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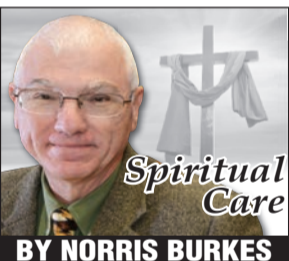
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Sip, Paint and Give Back



Sip, Paint & Give Back, hosted by the Soroptimist International of Sacramento South Club, is a fundraising event that benefits local programs providing scholarships and resources for women and girls. Photos courtesy of Kimberly Kulp

By Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Soroptimist International of Sacramento South Club will host its fourth Sip, Paint & Give Back fundraiser event on Saturday, Sept. 13, at Valley Oaks Grange Hall to benefit local programs providing scholarships for local young women.

The afternoon event will include

a raffle featuring See's Candies and s'mores kit baskets, a Halloween basket with a candy dish among other prize baskets.

There will be wine and a guided painting session with instruction from local artist Beth Bates. Both beginners and seasoned painters are welcome to participate in recreating a rustic barn scene with flowers.

"We are deeply grateful to everyone

who supports our Soroptimist group, whether through fundraisers, donations or simply spreading the word," said Kimberly Kulp, a Soroptimist Sacramento South Club member. "Your generosity provides us with the resources we need to empower and uplift women and girls in our community."

Proceeds will go toward supporting

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'Sacrifice, Duty and Commitment'

Fallen Marine Honored with Memorial Highway



During the sign unveiling on Aug. 20, Sen. Roger Niello shared, "It has been my honor to be part of this journey of honoring Sgt. Nicole Gee and her service." Photo courtesy of Office of Sen. Roger Niello

By William Segale

SACRAMENTO REGION (MPG) - On Aug. 20, state Sen. Roger Niello and state Assemblyman Joe Patterson dedicated a portion of Interstate 80 as the Sergeant Nicole Gee U.S. Marine Corps Memorial Highway.

In a ceremony with members of Sgt. Gee's family present, the two lawmakers paid tribute to the life, service and bravery of Sgt. Gee and unveiled the sign for the

new memorial highway.

Now, the section of I-80 spanning from the Douglas Boulevard Overcrossing to the State Route 65 Crossing will be known as Sergeant Nicole Gee U.S. Marine Corps Memorial Highway.

When discussing the impact of the memorial highway, Niello said, "It has been my honor to be part of this journey of honoring Sgt. Nicole Gee and her service. As people drive on this portion of Interstate 80, we will all be

reminded of the sacrifice, duty and commitment that Sgt. Gee has displayed so courageously on behalf of her country."

Sgt. Gee was a Roseville native and attended George Sargeant Elementary School, Warren T. Eich Middle School and Oakmont High School.

During her academic career, Gee was a member of the softball team, participated in several dance classes and earned several academic achievements, including

a certificate in bi-literacy, perfect attendance and honor roll status. She graduated with a 4.1 grade point average in 2016. It was also in high school where Sgt. Gee met her husband, Marine Sergeant Jarod Gee, and the two married after their graduation in August 2016.

In 2017, Gee entered into active duty in the United States Marine Corps. She trained throughout the United States, including stops

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Final County Recommended Budget Hearings to Begin



Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors will begin Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Revised Recommended Budget hearings at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 3 in the Sacramento County Administration Building's Board Chambers, located at 700 H St., Sacramento.

If necessary, hearings will continue on Sept. 4 and Sept. 5 at the same time and location.

The hearing schedule, subject to change, includes In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority budget deliberation and approval; and potential federal and state funding impacts on future county budgets.

It also includes the Fiscal Year 2025-26 revised recommended budget presentation, public comment, and board deliberation and approval of revisions to the approved recommended budget and adopted budget resolutions.

The Board of Supervisors approved the FY 2025-26 Recommended Budget on June 4. The \$8.9-billion spending plan recognized new or enhanced areas of growth in the General Fund totaling \$43 million (\$9 million funded with Net County Cost), with the addition of 52 full-time equivalent positions. The FY 2025-26 General Fund recommended reductions totaled \$18 million, which would have resulted in the deletion of 73 full-time equivalent positions.

However, the Board of Supervisors made additional revisions to the recommended budget, totaling \$11 million in restored reductions and additional growth.

The numbers in the budget change between June and September when Sacramento County receives new information, including the state budget's impact and updated fund balance and revenue totals.

The hearings will be telecast live on Metro Cable 14 at metro14live.saccounty.gov and on the web at sccob.saccounty.gov/Pages/BOSPublicMeetings.aspx.

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Second Chances for Justice-Involved Adults

Sacramento County Health and Social Services News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A new chapter began for dozens of Sacramento County residents stepping into stability, safety and a second chance.

Sacramento County, alongside HOPE Cooperative, community partners and residents gathered on July 31 to celebrate the grand opening of Renewed Hope, a formerly vacant motel that was transformed into a 57-unit transitional housing site designed for justice-involved adults experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

Located in Sacramento and operated by Hope Cooperative, the site offers

furnished private housing, wraparound behavioral health services and onsite supports aimed at helping residents heal, stabilize and transition into permanent housing.

“While Renewed Hope provides shelter, the real power of this program isn’t in the buildings, it’s in what happens inside them,” said Dr. Ryan Quist, director of Behavioral Health for Sacramento County. “We know that when people are given a safe place to live and the right behavioral health support, they begin to believe in themselves again. That’s the kind of impact we’re here to celebrate.”

The facility began operating in May, and since then, residents have already begun the steps toward their recovery and graduate from these units



As more transitional housing projects open through Behavioral Health Bridge Housing funding, programs such as Renewed Hope are giving individuals the space and support to start over. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Health and Social Services

into independent living.

“It’s really a big step forward,” said client Luke Smith. “Before, I didn’t have access to anything. I couldn’t even think about going forward. But now, everything is starting to work out.”

Since moving into Renewed Hope, Smith said he’s able to do his own laundry, attend the court-ordered drug and alcohol classes, and participate in life skill classes to help him get back on his

feet. Adding this feels like progress.

“With 59 beds and comprehensive support services, it offers more than housing, it creates a real opportunity for healing, growth and renewal,” said April Ludwig. “Made possible through partnerships with Anthem, HealthNet, Kaiser Permanente, Molina and Sacramento County Behavioral Health Services, and supported by a Behavioral Health Bridge Housing grant, this

project shows what’s possible when we lead with compassion, purpose and a belief in second chances.”

Renewed Hope residents can stay up to nine months and are offered intensive services, including behavioral health care coordination, life skills, peer coaching and help planning their next step, whether that’s employment, education or permanent housing. The site includes shared community areas, onsite

laundry and pet-friendly policies designed to foster comfort and connection.

As more transitional housing projects come online through Behavioral Health Bridge Housing funding, programs such as Renewed Hope are giving people the space and support to start over.

Learn more about Sacramento County’s Behavioral Health Bridge Housing projects on the county website at dhs.sac-county.gov. ★

‘Sacrifice, Duty and Commitment’

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at the School of Infantry-East in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School in the City of Twentynine Palms, California.

Upon completion of her training, Gee was assigned to the Combat Logistics Battalion 24 where she worked as a ground electronics transmission systems maintainer.

During her service, Gee became a black belt martial arts instructor, achieved a perfect score in her Combat Fitness test, earned an Expert Rifle Qualification Third Award and set weightlifting records at Ahmad al-Jaber Air Base. In February 2021, Gee was deployed with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit and soon was meritoriously promoted to the rank of sergeant.



Assemblyman Joe Patterson and Sen. Roger Niello welcomed family members of Sgt. Nicole Gee in Roseville on Wednesday, Aug. 20 to watch the installation of the Sgt. Nicole Gee Memorial Highway Signs. Photos courtesy of Office of Sen. Roger Niello

Throughout her deployment, Gee served in Spain, Greece, Saudi Arabia, Oman and Kuwait. On Aug. 26, 2021, Sgt. Nicole

Gee was tragically killed in action while serving in Kabul, Afghanistan. On this mission, Gee assisted in the evacuation

of more than 100,000 refugees during the United States’ withdrawal from the country.

For her outstanding service, Gee was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon and the NATO Medal.

Throughout the ceremony, Niello and Patterson commended Sgt. Gee for her outstanding character, service and valor as well as recognized the sacrifices made by her family. It is both lawmakers’ hope that the newly unveiled signs will ensure that Sgt. Gee’s memory will not be forgotten so that it can continue to serve as an example of courage and selflessness.

William Segale is an intern in State Sen. Roger Niello’s office. Niello represents District 6, which includes the cities of Galt and Herald in Sacramento County and Roseville in Placer County. ★

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Sip, Paint and Give Back



Soroptimist International of Sacramento South Club members pose at a previous fundraiser event hosted at the Valley Oaks Grange Hall in Galt. Photos courtesy of Kimberly Kulp



The Soroptimist International of Sacramento South Club has supported women and girls locally since 1965 by providing resources, such as scholarships, and empowerment through community support.



Here is the painting that attendees will be guided through during Sip, Paint & Give Back by local artist Beth Bates on Saturday, Sept. 13.

