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Youth Entrepreneurs Sell at Makers Market



Mario Rubalcava, owner of 4M Custom Hats, fits a hat for customer Mark Boyd.

Story and photos by Sean P. Thomas City Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - More than 120 young business owners filled C Street on Saturday, May 3 for the second annual Makers Market, an event designed to teach kids entrepreneurial skills while giving them hands-on experience running a business.

The market, organized by real estate agents Becky Roenspie and Michaela Johnson of Roenspie+Johnson Real Estate

Group, has more than doubled in size since its debut last year.

"We are excited about this and obviously the community has come out like crazy," Roenspie said. "We are stoked; we are teaching them things that they do not learn in school, and we are teaching them that they can do it, and we will help them do it. It is just amazing that the city is coming out to support."

The event featured 80 booths operated by children ages 5 to 17, up from 56 booths and 50 participants in its inaugural year. Participants were

required to pay a booth fee, design signage, create a marketing video and engage directly with customers. Parents were only allowed to assist younger children.

"We want them to look us in the eye and shake our hands and we want them to be little young entrepreneurs," Roenspie said. "We love our kids; it is important; we want them to be young entrepreneurs; we want them to know that they can do it."

Fourteen judges evaluated booths across age categories, awarding top

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A Night to Remember: A-Z Foundation Veterans Fundraiser



Two winners show their prizes during the A-Z Foundation fundraiser.

Story and photos by Paige Lampson

LODI, CA (MPG) - Last month, the Galt-Lodi-Stockton Chapter of the A-Z Foundation hosted its annual fundraiser dinner at Hutchins Street Square, and the event was a resounding success. With around 320 attendees filling the banquet hall, it was clear that the community's support for veterans runs deep. As joy and camaraderie filled the air, the atmosphere was electric

with excitement.

Chairman Joyce
Horrocks reflects on
the evening, her voice
filled with gratitude and
enthusiasm.

"This year, we sold out within the first three months," she announced, beaming with pride. "It's a wonderful feeling to see our community come together for such an important cause. Our event keeps getting bigger, and it's a testament to the support we have."

The evening not only raised thousands of dollars for veterans' organizations in Lodi, Stockton and Galt, but it also featured a treasure trove of giveaways, including rifles and various outdoor gear.

"Every dollar we raise supports our veterans, and we're proud to give back 25% of everything raised directly to our community," Horrocks explained. "We've helped various groups like the Historical Society, L'Chayim and the Galt Youth Commission."

Horrocks reflected on the network of A-Z Foundation chapters across California, from Lake Isabella to Bakersfield and from Napa to Paso Robles.

"Each chapter is dedicated to raising funds specifically for veterans," she stated. "Last year, we had 90 veterans from our Galt and Lodi chapters go on a deep-sea fishing trip, all expenses paid. Moments like that highlight the importance of our mission."

Horricks says the

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Galt Police Attend State Officer Memorial Ceremony



Galt Police officers assemble at the Capitol. Photo courtesy of Galt Police Department

By Sean P. Thomas City Editor

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Members of the Galt Police Department attended a statewide ceremony at the California Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony held

at the state capital to honor officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Hundreds of law enforcement personnel and state and local leaders joined the two-day ceremony from Sunday, May 4 to Monday, May 5. The 47th annual event included a "Walk of Honor" for surviving family members on Monday from the west steps of the Capitol to the memorial monument for the Enrollment Ceremony where the names of the newly enrolled

officers were formally added to the monument.

The event preceded National Peace Officers

Memorial Day, which is observed annually on May 15.
Members of the Galt

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Continued from page 1 entrepreneurs \$350 and giving \$50 prizes for honors such as best customer service and best-decorated booth. Roenspie said the success of the event wouldn't have been possible without the help of community sponsors.

"We wouldn't have been able to do it without our sponsors," she said. "It has just been so awarding and these kids are so impressive."

Johnson, who co-organized the event, said the idea was about more than business.

"It is super important for us to have our kids experience this stuff," Johnson said. "We talked to some of the parents in the community and they were all interested."

Both Johnson and Roenspie emphasized that the market also serves as a mentorship opportunity for kids who may not have the same resources as others.

"Our goal is that any kid that wants to start a business, we have so many people that want to mentor them and help them so they can have a startup business," Johnson

One of the standout vendors was Liberty Ranch High School student Mario Rubalcava, who launched his business, 4M Custom Hats, in 2023. Drawing inspiration from his family's ranching heritage, Rubalcava sources custom hats from Mexico and shapes them to fit customers

"I started right there at home with my mom's handheld steamer, but also off of social media," Rubalcava said. "People have been starting these companies where you get shaped right in front of you. It gets shaped to your style, but there are not a lot of people who do this locally."

Rubalcava said the business, which started with his Liberty Ranch classmates as his first customers, had already made more than 25 sales early in the market.

"It's going way better, honestly, than I thought it would be," he said.

Jhett Nelson, another young entrepreneur and a Galt Youth Baseball League player, launched a business to raise funds for a new bat. He sold sunglasses, sourcing his inventory overseas for his business, Mavryk Baseball.

"It's been going great; I have sold a lot of pairs," he said. "A lot of people seem to like it. I would 100 percent participate

Ten-year-old Harlan Ward and his friends Blake Morgan and Kent Flores ran



manned the JJ's Sweet Treats booth, selling cookies and other baked goods.

the Icee Bros booth, selling flavored ice.

"My grandpa gave me money to invest in stuff, so I bought an ice machine so I can make some money," Ward said. "It's been very good. I feel like we have made a lot of money."

McCaffrey Middle School student JJ Aulet, 14, sold homemade cookies. She spent two days baking, two days decorating and one day defrosting to prepare.

"I had always liked baking and cooking and would bake with my mom when I was little," Aulet said. "It was something that I always had a passion for. I would bake them for people, and they said that they liked them and when I heard that they were having a kids' market, I always go to Saturday market; I wanted to participate."

"It is going very well," she added. "At one point I had a line."

Reflecting on the effort it took, Aulet said it was a learning experience.

"I think next time I would have an assembly line for all of my helpers," she

For Johnson, the event was a reminder of what's possible when the Galt commu-

"The support of the community has blown us away," she said. "I have literally been in tears a few times ... it is so cool."

Galt Police Attend State Officer Memorial Ceremony

Continued from page 1 Police Department's honor guard were present at the memorial's candlelight vigil Sunday evening, standing in honor of officers that have fallen in the line of duty, including Galt Police Officers Kevin Tonn and Harminder Grewal.

"Last night we stood in candlelight; this morning, we stood in honor," the department wrote on its Facebook page. "The California Peace Officers Memorial is more than a ceremony; it's a reminded of the heroes we've lost, including our own."

