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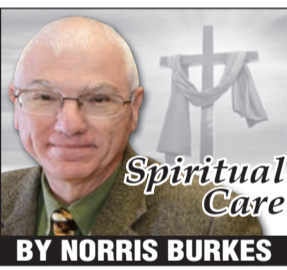
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Street Named in Honor of Officer Grewal



Pictured is the Galt Police Department Color Guard, alongside the chief, officers and staff with members of the Grewal family holding the "Officer Grewal Parkway" sign on Aug. 26.

Story and photos by Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - On the fourth-year anniversary of the passing of Galt Police Officer Harminder Grewal, a special recognition was made in honor of his sacrifice, dedication and amiable character.

A street sign that bears the name "Officer Grewal Parkway" now stands off Marengo Road by the new Liberty Ranch housing development. Police, city officials, family and

community members gathered around noon Aug. 26 for the fourth annual wreath-laying ceremony for Grewal. Grewal family relatives traveled from India to attend, and U.S. Rep. Doris Matsui also attended.

For the first time, the ceremony was held in front of the bronze bust of Grewal at the Galt Police Department, unveiled last February.

On Aug. 21, 2021, a pickup truck crossed the median on Highway 99 and collided head-on with the patrol car carrying Grewal and his partner,

Officer Kapri Herrera. The two were headed north to assist in Caldor Fire evacuation efforts in El Dorado County. Both officers were pulled from the wreck and hospitalized in critical condition. Herrera survived the collision, however, Grewal succumbed to his injuries four days later, on Aug. 26. Since then, his passing has had a lasting impact on the Galt community.

"This is the fourth anniversary of the loss of Harminder Grewal, who

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Coach Youth, Change Lives

City Seeks Volunteers to Lead Basketball



Pictured are the fifth- and sixth-grade boys' team champions from the past season in the Galt Youth Basketball program with coach Asuncion. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

By Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - The City of Galt is actively searching for volunteers from the community who can help coach and mentor local young athletes from first through eighth grade in basketball.

Coaches will help athletes work on their teamwork and

sportsmanship skills, while creating lasting memories for both volunteers and youth players.

Parks and Recreation Director Armando Solis encouraged residents to get involved, sharing that his own experience as a coach showed him the value of volunteering to teach local youth.

Solis recalled when his

youngest son was four and playing T-ball that he wanted to step in.

"I realized I would need to coach him the following year because, how could I complain about a person spending their own time for free coaching while I sat in the stands complaining? That decision changed my life forever," Solis said.

What began as an effort

to coach his son turned into a life lesson, according to Solis.

"As I look back 27 years later, I realize those kids were teaching me," Solis said. "They taught me patience, kindness and the ability to relate to every level."

Over the years, Solis has coached athletes from

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Matsui Visits Galt, Highlights Walker Park Expansion



Rep. Doris Matsui and Galt Mayor Shawn Farmer visit the Galt Market on Aug. 26. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

By Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - On Aug. 26, U.S. Rep. Doris Matsui visited the city of Galt to discuss upcoming community improvements, shop at the Galt Market and join the community to honor the memory of Officer Harminder Grewal.

Mayor Shawn Farmer and Councilmember Bonnie Rodriguez first welcomed Matsui, representing District 7 which covers the area of Galt, in the morning at Walker Park to discuss its planned improvements. In 2024, the congresswoman secured \$13.5 million in funding for community projects, including the park's Phase 2 expansion.

The project will include new youth baseball/softball fields, new restroom and concession facilities, batting cages and expanded parking.

"The congresswoman expressed her understanding of the importance of parks and recreation programs in a small town like Galt. The funding she has secured for us for the next phase of Walker Park will be monumental," said Farmer.

The city's Aug. 29 newsletter stated that "this investment showcases the power of collaboration across all levels of government to deliver meaningful quality-of-life improvements for Galt residents."

The mayor, Rodriguez and Parks and Recreation Director Armando Solis then joined Matsui at the Galt Market where they shopped, connected with local vendors and talked about the history and significance of the market, according to Farmer.

Farmer noted that the congresswoman grew up in a small town in central California and said that the market's culture was something she seemed to relate to.

"I think overall it was good visit and I think she left with a better

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Public Pathway to be Temporarily Closed



This pedestrian and bike path between Kost Road, Lincoln Way and Chase Drive will temporarily close due to necessary public safety during maintenance Sept. 5 and Sept. 26 to Sept. 27. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - The City of Galt announced to residents via social media on Sept. 1 that there will be a temporary closure of the pedestrian and bike path between Kost Road,

Lincoln Way and Chase Drive. This closure will occur from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5 and from 6 a.m. Friday, Sept. 26 to Saturday, Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

In the statement posted online, the city noted that this closure is due to necessary public safety during maintenance work. For questions or concerns, contact the City of Galt Parks and Recreation Department at 209-366-7180. ★

Helping Hand Association: Advocating for Seniors, Veterans

By Bob Balliet

GALT, CA (MPG) - An organization cannot be built without the involvement of committed individuals, and Galt is blessed in having many talented retired individuals with experience in a variety of fields.

Between March and April 2024, a hearty group of individuals volunteered to form and create the Helping Hand Association (HHA). They have not let their personal challenges in health or disabilities prevent them from joining and serving.

During April, these volunteers worked on developing the Helping Hand Association's internal governing rules (bylaws). A board of directors was created and positions were filled. Collectively, they defined the organization's mission as: "Advocate for seniors, veterans (of all ages) and others in need by advisory assistance and support to organizations that support seniors and senior activities."

A code of ethics and conflict of interest policies were created and adopted and committees were created. The board was required to take online Internal Revenue Service (IRS) training on public charitable organization requirements. This ensured that the board members and other key leaders understood the parameters in being a nonprofit and their responsibilities in complying with federal laws and regulations.

This work was tedious and demanding, requiring a large amount of research on diverse topics on nonprofit operations, duties and responsibilities, and at times some legal review and advice.

In the interim, applications for a nonprofit status with the Internal Revenue



Service and State of California Franchise Board (FTB) were completed and submitted. The Helping Hand Association was certified as a public charitable organization 501(c)(3) by the Internal Revenue Service as of Sept 23, 2024, with an effective date of May 30, 2024.

The same approval, as a charitable organization, was granted by the State of California, which enables the organization to be an effective advocate for seniors, veterans and others in need.

While the Helping Hand Association is independent of any governmental affiliation, it is subject to the federal and state laws and rules that govern charitable organizations.

"Service is a helpful act based on the Law of Love," Matthew 22:37-27:29.

For more information, visit hha-ca.org or email hha.california@gmail.com.

Robert "Bob" Balliet is a Galt resident and vice president of the Helping Hand Association. ★

Galt Schools, Police Promote Bike Safety

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Joint Union Elementary School District addressed the Galt community in its September newsletter, released Aug. 29, about bike and scooter safety due to a recent increase in related accidents over the last six months.

The district provided bike safety tips and noted that the Galt Police Department will be providing bike safety presentations at schools this month. The newsletter stated that if a student needs a bike helmet, parents can contact their child's school.

Important information to consider is that all bicyclists under the age of 18 are

legally required to wear a properly fitted helmet. Bicycles are vehicles and must obey traffic signs, signals and road rules.

Bicyclists are to always ride on the right side of the road, in the same direction as traffic and use bike lanes or designated bike routes whenever they are available.

Before entering a street or intersection, bicyclists must stop, look both ways and make eye contact with drivers to ensure that they are seen before crossing. Distractions like headphones and cell phones while riding should also be avoided. It is advised to stay alert for road obstacles such as potholes, sewer grates, sand, gravel and car doors opening. ★



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understanding of Galt and what a special place it is in the Sacramento Valley. We thank her and her staff for their time here and her gracious support and funding she was able to secure for Galt," said Farmer.

