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# Residents Debate Driveway Ordinance



Galt Code Compliance Supervisor TJ Guidotti explained the city's ordinance prohibiting the parking of large vehicles, including boats and RVs, on residential property during a presentation to the city council on Tuesday, April 1. Photo by Sean P. Thomas

By Sean P. Thomas City Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Should Galt residents be able to park large vehicles – boats, trailers and RVs – on their properties?

Galt residents debated that very question in Galt City Council chambers on Tuesday, April 1 following a presentation on a city ordinance that bars such actions.

The presentation was administered by city Code Compliance Supervisor TJ Guidotti and centered primarily around section K of section 8.20.110 of the Galt Municipal Code, which prohibits the parking or storage of any boat, trailer, camper, motor home, unregistered or non-operable vehicle or other mobile equipment on property zoned for residential use.

The ordinance specially mentions property located on any front lawn or driveway within the front yard setback measured from the property boundary line, and property on the side or rear yard that prevent a threefoot-wide fire access from the front of the property, among other specific guidelines.

Guidotti noted public safety concerns, property value concerns and blight as issues the ordinance tries to address.

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, but residents argue the code has rarely been

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

To discuss community concerns, the Council opted to place the item on the April 1 agenda for community

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# City Council **Postpones Discussion on Parade Routes**



By Sean P. Thomas City Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt City Council agreed to postpone a discussion on potentially changing city parade routes to give staff more time to come up with new alternative options.

Interim City Manager Chris Erias pulled the Tuesday, April 1 agenda item, which would have been presented by Parks and Recreation Director Armando Solis, to give the city more time to determine future options to be considered.

The City Council adopted a resolution in September 2016 approving parade routes for four different parades: Independence Day Celebration, Lighting of the Night, and the Galt High School and Liberty Ranch High School homecoming parades.

During the construction of C Street, however, the city created a temporary parade route for the 2024 Independence Day and Lighting of the Night. The route was west on Caroline Avenue; onto E Street; north on Fifth Street; west on B Street; south on Fourth Street; east on E Street; before continuing onto Carolina Avenue and south on Chabolla Avenue.

But according to city documents following the completion of the C Street Enhancement Project, city staff identified potential concerns with the currently approved Old Town parade route, most notably for larger floats attempting to make a left-hand turn onto C Street from Civic Drive due to the new median. New bike lanes and medians will also impact the line of sight for the parade from Civic Drive to Sixth Street. Overall, the width of the lane is narrower, causing potential issues. Vice-Mayor Paul

Sandhu, who was overseeing the meeting in the absence of Mayor Shawn Farmer, agreed and asked for a list of alternative routes for the council to consider. The Council is slated to discuss the item at its next meeting on April

In other business, the Council voted to amend an ordinance on the minimum insurance policy required by special event

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# City Council Picks District Map

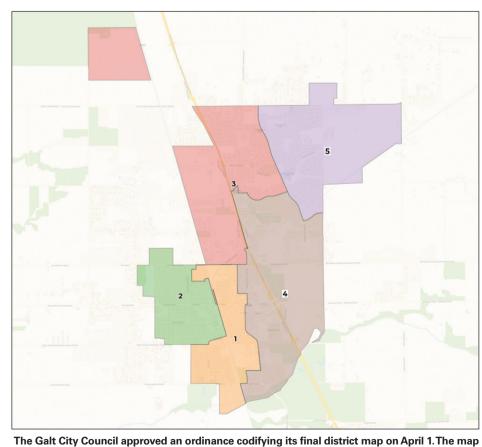


GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt City Council officially picked the map that voters will use when they go to the polls for their first by-district election in 2026, but it will not be the map that council members seemed to favor just a week prior.

The Council seemed primed to approve a variation of a map submitted by a member of the public referred to as "S.Speer," but moved away from the idea after determining the map did not tick every box needed to avoid a potential lawsuit.

The council voted in favor of "Map C" during a special meeting last week that was drawn by the Sacramento-based redistricting firm Redistricting Partners. The only difference is that the Council opted to switch District 4 and District 5 from the original map.

Council Member Bonnie Rodriguez said the map designed during a "live drawing" at a Council meeting on March 19



sets the stage for the city's first by-district elections in 2026. Image courtesy of city of Gald

was completed without the proper tools and data required to make a map that matched all the criteria under both the California Voting Rights Act and federal statutes.

"We did it popula-

tion-based, which was one

of the No. 1 goals we were meant to shoot for, and we were pretty spot on, so for that it was the best map," Rodriguez said. "The boundaries looked the best, but it didn't fit the federal standards." According to state law,

about 5,150 residents per district. The districts also had to

be contiguous, maintain Continued on Page 2

each district is required

to be within 10% devia-

tion in population from

one another; in Galt's case,

GaltHerald.com

# California Snowpack is Near-Average

By Alastair Bland CalMatters.org

This story was originally published by CalMatters.

Despite some heavy rainstorms and squalls of snow in recent months, the Sierra Nevada snowpack today stands at 90% of average, according to state officials

This year's measurements mark the first below-average snowpack since 2022, when it dropped to a dismal 38% of the historical average. Last year at this time, the statewide calculation reached 110% of the average, and in 2023, the snowpack was one of the largest ever, measuring more than twice the average.

More snow is on the way, however, which could make this year right around average. "This will be the third year in a row that the snowpack conditions at the start of April are near or above the average," which is "great news for the state," said Andy Reising, manager of the Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit

Snow levels in the Sierra Nevada at this time of year are considered especially important, since they help water managers determine how much water will be available through the dry season, which typically begins around May.

Sierra Nevada snowpack supplies about a third of the state's water on average.

As snow fell last week, a Department of Water Resources survey team measured several spots on the snowy meadow at Phillips Station, a few miles south of Lake Tahoe. The average snow depth was 39.5



survey of the season at Phillips Station. Photo by Ken James/California Department of Water Resources

inches, with a water content of 17 inches — numbers representing 70% of the April 1 average for that location.

"We hope to add a few more inches before the year is out," Reising said, noting that storms forecast to cross the Sierra next week could add more snow. Reising said the erratic winter weather

patterns of the past six months "are a good reminder that the next flood or drought could come at any time."

"We know future years won't all unfold

like this one has, and in addition we know

that floods and droughts can happen at any time," Reising said. "It is the California way of life to expect that."

Throughout the state's main mountain range, snowpack averaged from more than 250 sites ranged from above average to considerably below. In the northern Sierra

Nevada and southern Cascade peaks, it stands at 108% of the historical April 1 average, but in the central and southern Sierra, it's just 83% and 81%.

The data reflects a sharp regional discrepancy this winter, with wet conditions

prevailing in the northern half of the state

and drought across Southern California.

Reising noted that Southern California has experienced roughly 50% of its average annual rainfall.

Sierra Nevada snow provides cold runoff that feeds rivers and reservoirs and helps support fish habitat all summer.

"As we near the end of the wet season, our focus shifts to snowpack runoff and whether temperatures allow for a slow melt so we can capture as much of that runoff as possible," said Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth.

The north-to-south disparity in the state's precipitation this year "affects how much water the State Water Project will be able to deliver," she said.

"It's great news that our state's snowpack has recovered from several weeks of extremely dry conditions in the heart of our winter storm season," Nemeth said. "However, it's not a wet year across the entire Sierra Nevada."

State officials earlier this week announced that deliveries to water users would be increased this year from an earlier allocation. As of March 25, water users who depend on the State Water Project receive 40% of requested supplies.

A final allocation will be issued in May or June and could result in another increase, according to the department.

The State Water Contractors, which receives and distributes the water to farms and urban areas, mostly in Southern California, issued a statement on March 25 noting a "mismatch in hydrology and exports" from the Delta.

General Manager Jennifer Pierre urged state officials "to continue to pursue modernized infrastructure to further develop

scientific rationale to refine regulatory requirements and ramp up adaptive management."

Reservoir levels statewide are well above average. In Southern California, in spite of a relatively dry winter, most reservoirs are nearly full. In Northern California, Lake Shasta, the state's largest reservoir, is 111% of its average capacity for this date. Lake Oroville, the largest reservoir of the State Water Project, is at 120%

Together, these two reservoirs now contain about 7 million acre-feet of water. While that's almost enough water to supply all of the state's residents for about two years, most of it is diverted to farms.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which manages the Central Valley Project, has also announced an increase in the 2025 allocation of water supplies.

President Donald Trump repeatedly tried to blame water issues and the Los Angeles fires on the Newsom administration's management of Delta water supplies. Though corrected repeatedly by media and outspoken officials, he ordered the release of water from two federal reservoirs in late January. San Joaquin Valley farmers and others said the releases wasted water because they came at a time when their crops didn't need irrigation. That water also doesn't reach Los Angeles.