Tonn was shot and killed Jan. 15, 2013 after responding to a burglary call on the 200 block of F

Upon arriving at the scene, a witness pointed to a suspect that was nearby, and as Tonn approach the man, the suspect pulled out a firearm and fired a single shot, striking Tonn. The man fired a few more shots at other responding officers before committing suicide.

Tonn, a U.S. Army veteran who had served with the Galt Police Department for three and a half years, was transported to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced dead. He had also served as a firefighter and a medic.

Galt Police The Department erected the Officer Kevin Tonn Fallen Heroes Memorial near City Hall in 2015. The city also hosts a 5k run/walk every year in Tonn's honor as part of its Independence Day celebrations.

Grewal died four days after his patrol vehicle was struck head on by a pickup truck that broke through a



Officers stand during a candlelight vigil on Sunday at the Capitol. Photo courtesy of Galt Police Department

center barrier on Highway 99 near Dillard Road in

Grewal, alongside his partner, officer Kapri Herrera, were traveling to assist with the Caldor Fire in the El Dorado National Forest before the crash.

Grewal had served with the department for two and a half years.

The Galt Police Department has held a wreath laying ceremony every year since his death, and in February, the department unveiled a memorial bust in front of its headquarters to honor Grewal.

"We remember them not just for how they served, but for who they were," the department wrote. "Their sacrifice lives on in all of 115 "

Gov. Gavin Newsom attended the event, where he ordered flags to be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol and Capitol Annex Swing Space.

"We honor the lives and legacy these officers leave behind," Newsom said. "They bravely served our communities, putting the needs of others before all. We thank them today and every day for their everlasting courage."

The ceremony specifically honored Vacaville Police Officer Matthew Bowen, who died July 11, as well as Deputy Alfredo M. Flores of the Los Angels County Sheriff's Department, Officer Austin Christopher Machitar of the San Diego Police Department and Officer Chad E. Swanson of the Manhattan Beach Police Department.

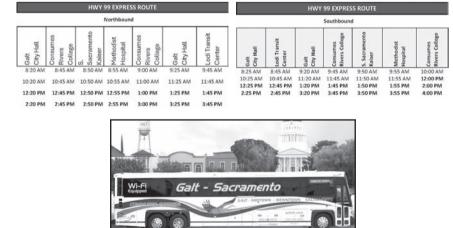
The event included a riderless horse presentation, the folding of the U.S. flag and releasing of doves. It concluded with a 21-gun salute and the playing of "Taps."





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organization has three fishing trips set for July, August and October at locations including Morro Bay, Monterey and Bodega Bay.

"It's first-come, first-serve, so if you know a veteran who deserves a day out on the water, have them reach out to me," she encouraged.

In addition to fishing trips, the foundation also offers scholarships for students, drawing parallels to the spirit of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. With determination in her voice, Horrocks shared, "If a veteran has a terminal illness and a wish, we do everything we can to make that wish a reality. Last year, we sent a family to Disney World for five unforgettable days. That's the kind of joy we want to spread."

The support from local businesses has been instrumental in advancing their mission.

"We are truly grateful for Mach One Towing, Galt Rock and Asphalt, and the Glass Shop," Joyce said. "Their unwavering support helps us tremendously, and we encourage all veterans to join the American Legion. It has opened



As depicted in these photos, the Galt-Lodi-Stockton Chapter of the A-Z Foundation's event raised thousands for veterans' organizations and sent patrons home with valuable raffle prizes.

many doors for us and helped connect veterans to the A-Z Foundation."

As the night drew to a close, and participants left the event with smiles and newfound connections, Horrocks reflected on the growth of the foundation.

"Every year, our dinners get bigger and better. People are finally realizing what the A-Z Foundation is all about, and we are excited to continue this journey with our community."

"Together, we can

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make a difference in the lives of our veterans," she concluded.

Those interested in

learning more about the A-Z Foundation may contact Horrocks at 209-541-4959.















'Fill the Boots for Burns' **Returns to Elk Grove**



A Cosumnes firefighter collects donations during a previous "Fill the Boots for Burns" fundraiser on Laguna Boulevard. Photo courtesy of Cosumnes Fire Department

Cosumnes Fire **Department** News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) -

Cosumnes Fire Department crews are once again suiting up and hitting the streets for a cause close to their hearts. The 2025 "Fill the Boot for Burns" Drive will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 17 at the intersection of Laguna Boulevard and Bruceville Road.

Off-duty Cosumnes firefighters will spend the day collecting donations in their boots from passing drivers and pedestrians. All proceeds benefit the Firefighters Burn Institute, supporting critical burn treatment and recovery programs in Northern and Central California.

Since the department began participating in the annual drive 20 years ago, the community has helped raise over \$634,752. Last year's one-day drive alone brought in \$29,069, thanks to the generosity of Elk Grove residents.

"This event represents the very best of our community," said Fire Chief Felipe Rodríguez. "Our firefighters are proud to partner with the public in support of burn survivors and their families. Every

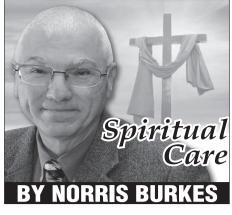
dollar dropped in a boot makes a real difference."

Founded in 1973 by Sacramento Area Fire Fighters Local 522, the Firefighters Burn Institute helped to establish Sacramento's first burn unit in 1974. Today, the organization funds ongoing improvements in burn care and offers free recovery programs, including camps for young burn survivors.

The Cosumnes Fire Department encourages the public to come out, show support and help fill the boots.

To learn more about the Firefighters Burn Institute, visit ffburn.org.

Flying on a Wing and a Prayer



Amidst the Cinco de Mayo celebrations last Monday, I couldn't avoid thinking of May 6, 2009, the day I returned from deployment in Iraq on a chartered World Airways DC-10.

After spending four months serving the wounded at the Air Force Field Hospital in Balad Iraq, my only thoughts on final approach into Baltimore/Washington International Airport, were of home.

Our landing attempt was anything but welcoming as our plane bounced like a porpoise on the waves. Security cameras recorded a large puff of smoke from our wheels. Eyewitnesses would later tell FAA investigators that they thought the plane was

A second bounce delivered at an estimated 3.2 Gs and plastic ceiling molding fell on us as oxygen generators swung like piñatas. Several seat backs snapped backward while passengers along the left windows watched the yellow centerline, and I watched our wing drift over the grass.

We sailed back into the air as the cockpit voice recorder captured pilot Craig Gatch asserting: "8535 heavy declaring an emergency go-around."