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homeless and at-risk students, the Live Your Dream Awards scholarship program to emancipated foster youth at Sacramento City College and other resources such as CASH (Community Against Sexual Harm).

“Our goal is to empower girls and women in need. We believe education

creates freedom, so much of our focus is on funding educational opportunities. We also hope to provide support with trade specialties, such as covering testing fees, to help young women establish independence and income,” Kulp said.

The fundraiser begins at 1 p.m. Sept. 13 at the Valley Oaks Grange Hall, 347 Fifth St.

Tickets are \$55 and available by check payable to Soroptimist International of Sacramento South (6151 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento) or on Venmo to @Kimberley-SwensonKulp.

Payments should include the buyer’s name and number of tickets.

Registration and payment are due by Sept. 6.

Soroptimist International clubs’ mission is to improve the lives of women and girls locally and throughout the world. Soroptimist International of Sacramento South Club has supported women and girls in the community since 1965.

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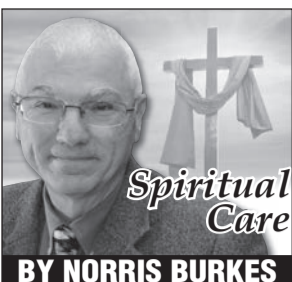
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Chaplain has 3-Alarm Guilt Fire



BY NORRIS BURKES

question directed toward me and it set off my guilt alarms.

I wondered if her shoe ramp contained some kind of gizmo capable of measuring the fat in the soles of my feet.

At any moment, I expected a latex-gloved co-worker to pinch the donut sack from my bag and declare, "We got him now. This is all we'll need. Book him on charges of 'stuff and run.'"

Without knowing anything about my eating habits, the clerk didn't mean to imply judgment, but it was too late.

Flaming guilt had already engulfed my face, and by the looks of things, it was going to be a three-alarm response.

But this kind of guilt — the kind of guilt that only fears exposure — is almost as unhealthy as are my eating habits.

Unhealthy guilt will invest an incredible amount of energy into concealing things. As we make the effort to hide our guilt, shirk it, or ignore it, serious mental health concerns can result.

The energy we expend to blanket a problem often shapes a silhouette plain enough for all to see. The impression left from hiding guilt is often as plain as the angel pattern left by children playing in snow.

As I worked to suck in my gut, my unhealthy guilt had me assuming that this hapless shoe clerk was my accuser.

The situation reminded me of the conversation Jesus had with a woman whose murder he

interrupted.

Jesus faced her accusers as they readied stones to execute her for adultery.

He sent the executors packing with a single qualification: "He who is without sin may cast the first stone."

With the sudden disappearance of her accusers, Jesus assured her, "No man condemns you and neither do I."

People like that part of the story but often forget Jesus then turned the tables a bit by introducing her to healthy guilt. With a dismissive mandate, Jesus added, "Go and sin no more!"

In life, healthy guilt can inspire us to strive for healthier lives. It can push us to mend relationships, work hard, and commit to charity. But good results only come as we commit to taking our life forward and "sinning no more."

When the clerk rang up the sale, the damage was almost \$150, and I had only one thought: "I shouldn't be spending this kind of money on shoes. I'm going to have to bike 100 miles a week to justify this purchase."

The guilt was back.

Not to make you feel guilty, but if you're looking for an easy way to help Chispa Project, shop our Amazon Wishlist for the back-to-school season at www.go.chispaproject.org/supplies.

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MEMORIAL

FERNANDO VIEIRA CARDOSO • 10/08/1933 – 08/10/2025

Fernando Vieira Cardoso, 91, passed away peacefully at his home in Galt on Sunday, August 10, 2025, with his beloved family by his side.

Born on October 8, 1933, in the small village of Pedro Miguel (freguesia de Pedro Miguel, concelho da Horta) on the island of Faial in the Azores, Portugal, Fernando was the youngest of six children born to Salvador Vieira Cardoso and Rosa do Ceu Vieira. He shared a special bond with his twin sister, Alvarina, as the youngest of six children. From a young age, Fernando developed a strong work ethic, helping his family tend to their farmland and livestock — values that shaped the rest of his life.

Fernando served honorably in the Portuguese military before marrying Maria Eugenia Cordeiro in 1959. In 1960, seeking better opportunities, Fernando immigrated to California, where he began working on a small family dairy farm in Riverbank. He took on several jobs to build a life in this country he would call home for the next 65 years. One year later, Maria Eugenia joined him, and together they built a new life. Starting with just 20 cows in Lathrop, they nurtured a dairy farm business that would eventually relocate to Galt and grow to nearly 600 cows — a testament to their dedication, grit, and vision.

Fernando was known in the family and throughout the community as a hardworking, honest, humble, and generous man. He stayed very connected to the Portuguese community. He often donated the beef that was served at the annual "Festas do Espirito Santo" to many of the Portuguese Halls throughout California. His contributions went far beyond business; he gave of himself fully to his family, friends, and community.

To those who knew him, Fernando was a vibrant, hardworking, warm-hearted, and



generous man. Despite the demanding nature of dairy farming — with no weekends or holidays off — he and Maria Eugenia always made time for family gatherings, birthdays, weddings, and celebrations. Many of his nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews remember their "rite of passage" helping out on the farm — feeding calves, milking cows, or hauling hay under Fernando's watchful and encouraging eye.

When his wife, Maria Eugenia became ill and passed away in 2005, Fernando slowly began to reduce his dairy farm operation but still "...rose with the sun and worked with humility and purpose," as he had done for so many years. Years later Fernando welcomed Thonechanh Keoveunxay into his life. Thone, as she is often called, built a life with Fernando with her five children and her Laotian community. Thone's children, grandchildren and all their family members embraced Fernando. At that point, his family grew both in size and love. He found joy and purpose in the bonds they shared and was deeply respected and cherished.

The land that once held the dairy now supports a thriving new neighborhood — a new community of families in new homes making memories on the land where so much was accomplished. Fernando further

honored his family roots with the choice of street names in these developing neighborhoods on land that once supported the dairy farm. When you see the "Cardoso Dairy" sign you can't help but smile in appreciation to know how Fernando's hard work has touched so many lives.

In his final years, Fernando faced health challenges with the same resilience he showed throughout his life. Thone never wavered, in her care and love for Fernando. She was there holding his hand when he awoke and when he laid his head to sleep. He passed with peace and dignity, surrounded by love, and is now resting with Our Lord.

He leaves behind a legacy of hard work, generosity, and unwavering love. His memory lives on in the hearts of those who knew him.

Thank you, Fernando, for the countless memories, your boundless generosity, and your enduring love. You will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Viewing at Ben Salas Funeral Home in Galt on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, starting at 3; Rosary at 5:30 pm.

Funeral mass on Thursday, August 21, 2025 @ 10:30 a.m. at St. Christopher Catholic Church in Galt

Graveside Burial at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Hayward on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 2:30 PM

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

Tuesday, Sept. 2

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

Wednesday, Sept. 3

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

Herald Community Club, 6:30 p.m., Hendrickson Hall, 12746 Ivie Road, Herald, 209-810-8390.

Sacramento LAFCo, 5:30 p.m., County Administration Center boardroom, 700 H St., Sacramento.

Friday, Sept. 5

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

Sunday, Sept. 7

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

Thursday, Sept. 11

Lockeford Community Services District Board of Directors meets at 9 a.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Old School House, 19456 N. Jack Tone Road.

Saturday, Sept. 13

Kiwanis Club of Galt meets at 8:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month at the Comfort Inn, 10380 Twin Cities Rd. For more information, visit k13878.site.kiwanis.org/contact.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

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. ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Does anyone remember the First playoff game in Sacramento after a 16-year drought, just three years ago? I certainly do, and it's something I'll never forget.

Tickets were almost impossible to come by, and the electricity both in and out of the arena that night was something that Kings fans will long remember.

There was something special about that team, and one of the things that made that team so memorable was the incredible scoring power they displayed all season long.

The starting lineup of Harrison Barnes, DeAaron Fox, Keegan Murray, Kevin Huertler, and Domantas Sabonis, led the NBA in scoring for the entire season, an achievement never accomplished before in Sacramento Kings history.

I thought it might be interesting to examine what the starting five averaged that season and compare it with the potential scoring we can expect from the starting five today.

The combined total of the starting five for the Sacramento Kings for the 2022/2023 season was 83.8 points per game. The Kings led the league in scoring that season with a total of 120.7 points per game, meaning the bench contributed 36.9 points on average every game.

So, how does that stack up against the likely starting five we have going into the 2025/2026 season?

The Starting five of Keegan Murray, Dennis Schroder, Domantas Sabonis, Zach Lavine, and Demar DeRozan, scored a combined total of 86.9 points per game individually during the 2024/2025 campaign, and the team averaged 115.7 point per game.

That means the Sacramento Kings bench contributed 28.8 points every night last season.

Everyone is talking about the meteoric rise of the now world champion Oklahoma City Thunder, but what did their starting five average every game last season. Surprisingly, it was 77.6 which was just over 9 points per game less than the Sacramento Kings. What made the Thunder the hurricane that they were was torrid bench production that contributed 42.9 points per game!

