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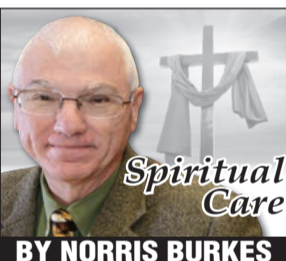
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Stolen Bike Reunited With 9-Year-Old Owner

By Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - On the week of May 12, Britney, a 9-year-old Galt resident, had her bicycle stolen from her residence. This is something that the Galt Police Department says a child should never have to experience.

On the morning of May 18, during a call for service, police officers observed an unhoused male in possession of the stolen property. The Galt Police Department shared via a post on social media that one of its officers had previously seen the original stolen bike post on the local Galt Facebook page, the Friendly Neighborhood Galt Group.

"We were able to contact Britney's family and surprise her by returning the bike to her. Seeing her reaction when the bike was returned was a powerful reminder of the impact we can have, especially for the youth in our community," said the Galt Police Department.

According to the police department, the unhoused male was cited and released for a misdemeanor offense on May 18.

John B., Britney's parent, commented under their post expressing their

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On May 18, Galt Police Department officers helped 9-year-old Galt resident Britney reunite with her bicycle that had been stolen from her residence. Photo courtesy of Galt Police Department

Galt Chamber Celebrates Local Business Excellence



Chamber President Kari Markel addresses the crowd. Photo by Paige Lampson

By Paige Lampson
Staff Writer

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Chamber of Commerce transformed its patio into an intimate gathering space for the annual business awards ceremony, where twinkling lights mirrored the stars above and colorful balloons framed the event. Community Relations Director Kat Seabolt opened the evening with a heartfelt message about the chamber's decision to host a more accessible celebration this year, emphasizing the importance of inclusivity over extravagance.

"We're here to celebrate our members beneath the stars," Seabolt announced, acknowledging the support of Diamond Sponsors, the City of Galt and SMUD, who helped make the evening possible. Her words resonated with attendees as she emphasized the chamber's commitment to fostering collaboration within the business community.

The anticipation built as Board President Kari Markel joined Seabolt to present the evening's awards. The Business of the Year category featured an impressive lineup of local enterprises, including Sheila's Country Rose Florist, Taxes & Accounting Xclusive Service, Gym Wealth is Health, Iron Dragon, Something Sweet Bakery, Robinson's Taekwondo Galt, and Azevedo's Pest Control.

The evening proved especially memorable for Erica's Cookie Co., which emerged as the star of the night, claiming both the prestigious Business of the Year award and the People's Choice Award. The latter category had featured strong contenders including Galt Saturday Market, Max Muscle, Galt Market, Flores Camp Lambs, Slaughterback Properties and Saint Martin Foundation.

The dual win highlighted Erica's Cookie Co.'s

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Safety Day Brings Community Together



Agencies, such as the police department, emergency medical services and the fire department, typically have their emergency response vehicles available on-site for attendees to look inside or to ask any questions about how they operate. Photo courtesy of Cosumnes Community Services District

By Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Summer is here, which means being outside more, taking part in summertime activities and enjoying the warm weather. Start the season on a secure note by learning about the public agencies that help keep our

community safe at the 10th annual Regional Safety Day on June 7.

Hosted by the Cosumnes Fire Department and the Elk Grove Police Department, and presented by Kaiser Permanente, this yearly event is meant to proactively engage the public and provide

education about local public safety agencies and the services they offer.

About 30 community partners will be at the event with resource booths, interactive activities and displays of equipment used by the different public safety departments.

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police department, emergency medical services and the fire department, typically have their emergency response vehicles available on-site for attendees to look inside or to ask any questions about how they operate.

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Summer Barbecue to Support Next Generation of Farmers

Sacramento County Young Farmers & Ranchers News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - Mark your calendars and bring your appetites; the annual Sacramento County Young Farmers & Ranchers Summer BBQ is back and better than ever. This year's gathering takes place on Saturday, June 21 at Lake Have-A-Few in Galt.

Lane. Starting with a social at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m., the event promises great food, good company and a whole lot of heart. The barbecue is a fantastic chance to catch up with friends, enjoy a delicious meal and maybe take home a raffle item or two. The Sacramento County Young Farmers & Ranchers California Farm Bureau shares that the impact of this event reaches far beyond one

summer evening. Jimmy Hardesty is the main event sponsor, along with premier level sponsors Wraith, Scarlett & Randolph Insurance Services and American AgCredit. F&M Bank and the Mitchell & Wrigglesworth Family are major sponsors of the barbecue, with supporting-level sponsor from Elk Grove Milling. Every dollar raised directly supports the next generation of agricultural leaders and

strengthens the local agriculture community. Individual tickets are available for adults at \$50 and kids for \$20. Every contribution helps Sacramento County Young Farmers & Ranchers keep doing the work it does in supporting agricultural education, professional development and agricultural advocacy. For more information, to purchase tickets or to learn about becoming a sponsor, visit sacfarmbureau.org/yfr-bbq.



Every dollar raised at the annual Sacramento County Young Farmers & Ranchers Summer BBQ on June 21 directly supports the next generation of agricultural leaders and strengthens the local agriculture community. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Young Farmers & Ranchers California Farm Bureau

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Red Cross, California Office of Traffic Safety and SMUD are among those agencies that residents can visit.

Simone Nazzal, public education specialist for Cosumnes Fire Department, said that this event attracts several thousand people each year. "Last year we had approximately 3,000 people come out and we saw a lot of families," said Nazzal. "We encourage people of all ages to participate and learn more about organizations specializing in life safety and how they reduce community risk."

Even the four-legged companions, service dogs and patrol horses, who assist the public safety agencies, will be at the event for folks to interact with.

The event's program highlights are the K-9 demonstration, two helicopter landings and a live



CAL FIRE, American Red Cross, California Office of Traffic Safety and SMUD are among those agencies that residents can visit at Regional Safety Day.

car extrication called the "Jaws of Life". Regional Safety Day is a free event for anyone to attend. Food trucks will be available for attendees to grab a bite.

This is a fun, family-friendly experience that gives residents of Elk Grove, Galt and southern Sacramento County hands-on activities, exciting demonstrations as well

as an opportunity to create community connections. The event will be located at Elk Grove Park, 9950 Elk Grove-Florin Road, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 7.



Hosted by the Cosumnes Fire Department and the Elk Grove Police Department, and presented by Kaiser Permanente, the annual Regional Safety Day is meant to proactively engage the public and provide education about local public safety agencies and the services they offer. Photos courtesy of Cosumnes Community Services District



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Expect Road Closures for Harvest Water Project

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - The City of Galt notified residents on June 1 via social media of an upcoming road closure associated with the Harvest Water Project, a regional infrastructure initiative led by Sacramento County.

As of June 2, Twin Cities Road east of Bruceville Road will be closed to all traffic. The closure is anticipated to continue through late July.