When we regained some altitude, my fellow passengers spoke in muffled voices. No one wanted to be the first to cry, but clearly no one wanted to die without protest. Some were praying or holding hands or just staring at their feet.

I rested my forehead on my seatback to pray, even as I wondered if I heard a judgmental voice in it all. My shortcomings felt as though they were being weighed on the scale of a spiritual assayer. Was there a deity somewhere with a one-piece eyeglass assessing my life with a doubtful squint? Had I been a good husband and dad? Or

had I been too absent, physically and spiritually? Was it OK to feel scared? Or should I gather my wits and start a rousing chorus of "Amazing Grace?"

I kept praying, spending the next few minutes asking God, "What about all these passengers?" A soldier was about to meet his new son for the first time. An airman was trying to make a marriage work again. They all wanted another chance. Would they get that chance?

In a center aisle seat, catty-corner from me, a young officer was wiping her tears. I stretched across the aisle to offer my hand as a reminder she wasn't alone. I wanted to hold it until we landed, but the awkwardly angled reach caused me to break loose and rejoin her hand with the chaplain assistant sitting beside her.

As we reapproached the airport, the flight attendants told us to grab our ankles and lower our heads. Then the pilot added his instruction to "brace for impact!" But instead of impact, we landed as calmly as if we were sailing across a mountain lake.

Slowly we looked up from our crash/prayer position and started clapping like we had never expected another tomorrow. Before we deplaned down portable

stairways, five people were removed for medical care, including the first officer with a broken back. Behind us, debris littered an unusable runway. Few of us could make much sense of the

incident. Many would say to me things like, "Chaplain, we expected to die in Iraq, but never in Baltimore.'

FAA investigators declared the plane a total loss because the main spar was broken, (the structural member that supports the wings.)

This meant our pilot literally risked losing our wings during his 10-minute go-around. But I suppose that's what airmen mean when they describe a harrowing flight as "flying on a wing and a prayer."

Even today, my airplane remains at the airport where its continentally stippled for parts. For those curious, I posted links to the security footage and the accident report on my website

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

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

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

Friday, May 16

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

Tuesday, May 20

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

Galt High Alumni Association

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

Wednesday, May 21

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

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

Friday, May 23

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

Monday, May 2

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

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Why Do Bees Make Honey?

- Gabby, 9, Kansas

Dear Gabby,

As a science cat, I don't stir honey into my tea or drizzle it on my biscuits. I don't have taste receptors for sweet things. Honey doesn't have a taste to me.

But my human friends gobble up the honey made by the Washington State University bees.

I asked my friend Rae Olsson why bees make that sticky stuff in the first place. Olsson is an insect scientist.

It turns out honey is the way honey bees store food for the winter.

"Just like we store food in our refrigerators and pantries, bees turn nectar from flowers into honey, so it doesn't spoil," Olsson said.

Worker bees collect all

that nectar from flowers in the spring and summer. It's a sugary liquid flowers make to entice bees and other pollinators to visit the flowers. While they slurp up the nectar from different flowers, they also pick up some of the flower pollen and spread it to other flowers. That's how flowering plants make seeds.

Bees take some of the pollen home to make a protein-rich food called bee bread. But it's the nectar that's super important for grown up bees.

"It's the main source of food for adult bees," Olsson said. "However, nectar can spoil if it isn't preserved correctly. It's sort of like how fruit juice might get moldy if you leave it out too long."

So, honey bees use a tongue-like organ called a proboscis to suck up nectar like a straw. They swallow it, but only a little bit goes to their actual stomach. Most of it goes to a special pouch called a honey stomach.

Inside the honey stomach, the nectar mixes with bee saliva. Proteins in the saliva start changing the nectar into honey.

While that's happening, the bee flies back to the colony. Then it barfs the partially-processed nectar

> from its honey stomach another mouth. Moving nectar or other food from one bee's mouth to another bee's mouth is called trophallaxis.

The nectar passes from bee to bee in the colony, mixing with more and more bee saliva. Eventually, when it's almost honey, a bee spits the thick liquid into a beeswax cell. Then the

bees turn around and flap their wings super-fast. That evaporates all the extra water from the honey.

Once it's perfect, the bees seal the cell with a little cap of wax. When it gets cold, and there aren't flowers around to make nectar, bees can pop open a beeswax cell and slurp up the honey.

Bees make way more honey than they need. That's why people can keep bees and harvest their extra honey. Because of how it's made, honey is one of the only foods that pretty much never spoils. Scientists have even found honey that's thousands of years old and still yummy.

Even I can tell that's a sweet find.

Sincerely,

You can see this bee's proboscis. It's actually covered in

tiny hairs. The hairs help trap the nectar while the bee

sucks it out of the flower. Courtesy photo

Dr. Universe



Social Security Matters

Applying for Social Security at 62; When should I enroll in Medicare?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am writing to ask for your advice on when I should sign up or enroll in a Medicare Plan. I have submitted an early retirement application to request benefits to begin 30 days after my 62nd birthday, in April 2025. I am a single lady with no dependents and currently rent my residence. Please advise. Signed: Approaching Senior Citizenship

Dear Approaching: I assume that when you say you have submitted "an early retirement application to request benefits to begin 30 days after my 62nd birthday" you mean you have applied for your Social Security retirement benefits to start in April 2025, and that you will be 62 in March. To be sure you are clear, you must be 62 for an entire month to start your Social Security retirement benefits.

Even though you are starting your Social Security retirement benefits at age 62, you will not be eligible to enroll in Medicare until you are 65 years old. Since you will be already receiving Social Security when you turn 65, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) and Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services), effective with the month you turn 65, and you will get a "Welcome to Medicare" packet about 3 months before your 65th birthday. Your Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) will be free, but there will be a monthly premium (\$185 for 2025) associated with your Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services), which will be deducted from your Social Security

payment. Note that Medicare does not cover all healthcare expenses so, when the time comes, you may wish to explore other private healthcare coverage (either a Medicare Supplement plan, or a Medicare Advantage plan). Also, Medicare Part A or Part B do not include coverage for prescription drugs, so you may wish to obtain such coverage separately. One way to explore all of this is by, shortly before you are 65, contacting AMAC's Medicare department at 1.800.334.9330 or www. amac.us/medicare. And until you are eligible to enroll in Medicare at 65, you may wish to seek regular healthcare insurance for those under 65 years of age.

Please understand that we are here to answer all your questions about Social Security and Medicare enrollment. However, at the AMAC Foundation, we are not insurance specialists, which is why I suggest contacting an insurance specialist as described above.

I hope this is helpful, but please don't hesitate to contact us again at any time.

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Trump Shifts His Own Vibe

The vibe around President Trump's second term has shifted, and it's all his doing.

