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Mayor Explores New Ground with Vodcast



Shawn Farmer, right, and co-host Dan Denier, left, host the Great American Little Town vodcast, which is streamed twice a month on YouTube. The vodcast covers a range of topics of importance to Galt, including community updates and events. The vodcast most recently featured Youth Planning Commissioner Alexis Ortega.

**Story and photos
by Sean P. Thomas
City Editor**

GALT, CA (MPG) - Galt Mayor Shawn Farmer has reached the digital airwaves.

Farmer launched a vodcast titled "Great American Little Town" five months ago, marking a new initiative to provide a platform for local voices and community updates.

The decision to launch the vodcast, which airs about twice a month on Wednesday on YouTube,

was driven by a desire to help bridge the gap in local media coverage in Galt, a town of 24,000 people where traditional news outlets are limited and residents often gravitate toward informal networks and social media, outside of the traditional newspaper.

Vodcasts run by civic leaders have become more popular in recent years; however, most have some level of connection or sponsorship with city government.

Farmer emphasized that while the vodcast is not centered on his role as a city council member, he does believe his position adds an element of authority to the discussions. Farmer was elected to the Galt City Council in 2018.

"My idea was to do one when I got out of office," Farmer said. "It just felt like it was weird because of a conflict of interest, but I am so active on Facebook now and people are always tagging me in things, so people are looking to me

for information and to find out what is the skinny on things going on. So, I thought, 'You know what? Maybe it is a good time now to use that fact that people do know me and know who I am to channel the podcast.'"

The vodcast is recorded at Farmer's own coffee shop, the Coffee Shop Bakery, and is co-hosted by Planning Commissioner Dan Denier. To date, 10 episodes have been released, with most

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Return to Office

Newsom Orders State Workers Back Four Days a Week

**By Alexei Koseff
CalMatters.org**

Gov. Gavin Newsom on March 3 signed an executive order mandating that all state agencies and departments that continue to offer remote work require a minimum of four in-person days per work week starting on July 1. Exceptions may be offered on a case-by-case basis.

"In-person work makes us all stronger — period," he said in a statement. "When we work together, collaboration improves, innovation thrives, and accountability increases. That means better service, better solutions, and better results for Californians, while still allowing flexibility."

The order is likely to inflame tensions between the governor and labor unions representing public employees, which have fought back against previous efforts to limit telework for the state workforce. About 95,000 employees continue to work remotely or in a hybrid capacity, according to the governor's office.

Newsom already called workers back to the office at least two days per week last April, citing enhanced efficiency, mentorship and supervision from in-person work.

His new order argues that those benefits have been undermined by employees' schedules not being aligned and also notes that "several leading private sector employers have recently increased in-person work requirements." But the governor's office refused to answer a question about why Newsom was moving now to bring state workers back to the office most days.

Legal challenges to return-to-office orders are ongoing and almost certainly will not end with Newsom's latest mandate. An arbitration decision last year involving CASE, the union representing state attorneys, bolstered California's authority to compel employees back to work in person, but the union appealed and other cases continue.

Timothy O'Connor, the president of CASE, said Newsom was overlooking the effectiveness of remote work, which proponents believe boosts employees' productivity and well-being while saving money for the state.

"We think this is just sudden, comes out of

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City Council to Discuss Driveway Ordinance



Following an outcry from local residents, the Galt City Council next month plans to discuss an ordinance that bars residents from parking large vehicles, including boats, RVs and trailers, in their driveways. Photo by Michael Vi

**By Sean P. Thomas
City Editor**

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt City Council and the local community will have the opportunity to discuss an ordinance that bars residents from parking large vehicles, including RVs, boats and trailers, in their driveways.

City Manager Chris Erias in an email to the Herald said residents and the City Council will have the opportunity to discuss and comment on the matter after the body receives a presentation on the ordinance at an

upcoming April meeting. The agenda date had not been set as of press time.

The ordinance became a point of frustration in mid-February after dozens of Galt residents received notices from the city's Code Enforcement department detailing a potential \$100 fine if the vehicles were not removed from their driveways in 30 days. The fines could increase up to \$500, or \$100 a day, according to city code.

The ordinance has been in the city code for nearly 30 years.

Since the dustup, two change.org petitions have been launched, one hoping to repeal the ordinance,

the other to keep the original ordinance in place. The repeal petition, launched on Feb. 15, has gained nearly 500 signatures as of press time. The organizers also created a Facebook group to continue to discuss the matter online.

A commenter going by Marla called the potential fines "government overreach."

"Homeowners should be able to park their own recreational vehicles on their own property that they paid for," Marla wrote. "Most of the owners that have RVs bought their homes

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Capital Stage Apprentice Applications Accepted



Capital Stage Apprentice Company participants will experience everything from casting, rehearsals and directing to technical production, design and marketing. Photo courtesy of Capital Stage

Capital Stage News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Capital Stage, Sacramento's innovative and professional non-profit theatre company, is accepting applications for its 2025/26 Apprentice Company. This program offers aspiring theatre artists a valuable opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the professional theatre world while learning from industry experts.

The Apprentice Program at Capital Stage is designed to bridge the gap between academic theatre and the professional world, offering practical training and exposure to all aspects of theatre production and administration.

Apprentices will be fully immersed in the production process, taking part in everything from casting,

rehearsals and directing to technical production, design and marketing. Opportunities also include assisting with dramaturgy, stage management, props and costume building, public relations, and more. Apprentices will also participate in the production of the annual Apprentice Showcase, a public presentation that highlights the skills and creativity developed throughout the program.

The program runs for a minimum of six months, with a 12-month commitment preferred. Apprentices will receive a weekly stipend of \$250 to \$350, although housing is not provided. The schedule is flexible, accommodating apprentices' availability, and will include a mix of daytimes, nights and weekends. While Capital Stage cannot guarantee a

job offer after the apprenticeship completion, this experience provides a strong foundation for those pursuing a career in theatre.

Capital Stage is seeking passionate, self-motivated candidates who are eager to learn and contribute to the company's diverse productions. Ideal applicants should be dedicated, able to work in a fast-paced environment and have the ability to collaborate with a wide range of personalities.

The deadline to apply is May 31.

Interested candidates should submit their application materials to Logan Germano Heller, education manager, at lheller@capstage.org. Interviews will be scheduled for select applicants. For more information, visit capstage.org or email Logan Germano Heller. ★

Estrellita High Named Model Continuation School by State Superintendent

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - Estrellita High School is among 74 statewide schools to be named a 2025 California Model Continuation High School by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond.

Estrellita High School, located at 12935 Marengo Road in Galt, serves about 65 students; Joe Schallberger is the sites principal. To earn the award, the school had to participate in a competitive application process, which included an assessment, data analysis and an onsite evaluation conducted by a peer-reviewed panel.