Matsui also met with the Galt Chamber of Commerce, where community relations director Kat Seabolt said discussions focused on local business and tourism.

Seabolt highlighted the positive impact of tournaments on hotels and restaurants, noting the importance of facilities that both serve residents and draw visitors.

Plans to revitalize Old Town were also discussed, including an initiative to build a multifunctional gazebo on the Fourth Street Promenade to honor veterans. Seabolt said approval from the railroad is needed, as the land is near the tracks.

Seabolt added that the conversation also touched on "the significance of local businesses connecting with the community and the unique charm of our Great American Little Town."

At noon, Matsui joined the community for the fourth annual wreath-laying ceremony honoring fallen Galt Police Officer Harminder Grewal.



Rep. Doris Matsui, center, discussed local business and tourism with Velvet Grill & Creamery's Kirk Smith, left; Galt Chamber of Commerce's Kat Seabolt and Papas & Wings' Maria and Heriberto Mosqueda. Photo courtesy of Galt Chamber of Commerce

Street Named in Honor of Officer Grewal



The family of Officer Harminder Grewal had the honor to do the official sign unveiling for the street dedicated to the Galt Police Department fallen officer, who died because of a vehicle collision while on duty in August 2021.



Family members of Officer Harminder Grewal place flowers below the bronze bust of the fallen officer, located in front of the Galt Police Department, during the wreath-laying ceremony on Aug. 26.



Officer Harminder Grewal's sister, Navdeep Sidhu, spoke about her brother's legacy during the fourth annual wreath-laying ceremony held at the Galt Police Station on Aug. 26.

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 was of course a son, a brother and a police officer, a member of our family here at the Galt Police Department," Police Chief Brian Kalinowski said at the ceremony. "It's important for us to remember as an organization, as a community and as members of our greater Grewal family ... that we take time every year to reflect on the sacrifice Harminder made trying to make our community a better place to live." Grewal's sister, Navdeep Sidhu, delivered an emotional speech about her

brother's legacy. "He wore his badge with pride and it was heart that totally made him a hero," she said. "We must remember his sacrifice and honor his life, and we promise to keep his spirit alive in our heart forever." After the ceremony, attendees gathered for the street sign's unveiling. The Galt Police Department honor guard stood by as Kalinowski shared a few remarks before inviting Mayor Shawn Farmer to speak. Standing in front of the Liberty Ranch housing

development, Farmer noted the importance of memorializing Grewal's sacrifice as Galt grows. Farmer thanked the City Council, Planning Commission and staff for making the dedication possible. Family members unveiled the sign and posed for photos afterward. Kalinowski said one more tribute is planned: a freeway designation in Grewal's honor. A resolution in the state Legislature was expected to be approved by Aug. 29, he said. ★



Police Chief Brian Kalinowski noted that Officer Harminder Grewal was "a son, a brother and a police officer" who was part of the Galt Police Department family, and the importance to reflect every year the sacrifice that Grewal made for the community.

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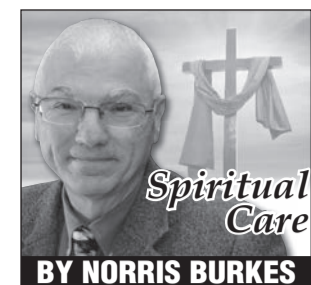
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Don't Judge a Pastor's Books by Their Covers



BY NORRIS BURKES

"Be careful who you allow in your library," was the advice given me years ago by my pastor/dad.

"Parishioners may judge you by your book titles," he warned.

I followed his pastoral advice for years — until I became a columnist.

Now, for the past 15 years, I've used the first column of September to share the books I've read this past year.

Considering that I don't read many religious books, I'll take the risk that a few of you may judge me.

Let's start with John Green, a former pediatric chaplain and author of one of the most popular books of all time, "A Fault in our Stars." But I rarely read fiction, so I direct you to his most recent book, "Everything Is Tuberculosis." (2025)

Green explores the persistent global crisis of tuberculosis (TB), a preventable and curable disease that continues to claim millions of lives annually. The book asserts that TB thrives because of systemic inequities, neglect, and prioritization of certain lives over others.

Through vivid storytelling, Green begins with his visit to Lakka Government Hospital in Sierra Leone, where the devastating impact of TB becomes starkly evident in the personal story of Henry Reider. The narrative intertwines public health, global equity, and human resilience, urging readers to confront the moral and structural failures that allow this disease to persist.

As a chaplain, I've always been fascinated how some folks survive tragedies and others randomly die. That's why I checked out Amanda Ripley's book, "The Unthinkable: Who Survives When Disaster Strikes - and Why." (2008.)

Ripley traces the human response to some of history's epic disasters. She interviews brain scientists, trauma psychologists, and other disaster experts to help understand how victims overcome the effects of extreme fear.

Ripley undergoes realistic simulations to see what it might be like to survive a plane crash or escape a raging fire. Her insights might well help people to do much better in the worst of situations.

Now, if you judge yourself a sleuth, check out, "The Mysterious Case of Rudolf Diesel: Genius, Power, and Deception on the Eve of World War I" by Douglas Brunt, Scott Brick, et al. (2023.)

On September 29, 1913, Rudolph Diesel, inventor of the internal combustion engine, disappeared off the steamship Dresden, halfway between Belgium and England. Was his disappearance, an accident, suicide, or murder?

With this Sherlock Holmes narrative, you can play Dr. Watson with Brunt as he reopens this old case of political intrigue.

Continue your sleuthing role in "The Art Thief," where Michael Finkel writes one of the most remarkable true-crime narratives of the world's most prolific art thief, Stéphane Breitwieser.

Stealing over 300 priceless artworks from European museums, Breitwieser says he was driven not by greed but by an obsessive love for beauty. The book delves into his audacious heists, his complex motivations, and the relentless

pursuit by law enforcement to bring him to justice. It also explores the psychological and emotional dimensions of his crimes, offering a fascinating look at the intersection of passion, compulsion, and criminality in the art world.

And finally, you can judge me to be a "nerd," but I loved "Ten Birds That Changed the World," by the naturalist Stephen Moss.

Moss explores the profound impact of ten bird species on human history, culture, and society. Each chapter weaves ornithology with historical narratives, showcasing how birds have shaped human thought and progress.

For instance, Moss shows how the Great Chinese Famine was caused by the mass killing of pesky sparrows. Another chapter traces the beginning of the Audubon Society out of the mass killing of waterfowl for their feathers.

In several more examples, the book highlights how these birds have influenced art, science, and politics. From sparking scientific revolutions to inspiring cultural movements, Moss delves into the intricate connections between bird life and humanity.

Finally, I'm sure you'd judge the 100 libraries established by Chispa Project in Honduras as top notch. Help Chispa equip those libraries with essential supplies by shopping our Amazon Wishlist for the back-to-school season at go.chispaproject.org/supplies or comment at comment@thechaplain.net.

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MEMORIAL

DOROTHY L. MERKINS • 3/5/1936-8/11/2025

Longtime Galt resident Dorothy L. Merkins, age 89, passed away peacefully on August 11, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Born on March 5, 1936, in French Camp, California, Dorothy was the daughter of Henry and Alma Bachman. She attended Thornton and Galt schools, graduating from Galt High School in 1953. Just two days after graduation, she married the love of her life, Charles C. Merkins, on June 6, 1953.

Dorothy and Charles began their married life in Sacramento, California.

After the first year, they moved to Clifton Heights, Pennsylvania, returning to Galt in 1959. Dorothy worked at the Galt High School as Secretary to the Principal, later serving many dedicated years as Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent at the Galt Unified School District office. She retired in June 1996 to become full time Grandma, her favorite job.