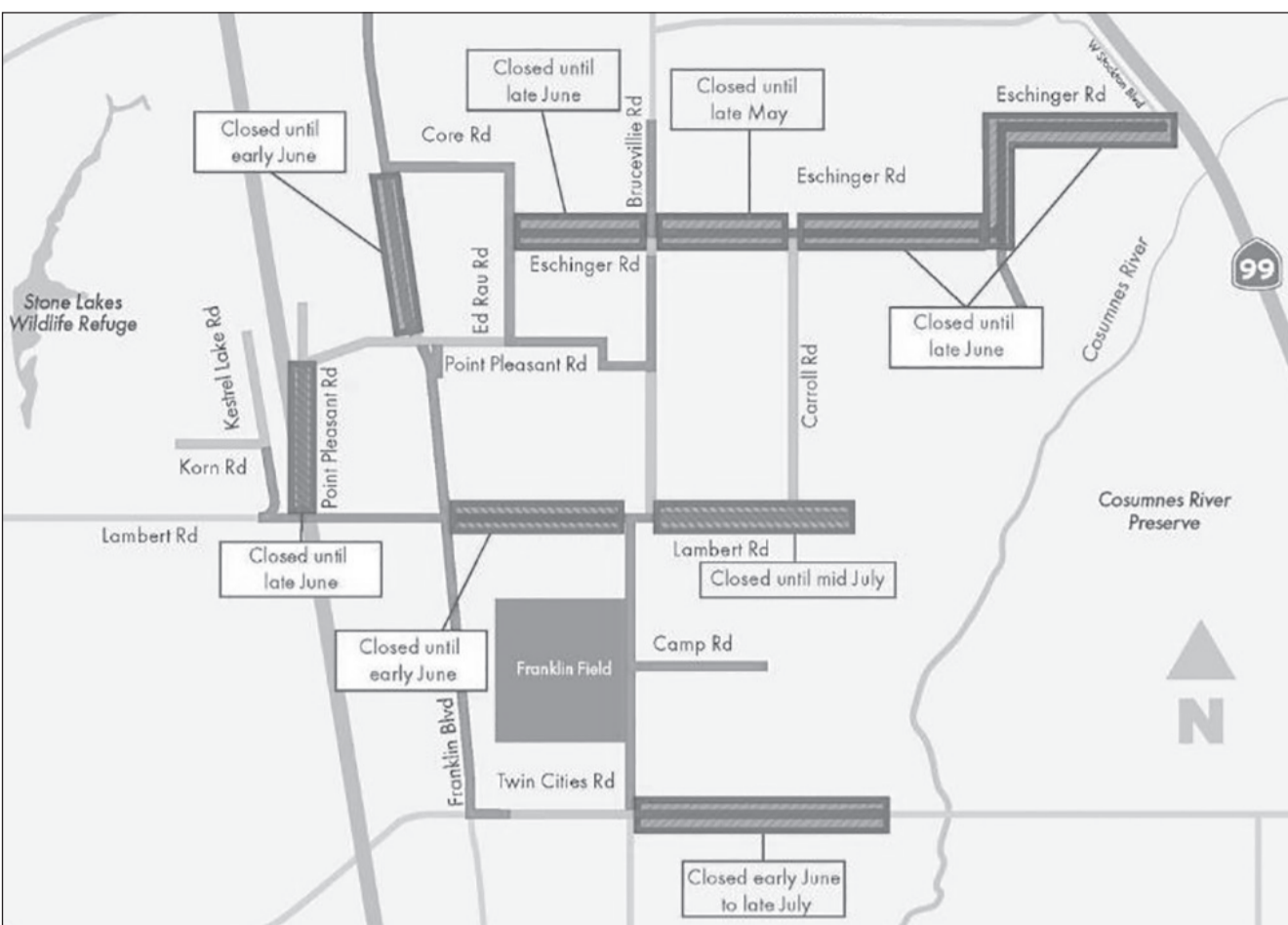
The intersection of Twin Cities Road and Bruceville Road will remain open, allowing drivers to travel north onto Bruceville Road.

The City of Galt shares this information to help the community stay informed and minimize potential travel delays. It is advised that residents plan ahead and allow extra time for their commute or to consider alternative routes.

According to the Sacramento Area Sewer District, the Harvest Water project will deliver drought-resistant recycled water to agricultural lands and existing habitats in southern Sacramento County. The project is anticipated to be operational in 2027.

The Sacramento Area Sewer District notes that some roadways are open to local traffic only and are not accessible by through traffic. Weather and other factors may affect the timing of road closures. Local residents and emergency vehicles can access properties within work zones at all times throughout construction.

Visit SacHarvestWater.org for construction updates or call 916-876-3322. ★



This map outlines the road closures associated with the Harvest Water Project, which is expected to be operational by 2027. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Area Sewer District

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gratitude towards the officers that helped return the bike, “Sgt. Hansen and officer Lara were kind, courteous and professional this morning. My family and I appreciate you and thank you for getting our daughter’s bike back, she was so excited. Great work!”

On May 28, Galt Police Department Public Information Sgt. Rachelle Hansen shared with the Galt Herald that the same suspect stole another bike from a local business May 25.

The bike’s owner reported the incident immediately and was able to give details of the

suspect’s appearance to the police. Officers identified and located the suspect, as well as the bike, which was left near Save Mart on C Street. The suspect attempted to run from authorities and was taken into custody for petty theft.

Hansen added that once the police department books the suspect, it is

ultimately up to the courts to determine whether they may be released the same day or not.

The Galt Police Department advises residents to lock up their bicycles or safely secure any other valuables as a prevention measure from theft.

“Keep an eye on your items, get a good look at the suspect and report to dispatch as soon as possible. If you see something,

say something, even if it is not your item,” said Hansen.

The Galt Police Department also encourages residents to take pictures of serial numbers for bikes or other property that may have one assigned so they can enter the number into the department’s system when an item is stolen and hold suspects accountable with a stolen property charge.

Hansen also

recommends reporting any kind of suspicious activity, be a good witness by providing accurate details and staying at the scene field to help confirm suspect identity.

“It’s one more step to help solidify the court process and hold the suspect accountable,” Hansen said.

To keep up to date with news from the police department, follow its Instagram page @galtpolice or visit galtpd.com. ★

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Saturday, June 7

Oil filter exchange event – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at O'Reilly Auto Parts. For every oil filter recycled, you can receive a new one for free (limit two). Not for use by commercial automotive or repair facilities. 10370 Twin Cities Road.

Sunday, June 8

5th Annual Car Show – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Office Sports Bar. Enjoy BBQ by Gus and live music by The Blue Tones. Applications are available at The Office Sports Bar or call Tony Jones at 209-331-6185. 14088 E. Highway 88, Lockeford.

Festa Italiana – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lodi Festival Grounds. You'll get to experience a wide range of Italian culture. Enjoy live entertainment, savor tasty bites in the food court, sip some of the finest local wines, judge homemade sauce recipes, and take your bambinis to the kids' zone for interactive projects. Call 209-242-9970 for more information. 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

Friday, June 13

Friday night movies at Veterans Field – Doors open at 6 p.m. and the movie starts at dusk. This month we'll be watching "Paddington in Peru," so bring your blankets, chairs and picnic baskets and enjoy an evening outdoors with family and friends. For more information, call 209-366-7115 or jgarcia@cityofgalt.org. 900 Caroline Ave.

Saturday, June 14

The Galt Café & Cars event – 8 a.m. to noon at Café Latte. Open to cars, trucks, bicycles, motorcycles and anything with wheels. 1000 C St.