"Congratulations to Principal Schallberger, the Estrellita staff, students



and families for their hard work and dedication," Superintendent Anna Trunnell wrote in an announcement. "We are so proud of you."

Currently, there are 429 continuation high schools in the state, serving close to 49,000 students.

Continuation schools, sometimes called alternative schools, provide students who often face barriers to traditional education a pathway to a high school diploma and higher

education.

"The priority of our Model Continuation High Schools is to give students more than a diploma," Thurmond said in a news release. "The teachers and administrators aim to provide students with a student-centered approach that meets their diverse academic, social, and emotional needs and opportunities to explore options beyond high school, preparing students for the future whether they choose to pursue further education or join the workforce."

Estrellita was one of two schools in Sacramento County to receive the award, the other being Elk Grove Unified School District's Calvine High School. ★

Return to Office

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nowhere, and it's a misguided mandate that really ignores the benefits of telework," O'Connor said in an interview. "This is a very harsh order."

But the governor has cast it as an issue of fairness for the entire state

workforce of more than 224,000 people. More than half continued to report to work in person every day throughout the pandemic and more have since returned to the office, according to his order, including law enforcement officers, health care

providers, highway maintenance workers and janitorial staff.

Amid mass firings in the federal government, Newsom's order also includes a provision to streamline hiring of former federal employees in key roles such as firefighting, weather forecasting, forest management, mental health and the sciences. ★



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Matsui and McClellan Urge Trump Administration to Resume Afghan Ally Resettlement Program

Office of Rep. Doris Matsui
News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On March 6, Congresswomen Doris Matsui (CA-07) and Jennifer L. McClellan (VA-04) led 42 lawmakers in a letter to President Trump, expressing serious concern over the significant and harmful impact of recent executive orders to halt refugee processing and admissions and up-end the Special Immigrant Visa program for our Afghan allies.

Prior to the suspension of resettlement efforts, over 1,600 Afghan allies were cleared and booked on flights for travel to the United States. Approximately 10,000 more Afghan allies were approved for entry, with another 40,000 allies navigating the approval process.

"These individuals and their families sacrificed a great deal to support the American government in Afghanistan and to fight for the dream of a free and

democratic Afghan Republic," wrote the lawmakers. "To turn our backs on these allies in their time of need after they so bravely supported us betrays American values, violates our promise to protect those who assisted the U.S. mission and belittles our reputation on the international stage."

Following the fall of the Afghan government to the Taliban in 2021, Afghan partners who worked with the United States and their families found themselves exposed and vulnerable to violent retaliation. In response, the U.S. government undertook the largest non-combatant evacuation operation in American history and supported their resettlement and integration into the U.S.

Since 2011, Sacramento has welcomed over 12,000 Afghan refugees, including 1,700 of those evacuated in 2021. Many of these individuals still have family in Afghanistan, who are now forced to live under Taliban oppression

as a direct consequence of the Trump Administration's executive orders.

"Failing to uphold our promises to allies who are at risk overseas due to their support for the U.S. mission is no way to conduct foreign policy," the lawmakers continued. "Nor is stranding tens of thousands of refugees who have completed lengthy security screenings and have communities, families and sponsors waiting for them in the U.S. The sudden suspension threatens global security and countless lives."

The letter highlights stories of Afghan allies, detailing the precarious position they've faced since the fall of Kabul and the cruelty of these executive orders.

Rep. Doris Matsui represents California's Seventh Congressional District, which includes the communities of Elk Grove, Galt, West Sacramento, Wilton, Rancho Murietta, Vineyard, Isleton, Walnut Grove, Herald, Clay and the California Delta.



Rep. Doris Matsui represents California's 7th District. Photo courtesy of Doris Matsui.

Mayor Explores New Ground with Vodcast

Continued from page 1 featuring interviews with local community members and leaders peppered with discussions that address issues impacting the town's residents.

The setup is minimalist, and like his coffee shop is run with the help of his family. Farmer's daughter Kalyn Farmer monitors the audio levels and the live board to ensure the vodcast does not run into any technical issues.

A typical episode runs for about an hour but can reach upwards of an hour and a half. Recent guests have included Sacramento Sheriff's Sgt. Derrick Wells, Economic Development Director Amie Mendes and Galt Joint Union Elementary School District President Katherine Harper.

Topics have ranged from the construction of the C Street improvement project and the success of the Liberty Ranch Basketball team to ongoing economic development and business growth in Galt.

Farmer, however, does his best to steer clear of offering any opinion on items that might pop up on a city council agenda. Before every episode, Farmer reads a disclaimer that emphasizes that the vodcast is not affiliated with city government and does not reflect the views of the council.

"There might be some things that I cannot discuss openly because of my position," Farmer said. "So, I knew I would have to navigate some topics, but the concept was to have a

podcast to talk about things that are about Galt or affect Galt or somehow tie into Galt in some respect."

He added he's not interested in touching on any topic that might be politically polarizing, including topics of national importance.

"I didn't want to alienate a certain viewership and get into something that makes people think this is a conservative-minded podcast or this is a liberal podcast; the show didn't want to be about that, the show was going to be about Galt," Farmer added.

Denier said he sees his role on the vodcast as almost a color commentator, helping to bring a level of humor to the discussion while ensuring that a variety of topics are covered in a balanced manner and to help steer the ship when conversations get off course.

"Shawn and I are 100% honest with each other and that's what kind of makes it work," Denier said. "If there's something that I don't think we should touch on, I'll let him know and vice versa."

Denier, who served as the vodcast's first guest before being tapped as the co-host, said he had no intentions of being a regular feature on the show. Farmer asked Denier to become co-host after noting the chemistry between the two following that first episode.

"It's one of those things where you get out of your comfort zone; you get out of your box," Denier said. "Then you find out that



Shawn Farmer said co-host Dan Denier, left, brings an additional perspective, interjecting his historical knowledge of Galt with the vodcast discussions.



Kalyn Farmer, foreground, handles the technical aspects of the "Great American Little Town" podcast, recorded at the Coffee Shop Bakery in Galt.

you actually enjoy doing something."

Farmer said his co-host brings an additional perspective, interjecting his historical knowledge of Galt with the vodcast discussions.

As "Great American Little Town" continues to develop, Farmer and his co-host are focused on expanding its reach.

He said some community businesses have offered to sponsor the

vodcast, but he admitted that sponsorships create another set of concerns that he would have to explore before going down that path.

He hopes one day to increase the number of

episodes he does each week.

"I definitely want to see it grow," Farmer said.

Episodes can be found at [youtube.com/@GreatAmericanLittleTown](https://youtube.com/GreatAmericanLittleTown).

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Decorate Your Way to a Festive St. Patrick's Day

Family Features

Pairing Shepherd's pie and potato soup with green pints and Irish delights are surefire signs of St. Patrick's Day celebrations. Food and drink may be the stars of the show, but a little festive ambiance can transport guests from your dining room table to the streets of Dublin.