California's ski resorts report mixed results this year. Mammoth Mountain has reported 248 inches of snow this season, considerably less than the ample amounts that fell during the past two winters but more than the 168 inches in the drought-plagued winter of 2014-15. ★

# City Council Picks District Map

Continued from page 1 "communities of interest," be easily identifiable and understandable and keep district "compact."

Under federal law, the map must have at least one district that has a majority-minority population.

The map that was drawn on March 19 met the CVRA requirements but did not meet the majority-minority requirement under federal statutes.

Mayor Shawn Farmer said the Council opted to change to one of the original maps drawn by Redistricting Partners to not gamble with a potential lawsuit seeking to challenge the maps.

"By not going with one of the maps that had a stronger CVAP, which is the majority-minority number – that isn't something that was required under the CVRA by law – but it was pretty strong amongst the other criteria." Farmer said. "I think the concern is by not going with one of the maps that did meet all of those criteria we could be opening ourselves up to litigation."

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 violated 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 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.

tal bodies have tried, no agency has successfully defended itself against a similar lawsuit.

While some governmen-

Ones that have attempted to fight them have faced

millions in legal costs.

Since starting the pro-

cess, the city narrowed down 20 maps to the one approved by ordinance on Tuesday.

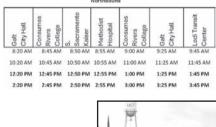
The ordinance also approved the district election sequencing. Districts 1, 3 and 5 are up for election in 2026, while 2 and 4 will follow suit in 2028.

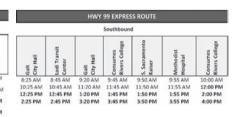
All council members will serve out their terms before district elections take place.

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# **Cosumnes Community Services District** Selects Ogden as New General Manager

Cosumnes Community Services District News Release

ELK GROVE, CA - After a thoughtful and rigorous nationwide search, Cosumnes Community Services District has selected Tim Ogden as its next general manager. The employment contract required approval from the board, which was scheduled for April 2, after press

If approved, Ogden will

join the district on April

As general manager, Ogden will oversee the special district's fire protection and emergency medical services in southern Sacramento County, as well as its parks and recreation programs in Elk

He will work closely with the board of directors to implement the district's strategic vision and ensure high-quality services for the community.

"We were looking for a dynamic and experienced leader who could guide Cosumnes CSD into the future while staying true to our mission," said Angela Spease, Cosumnes CSD Board president, "Tim brings the vision, expertise and collaborative spirit needed to lead our district forward, and we're excited to welcome him to the team."

Ogden is an experienced municipal leader with a strong track record in city management, economic development and community engagement. He has been the city manager in Brentwood since 2020 and previously served as city manager in Manteca and Waterford over the prior nine years.

Throughout his 23-year career, Ogden has led fire service expansions, major park projects and business growth initiatives, including several award-winning programs and projects. Committed to public engagement, he has launched leadership roundtables and citywide surveys and held public forums to strengthen community involvement.

"I couldn't be more excited to join the Cosumnes CSD and the community we serve, and I am honored to step into this role," said Ogden. "As the community continues to grow, the district has a unique opportunity to make a lasting impact. I look forward to working



Tim Ogden has been city manager in Brentwood since 2020. Photo courtesy of Cosumnes Community Services District

with the board, our dedicated staff and community partners to advance our mission, enhance services and ensure Cosumnes CSD remains a cornerstone of safety and quality recreation.'

# Residents Debate Driveway Ordinance

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members to provide their feedback.

Among Tuesday's speakers was Galt resident David Darchuck, who shared an image with the Council of a smaller utility trailer in his driveway that he was cited for before stating that he didn't buy into the idea that people in the community had an issue with similar items being parked in driveways or on the side of a home.

He said in his 36 years of living in Galt, the ordinance hadn't become an issue until recently, and he believes some changes to the ordinance should be considered.

"All of a sudden, boom," Darchuck said. "I didn't hear about it until the last few months."

Guidotti said the increase in enforcement is due to an increase in staff. He added the city's code enforcement division was not interested in generating

revenue, as some residents have suggested on social media, as opposed to finding pathways to compliance with the ordinance.

"When we go out to look at a location, our goal is to work with our residents to find a solution to make this work at this location," Guidotti said.

He said response to code violations is typically complaint-driven, and staff is not driving around the city looking for violations to cite. Still, he added when the city does cite one individual, it typically leads to that person noting someone else in the area that is also violating a code, leading to additional citations.

"One issue can possibly turn into multiple code violations," Guidotti said.

Cody Resident McMillan said he feels the ordinance should target people with dilapidated items on their property but is impacting residents who are taking care of the items they park on their

properties. He offered a solution that well-maintained property should be able to remain unabated.

"Let people keep their property on their property as long as the trailer is undilapidated, registered, operable without obstructing views and most importantly not blocking any fire personnel," McMillan said. "There is no reason to not revise this ordinance based on this."

Resident Efren Gonzalez said he was cited for having a work truck that exceeded the maximum weight limits: five tons. He said the truck was parked in an RV parking space on his property.

He added the city has worked with him to find a solution in the interim. but also that the ordinance should be revised to take into consideration individual circumstances.

"The work truck for me is my livelihood," Gonzalez said. "That is how we feed our families

and that was the job that offered me the most money so that I can give my family a better life. Without the truck, I might have to consider moving out of Galt somewhere that I can move the truck because that is the way I make my income."

While there was a significant amount of testimony for at least amending the ordinance, some spoke in favor of keeping the ordinance as it is.

Former Council member and current Cosumnes Community Services District Director Rich Lozano spoke in "unwavering" support of keeping the ordinance in place.

He said he was not in favor of government overreach but called the ordinance as it stands essential to the wellbeing of the residents of Galt. He said the appearance of such vehicles detracts from the "visual harmony of our neighborhoods."

"This ordinance is not merely a set of regulations," Lozano said. "It is a commitment to keeping

appeal and property values within our community."

a quality of life, aesthetic

Galt Planning Commissioner Keith Jones also spoke at the meeting in favor of keeping the ordinance in place. He said as a boat owner himself, there is a cost that comes with ownership.

"As an owner of a boat that is stored in other places other than my home, I understand the essential cost that comes with that ownership," Jones said. "However, I knowingly know that and pay for that. RVs stored on the street, or in the driveways not only bring down the value, it is an aesthetically unappealing look. And yes, that is an emotion, and I am entitled to that emotion."

Becky Ronsby, a local real estate broker, said while she doesn't mind the aesthetic appeal of a well-maintained boat, she advises home sellers to move a large boat or RV from their property when they are putting a property up for sale.

She said she's unsure of

how the city could regulate opinions of what is aesthetically acceptable without "black and white" language on the matter.

"I feel like if we open this can it's going to be a big ol' problem," Ronsby said.

The question of where to park larger vehicles and trailers has become a point of contention in the Sacramento region. The Sacramento City Council's Law and Legislation Committee in mid-March approved drafting a moratorium on enforcement after scores of angry residents voiced displeasure with a similar ordinance.

Guidotti told the Council that he intends to reach out to other municipalities in the area to gather input on how they approach their ordinances.

Vice Mayor Paul Sandhu requested the Council take up the issue for further discussion at its April 15 meeting, when the full Council could deliberate.

Mayor Shawn Farmer was absent from the meet-



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# Kings Korner By V.G. Harris



In the life of every NBA team there is a lowest spot of the season. Sunday night in Orlando Florida could very well be the Mendonza line for the Sacramento Kings.

It was not a pretty sight as a tired Kings team fought in futility just to stay in the game. The Magic jumped out to a 10-1 lead, and it went downhill from there. There are many reasons the Kings lost this game, and shooting 25% from beyond the arc was front and center. In the first quarter alone, the Kings went 0-6 from 3-point range while the Magic connected on 5-10.

Outrebounded 49-41 hurt, but making only 17 assists to the Magic's 31 was a staggering statistic.

Coming off a scintillating victory at Golden One over the Portland Trailblazers, fans were looking forward to scoring a victory over a Magic squad that came into the game below 500. Sadly, for the Kings, Orlando played more like the Boston Celtics as they excelled in nearly every aspect of the game.

In desperation, coach Christie turned to little used Doug McDermott in an effort to ignite the team in the second half, but it was too little, too late as McBuckets contributed 8 points in a 30-point blowout loss.

Scoring an anemic 91 points, the Kings now head for Indiana where the Pacers await. Currently in the No. 4 place in the eastern conference, the Pacers are playing some of their best basketball of the season and are 7-3 over the last 10 games.