The president entered office with a bit of a wind at his back. His polling was better than the first time around, protestors weren't in the streets, and federal investigators weren't after him. The GOP was more united than in 2016, and business leaders wanted to work with him, while the culture was generally heading in an anti-woke

Now, though, his polling is in a marked decline. His job approval rating is sliding. Depending on what poll you believe, it's down to 44% (Fox News), 40% (Pew Research) or 42% (Reuters). According to RealClearPolitics, his average approval rating was about 50% when he took office and is 46% now.

It's not hard to discern the root of the discontent. In the Fox News poll, just 38% approve of Trump on the economy. On tariffs and inflation, the numbers are almost 2-1 against him; 33 approve and 59% disapprove on inflation, while it's 33-58 on tariffs.

Pew Research found that 45% were confident in his ability to handle the economy, down from 59% after his election, and lower than in his first term in 2019 and 2020.

vulnerability, and at least vitiated it and perhaps made it a weakness.

other example of a president changing the momentum of his administration from positive to negative so quickly and decisively. Trump did it literally in a matter of days.

Usually, flation. Here, nothing was done to Trump; he did it to himself. He was the event.

on economic dislocation, business uncertainty, higher prices or pain for manwant any of these things and, understandably, don't like them.

Via his snap imposition augural Address, you'd of sweeping tariffs, Trump have thought he promin short order took a tradi- ised a Golden Age starting tional strength that could on Day One. Instead, his see him through any con- message has shifted to the troversy, or counterbalance notion that the sunny up-

It's hard to think of an-

presidencies are rocked by events -- a hostage crisis, a war gone wrong, uncontrolled in-

This wasn't him getting denied, either by more cautious advisers or a recalcitrant Congress. He hasn't been sabotaged by the Deep State. No, he got exactly what he wanted, with a couple of strokes of

The problem is that Trump didn't run in 2024 ufacturers. People didn't

It's true that he promised tariffs, although all the potential downsides were ignored or minimized. No one could be certain whether he was truly talking of tariffs on the scale of those he imposed on Liberation Day -shocking and unsustainable -- or those of his first term, which were much smaller and less disruptive.

Listening to him during tures Synd., Inc.

the campaign and his Inlands are off somewhere in the future, after we work through all the gut-wrenching turmoil. In other words, the Golden Age is coming, but, in the meantime, stock up on toilet paper.

Trump's other numbers aren't looking so great, either. The Fox News poll has him at 40% approve and 54% disapprove on foreign policy. Here, too, he's been the master of his own fate. Canada, Mexico and Denmark didn't pick fights with him; he created them out of nothing. The overpromising on a Ukraine peace deal -- and retaking the Panama Canal -- can't be helping, either.

Defenders of Trump's unorthodox way of doing business will often say that he's a "disrupter," meaning it as a compliment. But what he's been disrupting lately is his own presidency. His splashy tariff announcements, rapid reversals and sense of mystery where he's headed next all have real-world consequences on businesses, consumers and allied nations, and none of it is redounding to his political benefit.

The good news is that having created this situation of his own volition, he can undo most of it if he reverses field on the tariffs. In the meantime, the vibe has definitely changed. Rich Lowry is editor of

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Lawmakers Might Undermine California's Landmark Public Pension Reform



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Thirteen years ago, a minor political miracle occurred in California's Capitol.

A Democrat-dominated Legislature passed and a Democratic governor, Jerry Brown, signed a significant overhaul of state and local public employee pension

It was a miracle because the reform was universally opposed by public employee unions, which were and still are the Capitol's most potent political interests with long-standing ties to Democrats.

The overhaul, championed by Brown, made it into law because the state was then recovering from a very severe recession that had devastated government finances, and pension obligations, which had expanded sharply during the prior Gray Davis governorship, had become unsustainable burdens.

Mandatory pension payments into the California Public Employee Retirement System had been factors in tens of billions of dollars.

the bankruptcies of two cities, and unfunded obligations for future benefits totaled many The legislation capped benefits, increased retirement ages, blocked maneuvers that

artificially increased some

pensions, created a two-tier

system that maintained ben-

efits for current workers

but limited them for future without sufficient pension hires, and required workers to pay for at least half of

pension costs. "This is the biggest rollback to public pension benefits in the history of California pensions," Brown said as he signed the bill. "We're lowering benefits to what they were before I was governor the first time and reducing costs by up to \$55 billion in Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and billions more in other local pension systems. Under the new rules, employers and employees alike are going to contribute their fair share of the costs, resulting in a more sustainable system."

Not surprisingly, some unions challenged aspects of the reform, particularly those outlawing pension-spiking maneuvers, but Brown fought back and won in the state Supreme Court. However the court refused to take a further step Brown sought, eliminating the "California rule" that prohibits reducing benefits for workers once they are enrolled in the system.

This bit of political history forms the background of new legislation that would, if passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Gavin Newsom, begin to undo what the 2012 reform wrought. Assemblymember

Catherine Stefani, a San Francisco Democrat, is carrying the legislation, Assembly Bill 569 (AB 569), which would repeal one of the major provisions of the reform banning local governments from enacting "supplemental retirement benefits" for

their workers. Stefani and the Teamsters Union, the measure's spon-

sor, contend that Brown's

reform leaves workers

benefits to offset California's notoriously high costs of living and makes it difficult for local governments to

fill vacancies. "It simply gives local governments and their employees another option at the bargaining table, one that might make the difference between losing or keeping a talented worker," Stefani told the Assembly Public **Employment and Retirement**

Committee last week. The bill whipped through the committee on a seven to zero vote, including the committee's two Republicans, Tom Lackey and Juan Alanis, both of whom are former police officers.

While the bill's advocates

say that it would merely be permissive, giving local governments the option to increase benefits, its practical effect would be to gut one of the reform's most important safeguards. It would restore the ability of local government unions to put political pressure on city councils, county boards of supervisors and other local officials to expand benefits for the workers who have been hired since the reform was enacted, long a sore point for unions. It's amazing that such a

major change in pension law would begin moving through the process without, so far, any opposition or even comment from the local governments that it would affect.

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.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

City After-Hours Assistance

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

The Parks Maintenance Division is available for scheduled field or facility use assistance only from 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) family group meetings for friends and family members who are dealing with drug addiction are held locally from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Galt United Methodist Church, 571 C St. in Galt.

AA 24-Hour Hotline

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

Volunteers Sought for Senior Resource Center

The Commission on Aging is looking for volunteers to operate a computer and are willing to answer questions from seniors in person, over the phone, on social media and by email at the Galt Senior Resource Center.

Volunteer slots are available in twohour increments for up to four hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, excluding holidays.

