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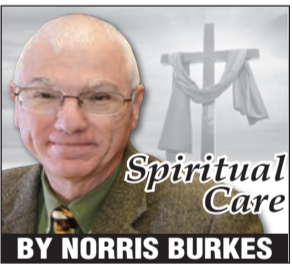
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Local Campaigns for Ostomy Awareness



From left are retired ostomy nurse Joyce Moss and local colon cancer warrior and ostomy advocate Dan "Dry Dock" Schockley. Photo by Idaly Valencia

By Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - Many people might not know the term "ostomy" but a Galt resident and a retired nurse have made it their mission to change that.

Dan "Dry Dock"

Shockley, a retired U.S. Navy veteran, is raising awareness of his rare disease by advocating for policy and legislation, supporting research opportunities and educating medical students.

He has teamed up with

retired ostomy nurse Joyce Moss, who has more than 40 years of experience, to lead a campaign focused on early colon cancer detection and ostomy surgery.

Shockley served 22 years in the Navy, including during the

Persian Gulf War and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He retired at 43 after a career that took him to ports around the world.

In 2012, a routine checkup when Shockley was 51 revealed a

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Council Approves Home-Buying Assistance Program



Story and photos by Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - From rising costs for senior programs to a proposed housing incentive for city employees, Galt City Council heard reports and public input during its Sept. 2 meeting.

All members were present except Councilmember Bonnie Rodriguez.

Commission on Aging chair Joan Werblun presented the commission's annual report, noting that rising costs have affected program expenses. She highlighted the weekly senior bingo's popularity at the Chabolla Community Center, which draws about 87 participants every Monday. Prize costs have also risen.

New initiatives such as Walk in the Park and Talk with a Commissioner have helped strengthen community ties, according to Werblun. Thursday workshops have educated seniors on issues including scams targeting older residents.

Looking ahead, the commission wants to sponsor a booth at the Galt Market and launch a lottery system allowing residents to hold garage sales there, offering both extra income and space to declutter.

Planning Commission Chair Dan Denier also delivered his annual report, reviewing the commission's work over the past fiscal year. The commission's role is to align development projects with the city's General Plan and ordinances, Denier emphasized, adding that the commissioners have been busy revising architectural plans for new developments.

Vice Mayor Paul Sandhu, a former planning commissioner, thanked Denier for his service. Mayor Shawn Farmer added his appreciation, noting that commissioners are often "in the trenches" of critical decisions that shape Galt's future growth.

Denier, in turn, credited city staff for their support and praised the expertise of current commissioners.

During public comment, resident and former Commission on Aging board member Bob Balliet introduced the Helping

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Galt High Alumna Takes Local Win



Galt High School alumna Kaya Weaver, right, took a win with her University of Texas, El Paso (UTEP) volleyball team at the Sacramento State Invitational Volleyball Tournament Aug. 29 to 31. Courtesy photos

By Mikka Alvarez

GALT, CA (MPG) - Galt High School alumna Kaya Weaver returned to California over the Labor Day weekend with her University of Texas, El Paso (UTEP) volleyball team to compete in the Sacramento State Invitational Volleyball Tournament.

The Miners were crowned champions after victories over Sacramento State 3-0 (25-17, 25-16, 25-17), Pepperdine 3-0 (25-21, 26-24, 25-23)

and UC Davis 3-1 (23-25, 25-18, 25-22, 26-24).

When asked about the tournament Weaver said, "The amount of people that came each game helped us a lot. It felt like we were playing at home in a way. Especially against Sac State. It felt like we had more people in there for us than them. It was so much fun."

Weaver's hometown cheering section witnessed her 20 kills and 10

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Galt High School alumna Kaya Weaver plays on the University of Texas, El Paso volleyball team.



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Responsibility: Character Trait of Focus for September, October

Galt Community of Character Coalition News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - For the Galt community, responsibility stands as the character trait of focus each September and October, a tradition dating back to 2007.