A few seasonal touches are all it takes to complement a menu of corned beef and cabbage. Consider these DIY decorations for this year's St. Patrick's Day party.

Set a St. Paddy's Mood – Show off your holiday spirit for all to see with a homemade wreath that gives your front door a perfect welcoming touch. Cut shamrock shapes out of green construction paper then glue together, edge to edge, to your desired size.

Punch a hole in the top shamrock and run string or ribbon through to hold up your work of art.

The Gift of Green – Lend a helping hand to guests who forget their green with shamrock-shaped pins they can attach to shirts or hats. Wooden shamrocks tend to work best with small pins glued to the back. Arrange these easy party favors near the door so your friends and neighbors can grab one as they enter.

A Homemade Pot o' Gold – Send guests chasing the rainbow and reward their adventures with canning jars filled with candies wrapped in gold.

Simply spray paint jars green, fill with gold-wrapped candies and place in various gathering areas for easy-to-reach treats.

Custom Cups – Upgrade boring drinkware with a leprechaun look. Find green cups (plastic or paper) and wrap with black ribbon using hot glue to secure. For a final touch, add a gold sticker as the belt buckle.

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A little festive ambiance can transport guests from your dining room table to the streets of Dublin. Photo courtesy of Unsplash

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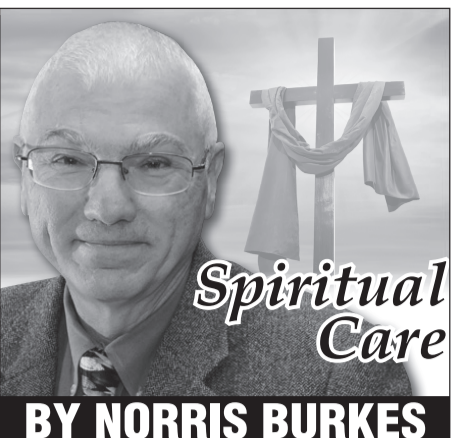
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Chaplain Predicts Fire and Brimstone



BY NORRIS BURKES

Sodomite lives were cut short by fire and brimstone, not so much because of their debauchery, but because they lived selfish, lazy and gluttonous lives without ever extending their hands to help the poor and the hungry.

This past month, the US withdrew their hand of charity from hungry people when this Administration shut down the U.S. Agency for International Development, (USAID).

The first casualty of selfishness is always the hungry people of the world.

Consider the story of Plumpy'Nut. Goofy name, but a grand product to feed the world's hungry.

Plumpy'Nut is the brand name for a ready-to-use therapeutic food produced by Edesia, a Rhode Island based company, with USAID funding. It's life-saving paste containing peanuts, milk powder, sugar, vegetable oil, and vitamins and minerals.

Typically administered by charities like Doctors Without Borders, a severely malnourished child will consume packets every day for eight weeks to help them regain health.

Each box opened is stamped with "From the American people." But now the US is withdrawing that helpful hand and shipments of this crucial product are being turned off and on -- and back off again -- like a spurt-ing hose.

William Lambers, author of "Ending World Hunger" voiced his concern last week in a Newsweek editorial.

"If USAID closes and funding decreases, they cannot continue to send this paste to the war-afflicted Congo and other countries. We should be increasing our shipments of Plumpy'Nut and other foods to war and famine zones. It makes no sense to shut down USAID especially during a time of massive humanitarian need."

Lambers' words resonate with the sermon Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde recently delivered before our 47th president at the National Cathedral. "Our God teaches us that we are to be merciful to the stranger, for we were all once strangers in this land."

This brave pastor said it much better than I, so I'll just channel the hellfire Ezekial and say, "The closure of USAID is a national sin. And that sin has every possibility of bringing a significant weather change."

Do you feel a hot rain coming?

Sign up to receive this weekly column in your email box at <https://thechaplain.net/newsletter/> or send me your email address to comment@thechaplain.net. ★

Today's column comes straight out of ancient times. This is wrath-of-God stuff. We are talking "Fire and brimstone, baby, right out of the Old

Testament cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Nah, you know I'm messing with you. You don't read this column to get the hellish diatribe made famous by the televangelists.

These preachers often compare the "homosexual debaucheries" of Sodom and Gomorrah with what they see as the decline of America. They use it as a cautionary tale to ban books, define sexes, and shape elections.

It's funny how debauchery has often been a favorite of the judgmental crowd. But these preachers don't hold a candle to the combustible prophet Ezekiel.

You could even say, "This dude was totally lit."

However, he interpreted the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah far differently than our current politicians and preachers.

In Ezk. 16:49-50, Zeke handed down a detailed indictment as he channeled the voice of God.

"Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy. They were haughty and did detestable things before me. Therefore, I did away with them as you have seen."

"Did away" is a euphemism. God turned the residents into crispy critters.

Ezekiel saw this as a judgment day, not so much for sexual sins, but for very specific sins.

- Arrogance.
- Selfishness
- Uncharitable greediness
- Gluttony.
- Apathy.
- Seems to me that the crusty old prophet was clear.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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 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 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@cityofgalt.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. ★

MEETING MINDERS

Tuesday, March 18

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

Galt High Alumni Association (GHAA), 7 p.m., Three Palms Mobile Estates Clubhouse, 604 Pringle Ave., 916-835-8690.

Wednesday, March 19

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

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

Thursday, March 20

Galt Beautification Committee, 9 a.m., Community Development Dept., 495 Industrial Drive, 209-366-7130.

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

Galt Chamber Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., (at designated

locations), 209-745-2529.

Herald Fire Protection District, 6 p.m., Station 87, 12746 Ivie Road, 209-748-2322.

Friday, March 21

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

Monday, March 24

Arcohe School Board, 7 p.m., Media Center (East Campus), 11715 Ivie Road, Herald, 209-748-2313. ★



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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



There are tough losses and then there are tough losses.

The Sacramento Kings went into Inglewood Sunday night winners of four out of the last five games and came within a gnat's eyelash of supplanting the L.A. Clippers for the eighth spot in the western conference. Sadly, that did not happen, largely because future hall of famers Kawhi Leonard and James Harden exercised their collective will and made shots when it mattered most.

After the western conference player of the week Zach Lavine missed a tough game ending 17 ft. shot to end regulation, the Kings played the talent laden Clippers to a standstill and actually took a one-point lead with less than 22 seconds remaining in overtime.

Shaking off a poor shooting night in which Kawhi Leonard went 1-7 from 3-point land and was held to 17 points for his nights work, Leonard made his only shot attempt in overtime. King's fans watched in agony as with no time left on the clock, Kawhi's shot bounced twice before finally falling through the twine for a 1-point victory.

Cream rises to the top, and players with the talent of a Kawhi Leonard may miss shots all night but always seem to be there when it matters most.