GM's all over the league are trying to emulate the Thunders success, and is it any wonder?

The question for the Sacramento Kings

may not rest in the scoring of their starting lineup, but rather from the scoring punch they can expect from their bench.

After Malik Monk and Keon Ellis, where the scoring will be coming from is somewhat of a conundrum.

There are question marks up and down the lineup, but without question, Kings fans should be looking at the glass half full as it relates to the bench.

Youngsters like Isaac Jones, first round draft choice Nique Clifford, and Devin Carter are likely to increase last year's bench production from 28.7 and try to replicate the 36.9 production of 3 seasons ago.

Largely ignored has been 3-point specialist Doug McDerott who was signed again for the upcoming season, but has been abysmally used in the past, and I believe has much to offer off the bench.

Players only perform when they're on the floor, and it takes expert coaching to place the right players on the floor at the right time. More than that is developing a regimen that each player can expect as it relates to playing time, and if these players are going to mature and be vital components, they need to know they will called upon every game, and not just at the whim of the coach at garbage time.

Yes, the stats for the starting five match up favorably for the Kings, but it's well known that the Oklahoma City Thunder made their reputation playing frenetic defense, and without a doubt this is an area that the Kings will need to improve.

I look for Keon Ellis to continue his rise to prominence with defense as his mantra, and I was impressed with the growth in Keegan Murray last season as well.

Playing great defense is contagious, and if coach Christie can infuse an embryonic passion for playing defense night in and night out, I believe the wins will come.

Still, this lineup is not cast in stone, as we continue to hear rumblings of possible transactions, so for Kings fans it has to be patience once again while new GM Scott Perry continues to turn over every rock, hoping to find that last piece of the puzzle.

I'm optimistic and I hope you are too! Stay tuned for more to come. All the best!

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

Social Security Matters

How Do I Apply for Social Security and Receive my Payments?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I'm ready to apply for my Social Security benefits, and I'm aware of how my benefits are calculated. What I would like to know about is how the application process actually works and how my benefits are received. **Signed: Ready to Collect**

Dear Ready to Collect: Essentially, you have two main options for applying for Social Security benefits, and also two separate options for receiving your payments:

To apply for benefits, you can either contact Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 to make a telephone appointment to complete your application while speaking to an SSA representative on the phone, or you can submit your application for SS benefits online.

When using the telephone option, you will be guided by an SSA agent while completing your application and can discuss your benefit options directly with that agent (just be sure to be available to receive SSA's call at the scheduled time). You can also make an appointment by calling your local SS field office directly (get the number for your

local SS office at this link: www.ssa.gov/locator). It is not usually necessary to visit your local SSA office in person to apply.

If you are reasonably proficient with computers, you can, instead, apply online, but you will first need to create your personal SSA account online at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Once you have your personal account set up, you will be able to see your estimated benefit amount at different claim ages, which should help you decide when it is best to apply. Here is a short video which explains the process for applying for benefits online: https://www.ssa.gov/hlp/video/iclaim_r01.htm.

If applying online, you can start your online application at www.ssa.gov/apply and re-access it multiple times as needed until you are ready to submit it; just be sure to write down the "reentry code" which is provided when you begin your online application.

When you are ready to submit the application, just select "Submit" and your application will be sent to SSA's application processing unit for review. They will contact you if there are any questions about your application, or if any additional documentation is needed. Note that it typically takes a couple of months for your payments to start and note that payment is made in the month following the month earned. For example, if you begin your benefits in August your first payment will be received in September (on either the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Wednesday

of each month thereafter, depending on your birthday).

For receiving your monthly SS payments: you will (on your application) be able to specify how you wish your monthly payments to be made. The preferred option used by most beneficiaries is to have your monthly Social Security payment deposited into a financial (e.g., bank) account, details for which you will specify when applying. However, you can also choose to receive your monthly payments in the form of a debit card (called "Direct Express") which will be replenished monthly. If you choose to have your payment deposited in your bank account, be sure to have your bank account information ready when you apply. Note that Social Security no longer issues payments via printed checks (except in rare circumstances).

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Trump is Wrong About Mail-in Voting

President Trump is threatening to wage war on mail-in ballots, and the GOP has to hope he thinks again before the 2026 midterms.

In a Truth Social post, Trump said he is "going to lead a movement to get rid of MAIL-IN BALLOTS," and he'll start off with "an EXECUTIVE ORDER to help bring HONESTY to the 2026 midterm elections."

Trump likes the idea of in-person, same-day voting, which has much to recommend it, but mail-in and early voting are so ingrained and widespread that they aren't going anywhere.

Most Republicans have concluded that there's no alternative to making use of these modes of voting, and, crucially, they managed -- most of the time -- to get Trump on board in 2024. This aided the Republican get-out-the-vote operation in a close election.

Clearly, though, Trump believes that mail-in voting is a Democratic plot, and he also hates contemporary voting machines.

Old-school paper ballots don't guarantee honesty, however. In an infamous instance of voter fraud, allies of Lyndon Johnson stuffed Box 13 with enough ballots to put him over the top in the very narrow 1948 Democratic Senate primary in Texas.

Today's voting machines, moreover, were a reaction to the Florida fiasco in 2000, when punch-card ballots had to be painstakingly examined by hand with a presidential election at stake.

The fact is that vote-by-mail has been steadily growing since the 1980s, and it needn't favor one side or the other.

In Florida, Republicans long made it a priority to maximize mail voting.

A study by the academic Andrew Hall of pre-COVID-19 voting patterns in California, Utah and Washington found a negligible partisan effect as those states rolled out vote-by-mail systems. Overall, turnout went up only very slightly, and "the Democratic share of turnout did not increase appreciably."

Mail-in voting didn't change who was voting but how they did it --encouraging, as you might expect, voting by mail rather than in-person. Vote by mail did have a strong partisan tilt in the COVID-19 election of 2020, in part because Trump inveighed against it.

Last year, Republicans made a concerted effort to make up ground and succeeded. They went from 24% of the mail-in vote in the must-win swing state of Pennsylvania in 2020 to 33% in 2024, and they outpaced Democrats in mail-in balloting in Arizona.

The advantage to a party of getting people to vote early -- whether in person or by mail -- is that it takes high-propensity voters off the table. Then, a turnout operation can focus on getting lower-propensity voters to the polls. If no one votes until Election Day,

party operatives waste time and money right up to the cusp of the election, contacting people who are going to vote no matter what.

TITLE: None of this is to say that all mail-in voting is equal. So-called universal mail-in voting, or automatically sending a ballot to every registered voter and scattering live ballots around a state, is a bad practice.

The rules should be more stringent. Georgia gets this right. You have to ask for an absentee ballot and provide your driver's license number or a copy of another form of valid ID. Ballots have to be requested at least 11 days before the election and must be returned by Election Day. The outer "oath" envelope has to be properly completed or the ballot is subject to being rejected, although the county elections office will provide the voter a chance to "cure" the envelope.

It's also important to count early and mail-in ballots quickly, something that too many states fail to do, with California -- as usual -- the worst offender.

States should be expected to abide by whatever rules have been set prior to an election, rather than changing them on the fly, and they should ensure that voter rolls are regularly cleaned up.

Regardless, the real question about vote-by-mail isn't whether it is staying or going, but whether Republicans, too, will take advantage of it.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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California's Perfect Financial Storm

It Could Lead to Another Tax Hike



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

A perfect storm of economic, fiscal and political trends is battering California's already deficit-ridden state budget, leading public employee unions and other interest groups dependent on money from Sacramento to explore hefty tax increases.

The budget has what fiscal authorities call a "structural deficit," meaning that its revenue system, dominated by personal income taxes, cannot generate enough income to fully finance all services and programs in current law.

Estimates of the chronic shortfall range from \$10 billion a year to as much as \$30 billion. Last fall, the Legislative Analyst's Office calculated that state spending was increasing by about 6% a year while revenue was rising by only 4%.

The current budget, enacted in June, had a \$20 billion deficit that was closed by tapping into the state's emergency reserves, borrowing from special funds, postponing some payments and adopting some bookkeeping gimmicks. For instance, the budget eliminates payments to reduce the state's ever-growing unfunded obligations for retiree health care which reached \$91.5 billion, up \$6.3 billion from

a year earlier, Controller Malia Cohen recently revealed.

The permanence of the deficit is one factor that's fueling preliminary cogitating over a tax increase of some kind, which probably would have to be ratified by voters.

Another is the reduction of federal aid to states by President Donald Trump and Congress. Federal funds are more than a quarter of California's \$321 billion state budget and the cuts mostly hit health and welfare programs, such as Medi-Cal. Many are looking to Sacramento for money to offset federal reductions.

Finally, a surtax on incomes of California's wealthiest families, approved by voters in 2012 to deal with an earlier budget deficit, was supposed to last only a few years, but a 2016 ballot measure extended it to 2030. Its backers -- public employee unions particularly -- are planning to seek either another extension or permanent status.

