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By Sean P. Thomas **City Editor**

become an unintended thoroughfare. Photo by J.G. Wirt

GALT, CA (MPG) - A group of Galt residents called on the city to close the connection between Stockton Boulevard and Adare Way, claiming the residential street has become dangerously congested with high-speed traffic since the opening of the nearby Walmart Supercenter.

Multiple residents voiced concerns

increase in traffic.

"It's been nothing but an interstate coming through there," said Rodney Pratton, a local resident. "When you're getting 2,000 cars coming into your neighborhood, no one wants that. It's a residential area."

Northbound traffic from East Stockton Boulevard onto Adare Way has impacted residents who say their neighborhood has

The Walmart, located just off Stockton Boulevard and Twin Cities Road, opened in 2014, and since then, residents say traffic patterns have dramatically shifted, turn-

said he's noticed a sharp increase in traffic, which he attributes to Walmart and the adjacent Tesla charging stations. He recalled a recent incident in which he was nearly hit by a speeding motorist exiting Stockton Boulevard onto Adare Way.

"It was stated or promised that that end would be closed, but I don't know what happened," Hyman said.

Other neighbors echoed his concerns. Manuel Ayala, who lives at

Miles of Delta Levees Are at **Risk of Floods Repairs Could** Cost \$3 Billion

By Alastair Bland CalMatters.org

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As winter storms soaked California in early 2023, the Sacramento River swelled toward flood stage. Levees protecting large expanses of farmland and many towns sprung leaks. At one site, response crews drove metal sheets into the earthen berm and lined the levee face with heavy rock.

The work cost almost \$700,000, paid by local farmers who had to take out a loan.

"It was way beyond our means, but we had to do it," said Daniel Wilson, a farmer near the Delta town of Walnut Grove and trustee of the management agency responsible for the

at the Galt City Council's Tuesday, April 15 meeting over safety hazards, increased noise and difficulty accessing their own driveways due to the ing Adare Way into an unintended thoroughfare.

Longtime resident Ruben Hyman, who has lived on Adare for 25 years,

the end of Adare Way, said drivers often use the street as a shortcut and regularly exceed the 25-mph Continued on Page 7

levee.

Because the region was declared a disaster zone, funding help was available through the Federal **Emergency Management** Agency. But two years later, the money still hasn't arrived. Other districts in the region also are waiting for reimbursements.

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is facing a funding crisis that has bogged down efforts to repair and maintain an aging network of about 1,100 miles of levees that protect the region from floods.

These protective ridges of dirt and rocks, mostly on private land, are at growing risk of rupturing, which would endanger half a million people, mostly in Stockton but also in smaller towns and farmsteads. Also threatened are thousands of acres of farmland, highways and water supply pumps that send water to much of the state.

The summer of 2004 saw a major failure when the privately owned levee surrounding a large parcel of farmers' fields called Jones Tract, which mostly sits below sea level, burst. Water surged through the break, flooding 12,000 acres, which remained swamped for months. Dozens of barns and a few homes were submerged. The response and repair effort including rebuilding hundreds of feet of levee and pumping out the water — cost \$90 million

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Galt Introduces Tougher Fireworks Ordinance

By Sean P. Thomas **City Editor**

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt City Council voted on April 15 to introduce an updated ordinance aimed at curbing illegal fireworks use, giving officials more authority to enforce penalties and hold property owners accountable.

The ordinance is designed to reduce the risks associated with illegal fireworks, particularly during the busy Fourth of July season.

"One of the specific reasons we are doing this is to really define clarity for regulations, requirements, enforcement, and penalties and really to update it," said City Code Enforcement Supervisor TJ Guidotti. He noted that the existing regulations had become outdated, with references to the City of Galt fire department, which no longer exists.

The ordinance is intended to target illegal fireworks, not the "safe and sane" fireworks that are legally sold for fundraising purposes by nonprofits and school groups. According to Guidotti, the goal is to reduce the risk posed by illegal devices, which can be far more dangerous and damaging.

"It's really about reducing the risk and reducing the impact of illegal fireworks, not legal fireworks," Guidotti said.

One of the most significant changes in the new ordinance is the imposition of liability on the "host" of any illegal fireworks display. The host will now be held responsible



The Galt City Council voted to impose strong restrictions and penalties for illegal fireworks usage, including the introduction of a \$1,000 fine for "hosts" where illegal fireworks are being used. Photo by Keppi Serpa

for each individual firework device found at their location. Hosts could face fines of up to \$1,000 per device, with a full investigation conducted to ensure that the property owner or event host is liable.

Galt Police Chief Brian Kalinowski explained that the city's approach

will mirror that of nearby Elk Grove, which has already made significant strides in tackling illegal fireworks. Kalinowski said that Elk Grove's police department had begun using drones as part of its "Drone as a First Responder" program, which has been *Continued on Page 6*

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Miles of Delta Levees Are at Risk of Floods



A repaired section of the levee near Isleton on the Sacramento River.

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in government and private funding.

More recently, last year, water seeped under a levee that rings Victoria Island west of Stockton, just a few miles north of pumping stations that send water to 30 million Californians and vast tracts of farmland. A breach would have created powerful suction, drawing in large volumes of brackish San Francisco Bay water and forcing the pumps to shut down for weeks. Crews drove sheet piles deep into the levee to stem the leak and stop the flow of water under the levee.

Without substantial improvements to Delta levees in the next 25 years, "more than \$10 billion in agricultural, residential, commercial, and infrastructure assets and nearly \$2 billion in annual economic activity would be exposed to flooding," according to an estimate from the Delta Stewardship Council.

Jeffrey Mount, a geomorphologist and water infrastructure expert with the Public Policy Institute of California, said the recent near-miss at Victoria Island could be a harbinger of more dangerous levee breaks to come.

"That is considered one

The community of Isleton is visible in the distance from the banks of the Sacramento River on April 1. Like many Delta communities, levees protect Isleton from flooding along the river.

Year's Eve in 2022 during a powerful downpour. The flooding killed three people, swamped homes, shut down Highway 99 and washed away vehicles. The local levee management agency, funded by its landowners, was reportedly still waiting for federal emergency relief money two years later and, as of January, still owed the bank \$7 million.

Stockton, on the eastern edge of the Delta, faces a constant risk of flooding. U.S. Rep. Josh Harder, a Democrat from Tracy, said the problem stems from inadequate federal funding for levee upkeep and red tape that hinders maintenance and repairs by local agencies. He has co-authored a bill, the Safeguarding Our Levees Act, that would address some of these issues. "For too long we've been left behind in federal funding," Harder said. "No family should have to watch floodwater pour into their living room while government stalls." Parts of the region are essentially on borrowed time, with levees facing a uniquely overbearing workload, said Steven Deverel, a hydrologist at HydroFocus, Inc., who has studied Delta levees. Most levees, he explained, hold back water only during high flow events. But in the Delta, "levees are really more like dams in that they have to hold back water 24-7." This unique arrangement makes much of the region particularly vulnerable to flooding. "You basically have holes in the ground as much as 25 feet deep, and the only thing that holds back the water is levees," Mount said. Pumping the water out is increasingly expensive because of rising electricity rates, said engineer Gilbert Cosio with River Delta Consulting. "The last few years have been a perfect storm for expenditures," he said.

California Department of Water Resources' deputy director of flood management and dam safety.

Still, Delta locals worry that critical programs protecting their region are being sidelined. The state cut a key levee maintenance fund from the budget this year.

