading Away?

The empty coffee pot in the break room; the cardboard tube dangling from the toilet paper holder, left untended and unchanged by the one who made it bare. An empty milk carton placed back in the fridge, or one with just the tiniest trickle of milk left in the bottom. How about those people who look at a pregnant woman getting on a bus with no seats available and refuse to share that seat with

According to daysoftheyear.com, Common Courtesy Day is your chance to refocus on your own common courtesy, as well as encouraging them in others.

Let's face it, common courtesy has never been as "common" as some people would have us believe. However, with every passing generation the previous is certain that common courtesy is just fading from the world altogether. Truly the aged look back upon the past with rosetinted glasses, and their vision is perhaps imperfect as a result. However, there is only one thing that can truly bring about the golden age of courtesy we all claim existed "when I was your age." And that



is raising awareness of common courtesy as a thing necessary to the world.

Such is the reason the National Common Courtesv Day came to be, so that we can all spread the gospel of courtesy that we feel the world should contain. At the end of the day, that's what it's all about, isn't it?

The day that we finally see common courtesy becoming truly common is the day that we exhibit it ourselves and thus pass it on as a concept to others. Though make no mistake, common courtesy is sometimes not common as a result of the details of what constitutes "common courtesy" changing from region to region, and country to country. Perhaps the truth of the matter is that common courtesy isn't common simply because

there is no universal baseline. However, some common courtesies are still considered to be universal. These include saying "please" and "thank you" when asking for a favor, maintaining hygiene standards, not making rude or obscene gestures, and respecting elders.

To celebrate National Common Courtesy Day, do whatever your concept of common courtesy is, and use today to embody it. Take extra pains to be aware of how you treat those around you. And even those who may come long after you've departed. After all, it's likely that the person who's running a little late may not have time to brew a new pot of coffee in the breakroom. And that little bit of comfort may be the thing that makes a bad day a good one.

National Common Courtesy Day is your opportunity to start being the change in the world you wish to see. Today is a reminder that our treatment of others speaks volumes about our character and our moral fiber.

For those who have read my articles

and have followed my personal notes about my family (for almost 10 years) and have asked to hear more, here you go:

As you know, March is one of my family's major birthday months. March 1 was our patriarch, Papa Bud's, birthday. He would have been 99 years old. And he loved to read the personal notes in this newspaper. I know he is smiling down on us from above. Happy Belated Birthday to my son-in-law whose special day was March 10. Hope you had a great day. And today is a BIG birthday for my son Matt. Hope you have a wonderful day, make lots of memories; it is what YOU make it. You are a blessing. Love you more.

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LOCAL SPORTS COVERAGE PRESENTED BY THE GALT HERALD

Liberty Ranch Baseball Soars over Diamondbacks



By Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - In a commanding performance, the Liberty Ranch Hawks baseball team traveled up the hill to Union Mine and returned home with a decisive 5-1 victory, solidifying their position at the top of the league standings.

The evening belonged to pitcher Vance Moe, who delivered an outstanding performance on the mound. Moe was in full control throughout the game, pitching a complete game and only allowing one run

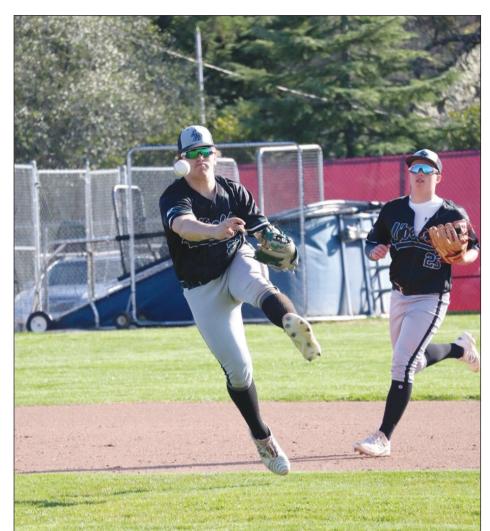


Vance Moe pitches against Union Mine.

on five hits. His performance was punctuated by an impressive 11 strikeouts, demonstrating both skill and composure under pressure.

His ability to keep Union Mine's batters off balance played a crucial role in the Hawks securing the win.

Offensively, the Hawks displayed their depth with contributions from multiple players. Kade Lecompte had a notable impact on the scoreline, scoring one run and driving in two RBIs. Moe, who was not only dominant as a pitcher but also as a hitter, contributed significantly to the



Nolan House throws to first on the run against Union Mine. Courtesy photos by Xavier Davis

offensive effort with three hits and two runs scored.

Freshman Max Tapia showcased his talent as well, recording two hits and driving in three RBIs, highlighting the promising future and strength of the Hawks' roster.