So, Kings fans and players alike must defenestrate the Clippers loss, because in 24 hours the 40-win New York Knickerbockers will invade Golden One Arena, and the Kings need this game like few they've needed all season.

Much like the Clippers, the Knicks are laden with talent, and this contest will test the mettle of this newly assembled team.

The Kings have been shorthanded with both Domantas Sabonis and Malik Monk sidelined with injuries but tonight may see the return of Monk to the starting lineup. Sidelined for three games with a sprained toe, Malik would be a welcome sight against a formidable Knicks lineup.

Fans should be taking note that this new version of the Kings not only has taken care of business as it relates to sub 500 teams, but has given every opponent a tough out, night in and night out. This team plays tough, and every fan wants to see is a team

that brings their best effort every night.

Whether it's Keon Ellis, newcomer Jake LaRavia, or the reemergence of Keegan Murray, this version of the Kings is playing better defense than any team in recent memory. It takes great energy to hold teams to under 110 points per night, and the Kings are approaching those numbers.

Rising to 15th overall in defensive rating, the Kings are allowing opponents 113 points per game, but without question the newcomers have made a difference.

All their collective skills will be needed Monday night against a New York Knicks team that is averaging just a shade under 117 points per game, and I expect a play-off atmosphere at Golden One Arena on Monday night.

For those pundits and fans that have been critical of Keegan this year, I will say that this season has seen two versions of Keegan Murray. Early on Keegan's 3-point shooting was so bad I just wanted anyone else to shoot, and his percentage was in the low 20's. But, as Keegan's defense became a theme that seemed to inspire his game, his second half 3-point shooting has nearly doubled to over 40% in the second half.

Not to be overlooked was last Friday nights game against the San Antonio Spurs. Sacramento Kings fans welcomed back DeAaron Fox and family to Golden One Arena with a rousing win, besting the Spurs from start to finish and winning by a margin of 127-109.

King's fans were classy in their pregame ovation, and later when DeAaron handled the ball, boos could be heard as well.

What I say is, I'm glad this game is in our rear-view mirror. It had to happen and it's a game that can only occur once. DeAaron will undoubtedly play many more games at Golden One Arena, but none will come with the emotion that was present at the arena on Friday night.

It's time for Kings fans to come together, realize that this new version of the Kings is making a legitimate run for the playoffs, and enjoy the process!

Stay tuned Kings fans, this is going to be fun!

All the best!

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



Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

Optimism vs. Pessimism



"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty. For myself I am an optimist - it does not seem to be much use being anything else."

- Sir Winston Churchill

Optimists see the glass half-full while pessimists see the glass half-empty. This is the classic illustration of the difference between optimists and pessimists. Although the statement captures one element of optimism, there is much more.

Optimism is deeper than how one views a particular situation. Optimism is a core belief system that influences attitude, action, and outlook. Optimism drives accomplishment whereas pessimism inhibits progress. Optimists never give up. Their drive is endless. Regardless of the challenges encountered, they keep going until the desired goal is reached.

There has never been a pessimist responsible for any innovation, discovery, or invention. Pessimists are prone to mental stress and physical ailments. Pessimists give up in the face of adversity. Pessimists experience much less happiness than their optimistic counterparts.

Pessimists justify their outlook as being realistic. They deny being pessimistic and label optimists as unrealistic dreamers. Pessimists claim they don't want to be disappointed. Pessimists don't expect things to work out. When their self-fulfilling prophecy comes true, their outlook is reinforced.

Since there aren't any advantages to being a pessimist, you may as well be an optimist. As an optimist, your life will be more enjoyable. You will find solutions for problems, overcome obstacles, and achieve your goals.

Pessimistic tendencies are common. Even optimists can have pessimistic thoughts. What distinguishes optimists from pessimists is their fundamental attitude. An optimist will not be deterred by a negative thought. They understand that a single thought is not nearly as significant as one's overall outlook.

It's great if you are an optimist. You understand first hand all of the benefits. Although you may be criticized by pessimists, your perspective holds fast. You can't understand why anyone would maintain a negative view of life.

But what if you are a pessimist. Is it possible to become an optimist? Yes, if you want to. A good place to start is by monitoring what you say to yourself and others. You want to purge the following negatives: I can't, it won't work, I don't know how, there is no chance, I'll probably fail, or I don't have what it takes. Instead, use this positive language: I can, I'll find a way to make it work, I'll learn how, there is a chance, I won't stop until I succeed, and I have what it takes.

At first you will catch yourself with mostly, if not entirely, negative self-talk. Each time, replace the negatives with positives. It will take time and practice to change your language. Don't get discouraged.

As you change your internal concepts you must apply them. When faced with any obstacle or adversity, believe in yourself and your ability to find solutions. Answers always exist. It's the optimists that discover them.

Don't allow others to dampen your spirit. Ignore any assertions that you are dreaming or being unrealistic. Dreaming is a source of inspiration. "Unrealistic" thinking enables you to evaluate any and all possible paths for your journey.

Your transformation to optimism will be eminently worthwhile. From my own experience, along with studying the lives of many others, being an optimist will empower you to accomplish much more than you ever thought possible. At times, it may seem difficult to remain optimistic. But look for, and you will find, the spark which will keep you going.

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California Uses Gimmicks Instead of Addressing the Heart of Its Budget Problem



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

One of the many gimmicks that California's governors and legislators employ to paper over budget deficits, thus avoiding real spending cuts or increasing taxes, is to assume some level of savings from making state agencies and programs more efficient.

They will plug arbitrary numbers into the budget from such supposed efficiencies, then, along with other gimmicks, declare that the budget gap has been closed and pat themselves on the back for the feat.

The 2024-25 budget is a prime example of such political expedience. As enacted last June it totaled \$297.9 billion, of which \$211.5 billion was general fund spending. But the budget assumed that the state would receive \$207.2 billion in general fund revenues, so it had a gap to bridge.

Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislators turned to a series of gimmicks and indirect loans to close the gap, including \$2.9 billion from assumed efficiency savings in state agencies and state universities.

However, when Newsom unveiled a 2025-26 budget proposal in January, the plan acknowledged that while the universities met their relatively tiny savings goal of \$200 million, other agencies would reduce spending

by just \$800 million, or less than a third of their \$2.7 billion goal.

The new budget also revealed that 2024-25 general fund spending had ballooned to an estimated \$232 billion — \$21 billion more than the final version had assumed — and while projected revenues had also increased to \$217 billion, the 2024-25 deficit would widen to \$15 billion.

Last month, the Legislature's budget analyst, Gabe Petek, reported that his staff was having difficulty getting accurate information from the administration about the underachieving efficiency decree.

"We have tried to get information from some of the larger departments to better understand what types of operational changes are being implemented to achieve the identified savings," Petek wrote. "As we discuss in greater detail later, we have received limited information thus far."