Family was always Dorothy's greatest joy. She was a devoted mother who made every family gathering special with games and prizes. Dorothy's passions included gardening, quilting, and poetry. She often said, "God is

my co-pilot," a reflection of her deep faith. A lifelong member of the Galt Episcopal Church, Dorothy created altar bouquets for Sunday services for many years.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Charles C. Merkins; and her older sister Donna Oswald.

She is survived by her four children: Heidi Merkins, Chuck Merkins, Beth (Rich) Lougee, and Kyle (Julie) Merkins; eight grandchildren: Catherine Dickstein, Danielle Merkins, Alex Merkins, David (Shaunda) Dickstein, Bailee (Miles)

Jacobsen, Brent (Kaitlyn) Lougee, Tyler Merkins, and Connor Merkins; three great-grandchildren; and her younger sister, Joyce White.

A memorial service will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Galt at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 28, 2025. Burial will be private at the Veterans Cemetery in Dixon at a later date.

Ben Salas Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity in Dorothy's memory.

MEETING MINDERS

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

Wednesday, Sept. 17

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, Sept. 18

Galt Beautification Committee, 9 a.m., Community Development Department, 495 Industrial Drive, 209-366-7130.
Galt High School Board, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.
Herald Fire Protection District, 6 p.m., Station 87, 12746 Ivie Road, 209-748-2322.

Friday, Sept. 19

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

Monday, Sept. 22

Arcohe School Board, 7 p.m., 11715 Ivie Road, Herald, 209-748-2313. ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



How much does an NBA team mean to a city? Just ask the residents of Seattle Washington that question.

In 2008 the Seattle SuperSonics ceased to exist and overnight became the Oklahoma City Thunder. That's right, the Oklahoma City Thunder that just hoisted the Larry O'Brien trophy and became the reigning NBA champs.

I wonder how many Seattle residents could even watch the finals on TV.

Ever since that ominous decision was made, Seattle has been knocking on the door of the commissioner's office, demanding that the NBA give back what was taken from them. Allow Seattle an expansion team, because with a degree of certainty the NBA is going to expand, and don't be surprised if Seattle doesn't get their wish.

That very same city came within a gnat's eyelash of taking the Kings from Sacramento to Seattle in 2013, and it may well have happened had commissioner David Stern not stepped in, along with the help of then city mayor Dennis Johnson.

It took a change in ownership and the building of the Golden One Center to keep the Kings in Sacramento, and Vivek Ranadive suddenly stepped into the picture.

The Sacramento fans have been largely appreciative of Ranadive, and have shown a high degree of patience, having only tasted the playoffs one time since he took over the team.

But over a decade has passed, and basketball fans want what the Oklahoma City Thunder have, a championship team. At the very least a team that can be counted on to make the playoffs every year.

This year's draft portents a favorable outcome, as both Nique Clifford and big man Maxime Raynaud displayed skills in the NBA summer league that gave Kings fans good reason to be excited.

Few NBA teams in history have had a less favorable draft history than the Sacramento Kings, and it's become a moniker that the team and fans alike would like to kick.

Why do some franchises have such consistent success drafting players, why other teams seem to struggle.

In the case of Sacramento Kings, it's likely you need to look no further than the owner himself.

Vivek Ranadive has been a savior to the city and for that he deserves praise. But when it comes to assisting with draft selections, most fans would like Vivek to find something else to do.

The ominous Marvin Bagley III selection was not so long ago, and as most fans know, Luca Doncic was overlooked by the Kings, only to be drafted by the Atlanta Hawks one pick later. Inexplicably, Atlanta traded Doncic to the Dallas Mavericks immediately, demonstrating that Sacramento is not the only franchise that has difficulty judging talent.

But looking back won't help the Sactown boys today, as new head coach Doug Christie has a big job ahead of him.

If we are to listen to the pundits, the Sacramento Kings will be lucky to win 30 games, and that I say, bunk!

Dennis Schroder has yet to make a single assist, and I expect Schroder to join this talented group of players and be the ball distributor that Scott Perry believes he can be.

Sacramento's starting five will stand up to any team in the NBA, and the real question remains how strong the bench will be, and how much can they be counted on to contribute every night.

OKC just provided an illuminating script to show what a championship bench looks like, and its high time the Kings paid attention to how championship teams get things done.

I believe that the Kings have a trove of young talent, and the question is whether Doug Christie can be both teacher and coach.

If Doug Christie can find a way to add 10 bench points per game, look for the pundit's predictions to go out the window.

Last season's bench scoring of 26 points per game won't get it done, but 35-40 would be an instant game changer for Sacramento.

Where will this extra scoring come from? I hope Isaac Jones and Nique Clifford will help us get there, but I'm reminded that trade rumors may not just be rumors.

The Kuminga trade is not entirely dead, and Russell Westbrook remains a free agent with a lot of gas left in his tank.

By all means, do not give up hope Kings fans, because Scott Perry has yet to fully strut his stuff. We may hear something very soon!

All the best!
Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★



Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

All the Ingredients



There are a variety of similarities between life and cooking. In order to create a meal, you must go through a number of steps. The first one is deciding what you want to make. Obviously, you should select something you like. Otherwise, you won't have any enthusiasm for preparing it and you certainly won't want to eat it.

In life, you need goals before you can get what you want. Whatever goals you choose have to excite you or else you will not have much motivation to attain them. Just as your culinary tastes can change over time, so can your goals.

What should you do when you know what you want but don't know how to make it? You find the recipe you need. Many resources exist to help you. There are numerous cookbooks which show you how to make virtually anything. Perhaps you know someone who knows how to prepare the meal you want. You can ask them for the recipe. Attending a cooking school or taking a class is another option.

You also need to know what is required to reach your goals in life. There are just as many resources available for this as for cooking. Read books, ask others who are where you want to be, take classes, and use the internet. A lack of proper knowledge leads to unsatisfactory results in both life and the kitchen.

Next, you need quality ingredients. If the ingredients aren't tasty, or are spoiled, the meal won't be any good either. Your results will never be better than what you start with. You also have to use the ingredients called for by the recipe. Substitute ingredients and you will alter the outcome.

The ingredients then have to be combined in the proper amounts. If you change the proportions for any reason, your meal will be different than you expected. This is not to say you can't experiment or create your own unique

dish. You just need to be aware that whenever you change what you put in, you impact what you get out.

In life, you have to take the appropriate steps to accomplish your desired goals. You can't skip a step. Change the steps and you will change the outcome.

So, you have all of the ingredients combined and put into a pot on the stove. What's next? You have to turn on the burner. Without taking this action, your meal will never cook. Even with the best intentions and a positive attitude, nothing will happen without heat under your pot.

Reaching your goals also takes action. You will never attain your goals without effort. Knowing what steps to take is not enough. You must take the first step.

The final phase is to allow the food to cook for enough time. You can't speed up the process by turning up the heat. All you will do is burn your meal and it will be just as inedible as when it is undercooked.

Attaining your goals also takes time. One reason people fail to reach their goals is because they don't allow enough time to complete all the steps. Their impatience leads them to erroneously conclude that they have failed. Another cause of failure is burnout. This occurs when people don't pace themselves and don't take breaks to recharge.

Analogies can be very helpful in understanding concepts and relationships. It's easy to lose track of where you are or why certain things need to be done. Use this cooking example to stay on your path to attain all of the things you want in life.

NOW AVAILABLE: : "Dare to Live Without Limits," the book. Visit www.BryanGolden.com or your bookstore. Bryan is a management consultant, motivational speaker, author, and adjunct professor. E-mail Bryan at bryan@columnist.com or write him c/o this paper. © 2025 Bryan Golden ★

California Schools Reverse Truancy Trends Improving Reading Scores Could Be Next



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Good news is a rarity in California's massive public school system, which purports to educate nearly 6 million students but struggles to improve chronically subpar academic achievement levels on state and federal tests.