Volunteers will be trained and can contact commission members if questions

The resource center is at the Chabolla Community Center, 600 Chabolla Ave. If interested in helping, call 209-294-3308 and leave a message or inquire in person.

Sunshine Food Pantry Donations

Sunshine Food Pantry is a food closet that helps provide for residents.

Collections of canned food and dry good nonperishable items are received at United Methodist Church, 571 C St. in Galt; call to make an appointment for donations at 209-745-4133.

The food closet is open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. the second and fourth

Thursdays of each month at the United Methodist Church.

Nominate Your Neighbor

The Galt Beautification Committee wants you to "nominate your neighbor." Has your neighbor recently completed a yard project? Does your neighbor have the best flowers in town or the best-looking vard? 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.

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During the time period of April 29 to May 5, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 19 arrests.

April 29

2:52 p.m., Vandalism reported, Posey Street.

4:03 p.m., Warrant served; adult arrest, Raven Brook Drive.

9:44 p.m., Warrant served; adult arrest, Highway 99 northbound/Mingo Road.

April 30

7:50 a.m., Warrant served; adult arrest, Horizon Community Church on Fairway Drive.

6:59 p.m., Vandalism/adult arrest, Waterwood Court.

9:24 p.m., Vandalism reported, Staypoint Residential on Danny Drive: Patient damaged wall at care center.

May 1

1:20 a.m., Warrant served; adult arrest, Horizon Community Church, Fairway

1:18 p.m., Shoplifting/adult arrest, Twin Cities Road.

3:19 p.m., Warrant served; adult arrest, Marichal Way.

May 2

8:57 a.m., Warrant served; adult arrest,

Fermoy Way/Lake Canyon Avenue.

9:23 a.m., Hit and Run/Non-Injury, McDonald's on Pine Street.

2:19 p.m., Vandalism/adult arrest, Raley's on Twin Cities Road.

8:23 p.m., Narcotics Violation/adult arrest, Quik Stop, Fourth Street.

10:32 p.m., Narcotics Violation/adult arrest, Carol Drive/Ayers Lane.

May 3

2:44 a.m., DUI/adult arrest, Ampm Store, East Stockton Boulevard.

10:45 p./m., Pursuit/adult arrest, Highway 99 northbound/Walnut Avenue.

May 4

10:19 a.m., Vandalism reported, Dover Drive: Car was "keved."

5:28 p.m., Warrant served; adult arrest, Tacos Romero, North Lincoln Way.

May 5

1:06 a.m., DUI/adult arrest, Lower Sacramento Road/Liberty Road.

2:21 p.m., Narcotics Violation/adult arrest, The Hangout on C Street.

4:06 p.m., Theft reported, Posey Street: Construction tools taken from vehicle. 9:18 p.m., DUI/adult arrest, Elm

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STATEMENT FBNF2025-02847 Kelin Jensen, 9700 Clay Station Road, Wilton, CA 95693 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "US Water Well" 9700 Clay Station Road, Wilton, CA 95693. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 14, 2025 Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025 5-30-25 WATER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2025-03234 William Robinson and Michael Herren, 950 Glendale Avenue, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business "Galt Name(s) Precision Automotive" 950 Glendale Avenue, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 28, 2025 Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV009370 Vanessa Espinoza and Ivan

de Jesus Avalos has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Edgar Avalos Espinoza to Edgar Espinoza IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 14, 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: April 21, 2025 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025 **ESPINOZA**

SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO** ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME #25CV010291 Devdas Satvender Kumar Murahari has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing

the name(s) of Arjun Murahari to

Arjun Reddy Murahari.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 19, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, 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: April 29, 2025

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025



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The lottery will be held the first Monday of June in the City Clerk's office and will determine the rank order for placement at the bottom of the master list for those eligible nonprofit organizations not already included in the master list.

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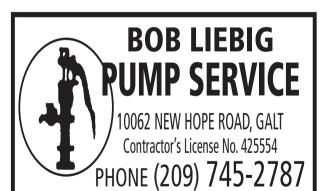
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Did you know that May 9 marks a special celebration called Alphabet Magnet Day? According to daysoftheyear.com this day highlights the charm and educational value of those colorful magnetic letters that stick to our fridges and metal

Alphabet Magnet Day encourages us to get creative with these playful tools that help both kids and adults learn and communicate in a fun way. Alphabet Magnet Day started in 2017 when The Type Set Co., founded by Ashley and Paul Jankowski, decided to create a day dedicated to the versatile and educational alphabet magnets. The couple introduced modern and stylish magnets that appealed to children and adults, transforming a simple learning tool into a fun, decorative Their initiative to celebrate these mag-

nets led to the establishment of Alphabet Magnet Day as an annual event. The purpose behind this day was to recognize and promote the use of alphabet magnets beyond just child's play. It serves as a celebration of literacy, creativity and



communication.

On this day, people are encouraged to explore new and creative ways to use these magnets, such as leaving messages for loved ones or organizing interactive learning sessions for kids. This event has grown in popularity, supported by schools, families, and educational organizations that see the value in making learning playful and visual. It's a day that reminds us of the simple pleasures of spelling out words on the fridge or creating artwork with letters. Alphabet Magnet Day combines education with fun, making it a beloved event in many communities.

The day is all about appreciating the simple joys and learning the benefits of alphabet magnets. These magnets are not only a tool for teaching and enhancing vocabulary, but they also add a whimsical touch to our homes. They help us leave messages, arrange to-do lists or even create art on the refrigerator doors.

Let your day start by leaving a fun or inspirational message on the fridge. Use alphabet magnets to create greetings or funny sayings; it's a great way to surprise family members with a little morning

My family used to have alphabet magnets on our refrigerator when the children were younger, but as they got older the letters got lost or misplaced. And soon gone for good. Our magnets were basic; the magnets of today are new and improved with added improvements to color patterns and shapes. It might be fun to get some and revisit their purpose of joy and inspiration.

Mother's Day is this Sunday, like two days away: Maybe buy some magnets for Mom for Mother's Day and leave a sweet message for her on her refrigerator. That would be a unique gift. I have no idea

what my family is planning for Mother's Day. There have been a lot of whispering calls and texts back and forth. I will enjoy whatever they have planned ... well almost; skydiving is completely out of the

And I am not fond of watching athletic events that lead to people bleeding. So long as I am not left with dirty dishes and a messy home, I'm good.

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there. May your day be as special as you, and that your family remembers to treat you as the blessing you are. And for you to share love with those who may need a hug and reassurance that they also are valued.