The Franchise Tax Board says revenue from the surtax spiked to more than \$16 billion in 2021 -- thanks to the odd economics of the COVID-19 pandemic -- but returned to a more normal \$9-10 billion a year since.

Californians already bear one of the nation's highest tax burdens. Wallet Hub has calculated that California's major state and local taxes are the fourth-highest of any state with an 11% total tax burden.

So what kind of tax increase might be proposed? There aren't a lot of options.

Another income tax hike would be unlikely since maintaining the surtax on high-income taxpayers is already virtually certain to be on the ballot, probably in 2028. Increasing the sales tax, already hovering around 10%, would hit low-income families the hardest.

That leaves corporate income taxes as the most likely target -- a source that the California Budget & Policy Center, a left-leaning research nonprofit, has been touting for years. Citing federal aid reductions and cuts in federal taxes on corporations and wealthy taxpayers, the organization is trumpeting the closure of what it views as loopholes in the corporate tax system.

"Given the immense harms that will be done as a result of the recently enacted federal budget bill, state leaders must develop plans to significantly raise state revenues ... in order to balance the state budget and protect California residents that are vulnerable to serious harms from the federal cuts to health care, food assistance, and other federal policies," the organization declares in a compilation of federal reductions.

Clearly something has to give. California cannot continue to run up budget deficits as the reduction of federal aid compounds the state's already precarious finances.

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. ★

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Get Your Chopsticks Ready ... for Chop Suey



Province. Many early Chinese immigrants traveled from their home in Taishan to the United States.

Another account claims Chinese American cooks who were working on the transcontinental railroad invented chop suey in the 19th Century. One tale stemming from the Qing Dynasty connects to premier Li Hongzhang's visit in 1896. According to the story, his chef wanted to create a meal suitable for both the Chinese and American palates. Another version of the story tells that Li wandered to a local Chinese restaurant after the hotel kitchen closed. Despite feeling embarrassed because he had nothing prepared to offer, the chef made a dish for Li comprising leftover scraps, then created the "chop suey" dish.

Still another myth tells of the 1860s Chinese restaurant cook in San Francisco.

When drunken miners arrived after hours, the chef avoided a beating thanks to some quick thinking. He threw leftovers in a wok, providing a makeshift meal to the miners. The miners love the dish, asking him for the name of the entrée. To which the chef replied, "Chopped Sui."

While Chinese restaurants regularly served it, the local Chinese people did not eat this dish. Back in the 1800s, I think, they knew more about where the leftover ingredients came from than they were letting on. I enjoy Chop Suey; I love crisply stir-fried veggies with meat and rice.

On another note, last week, I mention there were 130 shopping days until Christmas. Comments from some of you included "You have got to be kidding!" to "Oh, my goodness; I can't believe it is here already!"

For me I would like to enjoy each month as it comes along. And this is the last Friday in August, and it is the beginning of Labor Day weekend. The unofficial last three-day weekend of summer. Make a memory: Enjoy camping/glamping, backyard BBQs, going to Lake

Tahoe, or the ocean, planning/planting a winter garden, or just "veg out, lie like broccoli." (quote from the movie "Pretty Woman") and read a book or watch those seasons of programs and movies you have recorded.

When you return to work on Tuesday, it will be Sept. 2. And with September comes Pumpkin Spice season. I have just learned of late that the scent of Pumpkin Spice is everywhere. Do you know that besides Pumpkin Spice-scented coffee and air fresheners, there are now Pumpkin Spice-scented cat litter, toilet paper, deodorant, cough drops, butter, and get this: Salmon, Ramen noodles, Spam and Mac and Cheese! What?! Mac and Cheese? Don't be messing with my Mac and Cheese.

Seriously, Mac and Cheese has its own unique flavor of warm fuzzy and there is no way adding Pumpkin Spice could make it better for me. And do you really want the fragrance of Pumpkin Spice coming from your cat's litter box while you are drinking a Pumpkin Spice Latte? Stepping off my soap box, now.

Until next week – be strong, be courageous, make a memory. ★

ABOUT TOWN

Friday, Aug. 29

Cupcakes and Ice Cream Art Class – 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Chabolla Community Center. Join local artist Nancy Quiaoit for an art class designed for ages 5 to 9. Students will create drawings of cupcakes and ice cream in their favorite flavors while learning to balance shapes, layer colors, and add highlights, all in a positive, encouraging environment. Register at cityofgalt.org/youthclasses. 610 Chabolla Ave.

Saturday, Aug. 30

Family-Friendly Nature Walk – 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Cosumnes River Preserve. Join us for a fun nature walk and guided scavenger hunt at the Preserve, perfect for families looking to explore the outdoors and learn about the local wildlife and habitats. Register at Eventbrite.com. 13501 Franklin Blvd., Galt

Astronomy in the Park – 8 p.m. at Oak Grove Regional Park, Stockton. Enjoy telescope viewings guided by local astronomers, interactive presentations, and educational activities perfect for kids and adults alike. Bring a blanket, pack a picnic

and don't forget your sense of wonder. For more information, contact 209-953-8800. 4520 W. Eight Mile Road.

Sunday, Aug. 31

Festival de Bombas – noon to 5 p.m. at McFarland Ranch. This is a free, family event for all to enjoy classic vehicles from the years 1934 to 1954, known as "Bombas." 8899 Orr Road, Galt.

Saturday, Sept. 6

Lodi Lake Bird Walk – 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Lodi Lake. Join the San Joaquin Audubon Society for a morning stroll along the trails of beautiful Lodi Lake. This family-friendly event is a wonderful way to connect with nature and the community. Bring comfortable walking shoes, water and binoculars if you have them. 1101 W. Turner Road.

Taco Truck Cook-Off – noon to 3 p.m. at Hale Park, Lodi. Support the Lodi Arts Commission and enjoy an afternoon of arts, culture and tacos. Wine and beer garden, Aztec and Folklorico dancers, Mariachis and a free children's art booth. Come taste the tacos and vote for your favorite truck. 209 E. Locust St., Lodi.

Sunday, Sept. 7

Cars n' Coffee – 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Parkwest Casino, Lodi. Brought to you by Central Valley Classics n' Customs and Licious Lady Motors; all makes, models, motorcycles and years welcome. Supports local U.S. military active-duty troops and veterans. 1800 S. Cherokee Lane, Lodi.

Thursday, Sept. 11 through Sunday, Sept. 14

Lodi Grape Festival – Lodi Grape Festival and Event Center. Great entertainment, food, vendors, competitive exhibits, carnival, wine tasting, more. See grapefestival.com. 413 E. Lockeford St.

Ongoing Events

Galt Café & Cars – second Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon at Café Latte, 1000 C St. Open to cars, trucks, bicycles, motorcycles and anything else with wheels. Next event is Saturday, Sept. 13.

Galt Saturday Market – First Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fourth Street Promenade. Visit with local artisans, shop handmade crafts, and enjoy a variety of cuisine from yummy food trucks! Next market is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 6.

Veterans Meetings

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 Sept. 24. Breakfast: second Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave.

American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 – general meetings fourth Thursdays at 7 p.m., Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Dinner at 6 p.m. Post 233 Family Breakfast, first Saturdays at 9 a.m., Mimi's Café. For more information, call Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H.

Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 233 – first Mondays at 5:45 p.m. at the Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. SAVE THE DATE: Oct. 11, Post 233 annual fundraiser at District56. Email epost233@gmail.com for more.

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

VFW Post 2073 – second Thursdays. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting, 7 p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. ★

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GTT Inc, 10325 Live Oak Avenue, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "GTT/ Galt Truck Terminal" 10325 Live Oak Avenue, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 31, 2025
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OPAQUE 9-5-25

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV017814
Rosalva Suarez has filed a petition with this court for a decree

changing the name(s) of Rosalva Suarez to Rosy Gonzalez Suarez.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 10, 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: July 29, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025
SUAREZ 8-29-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV018578

Brittini Chandler has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Brittini Chandler Brittini Garcia.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 22, 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: August 6, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: August 22, 29 Sept 5, 12, 2025
CHANDLER 9-12-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV019376

Patricia Arcelia Rivera has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Patricia Arcelia Rivera to Patricia Teresa Guzman and Liliana Isabella Peebles Gonzales to Liliana Isabella Gonzales and

Emilio Angelo Peebles Gonzales to Emilio Angelo Gonzales.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 8, 2026, 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: August 15, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: August 29 Sept 5, 12, 19, 2025
RIVERA 9-19-25



ORDINANCE NO. 2025-09

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALT AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES IN A COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT, INCLUDING CERTAIN ANNEXATION TERRITORY IDENTIFIED AS ANNEXATION NO. 10 (SUMMERFIELD), INTO CITY OF GALT COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2020-1 (PUBLIC SERVICES)

A. Recital

WHEREAS, the City Council (the "City Council") of the City of Galt (the "City") has established the City of Galt Community Facilities District No. 2020-1 (Public Services), County of Sacramento, State of California (the "District") for the purpose of levying special taxes on parcels of taxable property therein for the purpose of providing certain services which are necessary to meet increased demands placed upon the City as a result of the development of said real property; and

WHEREAS, the rate and method of apportionment of special tax for the District is set forth in Exhibit "B" to the City Council Resolution No. 2025-23, which was adopted on June 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS the City has conducted proceedings to annex territory into the District and, with respect to the proceedings, following an election of the qualified electors in the territory proposed for annexation (the "Annexation Territory"), the City Council, on July 15, 2025, adopted a Resolution which declared the results of the special election and determined that the territory proposed to be annexed is added to and part of the District.