With eight games remaining, Sacramento is faced with winning games against teams they are not favored to beat and that begins with the Pacers Monday night.

Already looking like a tired team, besting Tyrese Haliburton and his Pacer teammates is a tall order, but fans should remember that this is the same team that went into Boston and blew out the hometown Celtics, and although that was prior to the DeAaron Fox trade, Fox did not play in that game.

Yes, the Kings can surprise you, and although the media has all but counted out the Sactown ballers, I hope the loyal fans of Sacramento haven't given up hope.

I continue to hope that coach Christie pays close attention to his bench, as players like Isaac Jones, and even Doug McDermott can make contributions that matter if they are used on a consistent basis.

For the Johnny come lately Kings fans, there was a time in Sacramento, that Arco Arena was filled with screaming fans that would have been over the moon for a 30-win season, let alone a shot at post-season basketball.

Losing season after losing season had fans standing in a line for season tickets that were 5 years in the waiting. This is true, and even with the inconsistent play of the 2025 Kings squad today, there is still hope.

The Yeoman like work of Domantas

Sabonis alone is worth the ticket, and right now Kings fans have the opportunity to see a burgeoning Keeon Ellis, as he begins to make his mark on the NBA. His defensive excellence is something to behold, and the best for Keon is yet to come.

Many pundits believe a change in the front office is imminent, and that means a new GM. Typically new GM's want to pick their own coach, and since coach Christie has the word interim next to his name, don't be surprised if you see more changes within the administration than you do on the court.

Make no mistake about it Kings fans, the last eight games matter! They matter to the fans, and they matter to every player. We are blessed with players that have a lot of heart, and there remains a lot of talent on this team.

I am ready for more offensive flow and less iso, and if that is what we see, pray that the 3-pointers start falling.

Currently the Kings lead the entire NBA in mid-range shooting, thanks largely to Domantas Sabonis and DeMar DeRozan, but 3-point shooting is not our strong suit, and right about now would be a great time to find our stride.

Root hard Kings fans, because anything can happen in an 8-game stretch!

All the best!

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

# **Social Security Matters**

# Can My Wife and I Get Spouse Benefits from Each Other?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social
Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My wife and I are currently collecting Social Security. We both started receiving SS at 62 years old. That said, we get by on a tight budget.

A retired friend told us about an option which allows a spouse to collect half (1/2) of the other spouse's SS monthly income. My question has two parts: 1. Can we both collect on each other's SS? And 2. Are there any pitfalls? Signed: Seeking an Increase

Dear Seeking: Well, I'm afraid spousal benefits aren't quite that simple. One spouse may be eligible for additional benefits from the other, but only if that spouse's personal Social Security retirement benefit at their full retirement age (FRA) is less than half (50%) of the other spouse's FRA entitlement. Note

that for spouse benefits, FRA amounts are used regardless of when you actually claim benefits. Full retirement age for both you and your wife is 66, so that means that if you both claimed at 62 your FRA entitlements were higher – about 25% more - than you are both currently receiving.

Since you applied for

benefits some time ago at about the same age, one way to estimate if one of you may be entitled to an additional amount as a spouse is to evaluate your current monthly amounts. If either of you are getting a benefit which is less than half of the other's amount, it's possible that the one with the lower benefit may be entitled to more as a spouse. And note, only one spouse is eligible for benefits – you cannot both get spouse benefits from each other.

from each other.

Another way to explore this is for the spouse with the lowest monthly Social Security benefit to contact Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 to ask if spouse benefits are available. Noting that contacting SS these days can be a time-consuming process, yet another way is for you to provide us (the AMAC Foundation's

SS Advisory Service) with both of your current monthly SS benefit amounts (before any deductions) and the exact ages when each of you claimed. Using that information, we can do the math to see if either of you might be entitled to more as a spouse. But, in the end, only the spouse with the lower benefit may be eligible, and then, only if their FRA entitlement (not their actual current amount) is less than 50% of the other spouse's FRA entitlement.

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# The Real Crisis in California Schools is Low Achievement, Not Cultural Conflicts



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When Governor Gavin Newsom unexpectedly voiced opposition to allowing transgender women to compete in women's sports, he was throwing gasoline on an issue that was already burning in state and national political arenas.

"I think it's an issue of fairness," Newsom told right-wing iconoclast Charlie Kirk on the inaugural segment of the governor's new podcast. "I completely agree with you on that. It is an issue of fairness. It's deeply unfair. I'm not wrestling with the fairness issue. I totally agree with you."

The remark generated a tsunami of media commentary about Newsom's motives and a torrent of criticism from fellow Democrats, particularly from lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBTQ) rights advocates. It also focused attention on two Republican bills that would ban transgender women from women's high school and college sports.

Ordinarily, given Republicans' lack of legislative clout, Democratic leaders would just dump both bills in the wastebasket, as they have done innumerable times.

However Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas is allowing Assemblywoman Kate Sanchez of Rancho Santa Margarita and Assemblyman Bill Essayli of Corona to present their measures, Assembly Bills 89 and 844, to the Assembly's Committee on participate in which sports, and whether curriculums should

That's probably as far as the measures will go. The Legislature's influential lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender caucus will see to that. But the maneuver protects Rivas from allegations that he was not willing to have at least a discussion on the issue that Newsom, for whatever reason,

chose to highlight.

While these well-orchestrated events feed
political junkies' voracious
appetite for cultural conflict, they also underscore the
pathetic lack of interest Capitol
politicians have in a real crisis, the shamefully low levels
of academic achievement in
California's schools.

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California fares very poorly vis-a-vis other states in federal academic testing, seventh from the bottom, and there's a yawning achievement gap separating low-income students from their more privileged classmates.

Moreover, California is one of several states whose students still lag behind pre-pandemic achievement levels.

A few days ago, the Washington Post published an article by Rahm Emanuel, former mayor of Chicago and chief of staff to President Barack Obama, about the neglect of educational achievement.

Emanuel called it a "Sputnik moment in education" and declared that "almost no one among the nation's purported adults seems to want to solve the problem."

Emanuel continued, "On both sides of the aisle, we're caught in wild and besidethe-point education debates, whether the Education Department should be closed, which students should change in which locker rooms or participate in which sports, and whether curriculums should be stripped of diversity, equity and inclusion. All those disagreements deserve a hearing. But they are shiny baubles distracting us from the real crisis, namely, our children's failure to meet basic standards in reading, writing and arithmetic."

That's precisely what's happening in California.

Emanuel cited examples of states that have taken educational achievement seriously, one being Mississippi, where deep poverty is a way of life.

"Mississippi's early embrace of 'the science of reading', that is, the restoration of phonics in teaching literacy, has led to what some call a miracle: The state's reading scores for fourth graders rose from 49th nationally in 2013 to ninth in 2024," Emanuel noted. "We ought to be bringing these approaches to scale with urgency."

Phonics has made some inroads in California, but unlike Mississippi, California has not fully embraced it, despite ranking 33rd in fourth grade reading.

That could change if the Legislature adopts AB 1121, a newly introduced measure by Assemblymember Blanca Rubio, a West Covina Democrat, with support from EdVoice and other education reform groups.

The bill would encourage school districts to adopt "evidence-based means of teaching foundational reading skills." It deserves at least as much

legislative attention as the transgender bills.

Dan Walters is one of most

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



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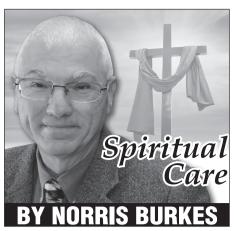
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# How I Became the Bomb-Dump Chaplain



A good friend once suggested that I start using the term "America's Favorite Chaplain" to promote my public speeches.

"No," I said. "I prefer the moniker, 'The Bomb-Dump Chaplain." His quizzical expression inspired a story from an earlier

In 1994, I took my first active-duty assignment at Onizuka Air Station outside San Jose, Calif. One day, our supervisor, James Young, informed the staff of an upcoming inspection from the Command Chaplain's office in Denver.

In civilian lingo, this moment would compare to a church getting a visit from their bishop or district overseer. During upcoming weeks, we worked diligently starching our uniforms and vigorously varnishing the prayer benches.

But the exhausting part was preparing something called our Unit Visitation Statistics. "The report," said Chaplain Young, "should include a count of all chaplain interactions with airmen on base."

"How do you define 'interactions'?" I

"That's up to you," Young said, handing us the form. "Don't forget to record where your interactions take place."

Ours was a young and ambitious staff. We wanted to look as good as possible by generating as many numbers as possible.