It is never too late to share kindness; it never expires and when passed on it grows. Be part of the growth and watch what you started, just by being kind. And by the way, Mother's Day is not limited to the second Sunday of May. It can be any day your family chooses to get together to celebrate YOU! Enjoy!

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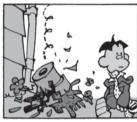








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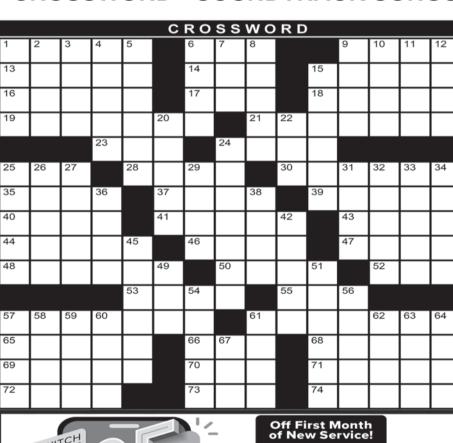
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'Golf with Us' to Offer Youth Affordable Rounds

Bank of America News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- Bank of America recently announced the launch of Golf with Us, a new initiative designed to grow the next generation of golfers.

Golf with Us offers youth, ages 6 to 18, a free one-year membership to Youth on Course, courtesy of Bank of America. Enrollment in the program is open until May 24 and includes access to thousands of courses in 97 markets for \$5 or less per round. The courses are in the Youth on Course network.

"When kids get involved in sports, they learn first-hand about achieving their goals and develop lifelong skills that help them thrive," said David Tyrie, president of marketing, digital and specialized consumer client solutions. "By working with Youth on Course to help make golf more accessible, we're helping grow the sport while also making a positive impact in our communities."

Through Golf with Us, Bank of America will also bring unique instructional opportunities to youth in select markets throughout the spring, summer and fall by hosting a series of free clinics featuring professional golfers, athletes and celebrities with a



across the country for young players who are challenged to find an affordable place to play. Photo courtesy of Bank of America

passion for golf.

Program membership also includes a registered handicap index in the United States Golf Association's Golf Handicap Information Network (GHIN) system, continued development as well as learning opportunities. Interested families can enroll in Youth on Course and learn more about the Golf with Us offer at BofA.com/GolfwithUs.

"Golf has the power to shape young lives in incredible ways not just through the sport itself, but through the friendships, confidence and opportunities it creates," said Youth on Course Chief Executive Officer Adam Heieck. "Through this partnership with Bank of America, we're making it possible for more kids across the country to step onto the course and discover what's possible. This partnership is about more than just golf; it's about opening doors and changing futures."

Youth on Course and Bank of America recently announced a multi-year, strategic partnership to expand golf access across the country for young players who are challenged to find an affordable place to play. As part of the agreement, Bank of America is helping fund widespread expansion of municipal course locations participating in the program. To date, more than 2,000 courses are Youth on Course partners nationwide.

The bank will promote Golf with Us through a series of commercials beginning during the Masters Tournament. Bank of America serves as Champion Partner of the Masters Tournament and has partnered with the Augusta National Women's Amateur since 2019, hosting annual golf clinics for youth in the Augusta, GA area. In 2025, Bank of America became the presenting partner of the More Than Golf Invitational for female amateur golfers in partnership with the ANNIKA Foundation founded by golfing legend Annika Sorenstam. In addition, Bank of America has partnered since 2002 with the Latin America Amateur Championship and Asia-Pacific Amateur Championships.

Beyond its growing golf partnership portfolio, Bank of America also partners with iconic brands in sports that share a vision for excellence and achievement to deepen client relationships, inspire and showcase teammates, create lasting economic impact in communities, and drive growth, globally and locally, through the power of sport. To learn more, visit about.bankofamerica.com/en/ making-an-impact/sports.

Youth on Course, a nonprofit organization headquartered in Monterey, provides youth 18 and under access to life-changing opportunities through golf. Since its inception in 2006, Youth on Course members have played more than 4-million subsidized rounds of golf for \$5 or less at thousands of partner courses throughout the United States, Canada and Australia. *

Agnew, Fox and Richardson-Pepper Named to Lacrosse All-Big 12 Conference Teams

University of California, **Davis Athletics** News Release

IRVING, TEXAS (MPG) - On April 30, the Big 12 released its lacrosse all-conference teams, with three Aggies making the cut.

Graduate student Alex Agnew and senior Ally Richardson-Pepper made their way onto the All-Big 12 Team while freshman Jane Fox was tabbed as a unanimous selection on the All-Newcomer Team.

Agnew lands on an all-conference team for the second time in her career, previously earning All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) honors in the Aggies final season in the conference back in 2021. After missing all last season to an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injury. Agnew has been an offensive force for the team, leading the Aggies in both assists (32) and points (58). She also ranks third on the team in goals with 26.

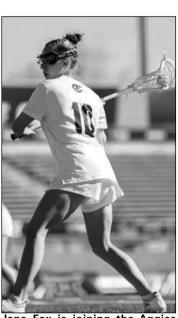
This year has also been a year of many personal milestones for Agnew, including playing alongside her sister, Tory, for the first time and topping the program's alltime assist list in a matchup against



conference team for the second time in her career, previously earning All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) honors in the Aggies final season in the conference back in 2021. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

Oregon on March 1. Currently, she sits at 125 career assists, 29 ahead of second place.

In a March 22 matchup against San Diego State, Agnew tied a career-high 10 points in a fivegoal, five-assist showing against the Aztecs. For her efforts, she was



Jane Fox is joining the Aggies from Baltimore last fall, Fox lands on the Big 12 All-Newcomer Team as a unanimous selection after a 13-goal, five-assist freshman campaign. Photo courtesy of UC Davis

named the Big 12's Attack Player of the Week for Week 7.

In the Big 12, Agnew also sits in the top ten of multiple offensive categories, including being ranked fourth in assists per game with 2.12 and sixth in points per game with



Ally Richardson-Pepper is emerging as the Aggie's lacrosse primary starter this season, Richardson-Pepper has been sturdy in net all year. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athleticss

Richardson-Pepper is emerging as the team's primary starter this season, Richardson-Pepper has been sturdy in net all year, starting and playing every minute for the Aggies while ranking first in the Big 12 in saves per game with

Throughout the season, Richardson-Pepper has etched herself into the program's record book, putting up 20 saves against Colorado and 18 against Florida for the second and third most, respectively, all-time in a single game.