The most recent round of "Smarter Balanced" assessments showed fractional improvement at best, with fewer than half of all students meeting or exceeding state standards in English language skills, and scarcely one-third doing so in math. Meanwhile, California continues to fare poorly compared to other states in the tests administered by the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

We did get a bit of positive news about California schools recently. After decades of what were termed "reading wars," California's political establishment is finally embracing phonics, a proven technique for teaching children to read that could boost the state's low reading scores. It's a minor miracle that pushes aside years of trendy reading instruction that had failed.

Another miracle may also be occurring: California is making progress on its exceedingly high levels of chronic absenteeism.

A few years ago, in the aftermath of the COVID-19

pandemic, nearly one-third of the children enrolled in public schools were chronically absent from classes. You can't learn if you're not in class, and the absences negatively affected overall academic achievement, the futures of millions of kids and the state's need for trained or trainable workers as those in the huge Baby Boom generation retire from the workforce.

Chronic absenteeism also adversely affects the finances of local school systems because aid from the state is calculated on attendance, not just enrollment. Schools with high absenteeism rates also tend to have low levels of learning and lose the money they need to raise achievement.

California wasn't alone, of course. However, it kept its public schools closed longer than most in other states, and the makeshift online classes were a poor substitute for classroom instruction.

Children from low-income families, whose parents could not work from home to monitor participation or afford private tutoring, suffered the most from school closures. Gov. Gavin Newsom and the state's education establishment were responsible for unnecessarily prolonging them.

From 30% chronic absenteeism in 2021-22, California dropped to 25% in 2022-23 and 20% in 2023-24, according to a new state-by-state report on absenteeism by SchoolStatus, a company that provides consulting services to school systems. California's 18% decline over the last two years was the third-most of any state surveyed by SchoolStatus, behind just Nevada and New Mexico. Nationally, the

decline was just 6%.

The report bolsters what Tony Thurmond, the state superintendent of schools and a 2026 candidate for governor, hailed last week.

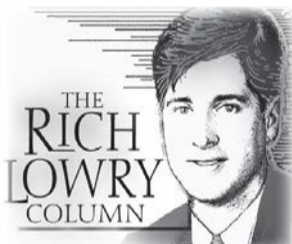
"Due to historic investments in student supports and family engagement, California has cut TK-12 chronic absenteeism levels by one-third, from 30% in 2022 to 20% in 2024," Thurmond said. "We are on track and committed to reduce chronic absence by 50 percent over five years."

The SchoolStatus report did have one caveat: that reducing absenteeism is relatively easy in elementary grades but becomes progressively more difficult in middle school and particularly among high schoolers.

"Student attendance deterioration accelerates systematically from the middle school transition onward," the researchers noted. "Chronic rates more than double from 5th grade (14.22%) to 12th grade (32.13%)." They called for "targeted intervention when districts track early warning indicators like partial-day absences, tardiness patterns, and family communication response rates during those critical transition years."

Lasting progress will depend on keeping kids in danger of dropping out of high school in class and learning what they need to survive in a competitive world.

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. ★



The National Guard isn't the Gestapo

Donald Trump's alleged fascist crackdown is finally here -- federal troops are on the streets of major U.S. cities with almost certainly more on the way.

First, they came for Los Angeles, then for Washington, D.C., and next, if reports are to be believed, Chicago.

There's no doubt that Trump loves the optics and sense of strength that comes with deploying the National Guard to U.S. cities, while many of his political enemies love the thrill of decrying the arrival of the dystopia they've always warned about.

The Guard troops obviously aren't Trump's equivalent of Mussolini's squadristi or Hitler's brownshirts --brawlers and enforcers operating outside the law to crush a political party's opponents.

They are a well-trained, entirely lawful military force that isn't engaging in street fights or arresting dissidents. The Guard's role has, mostly, been to stand in front of federal buildings and other public landmarks. In Washington, D.C., they walk along Metro platforms and generally make themselves visible (they are often seen drinking coffee and taking photos with tourists). In short, they've been a benign presence, although still a political flashpoint.

For Trump, the Guard deployments are an emblem of the restoration of public order. Nothing says the lawman is back in town quite like Humvees parked in front of Union Station and camouflaged federal troops walking the streets. That the troops are overkill makes them even more potent as a symbol -- Trump really means it.

That they generate a reaction from his opponents is even better, since it prompts them into attacking a token of lawfulness in places that suffer from endemic disorder.

So, Trump feels an urge to take the show on a national tour, with the Windy City or perhaps Baltimore as the next stop. This is a bad idea. D.C. and L.A. present unique circumstances not replicated in other cities.

Legally, D.C. is an easy question. Although Congress has granted D.C. home rule, the federal government has plenary power over the district. The president of the United States has direct authority over the D.C. National Guard and can also take control of the city's police department. Constitutionally and legally, Trump is on solid ground.

Since D.C. has a unique status and the feds have taken over the police department, there has been useful collaboration between the federal and local law-enforcement officials. (The early returns have been encouraging, with the city seeing a moderate dip in crime.)

TITLE: None of this would apply to Chicago or Baltimore. The federal government has no special

role in governing them, and politically hostile mayors would maintain full control of their police departments. The emphasis would surely be on resistance to unwelcome federal intrusions rather than reluctant cooperation.

Now, this was true in L.A., as well, but the riots and obstruction of federal immigration enforcement there gave Trump the authority to federalize members of the California National Guard and protect federal assets.

Unless similar unrest breaks out in Chicago or Baltimore, Trump is going to have to stretch for a legal justification for deploying the National Guard and risk a high-profile legal reverse.

Regardless, the National Guard has limited utility as a police force. Its boots on the ground can create a sense of a safer environment, and perhaps, at the margins, free up local police resources for other duties. But what places like Chicago need is more intensive policing in high-crime areas. The National Guard is not going to -- nor should it -- become de facto cops making gang and drug arrests in the South and West Sides of the city. (The FBI and DEA, on the other hand, could actually help.)

At the end of the day, there is no easy cure for the flagrant misgovernance of cities like Chicago. It is a long-term, deep-rooted ideological and political phenomenon that won't be easily reversed, whether the troops in camouflage show up or not.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2025 by King Features Synd., Inc. ★

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You Can Make a Difference: Donate to a Food Bank

As we begin the fall season, the summer gardens are giving less produce, and we plan our winter gardens. We gather the produce and start the winter storage process of restocking the pantry with canned and dry goods. Clean the freezer and take note of what needs to be replenished.

Some families don't have the luxury of a pantry or freezer. They are living day to day on what they can afford after the utilities and rent have been paid. As we all have endured, the cost of living has gone up, and it is usually the food bill that takes the hit and gets reduced. That is where food banks are very helpful.

According to nationaldaycalendar.com, today, the first Friday of September, is National Food Bank Day. It encourages us to commit to contributing to the cause that believes no one should go hungry. Bare cupboards and hunger may be as close as your neighbor or your coworker in the next cubicle. Food banks across the country help some of the 42 million men, women and children who struggle with putting food on the table. The reasons range from illness to job loss and general



changes in circumstances that can happen to anyone.

St. Mary's Food Bank founded National Food Bank Day to recognize the outstanding contributions of food banks around the country and to commemorate the establishment of St. Mary's Food Bank by founder John van Hengel in 1967. He came up with the idea of grocery rescue and food banking and the idea spread throughout the country, making St. Mary's Food Bank the very first in the world.

Galt has our very own food bank called The Sunshine Food Pantry. It is located behind Galt United Methodist Church, 517 C St. It is open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month. Donations of canned,

dry, and nonperishable items are received at the Methodist Church and at Horizon Community Church, 446 Fairway Drive. So, the next time you see a good sale on nonperishable items, pet food included, buy a couple of extras to donate. Make it a habit (hungry doesn't stop after the holidays end) and get your children involved; showing compassion for their fellow human beings is a good gift to pass on.

It is Sept. 5, the weather is better than that sizzling little stint before the end of August; still not quite sweater weather, but cooler. So, what to do?