So we busied ourselves crisscrossing the base for the next week. We'd stroll to the gym or the dining hall and greet all passersby ping, ping, ping, – documenting forty pastoral visits in an afternoon without breaking

Yes, like a lot of officers, chaplains can be competitive. Meaning, we were engaging in a practice that bureaucrats call "pencil whipping" – manipulating the stats with a simple slide of the pencil on a report.

Perhaps you've heard the adage, "Statistics don't lie, but statisticians certainly do."

Mike Pyle, 77, went to be

Mike was born in Hemet on June 3, 1947, the second oldest of five children born

Fremont High School. It was during

this time he met his wife Sandie in

Sunnyvale, where they both grew

up. They were married Dec. 31,

1965. Shortly after, Mike and Sandie

moved to Lodi, where they stayed to

police force and served for over

seven years. When he left the force,

he fulfilled a dream by opening

Mike's Custom Upholstery, where

he worked with his wife for over 43 years. He shared knowledge with his

sons and grandson, who all worked

at Mike's shop while they grew up.

Mike loved to spend time with his

He (reluctantly) retired in 2019.

In 1972, Mike joined the Lodi

with the Lord on March 4th

to Shirley and Aleece Pyle. In 1965 he graduated from

raise their two sons.

in Lodi.

MICHAEL DAVID PYLE • 06/03/1947-03/04/2025

Command Chaplain, Col. Benjamin Perez, arrived bright and early on inspection day and cloistered us in the chapel fellowship hall.

Perez was a short, fit, steely-eyed New Yorker, keen with anecdotes. He was sharp enough to see past our manipulated stats. He saw the places we hid because he was looking for the forgotten airmen.

Holding our reports in hand, Perez posed his signature question: "How many of you have been to the bomb dump?"

The "bomb dump" is the unofficial name for the secluded place where hazardous explosive devices are rendered safe. The airmen there are not the celebrated "Bomb Squad," they are a forgotten group of isolated engineers who worry about public safety.

Now here's the funny thing — our base didn't have a bomb dump. Perez knew Onizuka was a Space Command base that controlled satellite trajectories.

Nevertheless, the trajectory of my military ministry would change that day in a somewhat slight, but significant way.

Perez was using "bomb dump" as a euphemism for the place populated by the forgotten people. He didn't care how many visits we were making to headquarters or the gym. He wanted to know if we knew the names of our cleaning staff. Could we recall our subordinates and their families by their first names?

His question was a not-so-subtle biblical inference to Mathew 25 where Jesus taught that caring for those of a lesser privilege the prisoner, the sick, the immigrant — was the equivalent of caring for Jesus himself.

"Truly I tell you," Jesus said, "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Anyone working in the bomb dump might

well be counted among the "least of these." That's why Perez considered visits made to the secluded and forgotten sides of the base to be the test of a real chaplain. His question became the guiding reminder

early in my career that while statistics remain a necessary tool, they aren't the mission. People are. I doubt I'll ever become "America's

Favorite Chaplain," but for now, I'll settle for being called the "Bomb-dump Chaplain." 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. All of Norris's books can be ordered on

Amazon. Autographed copies can be obtained on his website www.thechaplain.net or by sending a check for \$20 for each book to 10566 Combie Rd. Suite 6643 Auburn, CA 95602. ★

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family. Some favorite things

included camping and skiing

with friends and family. During "retirement" years, he loved to travel and go fishing. Mike

was always finding a way to

keep busy. Whether helping

out friends or tinkering, he

Mike had just celebrated his 59th

anniversary with his beloved wife.

Mike is survived by wife Sandie,

sons and their spouses: Steven and

Liz, and Jeff and Karen. Along with

grandchildren Michael, Amanda,

Emily, Jacob and Allie. Mike was

preceded in death by older brother

Larry, and is survived by his younger

father, grandfather, brother, uncle

and friend. He will be remembered

for his witty and mostly mischievous

a.m. April 26 at Galt Bible Church.

A celebration of life will be at 11

Mike was a beloved husband.

siblings, Kathy, Chris and Jon.

could never sit down and relax.

# **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

### **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

### **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

### **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

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) fam-

ily 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

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.

# **MEETING MINDERS**

# Sunday, April 6

Galt 4-H Club meeting, 4 p.m., at either Barbara Payne Community Garden or Grange Hall (depending on weather): see Facebook page GALT 4-H or email galt4h@gmail.com.

Monday, April 7

Lodi Parkinson's Support Group, 10

a.m., GracePoint Church, 801 Lower Sacramento Road (enter off Tokay Street), 209-269-1080 or 209-329-1185.

Galt Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

# Thursday, April 10

Galt Planning Commission, 6 p.m., 380 Civic Drive.

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# Rancho Seco Recreational **Area Implements New Boat Restrictions to Protect Lake**



A float-tube fisherman works the water at Rancho Seco Lake. Photo courtesy of SMUD

By MPG Staff

HERALD, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Municipal Utility District announced new watercraft restrictions on March 25 at Rancho Seco Lake as a preventive measure against the spread of invasive, non-native golden mussels recently discovered in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The new restrictions follow an alert issued by the California Department of Fish & Wildlife that indicated the potential environmental and economic threats it could pose to the region.

According to the alert, golden mussel shells were recently discovered in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The species pose a threat to natural ecosystems, water conveyance systems, infrastructure and water quality in California and across the United States.

"This discovery is the first known occurrence of golden mussels in North America," the Department of Fish & Wildlife wrote in the alert.

Golden mussels are similar in appearance, biology and impact to quagga and zebra mussels, per the alert, but can also establish in waters with lower calcium levels than required by quagga and zebra mussels.

To protect Rancho Seco Lake from invasive mussels, only small watercraft that can be launched by hand (such as canoes, kayaks, smaller electric watercraft, paddle boats, sculls and the like) are now allowed.

The watercraft must be thoroughly cleaned, drained and dried before launch, and cannot have been in any other waterway, including the Delta, for at least 30 days. To further protect the ecosystem, only artificial bait and lures are permitted.

The measure also bars trailer-launched watercraft and live aquatic bait, including all baitfish, crawfish, crabs and mussels.

Small electric trolling motors and other handlaunched watercraft such as hand-launched canoes, rafts, kayaks, rowboats, paddle boats, inflatables, sculls and other handlaunched recreational watercraft will still be allowed on the lake.

All permitted watercraft will be required to undergo a watercraft inspection by a certified inspector or canine upon park entry. Inspectors will restrict any boat that has been in any other body of water in the last 30 days or that they deem a risk.

All watercraft must be clean, drained and dry.

Boaters will be required to participate in visual inspections of their watercraft.

All visitors planning to launch any flotation device will receive inspection, and devices must be fully clean, drained and dry before launching.

Other bodies, including the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, have taken similar steps to protect against the invasive species.

The 400-acre Rancho Seco Recreational Area remains open for a wide range of activities including camping, hiking, fishing and bird watching. Visitors can still enjoy the scenic Howard Ranch Trail, picnic areas and renovated facilities.

SMUD's popular Trout Derby event on April 5 and 6 will continue as scheduled, with staff and resources in place to ensure all participants can enjoy a successful fishing experience while adjusting to the new watercraft guidelines.

Certified watercraft inspectors and canine teams will be on-site to conduct thorough inspections, ensuring all watercraft meet clean, drain and dry requirements before launching.

For more information about recreational activities at Rancho Seco Recreational Area, visit smud.org/RanchoSeco. ★

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organizers to protect against personal injury and property damage arising from the coverage.

Special event organizers are required to provide proof of public general liability insurance if they plan to host events approved by the city.

According to city documents, it was determined that the \$1 million commercial general liability requirement in the ordinance no longer met the requirements set by the City of Galt's Joint Powers

Association. The council approved an amendment that changed the language from \$1 million, to the recommended limits set by the Northern California Cities Self Insurance Fund Joint Pooling Authority, which change on a more frequent basis.

The change allows the city to avoid having to amend the ordinance at future dates if the insurance requirements change again.

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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE **CHANGE OF NAME** #25CV004582

Abdullah Nizar Ziadeh has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Abdullah Nizar Ziadeh to Zade Ziadeh.

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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

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 The petition requests the dece-

dent's will and codicils, if anv. 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 will

A hearing on the petition will

be held in this court as fol-

be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the

lows April 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

in Dept Probate. Room 214;

Superior Court of California,

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hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the

date of mailing or personal de-

livery 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

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# **POLICE LOGS**

During the time period of March 25 to March 31, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 13 arrests.

### March 25

11:18 a.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, Carol Drive/Delane Drive.

4:59 p.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, Galt Police Department, Industrial Drive.