The sluggish state reimbursements on cost-shared projects through the Delta Levees Maintenance Subventions Program leaves local landowners who must front the costs of repairs — accruing interest on loans they can't pay back.

"It's expensive and these districts go into debt to do these projects," said Emily Pappalardo, an engineer with the local firm that designed and directed Wilson's levee repair in 2023, DCC Engineering Co., in Walnut Grove. "Every dollar these districts spend should be on improving and maintaining their levees instead of chasing after the money to do it ... or paying interest on loans." Wilson said that the FEMA reimbursement would not cover the costs of borrowing money to pay for the repairs. "The whole time the interest clock is ticking," he said. That means less money for further levee upkeep. "If we had an issue this winter or last winter, we'd have been in a world of hurt," Wilson said. Until several years ago, according to sources, levee upgrades completed in the fall were followed by state reimbursements in the spring. "By the end of June, everyone had their money" in time to start working on spring and summer levee projects, said Cosio, at River Delta Consulting. "Now, it's not until the fall or later that we get the money." Farmer Harvey Correia, who has orchards near Isleton, said state claim filing requirements and slow processing mean that in some cases more than two years can pass before landowners are reimbursed.

be investigated and verified through site visits and coordination with other agencies.

Wilson, near Walnut Grove, said many local levee managers are financially swamped. "They're in debt beyond their ability to pay it back."

Pappalardo, who grew up in the Delta, wants to see more consistent funding of the levees subventions program.

However, the program relies on periodic bond funding. The current cash pool amounts to about \$14 million and derives from bonds that voters approved in 2014 and 2006, Ince said.

Late last year, voters approved Proposition 4, a \$10 billion water, wildlife and climate bond, directing \$150 million to Delta flood protection, levee upgrades and climate resiliency work. Sources said they expect it will provide more money for the program, but they emphasized that it, too, will run out. "These levees aren't going anywhere," Pappalardo said. "This is infrastructure and these costs are always going to be here ... this is general maintenance." Ideally, she said, money would come from the state's general fund. Also frustrated at the trickling pace of subventions funding for Delta levees is Stockton attorney Dante Nomellini, Jr., who has represented the Central Delta Water Agency and several Delta reclamation districts. He said the program is "well-oiled" but that its funding could be more reliable. "The funding dries up every few years and we have to fight to get more," he said. Chris Neudeck, a levee engineer whose firm ----Kjeldsen, Sinnock & Neudeck, Inc — repaired the Victoria Island breach this winter, believes the flagging funding for levees has a simple explanation: "It's called the flood memory half-life," he said. "How long does a politician hold memory of a disaster? Many say it's six months, others say nine months ... If we don't have a flood event every year, we're screwed."

different forms. Some are relatively quick and easy, involving basic materials — like riprap, the rocks and boulders that line many levees — to provide armoring against erosion.

Others are more sophisticated. One nearly finished project near the Delta town of Isleton, along Highway 160, builds in fish and bird habitat in the form of vegetated "benches" near the water line.

"The benches serve a double purpose," said Pappalardo, whose firm designed the project. "While they provide habitat, they also reduce the velocity of the river."

Because Pappalardo's project provides multiple benefits, the upgrade qualified for a 94% funding reimbursement from the state. But the total cost was about \$18 million for 1.4 miles of levee, and the 6% that the reclamation district must cover on its own "is still a heavy lift for them," Pappalardo said.

Though costly and tangled in thickets of program and agency acronyms, most levee upgrade projects are not terribly complicated. They often involve dump trucks dropping material on top of or down a slope of a levee. Barges can help. The goal in most projects is to build the levee, vertically and horizontally, to dimensions defined by several distinct standards. These federal and state standards call for a range of parameters in levee height, width and slope steepness. Among these standards is that of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers known as Public Law 84-99. Certain levees built to this standard are eligible for support from the Army Corps should they leak or break. Since 2019, the Flood Maintenance Assistance Program, enacted by the Department of Water Resources, has provided local levee maintenance agencies with \$40 million to help their levees comply with the federal standard. This has leveraged massive amounts of federal funding when levees damaged by high waters need to be repaired, said Nagy at the Sacramento River West Side Levee District.

eligibility for federal funding post-flood," she said.

In an assessment of Delta levee vulnerability in 2016, Deverel and several coauthors wrote that although general compliance with various standards is "encouraging," fully protecting any given island in the Delta "requires 100% compliance."

Nomellini thinks full protection is achievable. "This is not rocket science," he said. "This is dirt and rock. If there was the political will, we could have the best levees west of the Mississippi."

Mount said the amount of money needed to maintain the Delta's levees may be the most insurmountable obstacle.

"What do you do if you don't have the money?" he said. "What is the longterm vision for the Delta?"

At the Delta Stewardship Council, Jeff Henderson, deputy executive officer of planning and performance, said parts of the western Delta more exposed to the influence of tides and rising sea level may face an uncertain future.

"In such locations, reinforcing levees may become technically or financially unsustainable over time, prompting conversations about alternative strategies," Henderson said.





of the really good levees, and they nearly lost it," Mount said. "So what about the other ones?"

With state and federal assistance programs falling behind on reimbursements or losing funding, landowners are struggling to keep pace with maintenance. Many are in debt from recent projects, and the backlog of upgrades and repairs is growing.

Billions of dollars are needed to upgrade the Delta's levees to basic safety standards, but the estimated costs far exceed the funding metered out by state and federal agencies.

Repairing Delta levees could cost at least \$3.2 billion by 2050, according to the Delta Stewardship Council. State water officials estimate that about \$1.06 billion is needed for Delta levee upgrades in just the next five years.

Across the entire Central Valley, the problem balloons to \$30 billion in overdue upgrades to protect against worst-case scenario flooding, which could cause \$1 trillion in damage, according to the state's 2022 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan.

"All the districts in the Central Valley have a list of projects that they would like to get accomplished." said Meegan Nagy, general manager of the Sacramento River West Side Levee District, which manages levees upstream of the state capital.

A few miles southeast of Sacramento, a privately owned levee system beside the Cosumnes River ruptured on New

Landowners in Debt for Fixing Levees

Since the 1970s, California has invested more than \$700 million in Delta levee work. Just the last two budget cycles have dedicated \$560 million to flood response and flood protection statewide, plus other investments, according to Laura Hollender, the

"So we're paying interest on loans while we're waiting for money from the state," Correia said.

Jason Ince, a spokesperson at the Department of Water Resources, said the agency strives to process payments "as quickly as possible" but said each request must

An Uncertain Future for the Delta

Levee upgrades come in

"In my district alone, since 2017, we have had about \$30 million worth of federal funding for postflood repairs," Nagy said. The program "is one of the most successful programs the department has executed."

But the state's Flood Maintenance Assistance Program was put "on hold" this year due to budget constraints, according to the Department of Water Resources. Nagy worries this could accelerate levee deterioration.

"If we have multiple years when that program is not funded, then every year we get closer to losing

Erosion and weathering are just two factors gnawing at levee integrity. Burrowing beavers cause occasional collapses. So have invasive nutria, semiaquatic rodents native to South America and now a recognized nuisance to California's wetlands and levees. Toppling trees, too, can tear out the flank of a levee, and earthquakes are considered a constant danger — though just how serious is debated.

Another matter that has progressively compromised the Delta's levees is subsidence — the land is sinking, an outcome of when peat soil is exposed to oxygen and breaks down, emitting carbon dioxide.