Summer Concerts in the Park – presented by the City of Galt Parks and Recreation. This month's event will be at Veterans Field. Join us when the gates open at 6 p.m. to hear the David Perez Band. Bring your chairs, blankets, snacks, neighbors and friends. More information at cityofgalt.org. 900 Caroline Ave.

Sunday, June 15

Father's Day Paddle – 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Lodi Boathouse. Treat Dad to a peaceful and scenic excursion as you navigate the calm waters surrounded by lush trees and abundant wildlife. Whether you're a seasoned paddler or a beginner, this event is perfect for creating lasting memories with loved ones. More

information and tickets at lodiboathouse.com. 1101 W. Turner Road, Lodi.

Thursday, June 19 through Sunday, June 22

The American Crown Circus at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds – Enjoy zany clowns, amazing acrobats, incredible feats and high-flying fun. Tickets and more information at americancrowncircus.com. 413 Lockeford St., Lodi.

Saturday, June 21

Sacramento County Young Farmers & Ranchers (YFR) Summer BBQ – Lake Have-a-Few, Galt. 5:30 p.m. social hour and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Contact the California Farm Bureau office at 916-685-6958 for more information, including sponsorships available.

Library Events

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

Friday, June 6: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G) English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Saturday, June 7: Mariela's music time, 11 a.m. to noon. This special program will be filled with rhythms and multicultural sounds, along with the rich traditions of our region. (G)

Meetings for Veterans

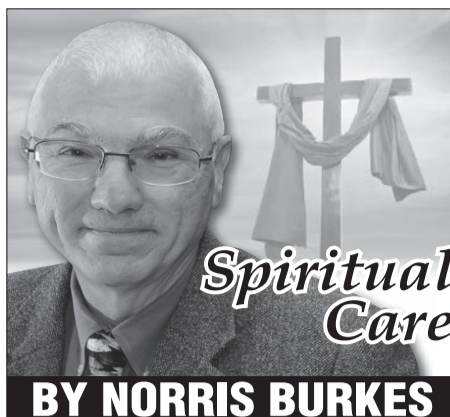
American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units – fourth Wednesday each month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m. Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Next meeting will be June 25. Breakfast: second Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave.

American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 – general meetings the fourth Thursday each month at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Dinner at 6 p.m. Next meeting will be Thursday, July 24 (June was canceled due to conflict with Legion Convention).

The Post Family Breakfast on the first Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. will change location for June 7, July 5 and Aug. 2 to Bert's Diner, 8972 Grant Line Rd., Elk Grove. For more information, call 916-683-6128.

Marine Corps League Detachment #1238 – first Thursday each month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District 56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. ★

Mr. President, Please, 'Say Something Nice'



In case you missed it, last Sunday was national "Say Something Nice Day."

But no worries, it's never too late to celebrate the day.

The day was started in 2003 by Mitch Carnell as a day to intentionally express compliments, appreciation, and encouragement to folks around us.

In his book, **Say Something Nice: Be a Lifter at Work**, Carnell suggests we take a two-part Civility Pledge.

- Refrain from saying anything ugly, demeaning or derogatory to anyone.
- Say something nice, uplifting or encouraging.

As a chaplain, I believe this approach reflects the Apostle Paul's admonition in Colossians 4:5-6.

"Be gracious in your speech. The goal is to bring out the best in others in a conversation, not put them down, not cut them out" (The Message).

Sadly, we are living in days with an overreaching impact of social media. People seem to be out of the practice for saying something nice. And even though you might not follow social media or deem it important, it is impacting you in ways that aren't easily measured.

So, I think it's important to keep ourselves informed of how our leaders are using their accounts to get their message across, particularly during the holidays like this past Memorial Day.

As a retired Air Force chaplain, this day is one I use to reflect on the many doors I've knocked on to bring my regret for the loss of a loved one who died in service of our country. I've shared our nation's flag with the family as I watched loved ones lowered into our country's soil.

So, I think it matters when our president, hours before laying the wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier, he defiled the day by posting this tone-deaf message: **"Happy Memorial Day** to all, including the scum that

spent the last four years trying to destroy our country through warped radical left minds."

These holiday messages have become infamous since he was elected.

Absent of gratitude, he proclaimed **"Happy Thanksgiving** to all, including to the Radical Left Lunatics who have worked so hard to destroy our Country, but who have miserably failed."

His Grinchy message on the day we celebrate the birth of Christ was, **"Merry Christmas to the Radical Left Lunatics**, who are constantly trying to obstruct our Court System and our Elections."

On New Years, people were expecting another cringeworthy zinger, but instead, he made news by saying something nice to a **Newsmax reporter**: "I just want everybody to be happy, healthy, and well." That is nice.

So I was surprised that on Easter he made no mention of our Risen Lord, instead posting, **"Happy Easter to all, Radical Left Lunatics** who are fighting and scheming so hard to bring Murderers, Drug Lords, Dangerous Prisoners, the Mentally Insane, and well-known MS-13 Gang Members and Wife Beaters, back into our Country."

A week later he joked to the media: "I'd like to be Pope." Then days before Cardinal Robert Prevost had been elected and named Pope Leo XIV, White House social media accounts **posted an AI-generated image** of the president as the Pope.

In Mathew 15:11 Jesus said, "Listen and understand. What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them."

In his day, some might've called Jesus a "Radical Left Lunatic," but these days approximately 2.4 billion of us Christians call him, "Lord."

Claude Mitchell "Mitch" Carnell, Jr., Ph.D., 88, of Charleston, South Carolina certainly knew how to "Listen and understand." The words that came out of his mouth did not defile. Carnell met his Lord on Feb 1, 2023.

As our president celebrates his 79th birthday today, I'm praying that he will stop using his words to defile himself and others. I think we should all manage to Say Something Nice this week.

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MEETING MINDERS

Thursday, June 12

Galt High School Board, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive. (June 5 postponed due to lack of quorum.) Galt Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m., 380 Civic Drive.

Friday, June 13

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

Saturday, June 14

Kiwanis Club of Galt, 8:30 a.m., Comfort Inn, 10380 Twin Cities Road. Every second Saturday. For more information, visit k13878.site.kiwanis.org.

Tuesday, June 17

Galt City Council, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive. Galt High School Alumni Association (GHAA), 7 p.m., Three Palms Mobile

Estates Clubhouse, 604 Pringle Ave., 916-835-8690.

Wednesday, June 18

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.

Thursday, June 19

Galt Beautification Committee, 9 a.m.,

Community Development Dept., 495 Industrial Drive, 209-366-7130.

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

Friday, June 20

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



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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



At the end of every NBA season and playoffs, there are 29 disappointed franchises. That's 29 cities in America that are not celebrating. It's always been that way, and it probably always will be. Only one winner, one champion, can be crowned.

Many Sacramento Kings fans are closely watching the playoffs, where defense has taken center stage. The Boston Celtics, for example, struggled after losing star Jayson Tatum to an Achilles tear in Game 4 against the Knicks.

That same intense defense has been the dominant factor in nearly every playoff series this year, and the Indiana Pacers New York Nick series was clear evidence that defense wins the day.

Long wing players that can move and play help defense will be coveted as the off-season trades begin, and Sacramento will be right in the mix of it.

The Kings feature an upcoming Keon Ellis and Keegan Murray who fit the skill model, but the real question is can the Kings retain these players and build around them with more of the same.