This venture into the weeds of state budgeting generates two observations: One, that gimmickry is an integral part of the current process, and second, that the state faces chronic gaps between income and outgo, a condition dubbed a "structural deficit."

It is an ongoing mismatch between what the state's tax system can produce in revenues and what current law says must be spent. The problem dates back to 2022 when Newsom declared that the state had a \$97.5 billion surplus, based on surging revenues.

He and legislators raised spending sharply on that assumption, but it proved to be an illusion, resulting in the income and outgo gap that will continue at least for the

remainder of Newsom's governorship — unless he and legislators make real spending cuts or increase taxes.

Moreover, the destructive and deadly wildfires that swept through Los Angeles will impact both the revenue and spending sides of the state's ledger, more than likely increasing the structural deficit.

Newsom and legislators have already approved a \$2.5 billion appropriation for fire-related costs, which would increase the deficit even more unless he can persuade President Donald Trump to send federal aid. Even with a federal bailout, however, Newsom is likely to leave his successor, whomever that might be, with a fiscal headache.

Newsom surely hopes to skate through without either deep spending cuts or increasing taxes, while continuing to cover the chronic gaps with gimmicks such as arbitrary efficiency savings, direct and indirect loans and creative bookkeeping.

He has even increased spending in some categories despite the sluggish revenues, most spectacularly — and most irresponsibly — jacking up state subsidies for the Southern California film and video industry.

Sending more money to Hollywood while telling state universities to tighten their belts, potentially impacting enrollment, would seem to be the height of misplaced priorities.

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

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Lockeford Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Dinner March 15

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The cost is \$25, \$10 for children 6 to 12, 5 and under free.

The event will include a no-host bar at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. at St Joachim's Parish Hall, 13392 Lockeford Ranch Drive, Lockeford.

Tables of eight may be reserved or tickets purchased by calling Dave at 209-304-6109.

Wilton Bingo Games Monthly

The next bingo will be on Saturday, April 5. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale and bingo starts at 6 p.m. in the Wilton Community Center (9717 Colony Road, at Dillard Road).

All proceeds go to two non-profits: the local Park Council and the Wilton

History Group. Questions, call Lorraine Robinson at 916-212-8896.

Elk Grove Community Band Concert April 7

The Elk Grove Community Band Concert, free for the community, is at 7 p.m. Monday, April 7 at Joseph Kerr Middle School, 8865 Elk Grove Blvd.

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

The band's concert season concludes May 19. Learn more at elkgrove-communityband.org.

American Legion Post 233

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

Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 Family Breakfast meets the first

Saturday each month 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 meets the first Monday each month at 5:45 p.m. at the Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove.

Other Veterans Meetings Listed

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

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

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

Cosumnes DAR Accepting New Members

The Daughters of the

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

The non-profit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service

organization is dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education for children.

Members are all lineage descendants of those who supported the cause

of independence in the Revolutionary War.

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

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of March 5 to March 10, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 10 arrests.

March 5

4:27 p.m., Narcotics violation/adult arrest, Banner Bank on C Street.

9:52 p.m., Narcotics violation/adult arrest, Quik Stop on Fourth Street.

March 6

12:22 a.m., Theft reported, Wildflower Drive: Garbage can taken.

8:26 a.m., Child neglect/abuse/adult arrest, Vintage Oak Avenue.

11:35 p.m., DUI/adult arrest, Lake Park Avenue.

March 7

7 a.m., Suspicious circumstances, Galt Mobile Estates on North Lincoln Way: Male and female subjects stole mail from the community mailbox.

10:24 p.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, Galt Plaza, C Street.

March 8

1:42 a.m., Traffic stop/adult arrest, Caroline Avenue/South Lincoln Way.

12:17 p.m., DUI/adult arrest, Dry Creek Ranch Golf Course, Crystal Way.

5:50 p.m., Fraud, Liberty Ranch High School on Marengo Road.

8:14 p.m., Disturbance-verbal argument/adult arrest, Kentucky Fried Chicken & Long John Silver on Twin Cities Road.

9:19 p.m., Domestic violence/adult arrest, Ripken Avenue.

March 10

10:24 a.m., Identity theft, Lyonina Circle: Credit report showing fraudulent loans.

5:58 p.m., Theft reported, Roundstone Park on Roundstone Drive: White male adult with short hair and mustache, wearing white shirt and black pants, took jacket and backpack from bike rack area. ★

Council to Discuss Driveway Ordinance

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with this in mind. RV parking is often listed as an added bonus feature when buying a home. “

A commentor named Jacob called the ordinance “illogical.”

“It's unacceptable and you're telling people that they now have to afford another bill,” Jacob wrote.

City Code Enforcement Supervisor TJ Guidotti has said that the intention is not to fine residents, and that the department will

work with homeowners on a case-by-case basis.

Not everyone was in favor of repealing the ordinance. The petition against repealing the ordinance has 76 signatures and was created 11 days after the first petition.

A commentor going by Mary said that “RV's don't belong parked in driveways.”

“I don't want my neighborhood looking like an RV park,” Mary wrote. “Plan financially before

you buy an RV – rent a space to park the RV or purchase a property in Galt that offers RV garages.”

Another commentor, Julie, was concerned that RV's parked in a driveway could block oncoming traffic and pedestrians who might be crossing the driveway.

“It is a safety issue for the neighborhood when RV's and large boats are preventing full visibility of the sidewalks and roads the public uses,” Julie wrote.

Erias said staff preference would be to keep the code as is.

“The current code is very black and white,” Erias wrote in an email. “The trailer/RV/boat is either parked incorrectly, or its not.”

He added that finding a middle ground provides for a more “subjective approach.”

“Since the council meeting and the news reports on the item, we have received many citizen comments

supporting the current code,” Erias wrote. “In my 15 years of working with code enforcement in Galt, illegal trailer/RV/boat parking has been the number one code complaint.”

Vice Mayor Paul Sandhu commented on the repeal petition that he was open to considering the revised ordinance, but that there was a proper way of reviewing the ordinance.

“While I understand and am open to considering revising this ordinance, there is a proper protocol and process that must be undertaken,” Sandhu wrote. “This includes getting this issue included as

an agenda item on a future city council meeting and specific ordinance proposals for the council to weigh pros and cons.”

Mayor Shawn Farmer said based off the amount of public discussion surrounding the issue, it would be prudent for the council to do a review of the ordinance and to gather input from the community.

“Now under that conversation, if we look at something in there and think maybe we should do some type of tweaking on this, that or the other thing, then that would be the time to do it,” Farmer said. ★

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Equal hours of darkness and light, give or take an hour or two depending on where you live. And then the days start getting lighter longer until the Summer Solstice on June 20. The longest-daylight day of the year.

Monday is St. Patrick's Day; it is not a federal or state holiday so yes, you still need to go to work. However, everyone

is Irish on St. Patrick's Day so be sure to wear green to fend off the pinching leprechauns and then have a little fun.