More than 2 billion cubic meters of Delta soil volume has disappeared since the 1850s, according to Deverel's 2016 paper. Today, much cropland and scattered residences lie a precarious 15 to 20 feet and more below sea level. All the while, the ocean is rising, though slowly, and winter flooding is growing more extreme.

"You have rising sea level, increasing winter storms and atmospheric rivers, and the longer it's been since the last earthquake the closer we are to the next," Mount said.

He predicts that lower-value land will eventually go underwater as levees wear out and the will to maintain them wanes.

"Will the Delta look like this forever?" he asked. "The answer is no."

Council Introduces Ordinance to Regulate Homing Pigeons, Adjusts Setback Proposal

By Sean P. Thomas **City Editor**

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt City Council on Tuesday, April 15 introduced an ordinance amendment that would allow residents to keep and train homing pigeons under specific conditions.

The proposed ordinance would make an exception to the city's prohibition on wild birds and fowl, permitting up to 10 homing or racing pigeons per property, provided the owner is a member of a recognized pigeon organization and adheres to housing, care and training requirements.

After Council Members raised concerns over fairness and neighborhood impact, Council Members also agreed to modify the ordinance's property line setback requirement, reducing it from 50 feet to 30 feet, citing concerns that most Galt residents don't have large enough lots to meet the original rule.

"I feel like we are accommodating the rich at this point to have a pet project while 98 percent of the city has no ability to even have a chance to have this pet project," Council Member Bonnie Rodriguez said.

The ordinance came in response to ongoing resident complaints about large pigeon flocks kept in residential backyards. City Manager Chris Erias said that in recent years, city staff have received multiple reports of nuisance conditions caused by pigeon coops housing up to



The Galt City Council approved an amendment to a city ordinance allowing homing and racing pigeons to be kept on Galt residential properties. Residents can house up to 10 birds if they are housed 30 feet away from the lot's property line. Photo by Malan Vivier

100 birds

"There have been a couple of instances where we've had complaints... they have created a nuisance for those living in nearby homes," Erias said. Issues included odor, dead birds, noise and safety concerns.

The proposed ordinance would limit pigeon activity to the hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., require weekly cleaning of enclosures and prohibit nuisance noise or odor. Enclosures must also be secure from rodents and vermin. All pigeons must be kept inside their coops when not actively training or flying.

Code Enforcement Supervisor TJ Guidotti

emphasized the need for balance.

> "We want to establish the regulation, but we also want to work with community members who say that having pigeons is something that they want to do," he said. "We will work with you for compliance, but we have to make sure your activity will not impact your neighbor."

Mayor Shawn Farmer said a 10-pigeon limit might be too low.

"I'm not a pigeon expert, but that seems low," he said, referencing a conversation with a racer who suggested 25-30 birds is a manageable number.

Farmer also recalled a

previous neighborhood where someone kept 200 pigeons that often flew in loud flocks overhead.

"When I used to live over there, they would

do laps over my house," Farmer said. "There would be floods of like 30 or 40 of them in groups and they sound like airplanes going over when they are in a group. It's kind of crazy."

Farmer also suggested tailoring the number of pigeons allowed to the size of the lot, allowing residents on smaller lots to keep a few birds, while capping the total at 10.

"I'm just trying to be fair, too," he said.

Resident Joan Werblun, who lived near that property, said even a small number of birds could be problematic if not well-maintained.

"I have pictures of my car that looked like a bad white paint job," she said.

Phyllis Johnson, whose father co-founded a homing pigeon club in the Bronx, said she took issue with the proposed training hours, based on typical pigeon-keeping practices.

She called the proposed training hours "tricky" before offering to assist with any ordinance revisions or questions.

"I knew a pigeon before

I knew anything else," she said.

Rodriguez questioned whether it made sense to allow homing pigeons at all if only a few homes meet the property size requirement.

Erias acknowledged that accommodating smaller lots would make enforcement more difficult, but possible.

"The 10 (birds) really is a reflection of those who just do it recreationally," he said.

Council Member Mathew Pratton suggested forming an ad-hoc committee to evaluate and refine the ordinance, if council members were concerned.

"I think TJ has done his homework, and this is what he has come up with," Pratton said.

City Attorney Frank Splendorio said the ordinance could serve as a pilot program, with the city revisiting the rules later.

Farmer agreed, inviting code enforcement to return and discuss the ordinance if the change made at Tuesday's meeting causes any issues.

City Council Cancels May 6 Meeting

By Sean P. Thomas **City Editor**

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt City Council voted to cancel its May 6 meeting to allow Council Members to attend the Capitolto-Capitol program in Washington, D.C.

The Galt City Council

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unanimously to send the entire council on a networking trip to the nation's capital from May 3-7, part of the 53rd annual Capitol-to-Capitol federal advocacy effort.

The members will join over 400 other members on the trip.

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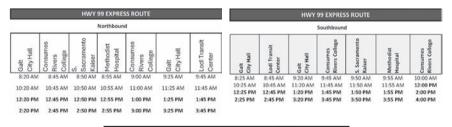
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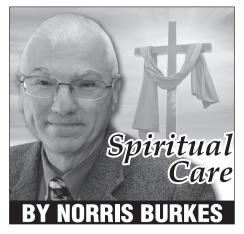
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A Good Friday Introduces a God Sunday



No matter what you've read, I can promise you this – the Jesus insurrection was put down quickly and decisively. The anarchists, AKA disciples, who were occupying the garden never really had a chance.

The disciples barely seemed to know the smackdown was coming when the occupying powers, caving to the demand of religious leaders, issued an arrest warrant for their insurgency leader.

"Bring this Jesus to me," said Pontius Pilate, the Roman prefect (governor) of Judaea. "Let's see what kind of leader he claims to be. Does he think himself their king, their God? If so, I'll make sure he becomes just another revolutionary nailed to a tree."

Gaining Pilate's approval, the deputized posse stormed the Gethsemane Garden, a place where Jesus was known to hang with the homeless. The officers expected a fight, or they at least hoped to instigate one. They came armed with clubs and swords.

To be certain of their target, they bribed a Jesus insider, a real Judas, to plant an identifying kiss on Jesus' cheek.

The subject himself offered no resistance. After all, no matter what the prostitutes and degenerate cripples said, Jesus was just a man.

The only struggle came when a sword-packing follower sliced off a deputy's ear. Eyewitnesses claimed Jesus miraculously reattached it, but the religious leaders dismissed that as fake news.

Others claimed that Jesus' quiet surrender paved his way to martyrdom. By the time their claim gained traction, Jesus would become much more than a martyr.

Early the next morning, the pathetic arrestee was hauled before Pilot where the governor asked him if he thought himself to be a king.

No response. Only unassuming surrender. This is going to be easy," Pilate must have thought. "I'll make him king — King of Calvary's Hill."

So much for this petty uprising.

"Not so fast," pleaded the first lady. "I had a bad dream about him. You shouldn't have anything to do with him."

"Dreams! Probably just something you ate," Pilate told his wife.

Then, with a pontific wave, Pilate motioned Jesus into the hands of tormentors who mockingly crowned him with a wreath of puncturing thorns. Nice touch.

In the meantime, Pilate washed his hands. Just another day living in the dream seat of power. Insurrection squashed.

By Friday afternoon, it was a done deal. Even Jesus knew it by then: "It is finished!"