In addition to her goalkeeping responsibilities, Richardson-Pepper has been a key contributor to the defensive unit, picking up 14 ground balls and causing two turnovers throughout the season. These performances have led to a number of personal accolades for Richardson-Pepper, including being named the conference's Goalkeeper of the Week following week nine and the Defensive Player of the

Week in week 11. Fox joined the Aggies from Baltimore last fall, Fox lands on the Big 12 All-Newcomer Team as a unanimous selection after a 13-goal,

five-assist freshman campaign. In the team's season-opener against Cal Berkeley on Feb. 8, Fox had a strong debut for the Aggies, scoring the team's first goal while putting together a three-goal, one-assist hat trick. Currently, Fox is tied for fifth on the team in both goals and total points.

Sac State Women's Tennis Claims Second Straight Big Sky Tournament Crown

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

PHOENIX, ARIZONA (MPG) - For the second consecutive season and the 13th time in school history, the Sacramento State women's tennis team claimed the Big Sky Conference Tournament championship, shutting out regular season champ and top-seeded Northern Arizona, 4-0, on the morning of April 26 at the Phoenix Tennis Center in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Hornets improved to 21-3 overall on the season, the most wins in a single season since the 2008 squad finished 21-7 overall and seized the league's automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament with the victory while the 13th tournament championships are the most of any school in the conference. Sacramento State will be making its 15th all-time appearance in the NCAA Tournament field, which will be announced on April 28 at 2 p.m. pacific standard time (PT) on NCAA.com. With the loss, the Lumberjacks fell to 15-4 overall.

Sophomore Reese Walker was named the tournament's

Most Valuable Player (MVP), following in the footsteps of former teammate Marya Gorbunova, who won the first tournament MVP honor following last year's championship run. Walker finished 2-0 in singles and won her doubles

match by a 6-0 score alongside Palina Saulevich on April 26, defeated Annabel Davis of Idaho, 6-0, 6-3, in the April 25 semifinal victory and providing the championship-clinching point on April 26 with a 6-3, 6-4, victory over Northen Arizona University's (NAU) Patrycja Niewiadomska.



school history, the Sacramento State women's tennis team claimed the Big Sky Conference Tournament championship. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

The Hornets, who fell to the Lumberjacks by a 5-2 score in Flagstaff, Arizona., back on April 5 in what turned out to be their only Big Sky loss of the year, opened the championship on a high note, taking the doubles point for a 1-0 lead.

Saulevich and Walker were the first off with their shutout at No. 3, while the tandem of Maddy Ferreros and

Irene Riva clinched the doubles point with a 6-4 win at Sacramento State then rolled to a trio of straightset victories in singles with sophomore Lou Baudouin

defeating Laura Duhl, 6-3, 6-2, at No. 3, followed by sophomore Elena Mercioiu's 6-3, 6-1, victory over Leotina Stojanovic at No. 6. That set the stage for Walker, who defeated

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Niewiadomska to set off the celebration. It was Walker's third match-clinching point of the season as the Hornets

won their sixth-straight dual, five of those via a shutout.

With her win, Mercioiu won her team-best 17th match of the year, while Walker improved to 16-4 and Baudouin

Shoshyna / Elen Jantacova (NAU), 6-4 2. Lou Baudouin / Emilija Pranyte (SAC) vs. Laura

Duhl / Patrycja Niewiadomska (NAU), 5-4 unfinished 3. Palina Saulevich / Reese Walker (SAC) def. Ruslana Kovalenko / Andrea Noguera (NAU), 6-0

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 - 4. Emilija Pranyte (SAC) vs. Andrea Noguera (NAU),
- 2-6, 6-4, 1-0 unfinished
- 5. Irene Riva (SAC) vs. Elen Jantacova (NAU), 7-6,

6. Elena Mercioiu (SAC) def. Leontina Stojanovic (NAU), 6-3, 6-1.

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LOCAL SPORTS COVERAGE PRESENTED BY THE GALT HERALD

Warriors Bid Farewell to Seniors in Game Against Liberty Ranch

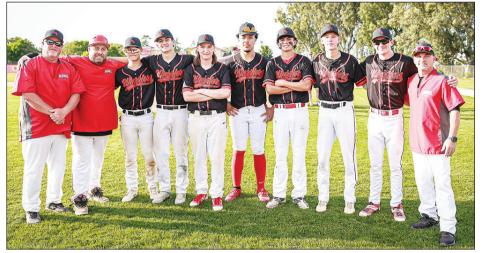
Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warrior baseball team played its final home game of the season last Tuesday against the visiting Liberty Ranch Hawks. It was a bitterly contested matchup that ended with a 5-0 loss for the Warriors. With the stands decorated in honor of the seven seniors, the atmosphere was charged with emotion as the team celebrated its contributions while facing a stark reality: the loss of so many key players will significantly impact next season.

The Hawks took control early in the game, scoring three runs in the first inning, while the Warriors struggled to capitalize on their own opportunities despite loading the bases during several innings. Liberty Ranch added to its lead with runs in both the second and third innings, ultimately closing the game at 5-0.

"Liberty Ranch came out strong, and we had chances to get back in the game that we just couldn't convert," said head coach Mike Tassano. "That's the nature of baseball; you can field great opportunities, but you've got to capitalize on them."

On the mound for Galt, senior Nick Reid delivered a commendable performance, pitching 6.1 innings, striking out four batters and allowing 13 hits. With every pitch, Reid knew he was writing the final chapter of his high school baseball career, making it an emotionally



The Warrior baseball seniors pose with their coaches.

charged moment when he was pulled from the game. Surrounded by appreciative teammates and coaches, Reid received heartfelt hugs as he walked off the mound for the last time.

"Nick gave it his all out there, and we are so proud of him," said Coach Tassano. "It was tough to see him go, but that's part of the game. He's been a leader for us this season, and his heart and dedication will be missed next year."

With Reid's departure, senior Gianni Sterni took over pitching duties for the final outs, impressively striking out two Hawks in less than an inning. However, the lack of offensive support was evident for Galt as only Reid and Sterni managed to record hits throughout the game.

On the flip side, Liberty Ranch's Vance Moe was dominant on the mound, striking out 13 Warriors and walking four in a complete game shutout.

Garrett Owen led the Hawks' offensive barrage with three hits, while



Galt's Nico Gilmore throws the ball in from center field.

Kade Lecompte added a pair of hits, contributing to their overall success. Moe, along with Nolan House and Hunter Adversalo, also crossed the plate to help secure the win for Liberty Ranch.

After the game, an emotional scene unfolded as families of the senior players gathered on the field. Coach Tassano delivered a poignant tribute, celebrating the hard work and dedication of his senior players as they made their last walk from third base to home plate.

"It's been an absolute honor to coach these young men," Tassano expressed. "They've put in countless hours, whether it was on the field or in the weight room. It's not just about baseball; it's about the friendships and the bonds they've built. They'll always be part of the Warriors family."