Two players that have been prominently mentioned are Jrue Holiday of the Boston Celtics, and Herb Jones of the Charlotte Hornets. Holiday at age 34 may be on the other side of his prime, so look for the Kings to have more interest in Jones who at 6'7" is 3 inches taller and only 26 years old.

The Pelicans have indicated that they are in trade mode, so Herb Jones may be wearing a different Jersey in November.

The question is what Charlotte would want in return for a player on the way up, and the answer is someone of the caliber of Malik Monk. Like DeAaron Fox, Monk is a fan favorite, whether this trade would be popular among fans remains to be seen. At the end of the day, fans need to brace themselves as the likelihood of several changes remains strong.

New GM Scott Perry is playing his cards close to the vest. Although the Sacramento faithful would like some direction, Perry will start making moves when he's ready. About the only thing that he has really indicated is that the Kings need a point guard. It's unlikely that a new GM will roll the dice on a second-year player like

Devin Carter and hope that he can breakout and be the starting point guard that can replace DeAaron Fox.

The NBA finals begin on Thursday, and fans will be treated to two teams that feature some of the best defense you are likely see. Look for low scoring physical games, with the referees swallowing the whistle more and more. The focus will be on the long wing players and the number of times they can get their hands on the ball.

Every Sacramento Kings fan is eager to know Scott Perry's plans, and I'm hoping he's considering building around Domantas Sabonis and Jonas Valanciunas. Not only do both have dominant skills they pose all kinds of problems for teams that like to drive the lane. With both Sabonis and Valanciunas, Perry has more options and can play these two side by side from time to time.

With the #5 spot already secured, the Kings need to target the point guard position and try to add one longer wing player like the aforementioned Herb Jones.

Whether trades begin in earnest now or after the finals conclude, be assured the Kings have moves in mind. That means surprises are in store, but very soon Sacramento fans are going to see the acumen of Scott Perry in full view.

It seems like a lifetime since the Kings went deep into the playoffs, but a capable GM and staff can make a difference, so this writer remains optimistic that the 2025/2026 version of the Sacramento Kings can be something to be proud of.

Grow the young players that we have. Covet them and don't waste them in meaningless trades and fill in the bland spots where the Kings have obvious needs.

Seems simple, but it is anything but. Nonetheless, it's always possible that Christmas may come early just as the Dallas Mavericks discovered in the recent NBA draft.

So, let's see if Scott Perry can catch lightning in a bottle, and Sacramento can celebrate once again.

Keep the faith Kings fans. I still believe the best is yet to come!

All the best!

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

Social Security Matters

How do I apply for Social Security?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I just turned 65 years old in February 2025. I need to sign up for Social Security but don't even know where to start. **Signed: Seeking Assistance**

Dear Seeking: It is fairly easy to sign up for your Social Security benefits, by either calling the Social Security Administration at 1.800.772.1213 or your local SS office, to make a telephone appointment to apply, or by completing your application for Social Security benefits online at www.ssa.gov/apply. However, to apply for benefits online you will need to first create your personal "my Social Security" account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Once you have your personal account set up, you can apply directly from that account and also see an estimate of your SS benefits at different ages.

You may already be aware that age 65 is not your Social Security full retirement age, or "FRA." Your FRA is when you

get 100% of the benefit you've earned from a lifetime of working. By taking benefits at age 65, your monthly amount will be reduced (to about 87% of your FRA amount; a permanent reduction). Born in 1960, your FRA is age 67, which means you will be taking your SS benefit about two years early and also means that - if you are still working - you will be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET). The AET limits how much you can earn before some of your benefits are taken away. For 2025, the annual earnings limit is \$23,400 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit (they take benefits back by withholding future payments long enough to recover what you owe).

So, you can apply for your Social Security benefits, as indicated above, either online or by calling SS for an appointment. Just be aware that by applying at age 65 your benefit will be permanently reduced, and you will be subject to Social Security's earnings limit (the earnings limit lasts until you reach your FRA, after which you can earn as much as you like without penalty).

Also, because you are 65, if you wish to enroll in Medicare, please be aware that you don't need to take your Social Security

benefits to enroll in Medicare. You can enroll in Medicare (only) by calling Social Security as explained above or enrolling in Medicare online. Here is a link which explains how to enroll in only Medicare: <https://www.ssa.gov/medicare/sign-up>.

I hope this information is helpful, and please know that the AMAC Foundation is always available to answer your questions. If it's easier, you can also speak directly to one of our certified Social Security Advisors by calling us during normal EST business hours at 1.888.750.2622. We cannot submit your SS application for you, but we can answer all questions you have about applying.

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Why Did the California Senate Shunt a Cost-Cutting Housing Bill?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Last month, RAND, a prominent think tank based in Santa Monica, published an exhaustive study on housing costs that devastatingly proves how California has been undermining its official goal of increasing production.

After examining more than 100 multifamily projects in three states, RAND concluded that building them in California is 2.8 times as expensive as in Texas and 1.5 times higher than in Colorado, "with much of the difference driven by state and local policies that contribute to long permitting and construction timelines, and higher local development fees."

Even more shockingly, RAND found that projects for low-income families cost 1.5 times as much to build as market-rate housing in California and four times the average cost in Texas.

Last week, the California Senate appeared to double down on making housing

development more difficult and costly, shunting a bill aimed at making it easier to build housing for lower-income families by exempting some projects from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Senate Bill 607, carried by state Sen. Scott Wiener, a San Francisco Democrat, was gutted in the Senate Appropriations Committee, apparently because Senate leaders such as President Pro Tem Mike McGuire caved into fierce opposition from environmental groups and labor unions, which celebrated the move. The committee announced that SB 607's contents were being stripped out and replaced by vague language declaring intentions to negotiate further, leaving the fate of the proposal unclear.

Those who either oppose housing projects on environmental grounds or demand concessions, such as requiring them to use union construction labor, have often used - or misused - CEQA as a tool. Over the last half-decade, the Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom have nibbled at CEQA's provisions, but when SB 607 was introduced, environmental and labor groups drew an opposition line in the sand.

After the bill was bowdlerized last week, the coalition praised McGuire

and other Senate leaders "for recognizing that the language of SB 607 would have created significant unintended consequences on communities and new legal uncertainties."

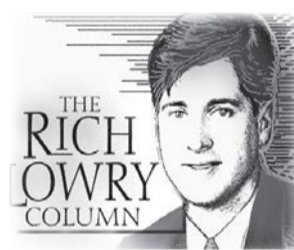
Just days earlier, Newsom had urged the Legislature to pass SB 607 and a similar measure, Assembly Bill 609, as much-needed reforms to increase housing development.

"It's time to get serious about this issue, period, full stop," Newsom said. "If you care about your kids you care about getting this done. This is the biggest opportunity to do something big and bold and the only impediment is us."

The SB 607 blockage may indicate that Newsom is losing clout with the Legislature as he nears lame duck status. However, he could revive the bill as part of the forthcoming negotiations over the state budget, as a statement by Wiener and McGuire suggested.

The RAND study reveals why the state is falling behind.

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. ★



Putin is Playing Trump

It was never going to be easy for President Trump to bring an end to the Ukraine war, but it's even harder when he's operating under an erroneous theory of the conflict.

The man who instigated the war and who is the chief obstacle to peace is Vladimir Putin. Yet, this enemy of the West, murderer of dissidents and serial perpetrator of wars of territorial aggrandizement has never been subjected to the same U.S. pressure campaign as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, whose fundamental offense is to be leading a country that his larger neighbor wants to subjugate.