Eat green food, drink green liquids, talk with an Irish Brogue, and commiserate with friends and fellow workers about what you will do when you find the gold at the end of the rainbow.

Don't forget, the high schools will be closed March 20 and 21 for Quarter Break. It's a good time to hire a teenager for Spring cleaning the barns and garages, gardening, pulling weeds, fence building and mending ... and do you need some welding done? Both high schools have excellent welding programs. Maybe give some thought to hiring a student welder or gardener.

Or take your family on a four-day camping trip or explore California with day trips to different state parks, museums or historic towns; or go to the ocean and enjoy the waves. Adventure awaits.

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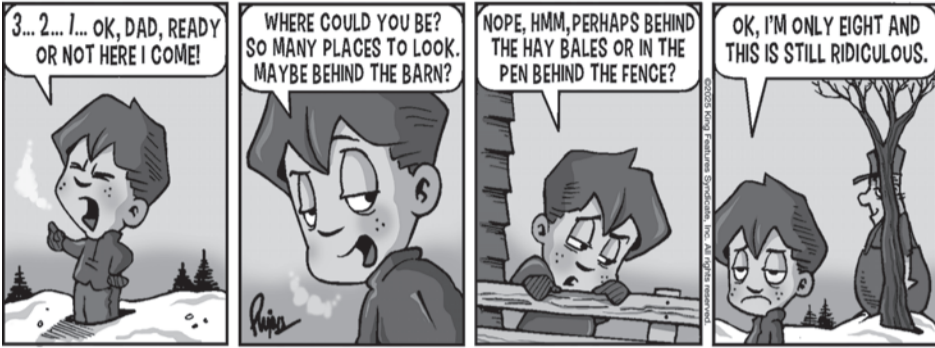
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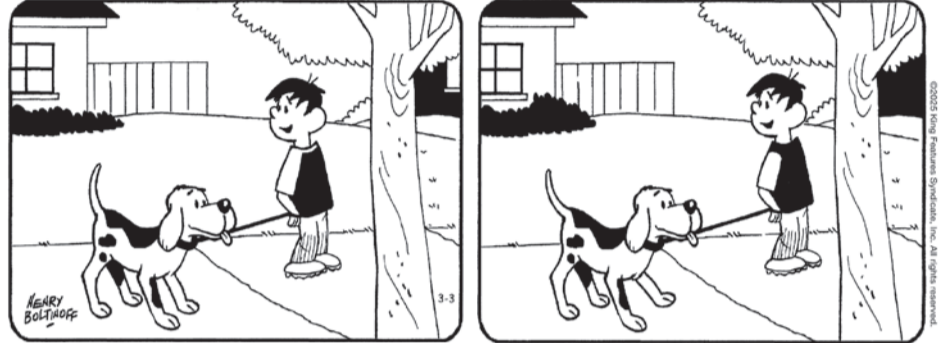


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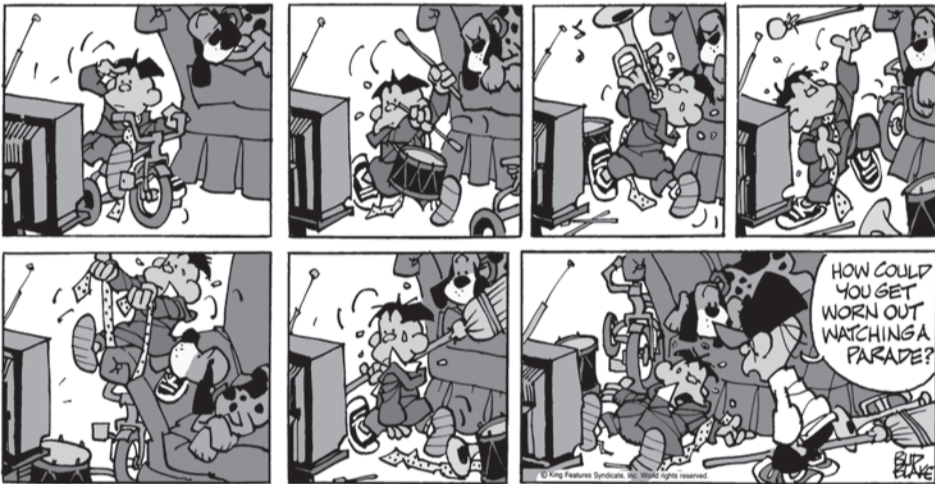


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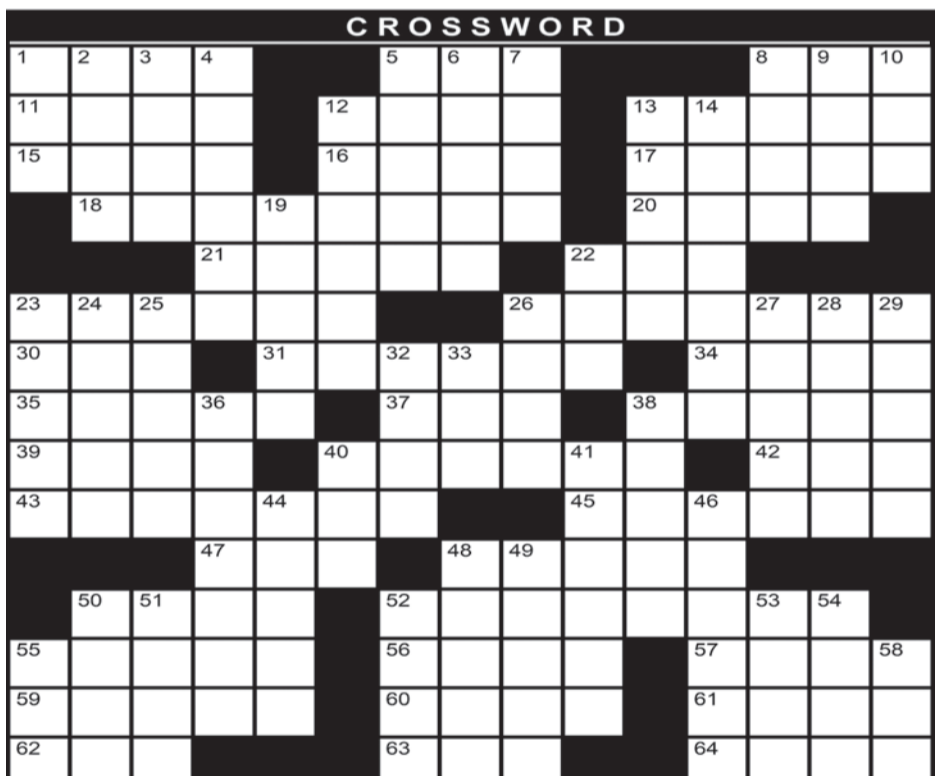
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Warrior Baseball Off to a Strong Start

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Warrior baseball team is swinging into action with a promising start to their season, evident in their impressive pre-season performance. After dominating Florin with back-to-back victories—26-3 and 11-1—the Warriors appeared primed for success.