You have done your fall cleaning or at least started. Fall sports have started at the high schools: cross country, girls' golf, flag football, football, volleyball and youth soccer. There is no lack of action to watch throughout the week. It gets you out of the house and you are supporting our students. And of course, with fall cleaning: the carpets shampooed, doors and windows weather-sealed, the screens cleaned and ready for storage (you don't

want them flying through the air in a windstorm) and the ever-present raking of leaves, and don't forget to secure the pet kennels and chicken coops.

With all this and if you haven't already, it is time to bring the fall decorations out of storage. Yes, get those colorful leaves, orange lights and pumpkins and you are ready for the next three months. Add a black cat or two, a couple of Jack-o-lanterns in October for Halloween, switch them out for pilgrims, turkeys and American flags for Veterans Day and Thanksgiving in November.

Of course, if you are not hosting Thanksgiving, you could exchange fall décor for Christmas decor after Veterans Day. I love Christmas decorations, and I feel cheated I only get six weeks to enjoy them before they are retired for another year, and Valentines, St Patrick's Days, and spring décor return. And with spring comes Easter, the sun, flowers and new baby animals. All represent hope and renewal.

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

Concert on C Street Offers Connection, Celebration and Community



The Leaping Blennies, a rockabilly band, will perform by Ink House Social at 812 C St. during the Concert on C Street event on Sept. 19. Photo courtesy of Leaping Blennies



On Sept. 19, Papas & Wings, 803 C St., will host the Latin Party Crew during the Concert on C Street event. The group performs Latin rock and nostalgic old dance music. Photo courtesy of Latin Crew



Beau Jeffers will perform country music at Chandler Gross Group, 816 C St. Photo courtesy of Beau Jeffers

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - The City of Galt is presenting the Concert on C Street event from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19 with performances from bands at nearby businesses.

The Leaping Blennies, a three-piece

rockabilly band, will perform by Ink House Social at 812 C St.

At Papas & Wings, 803 C St., the Latin Party Crew is set to turn out with its dynamic musical ensemble that blends Latin rock with nostalgic old dance music.

Beau Jeffers will perform country music

at Chandler Gross Group, 816 C St.

A car show featuring music from DJ Ceez will stage at Banner Bank, 701 C St.

The city's website states that the Concert on C Street event is meant to connect, celebrate and feel the beat of the community. Residents are encouraged to

bring their family and friends for an evening full of music, food and entertainment.

It also notes that this event will be wrapping up the Summer Concert Series and will also celebrate the revitalization of C Street by partnering with local businesses to bring the community together. ★

ABOUT TOWN

Friday, Sept. 5 through Sunday, Sept. 7

St. Basil's 66th Annual Greek Food Festival – noon to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Bigger – better – Greeker! Enjoy the richness and beauty of Greek culture, plus amazing traditional food. Our recipes, handed down from generation to generation, make this food festival one of the most popular in Northern California. Enjoy our taverna, a new kids' zone plus vendors for art, jewelry and gift items. Admission is \$5 at the door; children 11 and under free with a paying adult. 920 W. March Lane, Stockton.

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 serene 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, Lodi.

Delta Meadows Biodiversity Walk – 10 a.m. at Delta Meadows River Park. Join California State Parks interpreters for a nature walk through the Meadow Slough Trail. This walk will focus on some of the native species present throughout the park and the invasives that threaten them. 13971 River Road, Walnut Grove.

Taco Truck Cook-Off – noon to 3 p.m. at Hale

Park, Lodi. Come support the Lodi Arts Commission and enjoy an afternoon of arts, culture and tacos. Enjoy a 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 are welcome. This event supports our local U.S. military active-duty troops and veterans. 1800 S. Cherokee Lane, Lodi.

Monday, Sept. 8

Bat Chat for California Biodiversity Day – 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Cosumnes River Preserve. Start by exploring real bat specimens inside the Visitor Center and getting creative at the craft table on the porch.

Then enjoy a live bat presentation featuring local species and their incredible adaptations. Afterward, head out on a guided bat walk using SonoBat Live technology to detect and listen to bats in real time as they fly and forage near the bridge and boardwalk.

Registration required on Eventbrite.com. 13501 Franklin Blvd.

Tuesday, Sept. 9

Delta Champions 2025 Recognition Dinner – Join the Delta Leadership

Foundation for our Fourth Annual Delta Champions Recognition Dinner in Thornton. We celebrate those who work to preserve, promote and improve the Delta, as well as a Legacy family and lifetime achievements in preservation, protection and promotion of the California Delta. Tickets available at givebutter.com/B98WAA. Location details will be provided with your tickets.

Thursday, Sept. 11 through Sunday, Sept. 14

Lodi Grape Festival – at the Lodi Grape Festival and Event Center. What started out as a small food festival in downtown Lodi has evolved into a four-day event filled with great entertainment, food, vendors, competitive exhibits, carnival, wine tasting and so much more. Details at grapefestival.com. 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

Friday, Sept. 12

Friday Night Movies at Veterans Field – gates open at 6 p.m. and the movie starts at dusk. This month, we'll be watching "Lilo & Stitch," so bring your blankets, chairs and picnic baskets to enjoy an evening outdoors with family and friends. For more information, call 209-366-7115 or email jgarcia@cityofgalt.org. 900 Caroline Ave.

Saturday, Sept. 13

Delta Meadows Bird Walk – 9 a.m. at Delta Meadows River Park. Join our California State

Parks staff on a light walk through oak woodlands to see one of the Delta's last remaining wetlands and some of the birds that call it home. 13971 River Road, Walnut Grove.

Summer Concerts in the Park – presented by the City of Galt Parks and Recreation. Join us when the gates open at 6 p.m. to enjoy the evening's band. Bring your chairs, blankets, snacks, neighbors and friends. This month's location is pending, so check the website for updates: cityofgalt.org.

Thursday, Sept. 18

Boots & Bling Fundraiser – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Lodi Moose Lodge. Saddle up for a night of celebration and compassion supporting Hospice of San Joaquin. Guests will enjoy live country music and dancing under the stars, local wines and craft beverages, delicious hors d'oeuvres highlighting regional flavors, and silent and live auctions full of unique experiences and treasures. 3824 E. Woodbridge Road, Acampo.

Friday, Sept. 19

Concert on C Street – 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Galt C Street businesses. Connect, celebrate and feel the beat of the community. Bring out the family and enjoy live bands, food trucks, car show and more. Meet and greet our businesses as we celebrate the revitalization of C Street. More information: 209-366-7115.

Sunday, Sept. 21

209 Roll Call Reunion

& Fundraiser – 5 p.m. at IDOL Beer Works. Lodi's skateboarding and music culture has deep roots, and it's time to celebrate, preserve and share it with the next generation. 209 Roll Call invites you to be part of an inaugural reunion and fundraiser benefitting Kids Without Skateboards, Serenity Skateboard Collective and Operation Dez Strong. 100 S. Sacramento St., Lodi.

Library Events

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

Friday, Sept. 5: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G) English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Wednesday, Sept. 10: English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G) Teen space, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Meet other teens and hang out in a space dedicated to you. (WG)

Thursday, Sept. 11: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (WG)

Friday, Sept. 12: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G) English conversation group, 3-4 p.m. (G)

Veterans Meetings

American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units – fourth Wednesdays; 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, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Dinner 6 p.m. Next meeting will be Sept. 25. Family Breakfast, 9 a.m. first Saturdays, Mimi's Café. For more information, call Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H.

SAVE THE DATE: Oct. 11, annual fundraiser at District 56. Email egpost233@gmail.com for more information.

Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 233 – 6:45 p.m. first Mondays, Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

Marine Corps League Detachment #1238 – first Thursdays; 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. For more information, call 916-684-3849.