After a much-anticipated phone call with Putin on Monday, Trump sounded optimistic and said Ukraine and Russia would keep negotiating, although there was no indication of anything new.

After the browbeating he took in the Oval Office a few months ago and a pause in U.S. intelligence assistance, Zelenskyy got the message. He's done everything possible to portray himself as the reasonable one who's interested in pursuing a deal.

A U.S.-proposed general ceasefire? Zelenskyy has said he's willing to accept it. Russia's idea for direct talks in Istanbul? Zelenskyy

said he'd go himself.

He signed a critical minerals deal with the U.S. Putin, in contrast, has been at the receiving end of an all-carrots approach, and has reacted accordingly.

One of Trump's advantages on the world stage is that he can make use of the "mad man theory," the idea that he's so unpredictable and potentially extreme that it's best not to displease him. Against type, Trump has been less the madman with Putin than the therapist who speaks in dulcet tones, is understanding to a fault and is determinedly nonjudgmental.

Pretty much whatever Putin does, Trump says someone else would do the same in his circumstances. Putin could nuke Warsaw, and Trump might observe, "Well, it's a shame and I hope he doesn't do it again."

Trump almost never strikes a pleading tone, but when Putin launched a large-scale strike on Kyiv last month, Trump posted on Truth Social, "Vladimir, STOP!"

The play for the Kremlin is obvious here. It wants to keep inching ahead with territorial gains, and if it continues to string along negotiations, has to hope that Trump tires of the whole thing and cuts off U.S. aid to Ukraine. That would reward Putin's intransigence with an important diplomatic victory -- a split between the U.S. and Europe -- and a chance to make major advances against an increasingly hard-pressed Ukraine.

Trump at times seems to realize this, and has referred to Putin "tapping me along." But the master at

establishing leverage in negotiations has failed to do so over Putin. In part, this is because the president has absorbed his MAGA base's view that Putin isn't really the problem -- the Russian leader was baited into war by globalists who took insufficient account of Russia's interests and feelings.

Whatever one thinks of the policy of NATO expansion, Ukraine didn't invade Russia, and Putin's opposition to Ukraine's existence as its own independently governed nation is at the root of the war.

So long as Putin believes that he's winning and holds "all of the cards," there's no reason for him to become more pliable. Trump and other administration officials have floated further economic measures against Russia, but these would probably be of limited utility. If the administration stipulated that if Putin doesn't drop his maximalist demands -- basically for a Ukraine that can't defend itself -- it will back Ukraine to the hilt, that might change his calculations.

Russia's gains have come at a hideous cost -- nearly a million Russian casualties since the start of the war. If Ukraine isn't going to buckle and the U.S. isn't going to abandon her, then the Russians could reach a point of exhaustion.

Short of that, Putin has every reason to think he can persevere when the world's superpower has little sympathy for the victim of his unprovoked aggression.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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County's Fastest Housing Project Completion Serves Homeless Seniors Around the Clock

By Seth Henderson

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County, HOPE Cooperative and Enki Development Group have partnered together to create Grow Florin Interim Housing, with space for 72 transitional housing beds for homeless seniors aged 55 and older with Community, Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) court participants as a priority population, according to the Sacramento County Department of Health Services.

Built in 324 days, Grow Florin Interim Housing is the county's fastest completed housing project, due to strict deadlines outlined by the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing grant, totaling a capital investment of \$5.4 million, according to the Department of Health Services.

The Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act aims to provide community-based mental health and related services, support and accountability for individuals living with untreated schizophrenia psychotic disorders, according to the Superior Court of California.

Making up the 72 beds include 32 singles, 20 doubles and eight ADA-compliant cabins. The project was funded by the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing grant, awarded to Sacramento County in partnership with HOPE Cooperative to serve individuals with severe mental



Sacramento County and its partners collaborated in 324 days to complete the county's fastest housing project with Grow Florin Interim Housing, seeing a total capital investment of \$5.4 million. Photos courtesy of Sacramento County's Department of Health Services



The project's 72 beds include 32 singles, 20 doubles and eight ADA-compliant cabins.

illness and substance abuse disorders.

The campus is color-coordinated by zones

to create miniature communities and each cabin has its own power source. Climate-controlled cabins,

a mini fridge, a communal kitchen and a dog park are some amenities included for residents. Tenants



Nearly 100 attendees huddled under a shaded tent to celebrate Sacramento County's Department of Health Services newest resource for seniors with behavioral health and housing needs.

receive three meals per day and access to behavioral healthcare, case management, housing navigation, employment, education support and help developing life skills, according to the Department of Health Services.

The county is compiling a list of future residents anticipating being placed into the Grow Florin Interim Housing with expected operating costs of \$3.1 million and an additional \$920,000 allocated for flexible funding supports, according to the Department of Health Services.

Individuals will be selected through

the Community, Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment court process, taking into account referrals from Sacramento County's Homeless Engagement and Response Team to ensure the program prioritizes individuals most in need, according to the Department of Health Services.

HOPE Cooperative is responsible for making sure daily operations comply with all county, state and federal guidelines to meet the needs of the Sacramento County Good Neighbor Policy. The property is surveilled with 39 cameras and 24/7 patrols by SafeChoice Security. ★

MEMORIAL

LEON "BUD" LEROY REICH • 01/16/1948 – 05/16/2025

Leon "Bud" Leroy Reich, age 77, of Galt, California, passed away peacefully on May 16, 2025. Born on January 16, 1948, in Lodi, California, Bud spent his life rooted in the community he loved.



Bud grew up in Galt, attending Galt High School and graduating with the Class of 1966. He later earned his teaching credentials from California State University, Sacramento. Bud dedicated 33 years of his life to education, shaping young minds at Morada and Houston Middle Schools, where he was respected as both a teacher and mentor.

He met the love of his life, Jean, in grade school, and their journey from childhood friendship to high school sweethearts was one of enduring love and marriage for 56

years. Together they built a beautiful life, filled with family, laughter, and love.

Bud is survived by his beloved wife, Jean; his children, Justin (Jodie) and Darla (Kevin); grandchildren Kyla (Travis), Kade, Jayden, and Jessie; and great-grandchild Remi. He also leaves behind several nephews and nieces

along with his brother, Tom, and sister, Yvonne. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leon and Glenda Reich.

Known for his sense of humor, endless stories, and kind heart, Bud loved nothing more than spending time with family and friends. He was a devoted coach, an avid camper and fisherman, a talented handyman, and a fixture in the lives of those fortunate to know him.

A celebration of Bud's life will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at 5:00 PM at the home he shared with Jean: 13667 Cherokee Ln. All who knew and loved Bud are welcome to join in honoring his memory.

Bud's legacy of love, laughter, and service lives on in all of us who had the privilege of knowing him.