However, they encountered some challenges against Bret Harte and Cordova, suffering losses of 10-7 and 11-1, respectively.

As league play commenced, the Warriors sought to establish their footing, and they did just that in their opener against Rosemont, securing a solid 6-2 victory.

Nick Reid took the mound, showcasing his talent with a standout performance. Pitching 5.1 innings, Reid struck out nine batters, walked four, and allowed only five hits while limiting the opposition to just two runs. Gianni Sterni came in for relief, adding another 1.2 innings of solid pitching, giving up only one hit and one walk, while fanning one Rosemont batter.

Reid not only dazzled on the mound but also contributed to the scoreboard, crossing home plate twice for two runs. He was supported by a balanced offensive effort, with Anthony Trejo, James Gilbert, Cash Myrick, and Tyler Braun each added a run apiece to secure the victory.

Despite the setback against Bret Harte, in which the Warriors mounted a late rally, there were bright spots to build on. Trejo led the team with



Galt High's James Gilbert catches a fly ball to center field.



Shortstop Anthony Garcia throws to first.

two runs scored, while Reid, Gilbert, Carlo Sterni, Gianni Sterni, and Braun each contributed to the team's total of seven runs.

The Warriors have shown resilience, bouncing back from tough losses and highlighting the depth of their lineup as they prepare to face off against Bradshaw the following week.

With their current momentum and solid performances, they are aiming to keep their winning streak alive and consolidate their standings in the league. ★



Nick Reid pitches for the Warriors.



Gianni Sterni snags a grounder and throws to first.



Jaylen Brooks picks up a hit to left field.

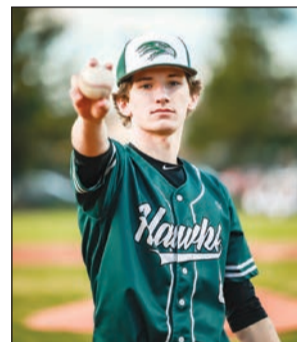


Anthony Trejo connects with the ball.

GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Nick Reid
Galt Baseball



Vance Moe
Liberty Ranch Baseball



Photos by Paige Lampson

Hawk Wrestling Season Wrap-up: A Standout Performance from Veronika Shayhen

By Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - As the 2024-25 wrestling season comes to a close, the Liberty Ranch Hawks reflect on an impressive year, particularly highlighted by the extraordinary achievements of one athlete: Veronika Shayhen.

This season, only Shayhen qualified for the prestigious California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) State Wrestling Tournament, demonstrating her exceptional talent and determination.

Competing fiercely at the CIF Masters tournament in Stockton, Shayhen battled her way to the semifinals, ultimately finishing in fourth place. Her tenacity and skill not only secured her ticket to the state tournament but also allowed her to compete on day two of the three-day championship event. The fact that she stood alongside some of California's best wrestlers is a testament to her hard work and dedication.

In the San Joaquin Section, each weight class is allotted five placers to qualify for the state championships. While Shayhen's journey was one for the books, other local athletes

made impressive strides as well.

Kaydince Silva, who wrestled at 110 lbs., narrowly missed out on a placing at the two-day divisional tournament. Meanwhile, competitors Amie Leah Muela and Anastasia Richardson earned their spots at Masters through strong performances in the Central Section Regional tournament, finishing in the top six.

The Liberty Ranch girls wrestling team celebrated a significant milestone, expanding its roster to 10 athletes this season out of 13 possible weight classes, successfully taking the league title. This notable increase is a clear reflection of the rapid growth of women's wrestling nationally. In years past, the Liberty Ranch program had typically seen only four girls regularly participating. With four girls now qualifying for the Masters, the momentum is undeniable.

On the boys' side, Wyatt Corriea confirmed his spot at the Masters tournament for the second consecutive year as a sophomore. He was accompanied by seniors Chalo Enriquez and sophomore Braden Salbeck, all of whom qualified after placing in the top six at the CIF Divisional



Hawk Veronika Shayhen starts to attack her opponent at the state wrestling championships.

tournament.

As the Hawk wrestling program continues to thrive, coaches acknowledge the challenges involved with making it to the state championships—an endeavor made even tougher due to the unique format of having a single state champion in each weight category. California, alongside Indiana, employs this system, making qualification an extraordinary achievement.

"This is the largest team we have ever had in our wrestling

room," said head coach Brian Robinson. "We are very proud of the dedication and efforts of our athletes this season, and we're excited for what's to come."

Looking ahead, Liberty Wrestling is offering a week-long wrestling camp on campus from June 23-27. This camp is an excellent opportunity for aspiring wrestlers to enhance their skills and learn from experienced coaches. All interested participants are encouraged to join. ★



Veronika Shayhen, on right, prepares to administer a hold. Courtesy Photos



The referee holds up Veronika Shayhen's hand after her win.

Huarte's 206 Wins an Unforgettable Legacy

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - In the world of high school sports, a coach's impact can extend far beyond the final whistle. For Rob Huarte, the head coach of the Liberty Ranch Girls' Soccer team, this sentiment rings true as he celebrates a monumental achievement—his record-breaking 206th career win this season.

Since starting his coaching career in 2000, Huarte has dedicated himself to nurturing young athletes, and his journey has become a remarkable story of passion and perseverance.

Huarte's foray into coaching began rather humbly when his oldest daughter took an interest in soccer. The previous coach lacked knowledge about the game, prompting Huarte to step in. "I didn't want her to give it up if she liked it so much," he explained. That desire grew into a commitment that has spanned more than two decades, with Huarte continuing to coach long after his daughters graduated.

His infectious love for soccer has not only helped shape talented athletes but also instilled invaluable life lessons. Huarte emphasizes the importance of building character alongside athletic skill. "It's a huge commitment," he notes, as conditioning sessions begin in late September and the season runs through February.

Over the years, Huarte has guided an impressive number of athletes, with approximately 30 of his former players moving on to compete at the collegiate level. His coaching journey has taken him from



Coach Rob Huarte-206 wins.



Coach Huarte in 2015 coaches the Hawks at Warrior Stadium.



After winning Sections, Huarte takes a minute to console the other team's player before celebrating with his team.

youth soccer (2000-2004) to competitive leagues (2004-2007) and eventually coaching at Galt High (2008-2009) before settling in at Liberty Ranch in 2009.

Among Huarte's fondest memories are the Fort Bragg Tournaments, the inaugural season at Liberty Ranch, and the three section titles his teams have clinched. "Most memorable has to be this season, 2024/25," he recalled, praising the incredible team dynamic and positivity that permeated the squad this year.