B. Ordinance

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALT, CALIFORNIA, ACTING IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE CITY OF GALT COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2020-1 (PUBLIC SERVICES), COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. By the passage of this Ordinance, the City Council hereby authorizes and levies the special tax within the District, including the Annexation Territory, pursuant to the Community Facilities District Law, at the rate and in accordance with the rate and method of apportionment of special tax set forth in Resolution No. 2025-23, which rate and method is by this reference incorporated herein. The special tax has previously been levied in the original territory of the District beginning in Fiscal Year 2020-21 pursuant to Ordinance No. 2020-03 passed and adopted by the City Council on June 16, 2020, and the special tax is hereby levied commencing in Fiscal Year 2025-26 in the District, including the Annexation Territory identified as Annexation No. 10, and in each fiscal year thereafter to pay for the services for the District and the costs of administering the District.

Section 3. The City Manager of the City or designee or employee or consultant of the City is hereby authorized and directed each fiscal year to determine the specific special tax to be levied for the next ensuing fiscal year for each parcel of real property within the District, including the Annexation Territory, in the manner and as provided in Resolution No. 2025-23.

Section 4. Exemptions from the levy of the special tax shall be as provided in Resolution No. 2025-23 and the applicable provisions of the Community Facilities District Law. In no event shall the special tax be levied on any parcel within the District in excess of the maximum special tax specified in Resolution No. 2025-23.

Section 5. All of the collections of the special tax shall be used as provided in the Community Facilities District Law and in Resolution No. 2025-23, including, but not limited to, the payment of the costs of the services, the payment of the costs of the City in administering the District, and the costs of collecting and administering the special tax.

Section 6. The special tax shall be collected in the same manner and at the same time as ordinary *ad valorem* taxes are collected and shall have the same lien priority, and be subject to the same penalties and the same procedure and sale in cases of delinquency as provided for *ad valorem* taxes; provided, however, that the District may collect Special Taxes at a different time or in a different manner if necessary to meet its financial obligations. The City Manager of the City, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to provide all necessary information to the auditor/tax collector of the County of Sacramento in order to effect proper billing and collection of the special tax, so that the special tax shall be included on the secured property tax roll of the County of Sacramento for Fiscal Year 2025-26 and for each fiscal year thereafter until no longer required to pay for the Services or until otherwise terminated by the City.

Section 7. If for any reason any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid, or if the special tax is found inapplicable to any particular parcel within the District, including the Annexation Territory, by a court of competent jurisdiction, the balance of this Ordinance and the application of the special tax to the remaining parcels within the District, including the Annexation Territory, shall not be affected.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its final adoption as provided by Government Code Section 36937. Within 15 days after its final passage, the City Clerk shall cause a summary of this ordinance to be published in a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Galt in accordance with Section 36933(c)(1) of the California Government Code.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced and the title thereof read at the regular meeting of the City Council the 15th day of July, 2025 and by unanimous vote of the Council members present, further reading was waived.

On a motion by Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Sandhu, the foregoing ordinance was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Galt at a regular meeting thereof, this 19th day of August 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Council Members: Sandhu, Pratton, Reed, Rodriguez, Farmer
NOES: Council Members:
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/s/ Shawn Farmer
MAYOR, City of Galt

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City Announces Market Updates and Events



The City of Galt announced in its Aug. 15 newsletter that the Galt Market held on Tuesday and Wednesday has seen continued enhancements, including new food options and restroom remodeling. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

City of Galt News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - There is a lot happening at the Galt Market's Tuesday and Wednesday Market, and the city is pleased to share the latest developments with the community.

With continued enhancements from the Market Management team, the market is introducing fresh ideas, strengthening community engagement and elevating the experience for vendors and visitors alike.

Galt Market Updates

A notable new feature is the rest area on K Row, complete with a lineup of monthly food vendors that have quickly become a favorite among customers and staff alike: One Treat at A Time, serving deep-fried Oreos and funnel cakes; House of Ice Cream, offering Dubai chocolate-covered ice cream and Sago drinks; XO Sugar Cane, providing refreshing sugar cane juice. K Row has become a welcoming spot to relax, connect and enjoy a delicious treat during a market visit.

In addition to new food options, restroom remodels are underway to improve comfort and accessibility for all guests. The East restrooms have been completed, and renovations for the North

restrooms will begin soon.

With upgraded amenities, exciting food offerings and a commitment to enhancing the overall visitor experience, the Galt Market continues to move forward with positive changes that make every visit better than the last.

Calling All Artists: Chalk the Walk & Roll at the Saturday Market

Artists and creatives of all ages, mark your calendars! Chalk the Walk & Roll is coming to the Galt Saturday Market on Sept. 6, and we want you to help bring Fourth Street to life with vibrant color and imagination.

Participants will create unique sidewalk art pieces using chalk, transforming the Fourth Street Promenade into a community art gallery for all to enjoy. Whether you're a professional artist or simply love to doodle, this is your chance to showcase your creativity in a fun, interactive event.

The event will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6 at Fourth Street Promenade.

To participate or learn more, contact the Special Events Division at 209-366-7165 or email abarth@cityofgalt.org. ★

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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.

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.

Library Offers Older Adults Computer Time

In cooperation with the Galt Commission on Aging, the Galt-Marian O. Lawrence Library will schedule a set time for older adults to use its computers, upon request.

Those 65 and older who want computer time can call the library at 916-264-2920. Staff will help set up the computer or tablet.

The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

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 non-emergency line at 209-366-7000.

The Parks Maintenance Division is available for scheduled field or facility use assistance only from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mondays to Fridays and from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call 209-810-0293.

Church Hosts Discussion for Singles

Calvary Life Tabernacle hosts a "Finding Love Session" at 6 p.m. the first Saturday of each month at the church, 446 Third St. in Galt.

For more information about this group discussion, call Sue Ellen Williams, 818-290-4093.

Recycle Household Batteries

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

The green bin is only for dry-cell household batteries.

For additional information, contact the Public

Works Department at 209-366-7260.

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.

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.

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.

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The best submissions will appear in future newsletters and City Manager Updates.

Square Dance Classes 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 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, meets 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. ★

POLICE LOGS

Aug. 21

3:46 p.m., Identity Theft reported, Steep Rock Court.

Aug. 22

7:42 a.m., Vehicle Accident/Injury, Carillion Boulevard/Lake Park Avenue.

10:18 a.m., Theft reported, Sparrow Drive: Two sprinklers removed.

2:16 p.m., Vandalism reported, Crispus Street: Screens were ripped.

7:05 p.m., Vandalism reported, Port Ashton Court: Ex-boyfriend damaged keyboard and other items.

10:11 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Park Heights Drive.

Aug. 23

5:47 a.m., Burglary reported: Occurred at Elk Hills Drive/Emerald Vista Drive: Three subjects entering a house for sale.

4:28 p.m., DUI/adult arrest, South Lincoln

Way/E Street.

7:12 p.m., Burglary reported, Fourth Street/D Street: Subject breaking into a gray van.

9:50 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Save Mart Supermarkets, C Street.

11:52 p.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Lake Canyon Avenue/Carillion Boulevard.

Aug. 24

9:56 a.m., Burglary reported, Live Oak Avenue/Cabral Circle.

8:33 p.m., Theft reported, Cobble Hill Way: Bicycle stolen.

Aug. 25

5:56 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Twin Cities Road.

8:22 a.m., Hit and Run/Non-Injury, Fairsite School on Caroline Avenue.