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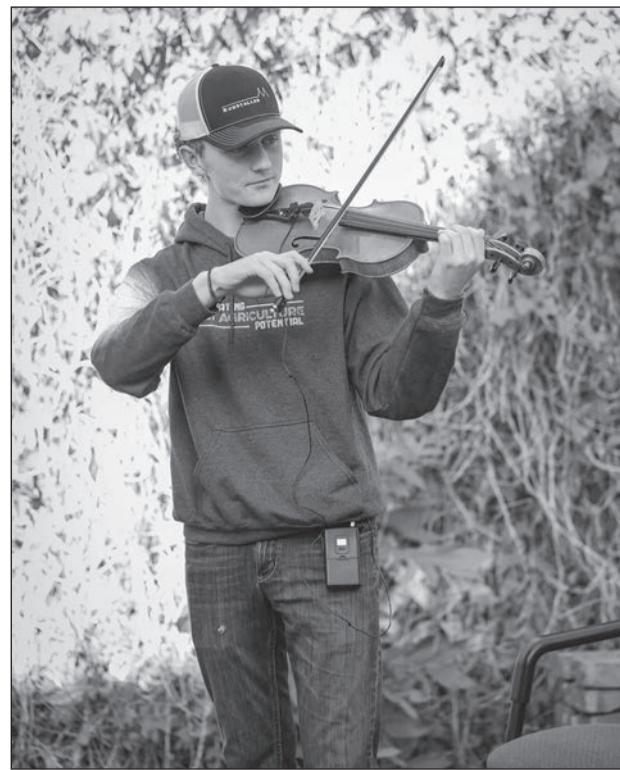
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significant impact on the community and its popularity among local residents. The intimate outdoor setting seemed to make the victories even sweeter, as fellow business owners and community members celebrated together under the open sky, embodying the chamber's vision of a more connected and collaborative business community. ★



Erica Breland of Erica's Cookie Co. thanks everyone that voted her the Galt Chamber Business of the Year.



Violinist Elliott Kramer serenades the attendees.

Photos by Paige Lampson and Gabriel Ortega



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Pursuant to Education Code Sections 42103, 42122, 42123, and 42127, notice is hereby published that a Public Hearing on the Arcohe Union School District's proposed budget will be held at the Arcohe Union School District East Campus Media Center located at 11755 Ivie Road, Herald, CA 95638 on June 16, 2025 at 6 pm.

Any taxpayer affected by the aforementioned proposed budget may inspect the budget at the Arcohe Union Main School Office located at 11755 Ivie Road, Herald, CA 95638 on June 9, 2025 between the hours 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Signed Troy Miller
 Secretary to the Board

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Pursuant to Education Code Sections 42103, 42122, 42123, and 42127, notice is hereby published that a Public Hearing on the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District's proposed budget will be held at the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Office located at 1018 C Street, Suite 210, Galt, CA 95632 on June 17, 2025 at 6 p.m.

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Signed Lois Yount
 Secretary to the Board

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that same afternoon, he scribbled a note intended for release, accepting responsibility for the decision to launch the invasion and full blame should the effort to create a beachhead on the Normandy coast fail.

On June 6, 1944, nearly 160,000 Allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of heavily fortified French coastline to fight Nazi Germany on the beaches of Normandy, France.

More than 5,000 ships and 13,000 aircraft supported the D-Day invasion, and by the day's end, the Allies gained a foothold in Continental Europe.

The cost of lives of D-Day was high. More than 9,000 Allied soldiers were killed or wounded, but their sacrifice allowed more than 100,000 soldiers to begin the slow, hard slog across Europe to defeat Adolf Hitler's troops. Let us not

forget.

Let us remember and thank a veteran for their service of protecting our country.

It is a two-fer article day. Step back in time about 11 years before D-Day. June 6 is also National Drive-in Movie Day to commemorate the day the first drive-in theater opened in 1933.

Today, we give thanks to Richard M. Hollingshead Jr. of Camden, NJ, for creating the drive-in theater. And it gives us the opportunity to take a nostalgic walk down memory lane to one of the most memorable times in our lives.

National Drive-in Movie Day takes us to a time when fun could be seen on the big screen from inside (or on top of) our car. This day takes us back to a time when seeing a movie on a Friday night was an entire family affair.

Some of us remember going to the drive-in theater, yet very few young people today will experience the fun and anticipation of spending an evening watching a movie outside on a huge screen.

Drive-ins were popular because it was an activity the entire family could do

together. Moviegoers could bring their babies, visit and eat.

Before drive-ins, movie theaters didn't allow or frowned upon large families attending a movie.

However, drive-in theaters changed that concept. Plus, the families could wear casual clothes instead of dressing up as was expected when going out for the evening.

Most importantly, it was much cheaper to go to a drive-in movie than the theater because the drive-in charged per carload, not per person. Unfortunately, the invention of color television, VCRs and videos rentals led to a sharp decline in the drive-in popularity. However, there are still drive-ins around, and the nearest locations can be found on driveinmovie.com.

One of my first summer jobs as a teenager was working in the drive-in theater in my hometown. I have fond memories of those summer nights, and the job taught me how to work with all sorts of people. There never was a dull moment and memories were made.

Until next week - be strong, be courageous, and make some memories. ★

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

TOPS Weekly Meetings

TOPS, Taking Off Pounds Sensibly, holds meetings every Wednesday at Grace Presbyterian Church, 10 N. Mills Ave., Lodi. Meeting time: 10-10:45 a.m. Weigh-ins: 9-9:50am. No charge for first meeting.

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.

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

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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.

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

Volunteers Sought for Senior Resource Center

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

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

Volunteers will be trained and can contact commission members with

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. ★

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of May 27 to June 1, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 16 arrests.

May 27

9:54 a.m., Narcotics Violation/adult arrest, West Stockton Boulevard/Live Oak Avenue.

1:08 p.m., Burglary reported, Simmerhorn Road: House broken into.

1:55 p.m., Vandalism reported, Cobble Hill Way: Female subject in a teal hooded-sweater pulled up to a gray Nissan and broke the windshield with a mallet.

4:13 p.m., Warrant Served/adult arrest, Highway 99 Southbound/Pringle Avenue.

7:14 p.m., Shoplifting/adult arrest, Ace Hardware on C Street.

May 28

2:54 a.m., Warrant Served/adult arrest, Highway 99 Southbound/A Street.

7:24 a.m., Vehicle Accident-Injury, McFarland Street/A Street.

10:01 a.m., Narcotics Violation/adult arrest, A Street.

1:19 p.m., Identity Theft reported, Morgans Ranch Circle.

3:29 p.m., Vandalism reported, Rachel Drive.

6:10 p.m., Fraud reported, West Hill Court.

May 29

8:48 a.m., Theft reported, Cardinal Glass on Industrial Drive.

9:26 a.m., Theft reported, Rio Mesa Way.

May 30

10:52 a.m., Warrant Served/adult arrest, Walmart on Twin Cities Road.

11:46 a.m., Warrant Served/adult arrest, South Emerald Oak Drive.

8:18 a.m., Weapon-Possession/adult arrest, Kost Road/South Lincoln Way.

9:02 p.m., Warrant Served/adult arrest, Elm Avenue/North Lincoln Way.

May 31

12:03 a.m., DUI/adult arrest, Fairway Drive/Glendale Avenue.

11:58 a.m., Domestic Violence/adult arrest, Grizzly Hollow Apartments on Beaver Park Way.

June 1

1:11 a.m., DUI/adult arrest, Elm Avenue/North Lincoln Way.

8:47 a.m., Theft reported, Snow Lily Court: Lost/stolen front plate.

12:38 p.m., Theft reported, Horizon Community Church on Fairway Drive: Schwinn bicycle with white handlebars stolen from location.