The government prosecution of the fledgling rebellion was far-reaching and absolute. The orders were signed and sealed, then executed with the utmost prejudice.

But Pilate had looked at this all wrong.

He, as well as the religious folks who'd concocted the charges, had operated under the misguided assumption that the coup would come by force.

You can't blame them. It was also the shared assumption of Jesus' disciples, including Judas, their disgruntled group treasurer.

The day would eventually be called Good Friday by his followers, but it Friday was only good because Sunday belonged to God.

And when Sunday came, it arrived with an immeasurable power not before seen by anyone on this earth. And it was manifested first to a woman.

On that long-ago first Easter morning, when a few women dared enter Jesus' empty tomb, they were confronted by angels, asking, "Why do you seek the living among the dead. The one you are looking for is risen" (Luke 24:6).

The words were final witness to the fact that God's Kingdom has never been about any earthly kingdom.

His Kingdom has always pointed toward the Resurrection, both his and ours.

Happy Good Friday and God Sunday!

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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.

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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."

MEETING MINDERS

Wednesday, April 23

flexibility and students can learn numerous square dance calls in about three months.

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

Library Offers Older Adults Computer Time

In cooperation with the Galt Commission on Aging, the Galt-Marian O. Lawrence Library will schedule a set time for older adults to use its computers, upon request. Those 65 and older who want computer time can call the library at 916-264-2920. Staff will help set up the computer or tablet.

The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at 1000 Caroline Ave.

City After-Hours Assistance

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

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

Recycle Household Batteries

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

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

Monday, April 28

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

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.

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The 2024/2025 regular season is in the books, but the outcome is still anyone's guess.

Without question the past season will go down as one of the most discursive seasons of basketball the Sacramento Kings have ever experienced. For many fans the trading of DeAaron Fox midseason came as a shock and a gut punch. Few players have ever seen the meteoric hero worship that DeAaron and his family enjoyed over nearly eight NBA seasons.

Watching DeAaron get married, have a family that fans would come to love as Recee would sit courtside with the babies was heartwarming, and we all seemed to grow up with DeAaron as he and Recee made their home in Sacramento.

But the NBA is a business, and altruism is a fleeting commodity as it relates to owners and General Managers's, so it's time for Kings fans to muster the courage to say goodbye and welcome in the new.

This is the nature of the NBA, and other teams such as the Dallas Mavericks have recently gone through the same thing. Speaking of the Mavericks, they will be coming to town on Wednesday night, minus superstar Luka Doncic, who was inexplicably traded not long ago to the LA Lakers in exchange for big man Anthony Davis.

Nonetheless, as the Kings host the first game of the playin tournament in search of a playoff bid, the Mavericks will be no easy opponent. It's a win or go home game for both teams, and I expect Golden One to be rocking on Wednesday night.

In recent weeks the Kings have witnessed the rise of newcomer Zach LaVine who is leading the NBA in 3-point percentage shooting, and after a tepid beginning with Sacramento, Zach has come on like the all-star he is.

Missing from the lineup will be spark plug Malik Monk who will likely miss the postseason with a calf injury, so coach Christie will have to look for answers elsewhere.

Coming off the bench with some regularity, Doug McDermott has added a spark, and even Isaac Jones sightings have been seen in recent games. These are good tidings for the Kings, as both players have the ability to bring needed energy and scoring punch from a bench that has lacked that commodity for much of the season.

So, Kings fans, as we look back on the 2024/2025 season what surprises you? Was it the sudden departure of coach Mike Brown, the shock of trading the face of the franchise, or the frenetic nature of this roller coaster season that left the Sacramento squad 2 games below 500?

Many, and I count myself as one, saw the Kings improving on a 46-game win season from just a year ago, and I was convinced this team could surpass the 50-win mark. Sadly, this was not to be, but even with improbable changes fans were forced to accept in a head scratching year, our hometown boys find themselves with an opportunity to still earn a playoff berth.

Some say unlikely, but I say were you watching when the Kings defeated the Boston Celtics shorthanded at the Garden? They went on to defeat the Minnesota Timberwolves, Houston Rockets, Golden State Warriors, Chicago Bulls, Memphis Grizzlies, Cleveland Cavaliers, Detroit Pistons, and the Dallas Mavericks?

Why do I list these teams you ask? Because they are all in the NBA playoffs, and the Sactown ballers have demonstrated time and time again that they are capable of defeating the best teams the NBA has to offer.

By no means does this team have little chance to move into the playoffs, and although Wednesday night will test their mettle, look for the Kings to likely travel to San Francisco on Friday night for a rematch with archrival Golden State.

Yes, the hearts of King's fans have been wounded, but we represent a resilient crowd, so proudly put on your jersey's and let's give the hometown team all the support we can muster!

Sunday's win over the hapless Phoenix Suns was not the test they will face on Wednesday night but look for something special to happen.

Hope is ubiquitous, and so is our love for this team!

Enjoy Kings fans. See you at the playoffs!

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

Social Security Matters *Will My Social Security Increase if I Keep Working After Applying?*



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am going to be 67 in a few weeks & I plan on working for another year or two. According to Social Security, they count the best 35 years to come up with your benefit. I currently have 30 years, with 2024 and 2025 taxes yet to be filed. If I take my benefit now, will I get an upward adjustment after filing my taxes for those years, or do I need to wait to apply for SS until after filing my taxes to get credit for those years? Signed: Still Working

Dear Still Working: Whenever you claim your Social Security benefit, SSA will look at your lifetime earnings record on file at the time (as received from the IRS) and calculate your "primary insurance amount" (PIA) using that record on file. They will use your highest earning 35 years to do that calculation and, if you do not yet have 35 years, they will use "zero \$\$" enough times to make it 35 years. In other words, your benefit will always be calculated using 35 years, whether you actually have 35 years of earnings on record, or not.

However, Social Security revisits your earnings record whenever additional information is received from the IRS, so if file your taxes and add the additional year's income after you start your Social Security benefits, you will get credit for those additional earnings. Essentially, you will be replacing one of the "zero \$\$" years originally used to calculate your benefit amount, and Social Security will recalculate your monthly amount to reflect that, resulting in an increase to your monthly benefit.

Thus, as long as you work and earn and report your earnings to the IRS, Social Security will update vour record and automatically give you a higher benefit if warranted by your more recent earnings. That recalculation usually happens later in the year (after April 15th), but Social Security will make any increase retroactive to the beginning of the calendar year, so you will get any higher benefit effective with January.

already reached your full retirement age (FRA), you can (if you wish) apply for Social Security now and be confident that Social Security will give you credit for any additional earnings after you apply. And for clarity, if you choose to wait beyond your full retirement age to claim, you will earn Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) which will continue to increase your monthly benefit amount until you are 70 years of age. DRCs will add 8% to your PIA for each full year you delay (.667% for each month you delay past your FRA).

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By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Overwhelmingly Californians rate the intertwined issues of housing supply, living costs and homelessness as the state's most pressing issues, as a recent poll by the Public Policy Institute of California confirms.

The terrible trio, as one might term it, also draws constant verbal acknowledgement from the state's politicians from Governor Gavin Newsom down, and he and legislators have enacted dozens, perhaps hundreds, of measures to address it.

Nevertheless, there's little evidence that their efforts have had material impact. Either the three situations are beyond the capacity of politics to address, a distinct possibility, or the political efforts to date have not been vigorous enough.