As Galt prepares to navigate next season with only 12 players on the roster and a significant hole left by outgoing seniors, the team's spirit remains strong.



Warrior catcher Wyatt Wetzel catches a foul and gets the

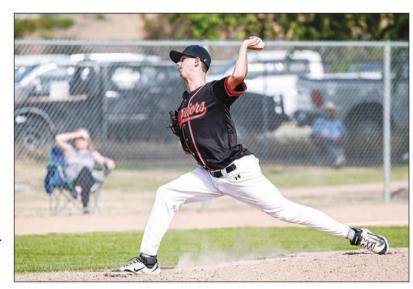


Hawk Xavier Davis hits the ball to right field.



Galt's Anthony Garcia tags Liberty's Mario Rubalcava out and tries for a double play.

JV Warriors Battle Hard, Fall Short Against Liberty Ranch



Trent Dozier pitches for the JV Warriors

Warrior Softball Celebrates Seniors



The Warrior softball team celebrated seniors Rachael Parkinson, Kamille Grace, Audrey Gonsalez, Lexi Maldonado and Emily Clark at its last home game of the season. It was a hard-fought battle against Union Mine, resulting in a 2-1 Warrior loss. Their commitment and

dedication over the last four years is to be commended. Photo courtesy of John Van den Raadt



Galt's Art Cordova gets himself out in a pickle.

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warrior junior varsity baseball team faced off against the Liberty Ranch Hawks last Tuesday in a closely contested match that showcased both teams' strengths and determination. Ultimately, the Warriors were edged out 3-1 but not without putting up a valiant effort that kept fans on the edge of their seats.

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The game began with strong pitching from both sides. Galt's Trent Dozier took the mound and delivered an impres-

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The Warriors made the first mark on the scoreboard in the third inning, igniting hope among their fans. However, it took

the Hawks until the fifth inning to finally

break through and score, highlighting the

competitive nature of the game.

Liberty Ranch's Jayden Valle pitched a solid five innings, striking out five Warriors and walking two, before handing the ball to David Sanchez for the final two innings.

Sanchez further tightened the grip on the game for the Hawks, racking up four strikeouts against Galt and not allowing any more runs.

While the Warriors' bats were quieted at key moments, several players managed to make contact. Art Cordova, Alex Jones, Trent Dozier, Leland Reames and Johnny Cash each contributed hits to Galt's effort, highlighting their determination to stay in the game.

The Hawks, on the other hand, found their rhythm late, scoring two crucial runs in the seventh inning to seal the victory. Among those contributing offensively for Liberty Ranch were Jayden Valle and Mason Gomes, both of whom recorded hits that put pressure on the Warrior defense.

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LOCAL SPORTS COVERAGE PRESENTED BY THE GALT HERALD

Liberty Ranch Golf Makes History, Clinches League Championship

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - After 16 years of dedication and hard work, Liberty Ranch High School's golf team, under the guidance of head coach Mike Turpin, has finally etched its name in the record books by winning the SVC league championship for the very first time. The season culminated in a thrilling showdown against Bradshaw Christian at the challenging Ancil Hoffman Golf Course, where the stakes were high and the pressure palpable.

"It was down to the wire and I couldn't help but feel nervous," Coach Turpin admitted as he reflected on the final match. "The boys kept me on edge, but their resilience throughout the season shone through when it mattered most."

The Liberty Ranch Golf team, which ended the league season with an impressive 12-2 record, showcased its talent in the previous round, achieving a season-low score of 204 in a victory against Galt. However, a thirdplace finish in the second league tournament, where they shot 461, put the Hawks in a tight spot as they approached the championship finale against Bradshaw.

It seemed the golf gods might not be on their side early on, as Liberty Ranch found itself struggling at sixth place.

"I was worried," Turpin

said, recalling those tense moments on the course. "But then, Chris Gutierrez came through for us with an 84, followed by Kobe Aguillen with a crucial 98. All the scores counted, and Chris was absolutely huge for us; he basically saved our day."

As the day progressed, Bryton Gibson, Sean O'Brien and Trevor Schweitz also made key contributions, demonstrating the depth of talent within the squad. Yet it was sophomore Hunter Rohner, the league MVP, who led the charge all season long.

"I'm just so proud of the boys," Turpin expressed. "They played their hearts out and truly deserve this championship. We're proud to say we can finally call ourselves league champions and hang that banner."

Rohner, who has golfed for about seven years, shared his excitement upon being named MVP.

"When they called my name, I was ecstatic! It's pretty cool," he gushed. "The scores that named me MVP come from all matches and tournaments combined across the season, and I played consistently well enough to earn enough points."

His journey into the sport began at a young age when his grandpa first introduced him to golf.

"I was like 9 when I actually started trying to play. I took lessons, too," Rohner noted. His commitment and passion have paid off, with him becoming an



Liberty Ranch Golf seniors pose at senior night with their banners, pennants and yard signs.

inspiration for his teammates and a key player in the team's historic victory.

Rohner, a sophomore, also won league MVP last year as a freshman. He has aspirations to golf in college for a Division 1 university.

"Hopefully from there, get on either the PGA or the Corn Ferry tour and just see where I can go," said Rohner. "I'll probably major in either mathematics or something science, because I'm good at those."

"None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support from our parents, our athletic director, the administration and the boosters," Coach Turpin added, extending special thanks to team mom Deseree Aguillen for her fundraising efforts, which played a pivotal role in their success. "She was a fundraising machine!"

As the Hawks celebrated their well-earned victory, Turpin looked ahead with optimism.

"I'm overjoyed for these guys. It's a huge relief to finally get to hang a banner as champions of the SVC! This win is not just for us; it's for everyone: our school, our families and every student who has ever worn the Liberty Ranch colors."

With their names freshly inscribed in the annals of the school's history, the Liberty Ranch golf team enters a new era of pride and accomplishment, proving that hard work, perseverance and teamwork can lead to greatness on and off the golf course.



Jack Radford tees off.



Kaleb Winkler watches his ball go down the fairway.

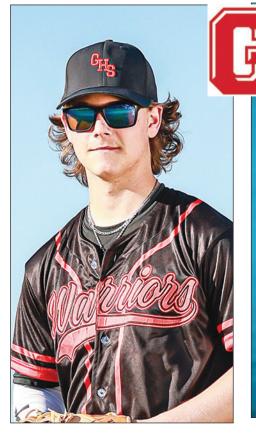


Shane Thompson swings the club.

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Garrett Owen
Liberty Ranch Baseball



Wyatt WetzelGalt High Baseball



Courtney BrouwerGalt High Swimming

Summer McCoy Liberty Ranch Tennis

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