5:08 p.m., Fraud reported, Galt Police Department on Industrial Drive.

7:09 p.m., Hit and run/ non-injury, McDonald's on Fast Stockton Boulevard

8:19 p.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, Galt Police Department, Industrial Drive.

10:47 p.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, Galt Laundromat, C Street.

### March 26

4:37 a.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, F Street.

12:32 p.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, Galt Police Department, Industrial Drive.

2:42 p.m., Theft reported, Emerald Vista Drive.

2:43 p.m., Vandalism

reported, Maugham Court.

2:44 p.m., Fraud reported, Park Avenue: Unknown subject hacked bank account.

2:44 p.m., Identity theft reported, Maugham Court.

2:47 p.m., Theft reported, Sixth Street: Reporting party returned from vacation to find residence had been burglarized.

### March 27

5:45 a.m., Burglary, Back Alley Brewhouse on Fourth Street: Unknown subjects made entry into location; inside was "tossed"; unsure what was

6:54 a.m., Burglary reported, Fourth Street: Door kicked in.

9:49 a.m., Burglary, Fourth Street: Officer initiated activity.

10:57 a.m., Fraud reported, Lake Park Avenue: Reporting party was "scammed" into taking her money out and sending it to unknown subject.

## March 28

1:24 a.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, E Street/Fifth Street.

12:29 p.m., Identity theft reported, Rancho Seco Care Center, F Street.

1:56 p.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, Highway 99 Northbound/C

4:53 p.m., Domestic violence/adult arrest, Driscol

8:27 p.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, Germaine Drive

## March 29

2:21 a.m., DUI/adult arrest, Highway 99 Southbound/Liberty Road.

5:37 p.m., Domestic violence/adult arrest, Stetson Way.

8:37 p.m., Domestic/ adult arrest, E Street.

9:02 p.m., DUI/adult arrest, Highway 99 Northbound/Twin Cities

11:43 p.m., DUI/adult arrest, Lower Sacramento Road/Liberty Road.

### March 30

12:41 a.m.: Hit and run/ non-injury, East Stockton Boulevard/Twin Cities Road.

### March 31

8:08 p.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, Walker Park on West Elm Avenue.

11:09 p.m., DUI/adult arrest, B Street/Seventh Street.

# **ABOUT TOWN**

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 insights on sustainability, conservation and the vital role trees play in our lives. Bring your shovel, gloves, water and closed-toe shoes. Questions: sdutra1967@ gmail.com. 1101 W. Turner Road, Lodi.

Sunday, April 6 Central Valley Classics

and Customs Cars and Coffee -7 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Lodi. All makes, models, motorcycles and years

welcome. Shine up, gas up and ride on over to our beautiful location with shady spots and great people. Supports our local US military active duty troops and veterans. Parkwest Casino, 1800 S. Cherokee

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 multi-purpose 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 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@citvofgalt.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, visit lodiarts. com. Veterans Park, 305 W. Pine St., Lodi.

Hoppy Egg-Venture and Jamboree - 10 a.m. to noon: Join the fun with an egg hunt, crafts, prizes and photos with the bunny. Hutchins Street Square West Park, 125 S. Hutchins St., Lodi.

### Tuesday, April 15 and Wednesday, April 16

Spring Break Carnival - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Enjoy bounce houses, pony rides, a train ride, local market shopping and delicious food. Come shop, eat and have a blast with us. (Additional fees for activities.) Stop by between 9 a.m. and noon for a free photo op with the Easter Bunny. Galt Market, 610 Chabolla Ave.

Saturday, April 19 Galt Historical Society's Eggstravaganza and Kite Day – 9 a.m. to **2 p.m.:** Enjoy games and activities, vendors, an egg hunt, crafts and Easter Bunny pictures. A pie-eating contest will start at noon and egg drop at 1 p.m. Cost is \$5 per car. McFarland Living History Ranch, 8899 Orr Road.

Saturday, April 26 Lodi Beer Fest and **State BBQ Championship** 

- 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.: The Lodi Beer Fest is a great celebration of craft beer from up to 50 local and national breweries. Jind a new favorite beer, toss a game of cornhole and dance along to live band.

Held in conjunction with the State BBO Championship, more than 30 BBQ teams will compete for prizes. For tickets, visit grapefestival.com/p/ events/lodi-beer-fest-state-bbq-competition. 413 Lockeford St., Lodi.

# **Library Events**

Sacramento County Libraries have the following upcoming events: (G) Marian O. Lawrence Library, located at 1000 Caroline Ave., Walnut Grove, 14177 Market St.

Saturday, April 5: Community game night, drop in 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. All ages welcome, bring a game or join one. (WG)

Wednesday, April 9: Teen space, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Meet other teens and hang out in a space dedicated to you. (WG)

Friday: April 11: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G)

Saturday, April 12: Read to a dog, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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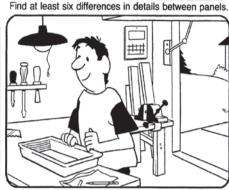








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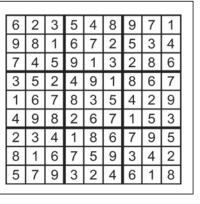
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# CRC Softball Wins Scholar Team Award

Cosumnes River College News Release

### SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- The Cosumnes River College (CRC) Softball program has been honored with the prestigious 2024 3C2A Scholar Team Academic Award.

Out of the 72 softball teams across the state, the Hawks have been recognized for their extraordinary achievements both on the field and in the classroom. This award highlights the Hawks' commitment to excellence in athletics and academics, solidifying their status as one of the top programs in California.

The Hawks had a historic year, setting a new program record with 37 wins and finishing with an impressive 37-10 overall record and 20-4 in league play. Competing in the highly competitive Big 8 Conference, they secured second place in one of the toughest conferences in the state.

The Big 8 saw five of its nine teams advance to the postseason, with four winning their regional matchups. CRC was among the three teams from the Big 8 to reach the State Tournament, finishing as a topeight team in California.

Several CRC players earned individual accolades for their outstanding performances.

Malia Babasa earned Big 8



The Cosumnes River College Softball program has been honored with the prestigious 2024 3C2A Scholar Team Academic Award. Photo courtesy of Cosumnes

Player of the Year honors. Big 8 First Team honors went to Malia Babasa, Tatiana Blas, Sarah Babby and Brooke Hanson. Big 8 Second Team honors went to Angelina Dahdouh and Eden Hobart.

NFCA All-American honors went to Malia Babasa, Tatiana Blas and Abigail Woodfill. All-State Selections included Malia Babasa and Tatiana Blas. All-NorCal Selection went to Brooke Hanson.

Beyond their dominance on

the field, the Hawks excelled academically, finishing the season with an impressive 3.33 cumulative GPA. Their dedication to academics was further reflected in the 14 players named to the Big 8 All-Academic Team. Additionally, 15 of the 19 team members carried 15.5 or more units, with every player maintaining at least 13.5 units during the demanding spring season.

The team's commitment to academic success was rewarded with 100% of sophomores ending up transferring to four-year institutions, including five players who earned softball scholarships. The 2024 CRC Softball team

embodied the values of perseverance, teamwork, and commitment. Their ability to balance elite-level competition with academic excellence showcases the strength of the program and its leadership.

"This was one of the best groups I've had in my fifteen

years coaching at Cosumnes River College," said Head Coach Kristy Schroeder. "They were unselfish, goal-oriented, and committed to excellence in all aspects of their lives."

With this well-deserved 3C2A Scholar Team Award, the CRC Softball program has cemented its legacy as a model for student-athlete success. The Hawks continue to set the standard for what it means to compete at the highest level while prioritizing academic achievement.

# Aggie Women Drafted into All-Academic Teams



The UC Davis Equestrian Team was recognized by the Eastern College Athletic Conference for their academic excellence. Photo courtesy of UC Davis

UC Davis News Release

# SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- Walking the hyphen that separates a student-athlete, the UC Davis Equestrian Team finds their balance between the two worlds, recognized by the Eastern College Athletic Conference.

Fifteen Aggies have been recognized for their ability to manage and thrive both

equitation and academics, being sorted into three separate tiers of achievement.

Seniors Jessie Rechs, Natasha Replogle, and Kendall Lance grab their second All-Academic First Team honors in a row, and junior Nicole Shroyer repeats her Honorable Mention title. Franke collects her third honorable mention title as an Aggie. previously earning a First-Team

nod as an South Dakota State University Jackrabbit.

Maddie Gregory and Marin Gilliland continue to impress. making another consecutive All-Academic team honors happen in their final year.