Also contributing to the offensive tally were Cole Erias and Mario Rubalcava, who each crossed home plate, bringing the total runs for the Hawks to five. The team's cohesive effort and balanced attack proved too much for Union Mine, helping them maintain their winning streak.

With this victory, the Hawks improve

their league record to an impressive 2-0, firmly placing them in first place. Their strong start to the season builds momentum and confidence as they look forward to future matchups.

Head Coach Jason Adversalo praised his team's effort, highlighting the importance of both pitching and timely hitting in their success.

"Vance's performance on the mound was exceptional, and our hitters did a great job capitalizing on opportunities," he noted. "We need to continue this momentum as we move through the season."

Galt Warriors Shine at Lauren DK Pettis Invitational



Daniel Crownover crosses the finish line for the Warriors.



The Galt High School track team celebrates with their spirit trophy award. Courtesy photos



Emily Razo heads around for another lap.

By Paige Lampson

Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - On a sunny Saturday in March, the Galt Warriors Track and Field team took to the field at Stagg High School for the third annual Lauren DK Pettis Invitational, and they did not disappoint. The energy was palpable as a spirited crowd of parents and family members came out in droves to support the athletes, resulting in an atmosphere brimming with enthusiasm and pride.

Under the guidance of head coach Bruce Peterson, the Warriors showcased their talent on the track and in the field, achieving significant milestones. The team celebrated an impressive haul of medals, with 18 athletes achieving personal records, a testament to their hard work and determination.

The varsity girls, varsity boys, and junior varsity girls teams all finished strong in fourth place, while the junior varsity boys team captured a well-deserved second place, highlighting the team's breadth and depth across all age groups.

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The day was particularly highlighted by five remarkable first-place finishes. Sophomore Morgan Jones dazzled in the high jump, soaring to victory, while senior Kitto Gonzalez excelled in both the

1600m and 3200m races.

Sophomore Dominic Gonzalez impressed in the 800m, and the varsity boys sprint medley relay 800m team showcased their speed and synergy to clinch a top spot.

In addition to their top finishes, the Warriors achieved a staggering 23 Top 10 finishes, marking a strong presence across various events. Noteworthy performances

Freshman MC Azubuike: 5th in JV 100m (12.69 PR), 7th in JV 200m (26.80). Freshman Amilio Gomez: 8th in JV

100m (27.26 PR). Freshman Mark Grammer: 3rd in JV Long Jump (15' 1 PR).

Junior Caleb McEwen: 57.81 seconds in varsity 400m (PR).

Sophomore Dominic Gonzalez: 1st in JV 800m (2:20.04 PR), 3rd in JV 400m (1:02.17 PR).
Senior Kitto Gonzalez: 1st in varsity

(10:07.79). Senior Logan Rose: 4th in varsity 1600m (4:42.67 PR), 3rd in varsity 3200m

1600m (4:34.80 PR), 1st in varsity 3200m

(10:21.75 PR).

The competition also witnessed some impressive performances in middle-distance and distance events. Notable results in these categories included:

Sophomore Emily Razo: 4th in varsity 1600m (6:03.61 PR), 3rd in 3200m (13:49.88 PR).

Freshman Danielle Aragon: 3rd in JV 1600m (15:13.94 PR), also taking 2nd in JV 3200m.

The efforts extended beyond racing, with Morgan Jones also taking home first place in varsity discus (4'8") and finishing second in varsity long jump (14'4").

second in varsity long jump (14'4").

"It was a good showing for our team in the first meet of the season," Coach

Peterson remarked. "We had some



Runners get set for the women's 16-meter race.

outstanding performances, especially from our 16 new athletes who participated in their first races and performed admirably. Winning the spirit award was really awesome to see. There's still a lot of work ahead, but I'm looking forward to how the rest of the season unfolds."

Next up for the Warriors is the Sierra Valley Conference Meet, taking place on Wednesday, March 26 at Galt High School.

With the momentum from this meet, the Warriors are set to build on their success as they continue their track and field journey this season.



David Jones Espinoza Terrones finishes the 1600-meter race.

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LOCAL SPORTS COVERAGE PRESENTED BY THE GALT HERALD

Galt High School Welcomes New Stunt Coach: Emmary Buys

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - With the bustling energy of the upcoming stunt season in the air, Galt High School is excited to announce the hiring of Emmary Buys as its new stunt coach. Buys comes to Galt with a wealth of experience and a deep-seated passion for the sport that has shaped her life.

A graduate of Liberty Ranch High School, Buys cheered and participated in stunt during her final two years, laying the foundation for what would become a distinguished career. She was a part of the inaugural stunt team at Jessup University, where she not only made her mark but also helped to build the reputation of the program during its critical first four years.