Ongoing Events

Galt Café & Cars – every second Saturday 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 Saturday of every month, 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 Saturday, Sept. 6. ★

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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

Britteni Chandler has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Britteni Chandler Britteni 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
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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
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARY PATRICIA DURYEA CASE NO. 25PR002839

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Mary Patricia Duryea.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Peter Duryea, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Peter Duryea be appointed

as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows September 24, 2025, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Court-house, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Simran Sekhon, Esq, Sekhon, A Professional Corporation, 18826 N. Lower Sacramento Road, Suite H, Woodbridge, CA 95258; 209-425-5225

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SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: STK-CV-LAT-2025-8212

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Holly Ann Harwayne, Trent Doser, and DOES 1-10

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Nick D. Sauseda.

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

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to file a written response to this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida

mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): San Joaquin County Court, 180 E. Weber Avenue, Stockton, CA 95202

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Kristina L. Thorton, 2443 Fair Oaks Boulevard, No 499, Sacramento, CA 95825, 209-367-8888.

Date: (Fecha) April 28, 2025
Clerk (Secretario) Stephanie Bohrer, Deputy (Adjunto) Gloria Hamilton
Publish: September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
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TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No.: 25-14799 Loan No.: **9175 APN: 140-0090-035-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/11/2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Benjamin Holcomb, an unmarried man Duly Appointed Trustee: Prestige Default Services, LLC Recorded 2/16/2022 as Instrument No. 202202161329 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale: 9/30/2025 at 1:30 PM Place of Sale: At the East side main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$220,899.72 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 11839 KIRKWOOD STREET Herald, California 95638 A.P.N.: 140-0090-035-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. All checks payable to Prestige Default Services, LLC. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the Internet Website address www. Auction.com or call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA07000425-25-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 800.280.2832, or visit this internet website www. Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA07000425-25-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: August 26, 2025 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA07000425-25-1 7100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 NPP0478169 To: GALT HERALD 09/05/2025, 09/12/2025, 09/19/2025 THE GALT HERALD 9-19-25

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APN: 148-0790-046-0000 TS No: CA07000425-25-1 TO NO: CLRINS25830727 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d) (1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED July 14, 1999. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On September 30, 2025 at 09:00 AM, East Main Entrance, Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on July 26, 1999 as Instrument No. 199907260813, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by LUIS E BARRON, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY AND OSCAR AVALOS, AN UNMARRIED MAN AND ELISA C. AVALOS, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of SIERRA PACIFIC MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 862 LABRADOR COURT, GALT, CA 95632 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$48,023.32 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to

the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the Internet Website address www. Auction.com or call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA07000425-25-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 800.280.2832, or visit this internet website www. Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA07000425-25-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: August 26, 2025 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA07000425-25-1 7100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 NPP0478169 To: GALT HERALD 09/05/2025, 09/12/2025, 09/19/2025 THE GALT HERALD 9-19-25

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND READOPTING CHAPTER 15.04 OF THE GALT MUNICIPAL CODE (CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODES) AND ADOPTING THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODES

Notice is hereby given that the Galt City Council will hold a Public Hearing on the date and time indicated below, or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard, to receive and consider all evidence and reports relative to the project described herein. The City Council is being requested to hold a public hearing and adopt an ordinance repealing and readopting chapter 15.04 of the Galt Municipal Code (California Building Code) and adopting the 2025 edition of the California Administrative Code, California Building Code, California Residential Code, California Plumbing Code, California Mechanical Code, California Electrical Code, California Green Building Standards Code, California Existing Building Code, California Historical Building Code, California Reference Standards, California Energy Code, and California Fire Code and making local amendments.

PROJECT TITLE: 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODES

PROJECT LOCATION: City of Galt

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The general purpose of this ordinance is intended to update and codify the new edition of the California Building Codes which reference the latest edition of the model code, which will become effective on January 1, 2026. The California Building Standards are codes that ensure safe buildings and public places. These codes are revised on a tri-annual basis. The codes regulate the building structure, electrical, mechanical, plumbing and fire systems, energy conservation, green building methods, historical and existing buildings, for the health and safety of occupants. In January 2025, the State adopted and approved the 2025 Edition of the Building Standards Codes, also known as the California Codes. These codes were published July 1, 2025 and will become effective January 1, 2026 (and are known as the 2025 Edition of the California Codes). All local jurisdictions in California are mandated to begin enforcement of these new codes and standards by January 1, 2026.

PROPERTY OWNER: City of Galt
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard. The Galt City Council will hold a public hearing, hold a second reading and approve an Ordinance repealing and readopting Chapter 15.04 of the Galt Municipal Code (California Building Codes) and adopting the 2025 edition of the California Building Codes, with local amendments.

Email public comments to the City Clerk at pubcom@cityofgalt.org. If you have issues submitting a written public comment via any of these delivery options or have further questions about the hearing or the proposed project, please contact Ross Lovato at buildingdivision@cityofgalt.org or 209-366-7200.

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

Pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation, California Government Sections 65009, 66020, and/or California Public Resources Code Section 21177, if you wish to challenge in court any of the above decisions (regarding planning, zoning and/or environmental decisions), you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing(s) described in this notice/agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the city at, or prior to, this public hearing.

Dated: August 19, 2025

vs/ Jenny Carloni
Jenny Carloni, Community Development Director

vs/Tina Hubert
Tina Hubert, City Clerk

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elementary school to high school varsity. "I have kids in their mid-30s that I've coached who still call me coach today and that's out of love from them," he said. "I have officiated two of their weddings and met their children, all because I coached." Residents who want to make a difference in the community can consider volunteering as youth coaches in Galt. Recreation Supervisor Monica Lopez

said coaches are typically 18 years of age and above. If someone under 18 wants to volunteer, an adult must be present. She noted that grades four through eight will have drafts the week of Oct. 20. Practices for second- through eighth-grade players begin the week of Nov. 3. "We ask that coaches offer one to two practices per week per team. Games will be on Saturdays beginning in December and will go through the end of February,"

said Lopez. In partnership with Papas & Wings, the city is offering two free Stockton Kings tickets each per volunteer youth basketball coach. Lopez added that this is a great opportunity for the city and its participants to attend a game. An application will need to be submitted, along with a Live Scan (fingerprinting and background check). Results from a tuberculosis (TB) test from within the last four years will also be required. Those interested may contact the Recreation Division at 209-366-7177 or visit bit.ly/volunteercoaches.



Those who volunteer as basketball coaches will be helping local youth athletes work on their teamwork and sportsmanship skills, while creating memories for volunteers and players alike. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

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NOTICE OF INTENT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT THE 2025 CALIFORNIA FIRE AND BUILDING CODES

Notice is hereby given of the intention of the Cosumnes Community Services District to adopt, as amended, the 2025 California Fire and Building Codes. The District shall hold a public hearing at 5:00 P.M. on October 15, 2025, at 8820 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, CA, 95624, regarding the adoption of the 2025 California Fire and Building Code pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13869. Copies of the code sections referred to, and any secondary code sections referred to, amended, or adopted by reference, are on file with the Secretary of the District and are open to public inspection. Adoption of the 2025 California Fire and Building Codes will enable District personnel to follow one set of rules and regulations throughout the District with regard to the health and safety of the public and the District's response thereto.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION DENIAL OF DESIGN REVIEW (PROJECT ARCHITECTURE) APPROVAL FOR THE SUMMERFIELD AT TWIN CITIES PROJECT.

Notice is hereby given that the Galt City Council will hold a public hearing on the date and time indicated below, or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard, to receive and consider all evidence and reports related to the project described herein.