That year, residents of Galt chose six fundamental character traits to strengthen families and nurture a better community.

Since then, the Galt Community of Character Coalition has worked to promote these values, supporting efforts to foster character and share stories of local role models.

The Importance of Responsibility

Responsibility, a key value for honorable living, is vital both for personal growth and community improvement. It means fulfilling our duties and holding ourselves accountable for our actions. Those who embrace responsibility earn a reputation for dependability and trustworthiness.

Types of Responsibility

Legal Responsibility: Gerald Johnson, a journalist, once stated, "No man was ever endowed with a right without being at the same time saddled with a responsibility."

Legal responsibility asks us to respect the laws and regulations of our community, state and country.

Personal Responsibility: Philosopher Jim Rohn

wrote, "You must take personal responsibility. You cannot change the circumstances, the seasons or the wind, but you can change yourself."

Each person decides to act with good character, taking ownership of their choices and actions.

Family Responsibility: Caring for family means treating loved ones with respect and doing our best to support them. Psychologist Albert Ellis summed it up: "The best years of your life are the ones in which you decide your problems are your own. You do not blame them on your mother, the ecology, or the president. You realize that you control your own destiny."

Teaching responsibility within families builds stronger individuals and families, which create stronger communities.

Moral Responsibility: Moral responsibility includes how we treat people, animals and the environment. It calls us to care, defend, help, build, protect, preserve and sustain.

Participating in community activities and making informed choices are also part of shared moral responsibility.

Community Responsibility

Living responsibly means treating others fairly and caring for the environment.

Community responsibility includes going the extra mile: picking up litter, joining fundraising events, staying informed

and voting in elections. These actions benefit both ourselves and the wider community.

Get Involved

If you feel inspired to support moral and community responsibility, the Galt Community of Character Coalition welcomes your help.

Nominate a Role Model of Responsibility: If you know someone who exemplifies responsibility, consider nominating them for the Galt Character Award for Responsibility for 2025.

The coalition is looking for individuals, groups, or organizations who set positive examples in their everyday lives.

To submit a nomination, mail information to Galt Character Coalition, PO Box 902, Galt, CA 95632 or email Mari Martinez at marimartinez2323@gmail.com.

When submitting a nomination, include the nominee's full name, address, email address and phone number.

In addition, provide a brief explanation of how this person or group demonstrates responsibility, including specific examples to illustrate their contributions.

Be sure to also include your own full name, address, phone number, and email address with the submission.

The deadline for nominations is Oct. 31. ★

Police Partner with Schools to Promote E-Bike Safety



Galt Police Department's Youth Services Unit and Bike Unit are visiting schools across the city, giving presentations designed to make sure students understand how to ride safely and legally. Photos courtesy of Galt Police Department

Galt Police Department News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Police Department has teamed up with local school districts to help educate the youth and their parents in our community about the laws and safety practices surrounding e-bikes and e-scooters.

The department's Youth Services Unit and Bike Unit are visiting schools across the city, giving presentations designed to make sure students understand how to ride safely and legally.

The focus is education first. The Galt Police Department is committed to working with juveniles and their parents to ensure everyone is informed, safe and able to follow the law while enjoying these popular ways of getting around.



The focus of the Galt Police Department is to educate youth and their parents first, to ensure everyone is informed, safe and able to follow the law while enjoying these popular ways of getting around.

For more information on the laws pertaining to e-bikes and e-scooters, visit bit.ly/41MEbd7. ★



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Life-Saving Fight Against Stigma

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life-altering diagnosis: attenuated familial adenomatous polyposis, or AFAP, a hereditary colon-cancer mutation. He had no symptoms or family history.

“Both sides of the Shockley family, we have no idea where it came from,” he said.

A colonoscopy at the VA hospital in Oahu, Hawaii, led to genetic testing at Tripler Army Medical Center, which confirmed the diagnosis. The mutation was first identified by the late Dr. Henry T. Lynch, regarded as the founding father of hereditary cancer research. Shockley even met Lynch, who reviewed his case.