Why, one must wonder, is California plagued while residents of other states enjoy lower housing and living costs and experience much lower rates of homelessness? Shouldn't our political and civic leaders be examining what these other states are doing right, or are they so afflicted with self-righteous hubris that they cannot entertain such a thought?

A new and very detailed study of housing policies in the nation's 250 largest metropolitan areas confirms that California is an outlier when it comes to increasing housing

its costs.

Titled "Build Homes, Expand Opportunity" the report is a product of the George W. Bush Institute at Southern Methodist University.

"America's fastest-growing cities offer lessons on how America can address its housing affordability crisis," the report declares. "Based on our analysis of the 250 largest metropolitan areas and a deep dive into 25 large metros in the Sun Belt and Mountain states, places scoring best for pro-growth housing and land-use policies are mostly large Sun Belt metros from the Carolinas through Texas to Utah."

The metros doing the best job of meeting their housing demands, the report says, have policies that make it easy for developers to build. That includes allowing higher-density housing in "substantial fractions of every city," reducing minimum lot sizes, allowing residential construction in commercial areas, reducing or eliminating parking requirements and embracing innovative technologies such as modular construction and three-dimensional (3D) printing.

In addition to adopting specific housing policies that spur development, the report continues, metros that are meeting demand also pursue complementary policies, such as having enough educational and medical services, allowing "fine-grained mixing of land uses and human activities in as many places as possible," allowing "dynamic changes in land use rather than trying to freeze neighborhoods," and providing amenities such as "walkability, revitalized live-work-play

and trails."

supply and moderating downtowns" and "great parks

So, one might ask, which metro areas are hitting all the right buttons and which are not, as determined in the study?

The 25 top pro-housing metros are all either in the Sun Belt, particularly Texas, California's arch-rival, or in the mountain states such as Utah and Idaho. Number one is Charlotte, North Carolina. and number two is Austin, the Texas capital which is becoming a powerful competitor with California's Silicon Valley.

Not surprisingly, California metros are heavily represented on the list of the nation's 25 "most restrictive" metros. While Honolulu is the least accommodating, Oxnard is number two.

Nine of the 25 are in California. They include, in order after Oxnard, San Jose, San Diego, Riverside-San Bernardino, San Francisco, Sacramento, Bakersfield, Fresno and Stockton.

It would be tempting to dismiss the Bush Institute's report as biased because it comes from Texas, but it contains a wealth of detail and explains how the data were evaluated.

A better response from California politicians would be to read the report and determine what more California could do to make the state housing friendly. The state's current path on housing, other living costs and homelessness is going in the wrong direction.

Dan Walters is one of the 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.

Court Expands Hours for Traffic, Small Claims, Landlord/Tenant Cases



The Carol Miller Justice Center's expanded hours are anticipated to streamline court processes, reduce wait times and make it easier for Sacramento County residents to address their legal cases. Photo courtesy of Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento

Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -In an effort to better serve the public, the Sacramento Superior Court has extended its hours of operation at the Carol Miller Justice Center, effective since April 7.

This change is meant to increase accessibility for individuals addressing traffic, small claims and landlord/tenant (also known as unlawful detainer) cases before the court.

Data shows that most users tend to access court services at the Carol Miller Justice Center earlier in the week, with a line often forming outside before the doors open to the public in the morning.

As part of an 18-month pilot program, the Carol Miller Justice Center has

adjusted its operating hours to open one hour earlier at 7 a.m. and close one hour later at 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. The courthouse is closed Fridays.

These expanded hours will provide additional options for those wishing to resolve their cases outside traditional business hours, reducing the need to take time off from work, school or other daily obligations.

Key changes include court services now available from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. Traffic arraignment calendars will start at 7 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. Court trial calendars will be added at 7:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Lastly, the courthouse is closed on Fridays.

The expanded hours are anticipated to streamline court processes, reduce wait times and make it easier for Sacramento County

residents to address their legal cases. For example, an individual could attend a traffic arraignment at 7 a.m. to appear before a judge and return to their regular daily schedule by 7:30 a.m.

The new hours only apply to the Carol Miller Justice Center, which processes traffic. small claims and landlord/tenant (also known as unlawful detainer) cases.

Other court buildings and divisions of the Sacramento Superior Court will maintain their standard operating hours.

For more information about services available at the Carol Miller Justice Center, visit traffic services online at saccourt.ca.gov/ traffic/traffic.aspx; small claims services at saccourt. ca.gov/small-claims/smallclaims.aspx; and unlawful detainers (landlord/tenant) at saccourt.ca.gov/ud/ ud.aspx.

Galt Introduces Tougher Fireworks Ordinance

Continued from page 1 instrumental in monitoring illegal fireworks displays.

"Using drones to monitor illegal fireworks use, we're able to track suspects and vehicles involved in ongoing crimes," Kalinowski said. "This gives us the ability to go back later and administratively cite those who are discharging fireworks."

In Elk Grove, authorities used drones to capture illegal fireworks activity during last year's Fourth of July celebrations, issuing \$240,000 in fines, including a \$100,000 penalty to one homeowner. Kalinowski expressed interest in implementing a similar drone program in Galt to help track illegal fireworks usage.

"We get stripped out pretty quickly with our capacity to respond," Kalinowski noted. "Using emerging technology, other than sworn staff, and the host ordinance are the three moving pieces for us that take this home."

Under the new ordinance, the use of fireworks will be banned outside of June 28 and 11 p.m. on July 5. Safe and sane fireworks may only be sold with a city-issued permit and state-issued license. Violations of the ordinance will result in civil citations, with fines of \$1,000 per violation.

Any fireworks found in violation of the ordinance, including safe and sane fireworks, will be confiscated and destroyed by the Cosumnes Fire Department.

Mayor Shawn Farmer expressed strong support for the ordinance, citing his own concerns about fire safety. He recalled a friend losing their home due to a fire potentially caused by illegal fireworks.

"Where I live, it's like Fallujah at night on the Fourth of July," Farmer said. "If you guys can use drones to crack down on that, I'm all for it. There are dry fields back there and all of our neighbors are just on pins and needles for a fire that night."

Council Member Bonnie Rodriguez voiced concerns about the ordinance's impact on landlords, questioning how tenants who use illegal fireworks could be held accountable. Kalinowski said homeowners could still be held liable if their tenants use illegal fireworks on their property. The city would encourage landlords to enforce compliance with their tenants, including making tenants pay the fine if a violation occurs.

"The pathway to solving that problem is ensuring you get compliance from your tenant," Kalinowski explained. "If you received a fine, you would expect that your tenant, to continue residency, would pay the fine."

The city also plans to run an education campaign to promote awareness of the new rules. Kalinowski pointed out that the city would follow due process

when issuing citations, allowing property owners to appeal fines in the same way a traffic ticket could be contested.

"It's like if you got a traffic ticket," Kalinowski said. "There is due process that you are available to appeal that citation."

City Manager Chris Erias emphasized that the goal is always to go after the true perpetrators of illegal fireworks violations rather than targeting property owners first.

"We have always had an approach of trying to work with the folks directly responsible," Erias said. "The last resort is always to go then to the property owner."

Council Member Tim Reed expressed full support for the updated ordinance, noting the importance of preventing the dangers posed by illegal fireworks.

"Anything we can do to help these guys do their job on the Fourth of July, we should be doing it," Reed said.

Farmer concluded by making it clear that the ordinance is intended as a deterrent.