PROJECT TITLE: Summerfield at Twin Cities Design Review
PROJECT LOCATION: Summerfield at Twin Cities is north of the Twin Cities Road and Marengo Road intersection; east of Hauschildt Road, west of Waldo Road, and south of unincorporated Sacramento County (APNs 148-1100-026 and -027).
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Summerfield at Twin Cities is a 58-acre residential subdivision that was approved by City Council in 2020. The approved project includes 204 single-family lots. The smallest lot is 6,510 square feet and the largest lot is 12,788 square feet. The design review proposal offers two separate product lines: Cedar Glen and Cedar Grove. Cedar Glen includes five floor plans ranging in size from 2,306 to 3,306 square feet. Cedar Grove includes four floor plans ranging in size from 2,018 to 2,484 square feet. A mix of one- and two-story homes are included in both product lines.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on June 12, 2025 to consider the Design Review application. The Planning Commission denied the application by a 4-0 vote. The applicant is appealing the denial.

OWNER/APPLICANT: Lennar Homes, 1025 Creekside Ridge Drive, Ste. 240
Roseville, CA 95678

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING:
DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, September 16, 2025; 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard, in person at the Galt City Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive, Galt CA 95632.

The City of Galt encourages interested parties to attend public meetings and comment on the issues being discussed. If you wish to provide public comment and are unable to attend the meeting, written comments can be submitted to pubcom@cityofgalt.org by 4:00 pm on the day of the meeting. Comments will be distributed to City Council, made part of the official minutes, and posted on the City's website prior to the meeting. Email/written comments will not be read out loud during the meeting.

If you have further questions about the proposed project, please contact Kristyn Bitz at kbitz@cityofgalt.org or call 209-366-7230.

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Dated: September 5, 2025

\s/ Kristyn Bitz
Kristyn Bitz, MPA, Principal Planner

\s/ Tina Hubert
Tina Hubert, City Clerk

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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.

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.

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 Cafe 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.

Nominate Your Neighbor

The Galt Beautification Committee wants you to "nominate your neighbor." Has your neighbor recently completed a yard project?

Does your neighbor have the best flowers in town or the best-looking yard? The Galt Beautification Committee wants to know.

Send an email with pictures and why you are nominating your neighbor

to planningdivision@city-ofgalt.org.

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. ★

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Aug. 26 to Sept. 1, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 14 arrests.

Aug. 26

9:03 a.m., Fraud reported, Sunshine Drive: Fraud with financial loss.

1:08 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Galt Police Department on Industrial Drive.

9:47 p.m., Domestic Violence/Adult Arrest, Bellwood Drive.

Aug. 27

11:35 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, East Stockton Boulevard/Walnut Avenue.

Aug. 28

1:25 a.m., Theft reported, McDonald's on Pine Street: E-bike stolen.

8:08 a.m., Theft reported, Galt Family Dentistry on Spaans Drive: Air conditioning unit stolen.

10:14 a.m., Recovered Stolen Vehicle, Gateway Well on Crystal Way.

1:36 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, B Street/Sixth Street.

Aug. 29

9:35 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, E Street.

5:11 p.m., Recovered Stolen Vehicle, La

Quinta Inn & Suites, North Lincoln Way.

5:54 p.m., Extortion reported, Eric Circle: Ex-boyfriend demanding reporting party "pay him or he will send nude photos of reporting party to reporting party's family."

7:05 p.m., Assault w/Deadly Weapon reported, E Street.

7:51 p.m., Battery/Adult Arrest, Partridge Drive.

Aug. 30

12:09 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Highway 99 Northbound/Twin Cities Road.

11:12 a.m., Theft reported, Walmart on Twin Cities Road: E-bike stolen.

6:19 p.m., Drunk & Disorderly Person/Adult Arrest, AMPM Store on East Stockton Boulevard.

6:21 p.m., Weapon Possession/Adult Arrest, Galt Mini Mart And Liquor, Carol Drive.

6:30 p.m., Hit and Run/Non-Injury, AMPM Store on East Stockton Boulevard.

7:19 p.m., Domestic Violence/Adult Arrest, Birchwood Apartments on B Street.

7:19 p.m., Pursuit/Adult Arrest, Highway 99 Northbound/A Street.

Aug. 31

12:30 a.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Second Street/C Street. ★

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Hawks Soar Past Linden in Dominant 44-7 Victory



Junior Joe Lara races toward the end zone on the opening kickoff return for a touchdown while a Linden defender desperately tries to grab his heels.

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawks made a statement Friday night, overwhelming a tough Linden squad 44-7 in a performance that showcased their potential heading into league play.

The Hawks wasted no time setting the tone, with junior Joe Lara returning the opening kickoff for a touchdown. Liberty Ranch added another touchdown and a field goal before the first quarter ended, taking a commanding 16-0 lead into the second period.

The offensive explosion continued in the second quarter as the Hawks poured on 21 more points while Linden managed its only touchdown at halftime, Liberty Ranch added one more touchdown in the second half while completely shutting out the Lions over the final two quarters.

"We knew Linden could present a challenge for us, so the coaches and players worked very hard all week to prepare," said head



Junior Soni Takafua puts the final stop on a Linden rusher as the Hawks' defense dominated throughout the night. Takafua recorded seven tackles in the 44-7 triumph.

coach Warren Schroeder. "And while we were quite pleased with the result, we continue each week to focus on fixing mistakes and improving execution in order to prepare for league play."

Junior Andrew Quinn had a breakout performance, rushing for 166 yards and scoring three touchdowns. The running back was grateful for his offensive line's dominance.

"Last week, I had chances but stepped out

of bounds right on the goal line, and then there was a flag that called back another," Quinn said. "This week it was the line opening up the holes. It felt great getting to the second level. It was all the line letting me get to the second level to make those plays."

When asked about his goals moving forward, Quinn was focused on team success: "To get better, fix the mistakes we did have - very minimal that we did have - but to go

10-0." Junior Wyatt Corriea added 98 rushing yards and one touchdown, while Lara contributed 48 rushing yards to go with his kickoff return touchdown. Senior James Rangel was perfect on extra points, converting all eight attempts.

The Hawks' defense was equally impressive, led by junior Enzo Diaz, who intercepted two passes and recorded 26 receiving yards on offense.

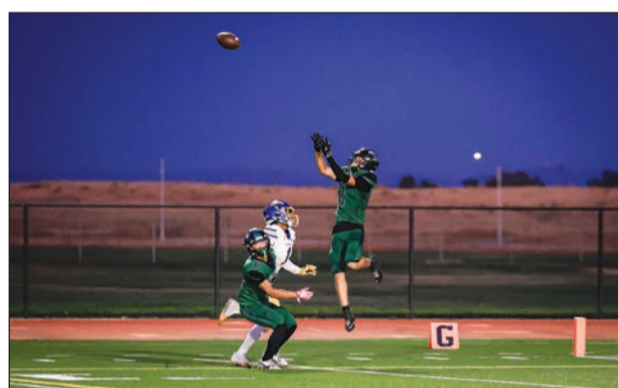
Diaz explained his



Junior Wyatt Corriea secures an interception during Liberty Ranch's overwhelming defensive performance against Linden. Corriea finished with 10 tackles and 98 rushing yards in the Hawks' victory.



Junior Andrew Quinn sails into the end zone for one of his three touchdowns in Liberty Ranch's victory over Linden.



Junior Enzo Diaz leaps high in front of the goal line to intercept a pass and prevent Linden from scoring.

defensive success: "I just stayed over Linden's No. 1 all night, and I was reading the quarterback's eyes. I knew where he was going, and the quarterback should not have thrown to me. I guess he didn't watch the film."

Senior Deshaun Jackson led the defensive charge with 10 tackles and 4.0 tackles for loss, while Corriea added 10 tackles and 2.0 tackles for loss. Senior Eston Tucker and senior Michael Lamson each recorded sacks, with

Tucker finishing with four tackles and Lamson adding five tackles.

Joe Lara contributed four tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss, while Quinn added eight tackles from his line-backer position. Junior Soni Takafua chipped in seven tackles to help anchor the defensive effort.