Senior Emma Jolly rounds out her academics at Davis with a First Team honor. Mya Clader, Lauren Kolbe, Laura Kate Holliday, Kylie Jacobson, and Katya Dundas

collect their first mentions in the All-Academic teams after aging up and playing huge roles this season.

Ten of the All-Academic team winners were also given the honor roll recognition. Additionally, Lola Sullivan, Elizabeth Bunt, and Aya Clear garnered the honor roll nods.

To be eligible for the all-academic teams, student-athletes must meet certain criteria. For the First Team, an athlete must carry

a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher and must have competed in 70% of their team's competitions.

For the Second Team, the athlete must have competed in 60% of their team's meets and carried a 3.25 cumulative GPA. The Honorable Mention threshold is 50% of meets and a 3.0 GPA. The Honor Roll requirement is a 3.25 GPA requirement.

# Bibby to Coach the Hornets

Sacramento State University News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -Former Sacramento Kings legend Mike Bibby is coming home. On March 25, Sacramento State

Director of Athletics Mark Orr announced that Bibby has been named the 17th head men's basketball coach in program history. Bibby, who spent half of his

14-year NBA career with the Sacramento Kings, returns to the city where he became a fan favorite while helping the Kings to multiple playoff appearances in the early 2000s. A first team all-American, Pac-10 Conference Player of the Year and the No. 2 overall pick in the 1998 NBA draft, Bibby helped Arizona to a 1997 NCAA national championship. "Since 2001, Sacramento has

felt like home to me," Bibby said. "The people, the fans and the passion they have for the city and their teams is unmatched. I have always felt that passion, and will always be thankful for how I was embraced. Sacramento State is no different. After seeing the campus, and meeting with President Wood and Mark Orr, their vision for the University and program was

something I shared. We are going



"I'm ecstatic to announce Mike steals during a 14-year run that to build, we are going to develop,

and we are going to win." Recently, Bibby had assis-

tant coaching stops with the Puerto Rican National Team, the Cleveland Cavaliers and Memphis Grizzlies summer league teams, and the NBA G-League Ignite. He coached 25 players who received collegiate scholarships during his time as head coach at Shadow Mountain High School (2014-19) in Phoenix, Ariz. During his six seasons at Shadow Mountain (five as head coach), he coached the team to five state champion-

ships, a 157-21 overall record, a

72-game winning streak, and a

six-year home winning streak.

Bibby as the new head coach of Sacramento State men's basketball, and welcome him back to the community of Sacramento," Orr said. "Mike will recruit talented student-athletes and develop a team culture that embodies success both on and off the court. I am convinced that Mike will pour future of our program." appeared in over 1,000 career

every ounce of his energy into Sacramento State and engage the entire Sacramento region. I could not be more excited about the As an NBA player, Bibby

games, finishing with averages

of 14.7 points, 5.5 assists and 1.2

began in 1998 with the Vancouver Grizzlies, and concluded in 2012 with the New York Knicks. He averaged better than 13 points in each of his first 11 seasons, including a seven-year stint with the Sacramento Kings (2001-08). During those seven seasons, he averaged 17.6 points and helped

the Kings to the franchise's most successful era. That included three straight Western Conference semifinal appearances, and a conference

final in 2002. It was Bibby that

hit the game winner in Game 5 of

the 2002 conference final to give

the Kings a 3-2 lead over the Los

Angeles Lakers. Among franchise

leaders, he remains fifth in 3-pointers made (775), sixth in assists (2,580) and seventh in steals (584).

"Mike Bibby's basketball expertise, love for Sacramento, and passion for developing student-athletes perfectly align with our goals for Hornet basketball," said Sacramento State President Luke Wood. "His leadership and vision will elevate our program to new heights and inspire our community to rally behind Sac State basketball.' A native of Phoenix, Bibby

spent two highly decorated seasons at Arizona (1996-98), where he helped the program to its lone national championship in 1997. He was the Pac-10 Freshman of the Year in 1997, and a consensus first team All-American and Pac-10 Player of the Year in 1998 after averaging 17.2 points, 5.7 assists and 2.4 steals. He had his No. 10 jersey retired by Arizona. After his senior season at

Shadow Mountain High School in 1996, he was named Mr. Basketball USA, McDonald's All-American and first team All-American. Bibby graduated with a bach-

elor's degree (multidisciplinary studies) from UNLV in 2017. He and his wife, Darcy, have four children - Michael, Janae, Mia and Nylah.

# LOCAL SPORTS COVERAGE PRESENTED BY THE GALT HERALD

# High School Track Athletes Shine at SVC League Meet

By Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The first Sierra Valley Conference (SVC) league meet of the season took place last Wednesday at Galt High School, bringing together athletes from all eight teams in the league. With fierce competition and a spirited atmosphere, the El Dorado men's team clinched the top spot, while the Liberty Ranch Hawk men's squad finished impressively in second place. Meanwhile, the Galt High men's team took sixth. On the women's side, the Union Mine women dominated, with Liberty Ranch finishing fourth and the Galt women in seventh.

The day was marked by exceptional individual performances from athletes representing local high schools, providing a glimpse of what the season has in store.

Despite the challenging competition, local athletes displayed remarkable talent and unwavering spirit across various events. Liberty Ranch's men's team showcased its strength with several top finishes, including standout performances from Hawks Camren Hudson in the 200 meters and triple jump, as well as first place in the 4x400 relay legs from Joseph Brown, Jose Lara, Camren Hudson and Michael Lamson. Hawk Jimmy Lopez took first overall in the pole vault and Larry Lucas took first in the 110 hurdles.

The Warriors took first in the 4x800 relay with Logan Rose, Kitto Gonzalez, Alejandro Herrera and Dominic Gonzalez, Kitto Gonzalez also excelled, taking first in both the 1600 and 3200m races. Warrior Herrera also took first place in the 800m.

On the women's side, Liberty Ranch's athletes, including Jade Brown and Kaeli Vang, brought home significant personal records, demonstrating progress and determination as they prepare for the remainder of the season. The depth of talent in both programs was evident as many athletes achieved personal bests and contributed to competitive relay

Galt's Emilyann Sheldon placed third in the 3200m and Morgan Jones took

third in the long jump. Overall, both Liberty Ranch and Galt demonstrated commendable teamwork and determination, setting a strong foundation for the season ahead. With their eyes set on improvement, local athletes are working hard to build on their performances as they prepare for the next league meet and on into the masters meet.

### **Men's Results** 100 Meters Varsity - Finals

5. Joseph Brown, Liberty Ranch – 11.36a 20. Seth Miller, Galt – 12.13a

22. Kevin Ortigoza, Galt 27. Eric Robinson, Liberty

Ranch-12.44a

29. Daimien Lee, Liberty Ranch - 12.54a

33. Sebastian Gonzalez, Galt - 12.75a

36. Francisco Ceja, Galt

- 13.32a



Hawk Jimmy Lopez soars to 11 feet on the pole vault. Photos

37. Kyvin Vang, Liberty Ranch - 13.35a38. Ezra Gomez, Liberty

Ranch-13.50a39. Adrian Torres, Liberty

**200 Meters Varsity** 

- Finals 4. Camren Hudson, Liberty Ranch - 23.95a

Ranch - 14.37a

-25.70a18. Kevin Ortigoza, Galt

17. Seth Miller, Galt

20. Jayden Gaither, Galt -26.31a

23. Caleb McEwen, Galt -26.70a26. Davian Gonzalez,

Liberty Ranch – 27.20a 28. Kyvin Vang, Liberty Ranch -28.33a

### **400 Meters Varsity** - Finals

4. Jose Lara III, Liberty Ranch - 54.60a6. Michael Lamson,

Liberty Ranch - 55.69a 12. Jayden Gaither, Galt -

57.50a (PR) 15. Caleb McEwen, Galt –

57.74a (PR) 19. Vicente Avalos, Galt –

1:02.61a (PR)

20. Davian Gonzalez, Liberty Ranch - 1:03.46a

21. Francisco Ceja, Galt -1:04.50a (PR)

### **800 Meters Varsity** - Finals

1. Alejandro Herrera, Galt

-2:07.77a5. Kyle Oltmanns, Liberty

9. Dominic Gonzalez, Galt

-2:24.00a14. Vicente Avalos, Galt

Ranch - 2:11.96a

-2:40.61a 15. Joseph Gomez, Galt

-2:45.38a

16. Ethan Lopez, Galt -2:52.82a

17. Harrison Leipelt. Liberty Ranch – 4:00.75a

# 1600 Meters Varsity

- Finals 1. Kitto Gonzalez, Galt

-4:39.64a 3. Kyle Oltmanns, Liberty

Ranch - 4:40.87a 6. Alejandro Herrera, Galt

-4:53.01a7. Logan Rose, Galt

-4:53.87a

16. Dominic Gonzalez,

Galt - 5:24.79a (PR)