1:07 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Marian O Lawrence Library. ★

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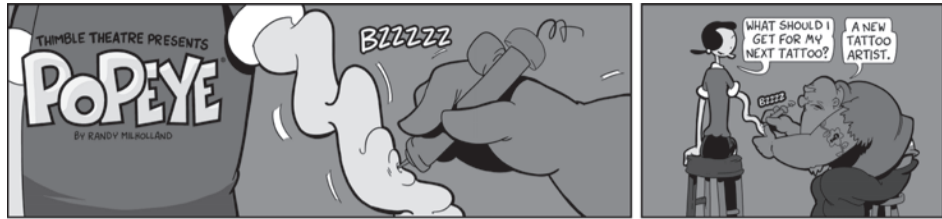


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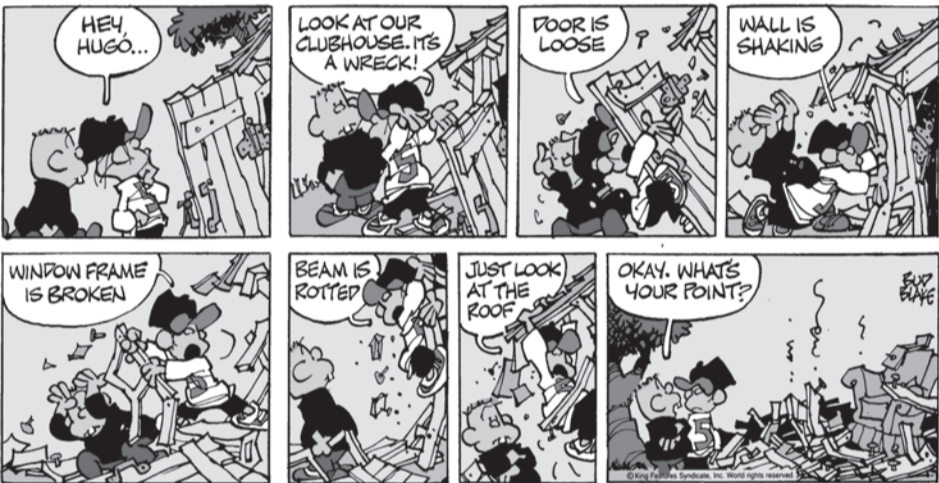
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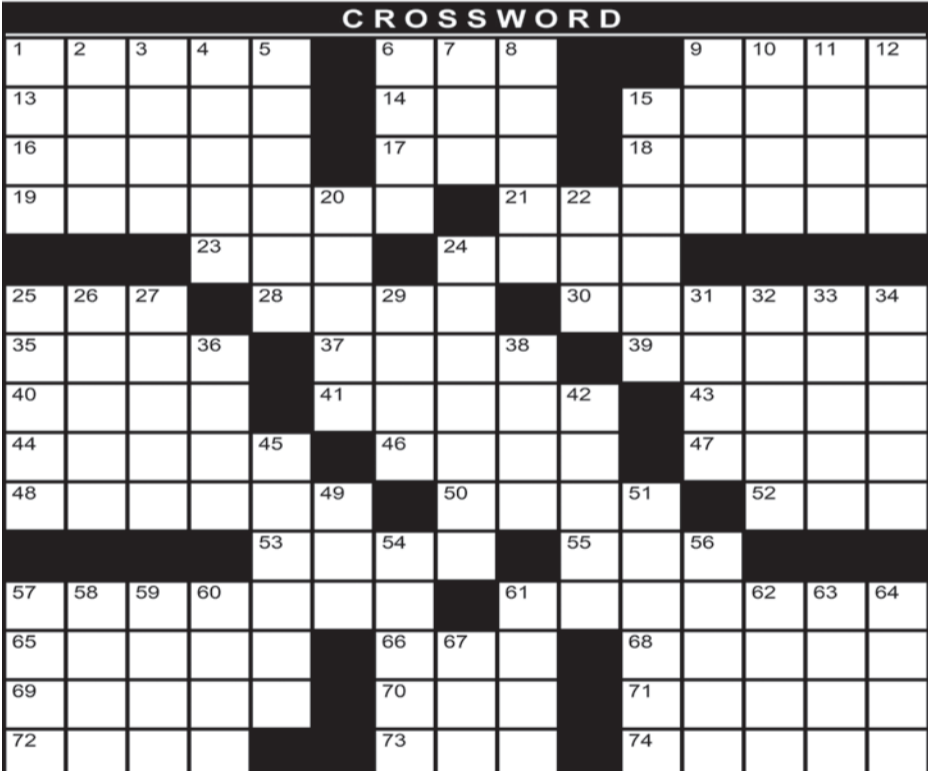
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- Beach Boys: "___ Only Knows"
- Army beds
- Pressed ham and cheese sandwich
- Part of spch
- Popular Latin dance
- Influencer's creation
- Hula dancer's flowers
- Birdlike
- *Meet me here, under the arch
- *Meet me at the Top of the Rock
- Comic book expression for alarm
- Press backward arrow key
- "Hand" with claws
- Spreadsheet software command
- Day off, backwards
- Bug-eyed
- "Cheers" regular
- Coupe alternative
- Be dependent
- Damage one's reputation
- Slightly (2 words)
- Prefix for below
- Shade of beige
- Java neighbor
- War mounts
- Rope fiber
- "___ Now or Never"
- Leave at the altar
- Flapper's feathers
- *Meet me at the London Bridge
- *The Black Eyed Peas: "Meet Me ___"
- *Meet me in ___ Mara, Kenya
- Undergarment
- *Meet me in Australia to see this bear
- Done to printer cartridge
- Corn unit
- Poet W. H. ___ of "Funeral Blues" fame
- Infamous Nazi villain
- Strong solution of sodium
- Like gelled hair

DOWN

- Parts of a play
- Actor Reynolds of "Smokey and the Bandit"
- Cain's victim
- Paddler's vessel
- Endows or empowers
- "Buffalo ___ won't you come out tonight..."
- Keats' poem
- Jinn or genie
- Guinea pig or capybara
- Mixture
- Russian monarch
- What Titanic did
- Went to bid farewell (2 words)
- *Meet me in Orthodox church to see these
- *Meet me in Tokyo, pre-1968
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- Popular Cuban dance
- Be next to, as in rooms
- Fall from grace
- The Kenosha Kickers' songs
- Sticker on a jar
- Run ___ of the law
- Same as ayah
- Respiratory rattling
- Osiris' sister and wife
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Republic FC Stadium Groundbreaking Ceremony

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Wilton Rancheria and Sacramento Republic FC marked the beginning of construction on Republic FC Stadium at the Railyards with a groundbreaking ceremony on Aug. 18.

The ceremony celebrated the tribe's return to its ancestral lands along the banks of the Sacramento and American rivers, 67 years after its federal recognition was stripped from the nation by the California Rancheria Act. Now that Wilton Rancheria and Republic FC have acquired the land in The Railyards, site preparation will begin in the coming days and fans can take the first step in locking in their place for the club's inaugural season in its new home.

"The Rancheria Act tried to erase us but, on its anniversary, we are breaking ground on a future that ensures our sovereignty, our name, and our story will endure," said Wilton Rancheria Chairman Jesus Tarango. "This is not our groundbreaking; this is our homecoming."

Said Managing Partner Kevin Nagle, "Our path has not been easy. But just like our city, just like our tribal partners, we've kept moving forward. And now, together, we are breaking ground on the future. In 2027, when the first ball is kicked here in The Railyards, it will be more than the start of a match. It will be the next chapter in an ongoing story of resilience."



From left are Republic FC President and General Manager Todd Dunivant, Republic FC Managing Partner Kevin Nagle, Wilton Rancheria Chairman Jesus Tarango, City of Sacramento Mayor Kevin McCarty and Wilton Rancheria Chief Operating Officer Chris Franklin. They are at the Aug. 18 groundbreaking event for the club's new stadium in the Railyards. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

For a first look at the stadium design developments and to learn more about placing a deposit for the 2027 season, fans can visit RepublicStadium.com. A flythrough video will show off the stadium's unique elements, including a Supporters' Plaza, the rooftop club with views back to the city's skyline, the park-like eastern concourse, open-air public-market and beer-garden inspired culinary options, entry plazas and a close look at the West tower that will feature a variety of new premium seating options.

Starting at just \$9.16, four deposit levels are available to give fans priority access to season tickets for the inaugural season at the new stadium. From a safe-standing supporters section (\$9.16), general seating in the East and Southern neighborhoods (\$25) to all new premium seats (\$50) and private luxury suites (\$500) with ultimate comfort and unmatched views, there are options for every budget and every type of fan. Only one deposit is required to secure your seat selection priority for the new stadium.

Each deposit will include

a donation to help the club construct more free-to-play mini-soccer courts around the region. Since 2019, the club has built 12 new safe spaces throughout the community and donations will support the next court opening later this year and the many more to follow.

The groundbreaking comes after years of collaboration and commitment between Wilton Rancheria, Republic FC and the broader Sacramento community. Pre-construction work is already underway, including grading and utility preparation. In



Wilton Rancheria Chief Operating Officer Chris Franklin speaks at the Sacramento Republic FC groundbreaking on Aug. 18 at the Railyards. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

addition, bidding has begun on key project elements, with Turner Construction serving as the general contractor. Local contractors, trades, and suppliers interested in participating in the project are encouraged to visit Turner Construction's website for more information.

Republic Stadium is expected to open in 2027 and will serve as the permanent home for Republic FC, as well as be a premier venue for concerts, cultural festivals and community events. ★

Kings Tickets Available Shuler Retires After 25 Years

Sacramento Kings News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Kings begin the 2025-26 season on the road against the Phoenix Suns at 7 p.m. Oct. 22. The Kings return home for opening night at Golden 1 Center presented by Kaiser Permanente to take on the Utah Jazz at 7 p.m. Oct. 24, followed by a matchup against the Los Angeles Lakers in Sacramento at 6 p.m. Oct. 26.

Sacramento heads back on the road to play their first back-to-back of the season, facing off against the Oklahoma City Thunder (Oct. 28) and Chicago Bulls (Oct. 29).