The dominant performance on both sides of the ball has the Hawks feeling confident as they continue to prepare for the challenges of league competition. ★

GALT HERALD JUNIOR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Dominic Salvidar, Hawk 14U



Trey Messersmith, Hawk 8U



Lukas Vasquez, Hawk 12U



Kayden Gibney, Hawk 10U



Aaron Byrd, Warrior Varsity



Morgan Stephenson, Warrior Junior Varsity



Carver George, Warrior Novice

Courtesy photos

Warriors Battle Back for Five-Set Victory



Galt's Scarlett Gaither elevates at the net to return the ball during the five-set match.

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warriors girls volleyball team showed incredible heart and determination on Aug. 26, outlasting Cesar Chavez in an epic five-set thriller that had fans on the edge of their seats until the final point.

What started as a back-and-forth battle turned into a showcase of resilience, with the Warriors ultimately prevailing 3-2 in a match that saw every set decided by narrow margins.

Cesar Chavez struck first, taking the opening set 25-19, but Galt immediately answered back with a nail-biting 31-29 victory in set two. The seesaw battle continued as Chavez edged out a 25-23 win in the third set, only to see the Warriors

force a decisive fifth set with a gutsy 26-24 fourth-set victory. In the winner-take-all tiebreaker, Galt's composure under pressure shone through as it captured the match with a 15-13 victory.

The Warriors received outstanding individual performances across the board. Sophomore Zoe Sanchez dominated both ends of the court, leading the team with 22 kills while anchoring the defense with an impressive 32 digs. Morgan Jones proved to be a force at the net, recording five blocks while also serving up six aces to keep Chavez off balance. The team's ball movement was orchestrated beautifully by Maliah Phulmati, who distributed 26 assists, while Whitney Ellers was rock-solid in serve receive with 59 receptions.

"This year is going to be a fun year," said head coach Jennifer Sanchez. "The



Courtney Brouwer takes aim and delivers a powerful kill shot.

team is full of positivity and they all get along really well. Our on-court chemistry is still developing, but what you saw tonight was a team that refused to fall apart. We kept our heads up, communicated and trusted each other all the way to the final point."

That mental toughness will serve the Warriors well as they prepare for league competition. Galt will open league play on Sept. 4 with a road match at Rosemont before returning home for its first league contest on Sept. 9 against Bradshaw Christian at 6:30 p.m.

If this season opener is any indication, Warriors fans are in for an exciting season of volleyball. ★

LOCAL SPORTS → COVERAGE



Warriors Capture First Home Victory in Two Years with 24-12 Win Over Kennedy

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warriors ended a long drought on Friday night, defeating the Kennedy Cougars 24-12 for their first home victory in two years in a hard-fought battle that showcased the team's growth on both sides of the ball.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Warriors found their rhythm in the second period, outscoring Kennedy 14-6 to take control heading into halftime. Galt added seven points in the third quarter and tacked on a field goal in the fourth, while Kennedy managed six fourth-quarter points in the 24-12 final.

"I could not have been prouder of the boys," said head coach JJ Woodward. "We started off the game with a great defensive stand. This was followed by a 20-play drive that took over 11 minutes. The boys dominated the line on both sides of the ball. Our defense played great all night."

The Warriors showed their poise in a crucial moment late in the second quarter. With 1:47 left in the half and no timeouts remaining, Kennedy gave Galt the ball on the 48-yard line. On first down, the Warriors connected with senior Anthony Harrison for a 38-yard completion, followed immediately by a 10-yard touchdown pass to junior James Gilbert to close out the half in style.

Galt carried that momentum into the second half, taking the opening drive down for a score to extend its lead to 21-6, effectively putting the game away.

Junior quarterback



Junior Arthur Cordova dodges his way through the Kennedy defense during the Warriors' 24-12 victory. Photos Courtesy of Tom Santillan

Robert Rubio had an outstanding night, completing six of seven passes for 98 yards and one touchdown while also rushing for a score. Senior Nick Pena anchored the ground game with 98 yards on 12 carries, leading a rushing attack that totaled 238 yards on 42 attempts.

Harrison finished with 47 total yards receiving, while Gilbert added

35 yards and the touchdown catch. Junior Arthur Cordova contributed 72 rushing yards and nine receiving yards for 81 total yards.

Defensively, the Warriors were led by junior Karlos Cornejo with three tackles, while seniors Caleb McEwen and junior Carlos Sterni each added three tackles. Arthur Cordova and James Gilbert

each recorded four tackles in the winning effort.

Junior Rafael Bertho was perfect on extra points, converting all six attempts to account for the team's other scoring.

"Kennedy played a great game and was really physical," Woodward noted. "We kept doing our assignments all night and ended up with the win. Rubio was six for seven with 98 yards



Senior Nick Pena tries to break through three Kennedy defenders to gain additional yards. Pena led Galt's ground attack with 98 yards on 12 carries in the winning effort.



Junior quarterback Robert Rubio prepares to deliver a pass during the Warriors' dominant performance.



Nick Pena runs through a hole created by senior lineman Tucker Alexander as the Warriors controlled the line of scrimmage over Kennedy.

and one TD as well as a rushing TD. Pena was our leading rusher with 12 carries for 98 yards. It was a fun night, and I'm proud of the way we played."

The victory marks a significant milestone for the Warriors program as it continues to build momentum for the remainder of the season. ★

Galt JV Warriors Dominate Kennedy in 49-0 Shutout

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - While the Galt Warriors varsity team was grinding out a hard-fought 24-12 victory over Kennedy in its first home win in two years, the JV Warriors were putting on an offensive clinic of their own, steamrolling the Kennedy JV squad 49-0 in a complete domination.

The contrast between the two games couldn't have been more stark. Where the varsity contest was a physical battle that required resilience and determination to secure the victory, the JV Warriors made quick work of their opponents in a performance that showcased the depth



Galt JV player No. 24 uses a strong arm to fend off a Kennedy defender as he heads toward the goal line during the Warriors' dominant 49-0 shutout. Photo courtesy of Tom Santillan

and talent throughout the Galt program. The 49-0 shutout victory demonstrates the bright future ahead for Warriors football, with the younger players showing they can execute at a high level on both sides of the ball. The JV squad's ability to score early and often while completely shutting down Kennedy's offense speaks to the quality coaching and development

happening within the program. This combination of offensive firepower and defensive dominance suggests that the program's success will continue for years to come. The JV Warriors will look to build on this momentum as they continue their season, knowing they have the talent and coaching to compete at the highest level. ★

Hawks JV Holds Off Linden in 14-7 Victory



JV quarterback Kason Lauchland receives the ball from center Caleb Martinez as the line goes to work.

Story and photo by Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawks JV football team showed tremendous heart and defensive resolve Friday night, edging the Linden Lions 14-7 in a defensive battle that came down to the final moments.

Unlike their varsity counterparts who dominated in a 44-7 blowout, the JV Hawks found themselves in a much tighter contest against a scrappy Linden squad that refused to go away quietly.

The game's defining moment came late when the Lions mounted a serious scoring threat, driving deep into Hawks territory. With Linden advancing to inside the 20-yard line and threatening to tie the game, the Liberty Ranch defense stepped up when it mattered most.

The Hawks' defensive unit dug in and made the crucial stops needed to preserve their narrow lead, containing Linden's forward progress and forcing a turnover on downs to secure the victory.

While the offense managed to put 14 points on the board, it was clearly the defensive effort that won the game for the Hawks. The ability to bend but not break when facing adversity will serve this young group well as it continues its development. ★

GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Haley Smith
Liberty Ranch
Volleyball



Enzo Diaz
Liberty Ranch
Football



Robert Rubio
Galt High
Football



Zoe Sanchez
Galt High
Volleyball



Photos by Paige Lampson