18. Xavier Gomez, Galt

-5:49.32a

20. Vicente Avalos, Galt -

6:01.42a (SR) 24. Harrison Leipelt, Liberty Ranch – 8:35.45a

### **3200 Meters Varsity** - Finals 1. Kitto Gonzalez, Galt

- 10:01.43a

2. Kyle Oltmanns, Liberty Ranch - 10:10.75a

10. Xavier Gomez, Galt -11:51.70a (PR) 110m Hurdles - 39" Varsity - Finals

1. Larry Lucas, Liberty Ranch - 15.62a

7. Wyatt Corriea, Liberty Ranch-20.46a

300m Hurdles - 36" **Varsity - Finals** 2. Joseph Brown, Liberty

Ranch - 40.82a (PR) 3. George Adrian, Liberty Ranch - 43.91a 4. Jose Lara, Liberty Ranch

-44.01a5. Michael Lamson, Liberty Ranch - 44.94a

(PR) 11. Joseph Gomez, Galt - 56.31a

### 4x400 Relay Varsity - Finals

1. Liberty Ranch (Camren Hudson, Joseph Brown, Jose Lara, Michael Lamson) -3:34.63a

6. Galt (Alejandro Herrera, Kevin Ortigoza-Dominguez, Dominic Gonzalez, Caleb McEwen) -3:50.61a

### 4x800 Relay Varsity - Finals

1. Galt (Logan Rose, Dominic Gonzalez, Kitto Gonzalez, Alejandro Herrera) - 8:46.06a

### **Shot Put - 12lb Varsity** - Finals

24. Adrian Torres, Liberty Ranch - 25-00.00 (PR) 25. Wyatt Corriea, Liberty Ranch – 24-01.50 (PR) 26. Ezra Gomez, Liberty Ranch - 19-04.50 (PR)

### Discus - 1.6kg Varsity - Finals

14. Caleb McEwen, Galt -84-00.75

20. Ethan Lopez, Galt -68-05.25 (SR) 24. Francisco Ceja, Galt -

58-04.50 (PR) 28. Adrian Torres, Liberty

Ranch -37-10 (PR)

### **High Jump Varsity** - Finals

5. Jimmy Lopez, Liberty Ranch -5-04.00 (SR) 10. Jayden Gaither, Galt

## -5-02.00**Pole Vault Varsity**

- Finals 1. Jimmy Lopez, Liberty

# Ranch-11-00.00

**Long Jump Varsity** 

- Finals

# 3. Camren Hudson, Liberty

Ranch -20-07.2525. Vicente Avalos, Galt -12-09.50

### **Triple Jump Varsity** - Finals

1. Camren Hudson, Liberty Ranch -43-08.006. Daimien Lee, Liberty Ranch - 37-05.00 (PR)

### Women's Results 100 Meters Varsity - Finals

9. Kristine Meixner, Galt

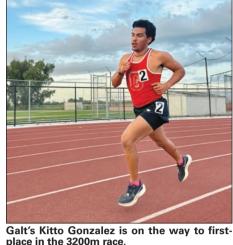
– 13.81a 10. Kaeli Vang, Liberty

Ranch - 13.99a (PR) 11. Lynze Smith, Liberty Ranch – 14.03a (PR)

15. Jade Brown, Liberty Ranch - 14.15a (PR)

19. Myleah Keiser, Liberty Ranch-14.28a20. Ellie Rausser, Liberty

Ranch-14.30a24. Shayla China, Galt -14.40a (PR)



place in the 3200m race.





28. Danielle Singh, Galt -14.76a (PR)

Liberty Ranch's Camren Hudson is out in front

30. Isabella Marquez, Liberty Ranch – 15.00a 33. Johanna Martinez, Liberty Ranch – 15.44a (PR)

in the 200m dash.

34. Morgan Lane, Galt -15.46a (PR) 42. Triniti De Loach, Liberty Ranch – 16.32a

(PR) 45. Giovanna Salas, Liberty Ranch - 17.48a 48. Nimran Dhaliwal, Liberty Ranch - 17.90a 49. Maria Vivanco, Galt - 17.93a

50. Valerie Lopez, Galt -18.07a

## **200 Meters Varsity** - Finals

9. Kamrynn Blevins, Liberty Ranch - 29.34a (PR)

13. Faviola Vasquez, Liberty Ranch – 29.82a 14. Lynze Smith, Liberty Ranch-29.82a

15. Kimberly Rodriguez, Liberty Ranch - 30.23a 16. Gianella Sandoval, Liberty Ranch - 30.26a

17. Myleah Keiser, Liberty Ranch -30.41a

22. Kandice Meixner, Galt -31.38a 25. Isabella Marquez, Liberty Ranch – 32.15a 26. Johanna Martinez,

Liberty Ranch – 32.18a 29. Alexa Williams, Liberty Ranch - 33.28a 30. Danielle Singh, Galt

37. Giovanna Salas, Liberty Ranch – 37.63a 39. Maria Vivanco, Galt – 38.93a

40. Nimran Dhaliwal, Liberty Ranch - 39.62a 41. Valerie Lopez, Galt -40.04a

**400 Meters Varsity** 

- Finals 6. Kimberly Rodriguez, Liberty Ranch – 1:06.99a

8. Gianella Sandoval, Liberty Ranch – 1:07. 85a 12. Faviola Vasquez, Liberty Ranch – 1:09.51a 13. Kristine Meixner, Galt - 1:09.76a 15. Lola Marie Rodrigue, Liberty Ranch – 1:17.02a

17. Shaylah Odle, Liberty Ranch - 1:24.77a 18. Valerie Lopez, Galt -1:30.80a (PR) 800 Meters Varsity

- Finals 7. Jennaveve Lara, Liberty Ranch - 2:41.64a (PR)

9. Emily Razo, Galt -2:46.09a (PR)

12. Alanna Juarez, Galt -2:54.82a13. Elia Rodriguez, Galt

### - 3:11.81a 1600 Meters Varsity - Finals

5. Jennaveve Lara, Liberty Ranch – 5:46.00a (PR)

7. Emily Razo, Galt -5:55.78a (PR) 8. Emilyann Sheldon, Galt

- 5:56.75a (PR) 11. Alanna Juarez, Galt - 6:35.48a

13. Nora Werdon, Galt - 6:50.83a

14. Elia Rodriguez, Galt - 6:51.29a 16. Giselle Escalera,

### Liberty Ranch – 8:46.50a **3200 Meters Varsity** - Finals

3. Emilyann Sheldon, Galt - 12:40.52a (PR) 8. Jennaveve Lara, Liberty

Ranch - 12:56.84a 9. Emily Razo, Galt -13:06.19a (PR)

12. Nora Werdon, Galt -14:31.93a (PR)

## 100m Hurdles - 33" Varsity - Finals

4. Jade Brown, Liberty Ranch-19.17a8. TyCheish Barley, Liberty Ranch – 20.92a 9. Shayla China, Galt

- 21.08a

11. Gwen Lindberg, Liberty Ranch – 21.49a

### 300m Hurdles - 30" **Varsity - Finals** 5. Gwen Lindberg, Liberty

Ranch - 56.67a 9. Nora Werdon, Galt -1:00.86a (SR)

10. Shayla China, Galt -1:01.18a (SR)

12. TyCheish Barley, Liberty Ranch - 1:06.94a 13. Nella Feilbach, Galt – 1:07.62a (PR) 4x100 Relay Varsity

### - Finals 5. Liberty Ranch (Myleah

Keiser, Kaeli Vang, Isabella Marquez, Lynze Smith) -54.77a7. Galt (Morgan Lane,

Shayla China, Danielle Singh, Morgan Jones) – 58.11a 4x400 Relay Varsity

# - Finals

Liberty Ranch (Kimberly Rodriguez, Gianella Sandoval, Faviola Vasquez, Gwen Lindberg)

- 4:34.64a 6. Galt (Nella Feilbach, Danielle Singh, Kandice Meixner, Alanna Juarez) - 5:09.87a

# 4x800 Relay Varsity

3. Galt (Alanna Juarez, Elia Rodriguez, Emily Razo, Emilyann Sheldon) - 11:15.29a

4. Liberty Ranch (Lola Marie Rodriguez-Orozco, Shaylah Odle, Giselle

# **Shot Put - 4kg Varsity**

- Finals 6. Arianna Barnes, Liberty Ranch -26-06.0010. Kylin Keeler, Liberty

Ranch -25-07.0014. Giovanna Salas, Liberty Ranch – 22-05.75

Discus - 1kg Varsity - Finals 2. Arianna Barnes, Liberty Ranch -80-10 (SR)