The Kings conclude the season's first extended road trip with games in Milwaukee (Nov. 1) and Denver (Nov. 3). The team returns to Sacramento for a five-game homestand that includes their first meeting with the Golden State Warriors (Nov. 5) and their first Emirates NBA Cup 2025 game versus the defending NBA champion Oklahoma City Thunder (Nov. 7).

The Kings finish the homestand with contests against Minnesota (Nov. 9), Denver (Nov. 11) and Atlanta (Nov. 12) with the game against the Nuggets as their first nationally-televised game of the season, airing on NBC.

The Kings embark on a five-game road trip that tips off with their second Emirates NBA Cup game, taking on the Timberwolves at 5 p.m. Nov. 14. Sacramento heads to San Antonio (Nov. 16), Oklahoma City (Nov. 19), Memphis (Nov. 20) and Denver (Nov. 22).

The Kings in Sacramento have two 7 p.m. games against the Minnesota Timberwolves on Nov. 24 and the Phoenix Suns on Nov. 26 for their third Emirates NBA Cup contest. Sacramento ends November with an Emirates NBA Cup game in Utah, playing the Jazz at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 28 and finishing the month with a 6 p.m. home outing versus Memphis.

The Kings take a three-game road trip, playing the Rockets in Houston at 5 p.m. Dec. 3, the Heat in Miami at 5 p.m. Dec. 6 and a nationally televised game against the Indiana Pacers on Dec. 8 (Peacock).

The Kings have a two-game set against the Trail Blazers, squaring off in Portland at 7 p.m. Dec. 18 and in Sacramento at 7 p.m. Dec. 20. Sacramento finishes a four-game homestand with games versus Houston (Dec. 21), Detroit (Dec. 23) and Dallas (Dec. 27).

Road games in Los Angeles are with the Lakers at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 28 and the Clippers at 8 p.m. Dec. 30 in a

nationally-televised game on NBC.

The Kings have 10 games in Sacramento in January, beginning with a New Year's Day clash against the Boston Celtics at 7 p.m. Sacramento travels to Phoenix (Jan. 2) for the second night of a back-to-back with the Suns before returning home to play the Milwaukee Bucks (Jan. 4) and the Dallas Mavericks (Jan. 6, NBC). The Kings make their first appearance at Chase Center on Jan. 9, playing the Warriors at 7 p.m.

Sacramento has a seven-game homestand with games against Houston (Jan. 11), the Lakers (Jan. 12, Peacock), New York (Jan. 14), Washington (Jan. 16), Portland (Jan. 18), Miami (Jan. 20) and Toronto (Jan. 21). The Kings then play six games away in nine days, beginning with games against Cleveland (Jan. 23) and Detroit (Jan. 25). Sacramento travels to New York (Jan. 27) before a back-to-back against Philadelphia (Jan. 29) and Boston (Jan. 30) and finishing in Washington on Feb. 1.

The Kings follow with three home games: the Memphis Grizzlies (Feb. 4), their first game on Prime Video against the Clippers at 7 p.m. Feb. 6 and a home matchup against Cleveland (Feb. 7). They play in New Orleans (Feb. 9) and Utah (Feb. 11). The Kings have a home outing against Orlando at 7 p.m. Feb. 19 and then an away game with San Antonio at 5 p.m. Feb. 21 in Austin for the start of a five-game trip. The Kings travel to Memphis (Feb. 23), Houston (Feb. 25) and Dallas (Feb. 26) and ends the trip in Los Angeles against the Lakers (March 1).

Sacramento has nine home games in March: a five-game homestand that starts against the Phoenix Suns at 8 p.m. March 3, airing on NBC; New Orleans (March 5), Chicago (March 8), Indiana (March 10) and Charlotte (March 11). Sacramento travels to L.A. to play the Clippers at 7:30 p.m. March 14, airing on ESPN. The Kings at home squares off against the Utah Jazz (March 15), San Antonio Spurs (March 17), Philadelphia 76ers (March 19) and Brooklyn Nets (March 22).

The Kings head east, taking on Charlotte (March 24), Orlando (March 26), Atlanta (March 28) and Brooklyn (March 29). The five-game road trip ends in Toronto on April 1. The Kings at home play New Orleans (April 3) and the Clippers (April 5). The Kings play the Golden State Warriors twice, first in San Francisco on April 7 and then at 7 p.m. April 10 at Golden 1 Center. Sacramento finishes the regular season on the road on April 12 in Portland.

Single-game tickets for Golden 1 Center games are on sale at Kings.com/Tickets. ★

Cosumnes River College Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

Cosumnes River College (CRC) announced the retirement of assistant baseball coach and instructional assistant Jno Shuler, who has been part of Cosumnes River College Athletics for 25 years.

"Today's announcement is bittersweet for our department," said Collin Pregliasco, dean of Kinesiology, Health and Athletics and the athletic director on Aug. 11. "Jno has been an integral part of CRC Athletics and our baseball program since 2000. His dedication to our student-athletes on the field and through his work in our Athlete Learning Center has shaped the culture of our department in so many ways. His presence will be deeply missed but no doubt we will continue to build on what he has started."

During his time at Cosumnes River College as an assistant coach under Tony Bloomfield and Don Mico, Shuler helped guide the Hawks baseball program to 20 playoff appearances, four Big 8 Conference Championships and a 3C2A State Championship in 2012. Shuler's coaching excellence was recognized nationally in 2022 when he was named the ABCA (American Baseball Coaches Association) National Assistant Coach of the Year.

"Jno's leadership, dedication and unwavering commitment to the game and to CRC baseball, have left



In addition to his baseball program contributions, Jno Shuler was instrumental in the development of the Athletic Learning Center at Cosumnes River College. What began as a converted equipment room storage closet became a thriving academic support space for student-athletes. Image courtesy of Cosumnes River College Athletics

an indelible mark on every player fortunate enough to be coached by him," said head baseball coach Mico. "I consider myself incredibly lucky to have coached alongside him for the past 14 years... years filled with highs like the 2012 State Championship and countless playoff appearances, learning moments, as he helped teach me how to be a head coach, and plenty of laughter on long bus rides and conversations about baseball legends of the '70s, '80s and '90s."

In addition to his contributions with the baseball program, Shuler was instrumental in the development of the Athletic Learning Center at Cosumnes River College. What began as a converted equipment room storage closet became a thriving academic support space for student-athletes.

Shuler's work, alongside Steve Krisiak, Cosumnes River College's coaching staff and fellow academic coaches Brandon Ellis and Shirley Murillo, helped create a transformational resource that continues to lead the way

across the state for supporting student-athlete academic success.

"As he steps away from the field," Mico said, "Jno leaves behind a legacy built not just on victories but on character, mentorship and integrity. I was blessed to have him as a mentor, and most of all, a friend. I wish him a fulfilling and well-deserved retirement."

Shuler's assistant coaching accolades included 20 3C2A Playoff Appearances in 2001 through 2012, 2014 through 2017, 2019 and 2022 through 2024; four conference championships in 2003, 2005, 2006 and 2012; 2012 3C2A State Championship; and 2022 ABCA (American Baseball Coaches Association) National Assistant Coach of the Year.

"Jno is truly one of a kind," Pregliasco said. "His passion and support for our student-athletes made him more than a coach to those that worked with him or played for him. There is no doubt his athletes, coaches and staff are all better for knowing him." ★

Baucom Captures Golf Championship at State Fair

Sacramento Golf Council News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Donnie Baucom of Fair Oaks claimed the 2025 California State Fair Mid-Amateur Golf Championship played Aug. 16 and 17 at Bing Maloney Golf Course.

Baucom posted back-to-back rounds of 68 for a 136 total, finishing two strokes ahead of runner-up Scott

Stevens of Garden Valley.

Stevens highlighted the championship with a hole-in-one on the 13th hole during the first round.

The championship was open to male amateur golfers age 30 and older with a World Handicap System Index of 6.8 or lower.

The event was conducted by the Sacramento Golf Council, with Sean Wong serving as tournament chairman. ★

LOCAL SPORTS → COVERAGE



Warriors Fall Short in Heartbreaking 8-6 Loss to Franklin



Warrior defenders swarm a Yellow Jacket ball carrier in a classic dogpile tackle during the defensive battle.

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

STOCKTON, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warriors came up just short Friday night in a defensive battle against the Stockton Franklin Yellow Jackets, falling 8-6 in a game that came down to the final quarter.

The Warriors struck first in the opening quarter with a methodical 16-play drive that consumed nearly eight minutes of clock time. The marathon drive was capped off by a touchdown pass from quarterback Robert Rubio to receiver Anthony Trejo, though the extra point attempt failed, leaving Galt with a 6-0 advantage.

Both defenses dominated the second quarter, with neither team able to find the end zone as the score remained 6-0 at half-time in favor of the Warriors.

Franklin answered back in the third quarter, punching in its own touchdown and failing the extra point to knot the game at 6-6 heading into the final frame.

The fourth quarter turned into a defensive slugfest, with both teams battling for field position. The game's decisive moment came when Franklin defenders broke through the Galt offensive line and tackled Rubio in the end zone for a safety, giving the Yellow Jackets an 8-6 lead they would not relinquish.