Doctors told Shockley that surgery was the only option, since untreated polyps carried a 100% chance of developing into colon cancer. He needed an ileostomy, a surgery that creates an opening, or stoma, in the abdomen to allow waste to exit the body when the colon or rectum cannot function properly.

“My mindset is, I tend not to think about things I’m not able to control, such as medical issues, but I can control my positive attitude,” said Shockley.

Shockley leaned on his military mindset to face the diagnosis and the surgery’s lifelong implications.

“The Marines’ mantra is adapt, improvise and overcome,” he said. “When I got diagnosed, I immediately went into battle mode in a positive way because I wanted to be able to take this on.”

Shockley underwent a six-hour surgery to remove a large tumor and now lives with a permanent ostomy.

He joked with his doctors, asking, “Did you find everything you were looking for?” and used humor to positively cope with the situation.

Thirteen years later, Shockley no longer faces the threat of colon cancer and calls himself a hereditary colon cancer syndrome warrior.

“I go about my life like I don’t have it,” said Shockley

He continues long-term care at Stanford Cancer Center and undergoes surveillance every other year. Shockley also shares his story and genetic results with medical students nationwide at universities including Rutgers, Michigan, Vanderbilt and Stanford.

Shockley formed a close bond with Moss, his first ostomy nurse at the VA hospital in Mather. Together, they lead an awareness campaign to help reduce stigma around living with an ostomy and to emphasize the importance of early colon cancer detection.

Moss told The Galt Herald that there is a shortage of ostomy nurses, with about 6,000 nationwide compared to an estimated 750,000 to 1 million patients. Certified ostomy nurses, she said, prepare patients for the lifelong care required.

She emphasized that stigma could leave some patients feeling isolated,



Dan “Dry Dock” Schockley, left, is pictured with California State Senator Roger Niello. Courtesy photo

limiting themselves from social experiences.

“There are many ostomates who end up being homebound, not because of physics but because of emotion,” she said.

Moss also explained how the stigma often stems from cultural taboos.

“We don’t like to talk about the bathroom,” she said. “All of a sudden, you have this external pouch you’re wearing, and once you become accustomed to it, it very much becomes part of your life... it’s the fear of what others are going to think about it.”

A common problem is patients not knowing where to find help or what devices are available, Moss said, since every ostomate is different. Families might also be unprepared for aftercare, she said, recalling a veteran whose wife managed his care until she fell ill. Their adult children had never been taught to help their father who was an ostomate.

“So it’s a matter of sharing that part of yourself that other people may not understand,” Moss said. “There are lots of things that make it difficult to talk about and that’s the part that I think is really important, where people like Dan are really good about being open and sharing.”

In 2023, Shockley’s advocacy led to a California Senate concurrent resolution recognizing Oct. 7 as Ostomy Awareness Day. The resolution aligned with World Ostomy Day, observed every three years by the United Ostomy Associations of America.

On June 23, Senate Concurrent Resolution 73 was passed to establish June 16 to 22 as Familial Adenomatous Polyposis Awareness Week, the first in the country to pass as a resolution rather than a proclamation, Shockley said.

Sen. Roger Niello, who carried the resolution, said the effort is about compassion and visibility.

“It is important to foster understanding, reduce stigma and build

a supportive community for those living with an ostomy,” Niello said. “With recognition such as this one, I hope people remember that compassion for our friends and neighbors with health challenges starts here at home.”

Niello credited Shockley for inspiring the resolution.

“Mr. Shockley is the one that reached out to me and educated me about World Ostomy Day and I was inspired by the strength and resilience of individuals like him,” Niello said. “Many quietly navigate life with courage, and honoring this mission is my way of standing beside them and helping others see the dignity in their journey.”

When asked what advice he would give to someone newly diagnosed or preparing for ostomy surgery, Shockley said to be proactive.