5:02 p.m., Warrant Served/adult arrest, Galt Mobile Estates on North Lincoln Way.

6:43 p.m., Vandalism reported, Vintage Oak Avenue: Damage to roof tiles.

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7:34 p.m., Warrant Served/adult arrest, South Lincoln Way/Kost Road.

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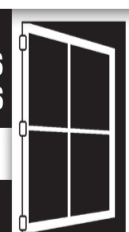
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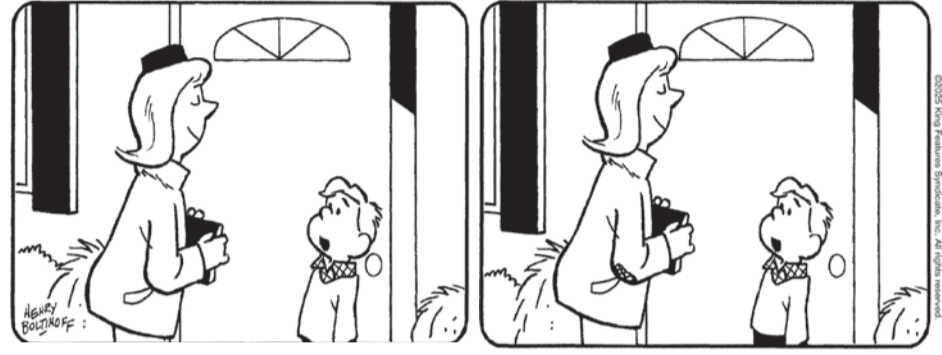
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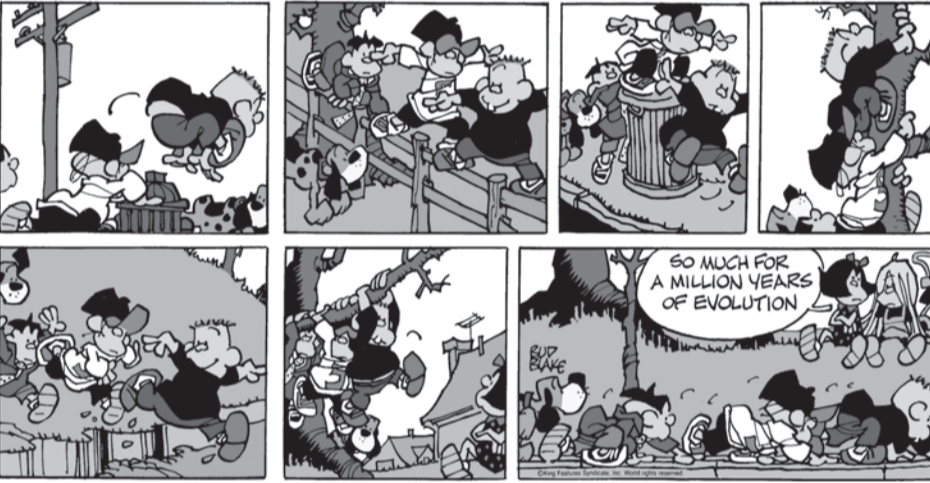
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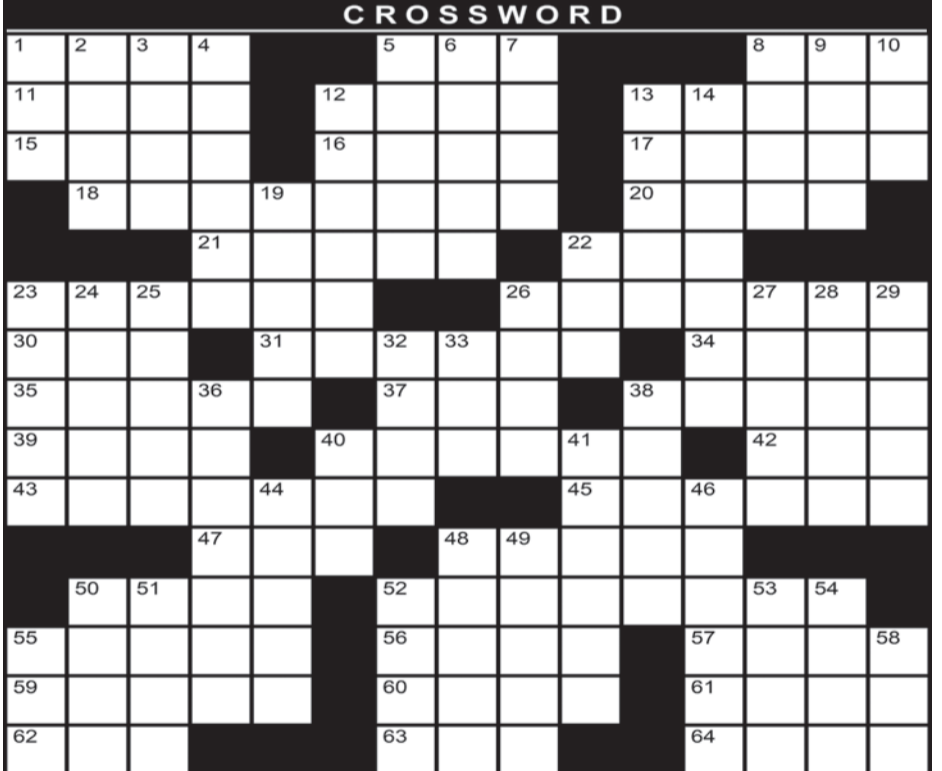
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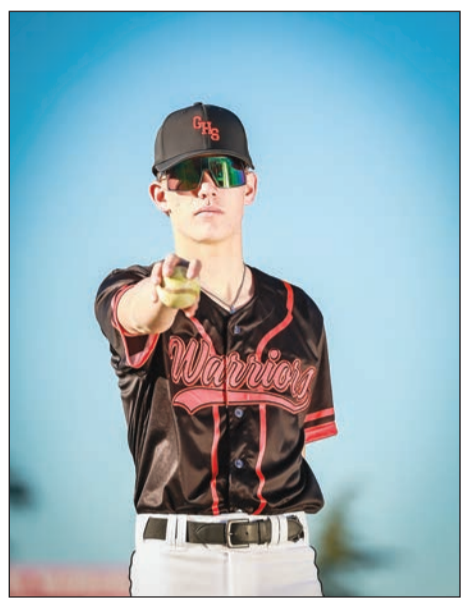
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Galt's Nick Reid Earns All-League Honors in Competitive Season

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - In a year marked by changes to the all-league selection process, Galt High School senior Nick Reid emerged as the Warriors' sole representative on the all-league team, despite the league's expansion to include two additional teams. The modified CIF criteria resulted in fewer selections per team, making Reid's achievement even more noteworthy.



Nick Reid-Galt Baseball All League.

Reid's stellar performance on the mound and at the plate proved instrumental for the Warriors this season. Over 41.1 innings pitched, he dominated opposing batters with 42 strikeouts while allowing just one home run. His offensive contributions were equally impressive, posting a solid .308 batting average across 13 games.

excuses and, most importantly, they stayed together as a team through every challenge. That's what builds character, and that's what makes me proud to be their coach."

"Being named all-league means everything to me," Reid reflected, a smile crossing his face. "But that moment when we scored first against Liberty Ranch? That's the memory I'll carry with me forever."