"If you hear that the Galt City Council is going to start cracking down on illegal fireworks, well yeah, you did not read that wrong," Farmer said. "If you want to celebrate, celebrate with legal fireworks. If you want to take a gamble, you're going to reap the repercussions."



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SMUD to Hold Public Proposed Rate Action Workshops

SMUD News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The SMUD Board of Directors is holding two public workshops and a public hearing to discuss proposed rate changes.

The Chief Executive Officer & General Manager's Reports and Recommendation on Rates and Services, released by SMUD CEO & General Manager Paul Lau, outlines a proposed rate increase of 3 percent on Jan. 1, 2026, and another 3 percent increase on Jan. 1, 2027. The proposed changes also include an optional Timeof-Day (low use) Rate, updates to transmission rates and other miscellaneous changes.

While SMUD works hard to control costs and operate efficiently, the need for a modest rate increase is attributed to several factors including wildfire prevention and mitigation, new generation projects, higher commodity costs for California clean energy compliance, infrastructure investment to maintain a reliable grid, the Folsom Administrative Operations Building and increased operating costs due to inflation, according to SMUD officials.

SMUD officials say that SMUD is committed to keeping rate increases within inflation, and if the proposed changes are approved, SMUD's rates would remain among the lowest rates in the state, currently on average more than 50- percent lower than neighboring PG&E's rates.

Detailed information on the proposed rate action and a complete copy of the Chief Executive Officer and General Manager's Report and Recommendation on Rates and Services can be found on smud.org/RateInfo.

SMUD will work closely

with customers and other stakeholders, including community groups, service organizations, business groups, elected officials and more, to discuss these changes.

In addition, two public workshops and a public hearing will be held for customers to learn more about the process and comment on the proposed changes.

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A public workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, April 30 at 5:30 p.m., followed by another public workshop on Tuesday, May 13 at 10 a.m.

Additionally, a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 4 at 6 p.m.

For questions about the proposal, visit smud.org/ RateInfo or call SMUD at 855-736-7655.

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of April 8 to April 14, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in eight arrests.

April 8

7:06 a.m., Stolen vehicle reported, C Street.

April 9

1:03 p.m., Warrant served/adult arrest, South Lincoln Way/Ranch.

1:25 p.m., Theft reported, Fancy Donuts on Twin Cities Road: Male subject took food and drinks from front counter.

reported, Fifth Street: Registration taken from vehicle.

April 10

3:25 a.m., Vandalism, Tudor Street: White female adult, wearing gray shirt and blue jeans, spray painted vehicle lights.

3:25 p.m., Theft reported, Vintage Oak Avenue: Vehicle license plates taken.

April 11

3 a.m., Warrant served/ adult arrest, City Hall, Civic Drive.

11:58 a.m., Vandalism 1:29 p.m., Theft reported, A Street: Front

and back tires slashed. 3:46 p.m., Fraud reported, Wristen Way. 4:56 p.m., Child Neglect-Abuse/adult arrest, Morgans Ranch Circle.

April 12

1:08 a.m., DUI/adult arrest, More For Less, North Lincoln Way.

April 13

1:11 p.m., DUI/adult arrest, Dry Creek U Save Liquors on C Street.

April 14

12:35 a.m., DUI/adult arrest, Elk Hills Drive/ Marengo Road.

3:44 a.m., Vandalism/ adult arrest, Galt Laundromat on C Street.

10:04 a.m., Theft reported, Lyonia Drive: Tire taken off vehicle. 12:56 p.m., Theft, Galt

Police Department on Industrial Drive: Plate stolen from trailer.

3 p.m., Burglary-Auto, US Storage Centers on A Street.

3:21 p.m., Theft reported, Aisle 1 on Twin

Cities Road. 5:47 p.m., Fraud reported, Gehrig Court.

5:52 p.m., Burglary-Auto, Life's A Grind on Twin Cities Road. *

Residents Request Closure of Entrance to Adare Way

Continued from page 1

speed limit. He said congestion is so bad, it's often hard to back out of his driveway.

"My biggest concern is a highspeed vehicle failing to make the turn and crashing into my house," Ayala said. "Even worse, one of my five brothers could be in the front yard when that happens."

Ayala suggested the city turn the intersection into a cul-de-sac to prevent through traffic.

Resident Alice Lee proposed permanently closing the Adare entrance from Stockton Boulevard and constructing a roundabout at Adare Way

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"These drivers are not slowing down," Lee said. "Adare Way was not intended to be a major thoroughfare to get to a superstore like Walmart. It was meant to be a safe, closed-off court."

According to City Manager Chris Erias, the issue has been placed on the May 20 City Council agenda.

Erias said staff had previously been directed to investigate and will bring a formal recommendation to the council.

It had also been discussed extensively at a previous date by the Galt Public Safety Committee.

Shawn Farmer expressed support for examining a broad range of solutions.

options we can do, from extreme to very little," he said.

Rodriguez, who lives near the area, suggested meeting with staff prior to the next council session.

Rodriguez also asked whether the city could contact Google Maps to let the company know the street is not an appropriate route to Walmart.

she said. *

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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. Find a new favorite beer, toss a game of cornhole and dance along to live band.

Held in conjunction with the State BBQ Championship, more than 30 BBQ teams will compete.

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Saturday, May 3

Wilton Bingo: The next bingo will be on Saturday, May 3 in the Wilton Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale and bingo starts at 6 p.m.

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So Why is Good Friday Called 'Good?'

Today, two days before Easter, is known as Good Friday, the holy day commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus. Good Friday is a part of Holy Week, which includes Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday, and Good Friday leading to Easter Sunday.

So, why "Good" Friday? One common explanation is that the word "Good" originally meant "holy" in Old English, so "Good Friday" could be synonymous with "Holy Friday" or "God's Friday." The Rev. Dr. Brent Strawn, minister in the United Methodist Church, says, "Another reason for the name Good Friday might stem from a deeper understanding of goodness and an awareness that Easter and the salvation of humanity are near. This is not a rejection of the sadness and tragedy of death, but rather a real thick understanding of the goodness that came out of a very tragic thing."

The Easter date depends on the ecclesiastical approximation of the March equinox. The day may be used by Christians as a quiet prayer time to reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus. To remember the



"good" life Jesus has for us when we only need to believe. On that note: from my family to yours, have a blessed Easter. I hope you find peace and contentment and enjoy your family, take lots of photos and make some memories.

On another note of totally far-fetched trivia: According to nationaltoday.com, National Piñata Day is observed on April 18 every year. There is no one on this planet who doesn't like candy; however, piñatas are no longer filled with just candy. Trinkets, small toys, money, jewelry and just about anything of interest can fill a piñata. And you don't have to stop at just one sweet or trinket; you can gather as much as you can possibly carry when a piñata is shattered.

Your birthday party and other celebrations would not have been as successful without the colorfully designed piñata containers. Those who haven't yet attempted to whack open a paper-mâché donkey or star should give it a try on this National Piñata Day.

The origins of the piñata may be traced back to the 13th century. The Chinese created piñatas for their New Year festivities to bring good fortune to the growing season. They were usually fashioned like cows or oxen and ornamented with vivid colors and ribbons and were brimming with seeds. The Chinese burned the remnants of the piñata and stored the ashes for good luck after it was shattered.

Marco Polo returned to Europe from his expeditions in Asia with several piñatas of shapes and sizes. They gained popularity during Lent in the 14th century. Piñata Sunday was the first Sunday of Lent. The piñata was introduced to Mexico by Europeans in the 16th century.