“Ask lots of questions and talk to the medical professionals that are readily available that know about it... You know the old saying, there is no such thing as a stupid question,” Shockley said.

He also advises patients to contact the United Ostomy Associations of America, which offers resources online and by phone.

Shockley said his goal is to continue raising awareness and destigmatizing ostomies, carrying forward the legacy of Dr. Lynch.

“He was still researching up until a month before he passed away,” Shockley said. “When he passed away, I decided my focus needed to be educating medical students, virtually or in person, to continue his legacy.”

Now, Shockley and Moss are working with Niello on a third state Senate resolution recognizing World Ostomy Day on Oct. 4, observed every three years on the first Saturday in October.

More information and resources are available at the Carmichael Ostomy Association at coastomy.org and the United Ostomy Associations of America at ostomy.org. ★

Galt Police Vehicles Display Ribbons for Suicide Prevention

Galt Police Department News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, a time to shed light on a topic that impacts so many lives but is often left unspoken.

To show our support, patrol vehicles will display Suicide Awareness ribbon magnets throughout the month.

These ribbons are more than symbols, they are reminders that no one should face their struggles alone. Mental health matters and starting the conversation can save a life.

If you or someone you know is in crisis, don’t hesitate to reach out.

Call or text 988 to connect with the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline which is available 24/7.

Together, we can break the silence, support one another and spread hope. ★



Galt Police Department patrol vehicles will display Suicide Awareness ribbon magnets throughout the month of September. Photo courtesy of Galt Police Department

Council Approves Home-Buying Assistance Program

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Hand Association (HHA), where he serves as vice president. The nonprofit organization supports seniors, veterans and others in need across Galt and surrounding communities.

“Our present focus is on the seniors residing in the city’s low-income complexes,” Balliet said.

He urged the council to consider solutions presented in a proposed ordinance drafted by Helping Hand Association.

The ordinance calls for senior housing complexes to hold city business licenses, making them accountable to local codes. Violators could risk having their licenses revoked, which Balliet said would help protect “the safety, dignity and respect of this vulnerable part of the city’s residents.”

Helping Hand Association President Paul Salinas said the group was formed after hearing repeated concerns from seniors during his volunteer work with the Commission on Aging. Some residents fear retaliation if they report maintenance problems or alleged abuse, according to Salinas.

“It is HHA’s understanding, rightly or wrongly, that senior tenants of an apartment complex are being intimidated from complaining, in fear of eviction,” Salinas said.

Salinas voiced support for the proposed ordinance, noting that while neither he nor Balliet are attorneys, they drew inspiration from similar measures in cities including Los Angeles, Berkeley, Santa Monica and Stockton.

“We’re not seeking rental control or creating barriers to an owner’s right to a free-market environment,” Salinas said. “What HHA seeks is a place that is safe, meets building



Galt City Council received updates and public feedback on senior programs and a proposed employee housing incentive at its Sept. 2 meeting.

code standards and provides a healthy, safe and crime-free environment.”

Councilmember Tim Reed requested the issue be added to the next agenda for further discussion.

The main City Council meeting discussion centered on a new Home Buying Assistance Program presented by Galt Human Resources director Tricia Cobey. The program sets aside \$250,000 from the city budget to provide forgivable loans of up to \$25,000 for full-time city employees purchasing a home in Galt.

The program was designed to address workforce challenges, Cobey said, noting that the city experienced a 20% turnover rate in 2024. Turnover not only leads to costly and time-consuming hiring processes but also lowers employee morale and disrupts city services, Cobey said.

By encouraging long-term commitment, the program is intended to improve retention and strengthen investment in Galt’s workforce.

Some councilmembers raised concerns about repayment if employees leave before the loans are forgiven. Farmer questioned whether the incentives were strong enough to encourage employees to stay and pushed for a longer probationary period. Sandhu agreed and said that repayment could be difficult if

someone quits soon after receiving funds.