9. Emilyann Sheldon, Galt -65-06

Ranch - 61-08 17. Nimran Dhaliwal,

19. Kandice Meixner, Galt -47-06

# **High Jump Varsity**

-4-06.007. Ellie Rausser, Liberty

4-00.00 (PR) 9. Nella Feilbach, Galt -

## 4-00.00 (PR) **Long Jump Varsity**

3. Morgan Jones, Galt -15-02.00 (PR)

Liberty Ranch – 14-03.25

Ranch - 14-02.50 15. Kandice Meixner, Galt

-11-07.0019. Morgan Lane, Galt

### **Triple Jump Varsity** - Finals 2. Kaeli Vang, Liberty

Ranch – 33-01.50 (PR) 4. Jade Brown, Liberty Ranch - 32-04.00

Hawk Kyle Oltmanns competes in the 3200m

- Finals

Escalera, Aneesa Barnes) - 13:27.41a

12. Aneesa Barnes, Liberty Ranch - 23-11.50

# 19. Nimran Dhaliwal, Liberty Ranch – 16-03.75

10. Kylin Keeler, Liberty Ranch - 62-0211. Aneesa Barnes, Liberty

Liberty Ranch - 56-10

21. Giovanna Salas, Liberty Ranch – 45-05

- Finals 4. Morgan Jones, Galt

Ranch-4-02.008. Morgan Lane, Galt -

- Finals

4. Jade Brown, Liberty Ranch - 15-01.00 7. Kamrynn Blevins,

8. Kaeli Vang, Liberty

-11-07.5016. Kristine Meixner, Galt

-10-01.00

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# **Hawks Soar to Eight Straight Wins:** Liberty Ranch Baseball on a Roll

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch baseball team is riding high with an impressive eight-game winning streak, showcasing its skill and determination on the field. Despite a few games being postponed due to rain, the Hawks have maintained their competitive edge with outstanding pitching, solid fielding and effective hitting.

On Monday, March 21, the Hawks faced Union Mine for the second matchup of the season, having previously triumphed 5-1 earlier in the month. This time, strong performances across the board led to a resounding 9-1 victory, with freshman pitcher Max Tapia taking the mound and delivering an exceptional performance.

The standout moment of the game came when senior Vance Moe struck the first home run of the season. His teammates rallied around him, celebrating the milestone at home plate and highlighting the team's camaraderie and spirit.

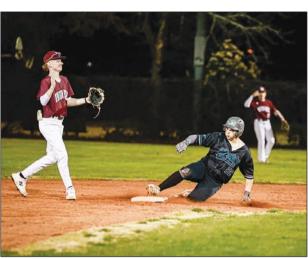
"It felt amazing to hit that home run," said Moe. "The support from my teammates made it even more special. We're all in this together, and I couldn't have done it without them.'

In the following games against Argonaut on Tuesday and Thursday, the Hawks continued their winning ways, demolishing their opponents with scores of 8-0 and 6-1, respectively. Senior pitcher Kade LeCompte was phenomenal on Tuesday, displaying dominance on the mound while only giving up two hits and two walks, striking out an impressive 11 batters.

"Kade set the tone for us on the mound," said head coach Jason Adversalo. "His ability to command the game allowed us to showcase our offensive strengths."



Freshman Max Tapia pitches against Union Mine.



Nolan House slides into second



Vance Moe points that his hit is over the fence as he rounds



Vance Moe is celebrated at home plate for hitting the first home run of the season.

Sophomore Nolan House shined at the plate, amassing four hits against Argonaut and solidifying his presence in the lineup. Tapia and fellow teammate Garrett Owen also contributed significantly, each notching three hits in the

"Nolan has been productive for us," Adversalo noted. "He finds ways to get on base and keeps the pressure on opposing pitchers. It's great to see the young guys stepping

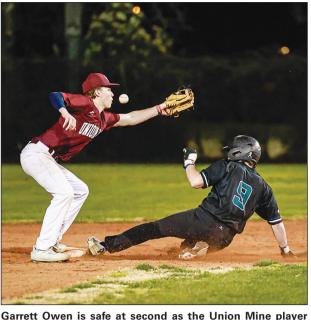
The resilience of the team was further demonstrated on Thursday when Vance Moe took over the

# **LEAGUE STANDINGS**

### **Baseball** School Liberty Ranch 6-0 Bradshaw 5-0 El Dorado 4-1 Amador 2-3 Rosemont Galt 1-4 Argonaut 1-4 Union Mine

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Soltball	
School	W/
Liberty Ranch	2-0
Amador	3-1
Rosemont	3-1
Argonaut	2-1
Union Mine	1-2
Galt	1-3
Bradshaw	1-3
El Dorado	0-2



misses the catch.

pitching duties. He continued to impress, striking out 12 batters while giving up just four hits and walking

"Vance showed his capability and leadership," said Adversalo. "He has a great mix of pitches and uses them effectively to keep hitters off-balance." Looking ahead, Liberty

Ranch is gearing up for critical matchups against Rosemont and Bradshaw, culminating in a highly anticipated series against cross-town rivals Galt

"These next few games are crucial as we aim to finish strong," Adversalo emphasized. "We have a well-rounded team this year. Our talent runs deep. We have strong pitchers and kids we can count on at the bat and in the field. The boys are working well as a team, and that's reflected in our play."

The Hawks will look to extend their winning streak and continue their pursuit of a successful season. With the support of their fans and the chemistry on the field, Liberty Ranch baseball remains a force to be reckoned with as they head further into the sea-

# GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Alejandro Herrera Galt High Track and Field



**Shavla China** Galt High Track and Field



Camren Hudson Liberty Ranch Track and Field

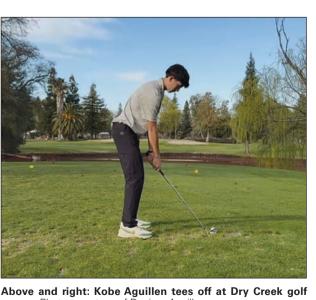
Kaeli Vang Liberty Ranch Track and Field Photos by Paige Lampson

# Hawk Golf Team Makes History with League Tournament Victory

By Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - In an unforgettable display of skill and teamwork, the Liberty Ranch Hawk golf team secured its first league tournament championship in school history last week, marking a significant milestone for the program. The Hawks demonstrated resilience and determination throughout the tournament, especially after a narrow defeat to Bradshaw Christian earlier this month (235-229), but they have remained steadfast in first place in their league.

Leading the charge at the league tournament was Hawk golfer Hunter Rohner, who turned in a remarkable performance with a score of 74, securing victory as the individual champion of the tournament. Rohner's triumph was complemented by solid contributions from his teammates, with Sean O'Brien following



course. Photos courtesy of Desiree Aguillen

closely with an 89, Trevor Schweitz shooting a 93, Chris Gutierrez at 96, Kobe Aguillen a 102, and Jack Radford wrapping up the team's score with a 117. Collectively, the Hawks posted a team low of 454, showcasing their depth and unity.

Head coach Mike Turpin, beaming with pride, remarked, "This

was a big win today. I am

won the tournament today with a sensational score. The rest of the boys pulled the slack and it was a great team effort. I am really happy for them." The Hawk momentum continued later in the week

proud of the boys. Hunter

as they faced off against the Galt Warriors, where Liberty Ranch posted a season-low score of 221, decisively winning the



44, Trevor Schweitz at 46, match against Galt's 259. Rohner once again led the Hawks, carding an impressive 38, followed closely by Chris Gutierrez with a 39. Other contributors

included Sean O'Brien at

Kobe Aguillen at 54 and Jack Radford at 61. For the Warriors, Garrett Rose was the standout performer with a score of 44. "I am happy with our two good wins this week,' said Coach Turpin. "We shot our season low against Galt. I like how the boys are playing right now and gaining momentum."

The Hawks continued their winning streak as they faced the Union Mine golf team, emerging victorious with a score of 225 to 279. Hunter Rohner continued to lead, scoring 40, while Trevor Schweitz followed closely with 42. Other notable scores came from Chris Gutierrez at 46, Kobe Aguillen at 48, Sean O'Brien at 49 and Caleb Winkler at 62. With a current league

record of 5-1, the Liberty Ranch Boys Golf team has positioned itself as a formidable contender in this year's league competition. As they ride the wave

of success, the Hawks are hoping to carry this momentum through the remainder of the season, building on their historic league tournament victory.