Mesoamerica, interestingly, had quite a similar custom. They stuffed god-shaped clay pots with beads, beautiful stones,

nuts and fruit. The pots were broken open with striking sticks. The Mayan practice was similar to the present piñata tradition in that the person struck the piñata while blindfolded.

The birthday of the Aztec god of war and sun, Huitzilopochtli, was celebrated in Aztec culture. Priests would use multicolored feathers to adorn a clay pot. When the pot was cracked with a stick or club, the valuables within would fall at the idol's feet as a gift. In 1586, the piñata was first used for evangelization in the present country of Mexico. Piñatas have also grown in popularity among Mexican Americans, others Hispanic and Latino, and non-Hispanic groups in the United States. They're popular at birthday parties, Christmas, New Year's, sweet sixteen parties, and Cinco de Mayo festivities.

Today is the day to fill a piñata, gather your friends, grab a sturdy stick and whack away at a piñata until it breaks and spills its contents. Enjoy!

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Real Galt FC Kicks Off Exciting Semi-Pro Soccer Season

By Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Real Galt FC, a semi-professional men's soccer team rooted in the local community, is off to a promising start as it launches its new season. Made up largely of players from Galt and Liberty Ranch high schools, the team has made strides in building a competitive roster with homegrown talent.

As of now, the Real Galt FC has played four games, boasting a record of two wins, one tie and one loss. Their victories came against Davis Legacy and Reno United FC, while they faced a challenging match against San Juan FC, leading to their sole loss. Additionally, they secured a hard-fought tie with FC Folsom, demonstrating their competitive spirit early in the season.

The excitement surrounding Real Galt FC extends beyond the matches themselves. There's no admission fee to attend the games, making it an accessible entertainment option for the entire community. Fans can enjoy lively game days with local



The statters pose for a photo-op before their match. Countesy phot

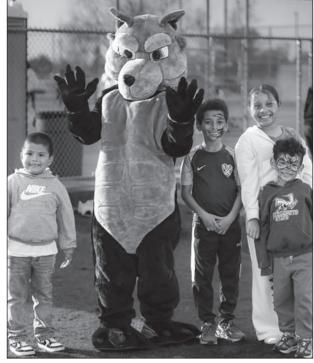
food vendors, including Aroma Bakery, and even engage with the team's spirited wolf mascot, Lobo. Children especially enjoy the interactive opportunities to shoot goals on the field during halftime.

The club benefits

from the generosity of local business sponsorships, primarily by Ward Engineering, which also sponsors special nights featuring free food, like taco night and tamale night, at many home games. This community-driven support

ensures that residents can enjoy the sport without worrying about entry or parking fees.

Matthew Ward, one of the sponsors, expressed his enthusiasm for the team and its impact on the community.



Lobo the Wolf is a fan favorite at Real Galt FC games.

"It really is the best-kept secret around, and I think the community needs to know about it," said Ward. "It is such a great team and organization that brings the community together for free and entertaining evenings out, showcasing Galt's own local talent."

Looking ahead, there are still three home games scheduled at Liberty Ranch High School, and the public is encouraged to come out and support the local athletes. The upcoming matches include:

Northern Nevada SC at 5 p.m. May 3 at Damonte Ranch High School.

Sonoma Valley United FC at 6:30 p.m. May 10 at Liberty Ranch High School. FC Folsom at 6 p.m. May 24 at Folsom Lake College.

Northern Nevada SC at 6:30 p.m. May 31at Liberty Ranch High School.

Reno United FC at 6:30 p.m. June 7 at Liberty Ranch High School.

Davis Legacy at 5 p.m. June 14 at the Davis Legacy Soccer Complex.

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Galt Warriors Fall to Liberty Ranch Hawks in One-Sided Contest

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

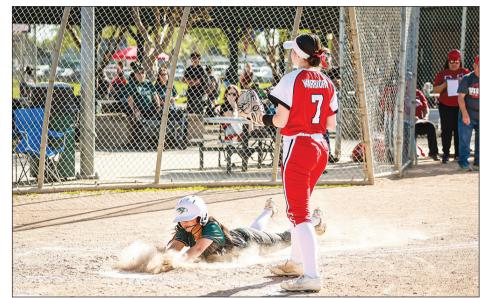
GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warriors softball team faced a challenging matchup against the Liberty Ranch Hawks on April 8. The Hawks, who currently sit atop the league standings, showcased their dominance with a decisive victory over the Warriors.

Liberty Ranch Head Coach Vince Bunac noted that the Hawks had a rocky start to the season but have since found their rhythm.

"We always play tough competition in our nonleague games," he said. "Once we started our league games, this team really put it together, thanks to the leadership from our seniors. Our pitching has been outstanding, particularly with Laura Quinn and Paityn Snow providing a strong one-two punch. When our pitchers perform well, our offense tends to follow suit, and we've seen that with freshman Mariella Granata leading the way with a .511 batting average, and the team average of .389."

In the game against Galt, senior Snow pitched a masterful five-inning complete game for the Hawks, allowing just one hit. She walked two batters and struck out an impressive seven Warriors. On the other side, Galt freshman Evianna Barrera faced a tough outing, giving up 13 hits and walking eight batters before being relieved by fellow freshman Makayla Moreno in the final inning.

Galt managed to secure only one hit during the contest, credited to sophomore Rianna Mayer In



Hawk Khali Barrantes slides into home.

a prolific offensive display, with Mariella Granata leading the charge with five hits. Snow and senior Gracyn Gravette contributed four hits each, while Carlie Perez added three hits to the mix Quinn, Kaitlynn Castro, Bella Granada and Xiana Juarez each tallied two hits, while Shelby Duarte and Khali Barrantes rounded out the team's hitting efforts with one hit apiece.

Although the Hawks didn't hit any home runs, they did manage impressive triples by Castro, Snow, Granada and Juarez.

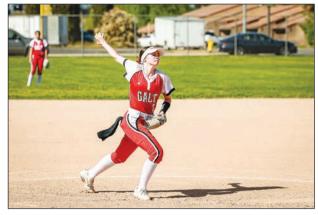
Coach Bunac concluded, "If we stay focused and continue to work hard, this team will have a very successful season. My assistant coaches and I are proud to be part of this special team, and we look forward to our future challenges ahead."

With this resounding victory, the Liberty Ranch Hawks continue to establish themselves as one of the teams to beat in the league, while the Galt Warriors will look to regroup and refocus for \star



Shelby Duarte bats for the Hawks.





Freshman Evianna Barrera pitches for the Warriors.



Warrior Emily Peña catches an infield fly.



contrast, the Hawks had their next matchup.

Liberty Ranch's Xiana Juarez slides back to second while Galt's Lexi Maldonado tries to tag her out.

Hawk Kaitlynn Castro is safe at third.

Galt Warrior Track and Field Shines at Delta Invitational

By Paige Lampson **Sports Editor**

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warriors Track and Field team made a notable impact at the Delta College Track and Field Mustang Invitational, held Saturday, April 5 at Tokay High School in Lodi. Competing against a formidable lineup of 41 high schools, the Warriors demonstrated their skill and resilience, leaving their mark with impressive performances.

Head Coach Bruce Peterson expressed pride in his team's efforts, noting that 18 Galt athletes participated in the event and collectively set a remarkable 20 new personal records (PRs) out of the 38 track and field events held. Additionally, the Warriors secured nine Top 10 finishes, showcasing their growing talent and teamwork.