"I was a backspot," Buys shared, reflecting on her role in the sport that blends athleticism and timing. Her commitment paid off as she earned three national championship rings in college and one during her high school career.

Choosing to coach at Galt High is a significant step for Buys.

"Stunt is a passion of mine," she explained. "When I joined the team in high school, I wasn't the best student. However, being part of a program helped me become more responsible, and it changed my life."

Her personal journey fuels her desire to inspire the next generation of stunt performers. This season, she will lead a robust team of 21 young women, eager to learn and enhance their skills.

Buys emphasizes motivation as one of her key strategies for success.

"A significant part of their motivation comes from my assistant coach,

Andelyn Buys, and myself being athletes from Liberty Ranch," she noted. "We understand the challenges they face and know how to provide the tips they need to push themselves.'

This connection allows her to cultivate an environment of trust and encouragement, which is crucial in an intense sport like stunt.

Her coaching philosophy centers on development. Buys firmly believes that there is always room for improvement, no matter a performer's skill level.

"I've experienced firsthand how learning new techniques and honing existing skills can lead to success," she stated. "Some of the fundamentals I learned later in college were pivotal in helping my team win those national titles."

As she builds the Galt High stunt program, Buys is focusing on the basics.

"We're working on developing their skill levels and mindsets coming into games and tournaments," she explained. Notably, the team has made strides in being open-minded and receptive to corrections, which is essential for their growth.

When asked about the team's goals for the season, Buys is clear: "Our aim is to improve our mindset and skill level every day to prepare for competitions."

Looking beyond the current season, she has set her sights even higher.

"We want to perfect the levels we have, even if we don't have all of them yet," she added, demonstrating her commitment to longterm excellence.

With Emmary Buys at the helm, the future looks promising for the Galt High School stunt team. Her combination of experience, passion and a holistic approach to coaching will undoubtedly inspire the young athletes to excel



Emmary Buys coaches stunt in the Galt High School gym.



Emmary Buys-Galt High Stunt coach.

both on the mat and in their personal lives.

As the season progresses, the Galt High community eagerly anticipates the success that is sure to follow under her guidance.



Emmary Buys, on right, works with a stunt group.

Liberty Ranch Track and Field Shines at Eddie Hart Invitational

By Paige Lampson

Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawks descended on Pittsburg on March 15 to compete in the highly anticipated 12th Annual Eddie Hart Invitational, facing fierce competition from 56 other high schools across the Bay Area and beyond.

Despite a challenging season that saw many practices washed out due to rain, new head coach MarQuan De Bise expressed his delight with the team's performances.

"It's exciting to see so many athletes stepping up, especially our freshmen and sophomores who are showing tremendous promise by competing at varsity speeds," remarked Coach De Bise, who is optimistic about the personal records expected to unfold throughout the season.

The Hawks boasted



several notable finishes across both the men's and women's events, highlighting their competitiveness and depth. Among the outstanding individual performances, Jose Lara secured second place in the JV 400m with a personal record of 54.51 seconds. Kyle Oltmanns also shone, finishing second in the varsity 1600m with an impressive time of 4:31.17, showcasing his talent as one of the team's standout

distance runners. Relay and hurdle events proved to be a strong point

Brown earning a commendable third place in the 300m hurdles (40.88 PR) and Larry Lucas following closely in 5th (42.33 SR). Lucas also competed vigorously in the 110m hurdles, finishing 6th in the varsity category with a time of 16.28 seconds. On the women's side,

Kimberly Rodriguez left her mark by placing second in the frosh/soph 400m with an excellent time of 1:03.77, in addition to securing the top spot in

the 800m frosh/soph with

ish fifth, while Daimien Lee achieved a personal record in the triple jump with a distance of 36'4".

Lamson registered a strong

performance in the varsity

In the sprinting events, several Hawks put forth impressive times. Wyatt Corriea, competing in the frosh/soph 100m, clocked a personal best of 12.50 seconds, while Michael

400m with a finish of 56.83

The women's sprinting team also demonstrated its strength, with Ellie Rausser finishing the varsity 200m

the varsity 300m hurdles with a personal record of 57.43 seconds.

In field events, Kylin

Keeler made significant contributions in shot put and discus, with a personal record of 75'7.5" in discus.

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jump and triple jump

events, completing the lat-

ter with a jump of 31'2"

tion from this invitational,

they eagerly prepare for

the Dublin Distance Fiesta,

set for March 21-22, before

launching into their first

Sierra Valley race at Galt

As the Hawks transi-



in 30.54 seconds. Gwen Lindberg finished

High School on March 26. With the promise of personal records and competitive spirit on display, the Liberty Ranch Track and Field team is poised

Kaeli Vang showcased her prowess in both long ahead.