However, Huarte's time as a coach hasn't been without hardship. The community mourned the loss of two members—Taylor Steele and the Gregorios' mother, Shannon—on the same day, Aug. 8, 2011. Such moments have only galvanized the team's spirit and resilience.

When it comes to try-outs, Huarte looks for more than just raw talent. "A positive attitude, technical and tactical awareness, team-first mentality, speed, and aggressiveness," he lists

as key qualities in candidates. These principles align with his coaching philosophy, which centers on positional play, fluidity and movement, high work ethic, and intelligent decision-making.

By honing these attributes, Huarte aims to cultivate a soccer environment where players excel under pressure, make smart choices, and understand their roles both on the field and in life. His approach has been instrumental in establishing Liberty Ranch as a formidable force in high school soccer, with



Huarte celebrates his third section win.

three section titles to its name under his guidance: D5 Section Champions in 2012/13, D4 Section Champions in 2018/19, and D5 Section Champions in 2024/25.

The Liberty Ranch Girls' Soccer team has also claimed numerous league championships, showcasing their consistent dominance. Huarte's dedication to developing a technically refined, cohesive play style has set a high standard, inspiring successive generations of athletes to strive for excellence on and off the field.

Liberty Ranch Principal Joe Saramago knows what an asset Huarte is. "Coach Huarte has been the Head Women's Soccer

Coach since we opened in 2009," explains Saramago. "Passing the 200-win total is a testament to his hard work and commitment to excellence. As Principal, I am very fortunate to have such a dedicated professional leading our program."

As Huarte looks back at his storied career, it's clear his legacy is not just about wins, but the countless lives he has touched through his commitment to the sport and his student-athletes.

With a brilliant 206 wins and an unwavering passion for soccer, Huarte's journey is a testament to the profound impact a dedicated coach can have within a community. ★

Liberty Ranch's Philip Ricci Named Coach of the Year

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - In a remarkable debut season, Liberty Ranch High School's head boys' basketball coach, Philip Ricci, has been honored as Coach of the Year by his peers in the league.

Ricci, who joined Liberty Ranch this year, expressed his gratitude for the award and emphasized that this achievement is a reflection of teamwork.

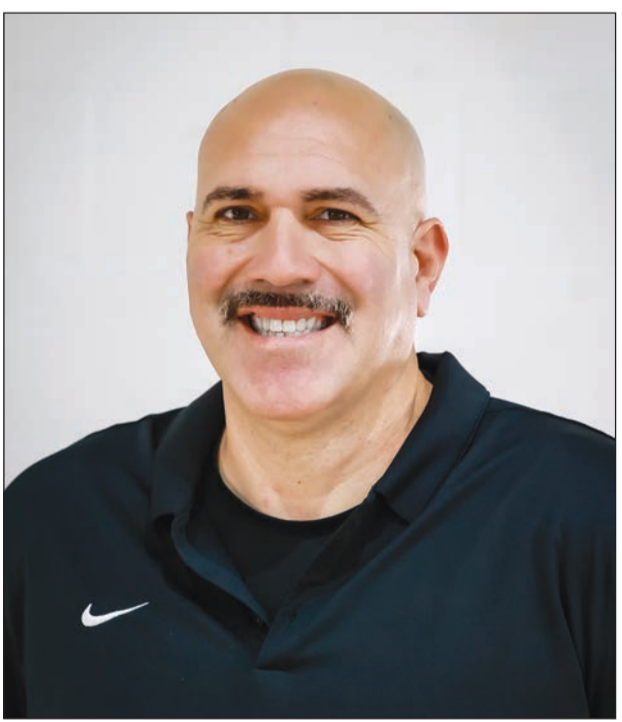
"It's a great honor," said Ricci. "I just have to give it up to my staff and the players because without them, there is no Coach of the Year."

Ricci's coaching philosophy centers around creating a supportive and family-like environment. He attributed much of the team's success to the dedication of his staff and the commitment of the players.

"I am grateful for all the support behind the scenes, from dinners on the road to the encouragement during practices. It truly feels like a family atmosphere here," he stated.

Looking ahead, Ricci remains focused on the development of his players and the continuation of their growth as a team.

"I am looking forward to continuing to develop the kids so we can have a competitive year like we did this year. Like I said in the beginning of the year, it's one day at a time—take it



Philip Ricci-Coach of the Year.



Elliot Hawker-All-League.



Wyatt Blevins-All-League.

day by day and get better. Our goal is to end up in the final game," he added.

Highlighting individual achievements, the season also saw two of Ricci's players, seniors Elliot Hawker and Wyatt Blevins, recognized as All-League players.

As the season wraps up, Coach Ricci's first year at Liberty Ranch has

laid a solid foundation for the basketball program's future.

With a commitment to excellence and a focus on player development, the Liberty Ranch boys' basketball team is poised for continued success in the seasons to come. Under Ricci's guidance, the Hawks are ready to soar even higher. ★

Liberty Ranch Girls Soccer Team Celebrates Championship Season at Awards Banquet

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Section Champion Liberty Ranch girls soccer team celebrated a successful season in style at their annual awards banquet this week. The event not only marked the culmination of their outstanding season but also honored the achievements of individual players who exemplified dedication, talent, and teamwork throughout the year.

The banquet celebrated both the JV and varsity teams. After JV received their recognition head varsity coach Rob Huarte praised the hard work and perseverance of the team, reflecting on their journey to capturing the championship title.

"This season has been one for the books," Huarte said. "Each player contributed in their own unique way, and it's a privilege to coach such a special team."

This year, the recognition of excellence extended beyond the team as four standout players were selected for the prestigious

CIF All-League team. Congratulations were extended to Libby Portillo, Hailey Katen, Yoselin Del Toro, and Bailey Alcoriza for their remarkable performances that distinguished them among their peers. Their selection reflects not only their skill but also



Libby Portillo-All-League.



Hailey Katen-All-League.



Bailey Alcoriza-All-League.



Yoselin Del Toro-All-League.

their commitment to the sport and their team.

During the banquet, several team awards were presented. Eliana Enriquez was awarded the title of Defensive Player of the Year, a testament to her exceptional skills and tireless efforts in protecting the team's goal. The award for Best Striker of the Year went to Serena Tarifa, whose offensive prowess kept opposing teams on their toes throughout the season.

Tarifa scored the one goal that locked up the Section Championship. Additionally, Julianna Romero received the Coaches Award, recognizing her strong leadership qualities and positive spirit

that uplifted the entire team.

As the evening progressed, the atmosphere was filled with laughter, camaraderie, and heartfelt speeches from teammates reflecting on their shared experiences.

"We faced challenges, but through it all, we united as a family," reflected team captain Portillo. "Winning the championship was a dream come true, and these memories will last a lifetime."

As the night concluded, family, friends and supporters celebrated not just a season of victories, but the bond and spirit that make Liberty Ranch girls soccer not simply a team, but a community. ★