Among the standout performers was freshman MC Azubuike, who captured a commendable second place in the Frosh/Soph High Jump with a leap of 5 feet 6 inches.

Sophomore Morgan Jones also shone brightly, earning third in the Varsity High Jump at 4 feet 6 inches while finishing eighth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 53.86 seconds.



Dominic Gonzalez runs in the 800m.

Sophomore Dominic Gonzalez excelled as well, clocking in at 2:19.26 for seventh place in the Frosh/ Soph 800 meters and finishing eighth in the 400 meters at 58.18 seconds. Junior Alejandro Herrera clinched sixth in the Varsity 800 meters with a strong finish of 2:06.63, while freshman Joseline Jimenez marked her presence by securing ninth in the Frosh/Soph 1600 meters, crossing the finish line in 6:56.93.

Coach Peterson was impressed with the competitive atmosphere of the meet.

"This particular meet is put on by Delta College and always has great competition," he remarked. "It was a good showing for our team in a very competitive environment, which helps our young squad. We didn't take many athletes



Vicente Avalos runs the 400m race.



Joseline Jimenez, second from right, competes in the 1600m at Delta invitational.

to this meet due to another school engagement, but the number of personal records speaks to the hard work and dedication of

our athletes. It's gratifying to see them succeed and improve."

The Galt Warriors will look to build on this success as they continue their season, aiming for further personal bests and strong performances in upcoming competitions. \star

LEAGUE **STANDINGS**





Baseball

School	W/L
Liberty Ranch	10-0
Bradshaw	9-0
Union Mine	5-5
El Dorado	4-5
Amador	4-6
Galt	3-6
Rosemont	2-8
Argonaut	1-8

Softball

School	W/L
Liberty Ranch	6-0
Argonaut	6-1
Amador	5-2
Rosemont	4-3
Union Mine	3-4
Bradshaw	3-5
Galt	1-6
El Dorado	0-7

Swimming

School	W/L
Liberty Ranch Boys	3-3
Liberty Ranch Girls	3-3

Stunt

School	W/L
Liberty Ranch	3-0
Bradshaw	2-1
Galt	1-2
Bradshaw	2-



Warrior Stunt Shines Under New Coaching, Celebrates Senior Night

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Warrior stunt team celebrated a significant milestone last week with its senior night, honoring standout performer Jayda Williams while also showcasing its remarkable progress this season. Under the new coaching direction of Emmery Buys, the team has achieved an impressive third place in the league, a position it has never reached before.

Coach Emmery Buys expressed her pride in the team's achievements thus far but acknowledged that the journey has not been without its challenges.

"The main focus for us has been improving technique," she said. "We started from the basics, emphasizing how to step in and out of stunts. The bases and back spots have had to learn how to stay solid in the stunt, while the flyers needed to understand how to engage their core and balance their weight to maintain their position in the air. It's all about proper



as the only senior on the Warrior stunt team for senior niaht.

foundation, and every day presents new learning experiences."

Buys highlighted the dedication shown by the team, noting that progress has come with hard work and commitment.

"Every day we progress farther and farther," she shared with enthusiasm. "I am very excited as we become more competitive. Building a strong program is my goal, and it's evident the team is fully invested in this process."

Proud of the resilience and effort her athletes have demonstrated, Buys continues to emphasize the significance of teamwork



The flyers dismount with a twist-down.

and individual growth.

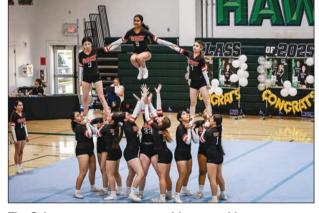
"It's a lot of hard work and sweat," she continued. "This team has really put in the blood, sweat and tears this year to get as far as we have. Their dedication is commendable, and it's paying off."

The celebration of senior night not only recognized the contributions of Javda Williams but also served as a reminder of the hard-fought battles and achievements that have characterized this season. The team's trajectory under Buys' leadership has instilled a renewed sense of purpose and energy.

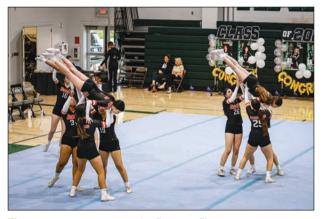
With the season ongoing, the Warrior stunt team is eagerly looking ahead, driven by their newfound competitive spirit. The combination

of solid coaching, dedicated athletes and a strong foundation in technique promises an exciting future for the program.

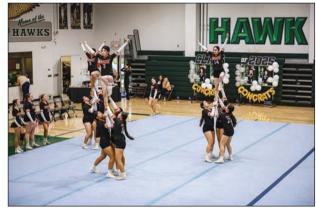
The community looks forward to watching this talented team soars to new heights.



The Galt stunt team competes with a pyramid.



The stunt groups prepare the flyers to flip over.



The stunt groups post liberties.

Liberty Ranch Stunt Team Aims for Victory as Winning Streak Continues



By Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Stunt Team is again proving to be a force to be reckoned with, currently holding three league victories under its belt and showcasing its ambition to reclaim the league title. With a legacy of excellence, they've established themselves as the team to beat, consistently dominating the league year after year.

Since its inception, Coach Barbara Welch has guided the Liberty Ranch Stunt Team with dedication and a focus on hard work.

"We practice a lot and continually refine our routines," Welch noted. "This season, we didn't start with all the levels completed, which meant we had to push ourselves harder and focus on learning. Right now, we're very close to mastering the top Level 6, and I believe this will make us incredibly competitive at the sections this year. We have a clear goal: to win sections."

The upcoming sections hold new promise for the team, as this year they will be split into two divisions. Liberty Ranch will compete in Division Two, allowing them to face a different level of competition and avoid powerhouse teams like Oak Ridge,



The bases hold the flyers in a handstand.

which triumphed at both the state and section levels last year.

As the season progresses, Coach Welch reflects on the impact her seniors have made.

"I'm really going to miss this group of seniors. Most of them have been with me for four years and have worked tirelessly to stay at the top. Their commitment to becoming the best they can be is truly inspiring," she said, her voice filled with genuine emotion. "It has been an incredible journey watching them grow as athletes and individuals."

While the program will undoubtedly feel the absence of its senior leaders, there is a bright future ahead. With eight freshmen, five sophomores and 12 juniors eager to carry the legacy, the incoming talent ensures that the spirit of the Liberty Ranch Stunt Team will continue to thrive.



The stunt groups dismount with a forward fall.

As stunt becomes increasingly recognized across the nation, many colleges are beginning to establish their own stunt programs. Notably, Liberty Ranch boasts more athletes receiving college scholarships for stunt than any other sport within the school.

"The emergence of new programs across the country presents fantastic opportunities for our dedicated athletes," Coach Welch shared. "For those who live for stunt, the potential is ripe for the taking."

With unwavering support from Welch and a talented roster, the Liberty Ranch Stunt Team is poised to make its mark this season. \star



Seniors Anastasia Richardson, Trinity Nelson, Jaden Lake and Larissa Vang celebrate with Coach Barbara Welch.

GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Laura Quinn Liberty Ranch High Softball

Levi McDonald

Galt High Swimming



Flynn Rausser Liberty Ranch High Swimming







Jayda Williams Galt High Stunt

Photos by Paige Lampson