Despite the heartbreaking finish, the Warriors showed tremendous fight in the closing minutes, driving all the way down to Franklin's one-yard line. However, costly penalties stalled the drive and prevented Galt from reclaiming the lead.

Anthony Harrison was a standout performer for the Warriors on both sides of



Quarterback Robert Rubio scrambles out of the pocket and picks up valuable yardage.

the ball, recording three pass breakups on defense while also making several key catches on offense.

"I could not be prouder of the effort the guys gave," said Head Coach JJ Woodward after the game. "They started the game off with a 16-play drive and took almost 8 minutes off the clock. The drive ended with a passing touchdown from Rubio to Trejo. Our defense played hard all night, and Anthony Harrison came up huge with three pass-defended plays and quite a few catches on offense. The game ended with us driving the ball down to the one-yard line only to be stopped by penalties. But the boys never gave up and fought to the very end. I could not be more proud of them."

The Warriors face Kennedy for their first home game this Friday at 7:30 p.m. ★



James Gilbert leaps high in the end zone to haul in a pass for the Warriors during Friday night's contest against Franklin. Photos courtesy of Tom Santillon



Anthony Harrison brings the heat as he breaks up a Franklin pass attempt, one of his three pass defenses on the night.

GALT HERALD JUNIOR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Angel Brannon, Warrior Junior Varsity



Leeland Suttentfield, Warrior Varsity



Lucas Flatland, Warrior Novice



Adrian De Leon, Warrior Junior Novice



Kaed Krisman, Hawk 8U



JoJo Armstrong, Hawk 10U



Eli Schweigert, Hawk 12U



Samuel Hernandez, Hawk 14U

Courtesy photos

GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Joe Lara
Liberty Ranch Football

Photos by Paige Lampson



Anthony Harrison
Galt High Football

Galt Graduate Gonzalez Takes Running Talents to UC Merced

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Galt High School Class of 2025 graduate Kitto Gonzalez is taking his impressive running career to the next level, earning a scholarship to compete in cross country and track at UC Merced.

Gonzalez made his mark as one of Galt's most accomplished distance runners, qualifying for the state meet an impressive three times during his high school career: a testament to his dedication and natural talent on the track and trails.

The talented runner will pursue a major in biological sciences while competing at the Division II level for the Bobcats, a program and university that continue to grow rapidly in both academics and athletics.

"I decided to go to Merced because it

would give me the opportunity to stay close to my hometown while also being able to run D2 for a rapidly growing program and school," Gonzalez explained. "I am very excited to start my academic and athletic journey with UC Merced, especially being in one of the most competitive D2 conferences facing schools like Chico State and Stanislaus State."

The California Collegiate Athletic Association is indeed known for its competitive distance running programs, providing Gonzalez with the high-level competition he'll need to continue developing as a collegiate athlete.

As he prepares for this next chapter, Gonzalez took time to acknowledge those who helped him reach this milestone.

"I would like to thank my high school cross country coach, Bruce Peterson, for training me hard and helping me grow," he said. "As well as my family for always



Galt High School standout Kitto Gonzalez will major in biological sciences while competing in Division II for the Bobcats. Photo courtesy of UC Merced Athletic Department

coming out to my races to support me whether it was 30 minutes away, or six-plus hours. And lastly, I would like to thank my girlfriend Elia Rodriguez for always supporting me, motivating me and praying with me before every race." ★

LOCAL SPORTS → COVERAGE

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Hawks Soar Past Stagg 41-26 Behind Lara's Four-Touchdown Performance

Story and photos
by Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

STOCKTON, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawks proved that heart and determination can overcome size disadvantages Friday night, defeating Stockton's Stagg High School 41-26 in an impressive road victory.

Despite facing a Stagg team with nearly twice as many players on its roster, the Hawks came out firing and never looked back. Liberty Ranch jumped to an early 13-6 lead in the first quarter and continued its relentless attack throughout the night.

The Hawks extended their advantage in the second quarter while their defense completely shut out the Delta Kings, taking a commanding lead into halftime. Stagg managed to find the end zone once in the third quarter with a touchdown and extra point, but Liberty Ranch answered right back with two touchdowns and two extra points of its own.

The Delta Kings made a valiant comeback attempt in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Hawks 13-7 in the final frame, but it wasn't enough to



Andrew Quinn breaks free from a tackle attempt, part of his 156 total yards in the Hawks' 41-26 victory over the Delta Kings.



Quarterback Ryan Ogas drops back to pass.

overcome the deficit as Liberty Ranch held on for the 41-26 victory.

Running back Joe Lara was the star of the night, rushing for 181 yards and an incredible four touchdowns. The junior showed his passion for the game even when his helmet was ripped off during one

tackle. "I felt pretty energetic. I was just excited, you know," Lara said after the game. "Football's my passion, and nothing's going to stop me, not even 11 players – the whole team on me – nothing's going to stop me from getting in that end zone. I love my



Both teams line up at the line of scrimmage as a beautiful sunset provides a stunning backdrop during Friday night's matchup between Liberty Ranch and Stagg.

line, man. I love my linemen. I got to give it all to them."

Andrew Quinn provided excellent support in the backfield with 138 rushing yards, and he added an 18-yard reception to finish with 156 total yards. Wyatt Corriea contributed 69 yards on the ground plus an 11-yard catch for 80 total yards and one touchdown.

Quarterback Ryan Ogas managed the game effectively, completing four passes for 25 yards while adding 39 rushing yards

and a touchdown.

On defense, Lara led the way with four tackles, while James Rangel, Corriea and Quinn each recorded two tackles with numerous assists from the offensive line. Corriea and Daniel Swearingen each registered sacks in the victory.

Special teams also contributed to the win, with Enzo Diaz returning a kick for 20 yards and Rangel converting five extra points.

Head coach Warren Schroeder was pleased

with his team's effort but knows there's room for improvement.

"We have many things to fix on both sides of the ball, but we are pleased with the overall effort and look forward to a big challenge from Linden to help us get better," Schroeder said.

The victory showcases the Hawks' ability to compete with larger programs through preparation, teamwork and sheer determination: qualities that will serve them well as the season progresses. ★

JV Hawks Defeat Stagg 19-6 in Home Opener



Hawk Kaiden Lee singlehandedly disrupts the Delta Kings' progress with a solid tackle.

Story and photos
by Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch JV Hawks made their home debut one to remember Friday night, capturing their first victory of the season with a hard-fought 19-6 win over the Stagg Delta Kings despite sweltering near-100-degree temperatures.

Playing under the lights at their home field for the first time this season, the young Hawks had been eagerly anticipating the opportunity to showcase their skills in front of their home crowd. Weeks of preparation in the scorching heat during practice sessions paid dividends as Liberty Ranch proved they were ready for the challenge.

The temperatures that hovered around 90-100 degrees throughout the evening tested both teams' conditioning and mental toughness, but the Hawks demonstrated superior preparation and depth as they controlled the game from start to finish.

Liberty Ranch's offense found its rhythm early and maintained consistent pressure on the Delta Kings' defense throughout the contest. The Hawks' balanced attack kept Stagg off balance, while



Freshman Easton Hall breaks free from three Stagg defenders attempting to bring him down.

their defense rose to the occasion by limiting the visitors to just six points.

In brutal heat that had players constantly seeking relief on the sidelines, both teams battled through the adverse conditions. However, it was Liberty Ranch that showed superior conditioning and game management, pulling away for the 13-point victory.

The win provides tremendous momentum for the JV Hawks as they continue to develop their skills and build confidence for the remainder of the season.

Playing at home gave the team an extra boost of energy, and they delivered a performance that their supporters won't soon forget. ★

Galt JV Dominates Franklin in 28-0 Shutout



Warrior No. 2 finds running room behind a key block from his lineman during the JV team's dominant performance against Franklin.

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

STOCKTON, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warriors JV football team put its hard work and dedication on full display this past Friday night, traveling to Stockton and delivering a commanding 28-0 shutout victory over the Franklin Yellow Jackets.

The young Warriors showed no mercy from the opening kickoff, establishing their dominance early and maintaining their relentless pace throughout all four quarters. The team's commitment to improving its skills in practice translated seamlessly to game action, as the Warriors controlled both sides of the ball against Franklin.

Galt's offense moved the ball effectively while the defense pitched a complete shutout, never allowing the Yellow Jackets to find any



Galt's No. 14 breaks free and races past a Franklin defender.

rhythm or momentum. The Warriors continued to build on their lead as the game progressed, demonstrating the depth and conditioning that comes from dedicated preparation.

The 28-0 victory represents a significant statement win for the JV program, showcasing the development and growth of the younger players in the Galt football system. The comprehensive nature of the win – dominating on offense, defense and special teams – speaks to the

coaching staff's ability to prepare their players for success.

The defense's shutout performance consistently disrupted Franklin's offensive plans and created opportunities for the Warriors' own offense to extend the lead.

Unfortunately, neither the individual statistics nor complete roster information were available on MaxPreps, preventing us from highlighting the specific contributions of individual players. ★