The evening featured several team awards, with Carlo Sterni earning Rookie of the Year honors, Reid claiming the Cy Young Award, Michael Perucca and Tyler Braun sharing Defensive Player of the Year, and Gianni Sterni taking home MVP honors for the varsity squad.

At the end-of-season banquet, Head Coach Mike Tassano couldn't contain his pride as he addressed his players.

The JV team's future looks bright with Art Cordova receiving Most Improved Player, Leland Reames earning the Coaches Award and Trent Dozier securing the JV MVP award. ★

"Baseball isn't just about wins and losses," Tassano said, his voice filled with emotion. "It's about showing up every day, ready to compete, ready to grow. These young men exemplified that spirit. They never backed down, never made



Head Coach Mike Tassano presents the Cy Young Trophy to Nick Reid.



Senior Gianni Sterni-team MVP and sophomore Carlo Sterni-Rookie of the Year.



Tyler Braun and Michael Perucca are co-team defensive players of the year.



The JV coaches present Leland Reames the Coaches Award.



JV player Art Cordova, with JV coaches Brandon Gross and Rick Akers, receives the Most Improved Award.



JV player Trent Dozier receives his MVP award from JV coaches Brandon Gross and Rick Akers.

GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Larry Lucas, Liberty Ranch Track, State Meet



Camren Hudson, Liberty Ranch Track, State Meet

Courtesy photos

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Liberty Ranch Makes History: Two Hawks Soar to State Track Championships

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - In a groundbreaking season for Liberty Ranch High School's track program, two athletes achieved what no Hawk had done before: qualifying for the state championships. The historic feat came amid a season filled with record-breaking performances and remarkable achievements.

Senior Larry Lucas etched his name in school history, shattering the hurdle record with a blazing 14.7 seconds at the Masters finals.

His teammate Camren Hudson rewrote the record books multiple times, setting new marks in both the long jump (22 feet, 5.75 inches) at Masters and demolishing the triple jump record by an astounding four feet with a leap of 45 feet, 5.5 inches at the Sierra Valley Conference meet.

"Everything just started clicking," said Lucas, who's headed to UCLA this fall, majoring in Human Biology. His eyes lit up as he described his journey.

"There's this magical moment in hurdling when it all comes together: your form, your speed, your rhythm. Suddenly, you're flying over those hurdles like they're not even there. Each race, I could feel myself getting faster, stronger, more confident."

The Hawks' dominance



Larry Lucas shattered the hurdle record at the Masters finals. Courtesy photos



Camren Hudson set new marks in the long jump and triple jump.

extended to the relay arena, where the team of George Adrian, Hudson, Lucas and Joseph Brown established a new school record in the 4x100 relay with a blistering 43.37 seconds. Adding to the program's success, Jade Brown claimed the girls' triple jump record with a mark of 34 feet, 3.75 inches.

Hudson, reflecting on his multiple record-breaking performances, offered unique insight into the art of jumping.

"It's like trying to catch lightning in a bottle," he said, grinning. "Some days you soar six inches further than your best, and it all comes down to that perfect moment when everything aligns: your speed, your timing, your takeoff. Being at state, surrounded by California's elite athletes, it felt like we'd found our tribe. We weren't just competing; we were part of something bigger."

Hudson will attend



Larry Lucas, bottom of photo, jumps a hurdle at the state track meet.



Liberty Ranch's Camren Hudson jumps at the state track and field competition.

Alabama A&M in the fall, majoring in Civil Engineering

Assistant Coach Jackie Corriea, herself a record holder at Galt High School, could barely contain her emotion when discussing her athletes' achievements.

"This wasn't just about breaking records or making it to state," she said, her voice thick with pride.

"What you saw out there was the result of countless hours of dedication, of these kids pushing themselves beyond what they thought possible. Larry and Camren: They didn't just listen to coaching, they absorbed it, lived it, breathed it. Watching Larry hit his stride at Masters, seeing him get faster with each race ... that's the kind

of moment coaches dream about.

"And to be there with them at state? That's something I'll cherish forever."

The Masters meet proved to be a showcase of the Hawks' depth, with Lucas claiming third in the 110m hurdles, Hudson taking second in long jump and fifth in triple jump, and strong showings from

Joseph Brown (10th in 300m hurdles), Jimmy Lopez (16th in pole vault at 12'8"), and the 4x100 relay team (16th place).

This historic season set new standards for Liberty Ranch track and field and demonstrated that with dedication, proper coaching and determination, Hawks can indeed soar to unprecedented heights. ★

Liberty Ranch Track and Field All-League

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawks track and field team demonstrated exceptional talent this season, with five athletes earning all-league honors through their outstanding performances at the SVC league meet. Unlike other sports where coaches select all-league athletes, track and field demands first-place finishes to achieve this prestigious recognition.

The Hawks dominated the hurdles events, with senior Larry Lucas claiming victory in the 110m hurdles and senior Joseph Brown conquering the 300m hurdles. Senior Jimmy Lopez reached new heights in the pole vault, securing first place with an impressive clearance of 12 feet, 6 inches, while senior Camren Hudson showcased his explosive power in the triple jump.

The 4x100 relay team, consisting of George Adrienne, Hudson, Lucas and Brown, demonstrated perfect chemistry and timing to capture first place in one of track's most technically challenging events.

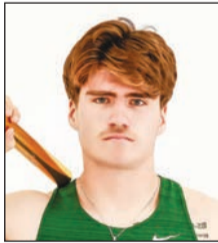
Lucas, Brown and Hudson's exceptional performances earned them first-place finishes in multiple events, though they'll each receive one commemorative patch for their letterman jackets.

The athletes' success continued beyond league competition, with strong showings at the Masters meet after impressive section performances. Hudson and Lucas took their talents to the highest level, competing at the State meet.

First-year head coach Marquan De Bias couldn't contain his pride when discussing his athletes' achievements.



Camren Hudson - All League.



George Adrian - All League.



Jimmy Lopez - All League.



Joseph Brown - All League.

"What we witnessed this season was nothing short of extraordinary," De Bias said, beaming. "These kids showed up every day with fire in their hearts and determination in their eyes. When you see athletes willing to push themselves to their absolute limits, staying late after practice, fine-tuning their technique and supporting each other like family that's when you know you've got something special. Making it to State isn't just about natural talent; it's about the countless hours these athletes put in when nobody was watching. This group has set a new standard for what it means to be a Hawk." ★



Larry Lucas - All League.

G-Town Basketball Competes in Reno

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

RENO, NV (MPG) - G-Town's basketball program made a strong showing at the prestigious Sierra Nevada Memorial Day weekend tournament in Reno. Teams from multiple divisions - 13U, 14U, and mixed JV and Varsity - represented G-Town in what marked the program's first overnight tournament trip.

"All levels played very well," said Coach Phillip Ricci. "We are looking forward to bringing our girls program up the following spring."

The Reno tournament, known as the largest AAU basketball event in the United States, drew over a thousand teams from across the country.

Those interested in learning more about G-Town's basketball teams can reach Coach Ricci at (209) 810-1412. ★



Coach Phillip Ricci encourages the 14U players during a game in Reno. Courtesy Photos



The G-Town 13U team poses at the Sierra Nevada Tournament.



The G-Town mixed JV and Varsity team.



The G-Town 14U team.



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