Farmer also raised concerns about the lack of interest tied to the loans, suggesting that in the event of default, the city should be able to recoup more than just the principal.

“I just don’t think anyone can go get money from anywhere without some kind of interest rate, and here we are offering to loan people money at no interest rate and forgive the entire loan, which is awesome,” Farmer said. “I like the idea behind it. But, if it doesn’t go well for us, I want some kind of safety net.”

City attorney Frank Splendorio clarified that the agreements already include repayment provisions but said penalty interest could be added in cases of default.

Public commenters suggested prioritizing departments with the highest turnover and allowing commuting employees to establish homes in Galt.

City Manager Chris Erias and Reed called the program an investment in employees, while Farmer reiterated his duty to safeguard taxpayer money.

City Council voted 4-0 to approve the program with two changes: defaulted loans will accrue interest at the market rate at the time of default, and staff will return with a progress report and recommendations if the program needs any modification. ★

Galt High Alumna Takes Local Win

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blocks over the three matches including the match point vs. Sac State on Friday night. Entering her senior season, Weaver has been named the Conference USA (CUSA) Preseason Player of the Year, as voted on by the conference’s head coaches.

Last season, the middle blocker was named Defensive Player of the Year, First Team All-Conference honors and was selected to the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Southwest All-Region First Team.

Additionally, Weaver was on the CUSA Commissioner’s Academic Honor Roll.

As a Warrior, Weaver earned All-League selections as well as All-League MVP in the Sierra Valley Conference. She was a

four-year Varsity starter and was named Defensive Player of the Year as a freshman, Offensive Player of the year as a sophomore and Junior and Most Valuable Player as a senior.

With 13 returning athletes, University of Texas, El Paso added four freshmen and one transfer looking to surpass last season’s record-setting achievement of its first bid to the NCAA tournament, finishing 27-6 overall.

The Miners next play was expected to take place at Southwest Showdown in Edinburg, Texas, on Sept. 4 vs. Texas A&M, Corpus Christi.

Mikka Alvarez is the athletic director assistant at Galt High School and is head coach for varsity softball and junior varsity volleyball. ★

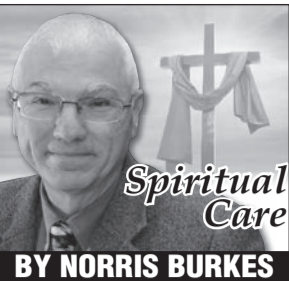
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What if You Knew How You Were Going to Die?



tests and vision tests. All the while he was nodding, spouting numbers and mumbling approving words like “good” or “OK.”

He closed the file with a smile, so I ventured a guess.

“Am I good to go to Saudi?”

“Yes, but there’s been a recent increase in your blood pressure, so I’m prescribing some medications.”

My face flushed with obvious concern, so he took a more optimistic tack.

“Look at it this way,” he said. “At least you know how you’re going to die.”

“Excuse me?” I begged.

“Most likely a doctor will one day write ‘hypertension’ on your death certificate,” he declared.

I rubbed my eyes, in hopes of dismissing the grim reaper I saw draped in a white lab coat.

However, not to be dissuaded by my shaking head, Doc assured me that any thoughts I was having of an early demise were “greatly exaggerated.”

With some enthusiasm, he added that my problem would be defined as “service-related. That means that one day your wife, Becky, will get a nice death benefit – all because of your hypertension.”

“Bless your heart!” I said. (Southerners know what this means.)

He was predicting a silver lining in my death, but I didn’t want to hear it. After all, I was planning to live a long life in a beachside home with my officer’s retirement.

My thinking was much like the greedy farmer Jesus mentioned in the parable found in Luke

12:16–21.

The farmer was so successful that he built new barns to store his abundant crops. With his retirement set, the farmer told himself, “Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”

The story concludes with God prematurely calling the farmer to the pearly gates, leaving all his crops to spoil in the cavernous barns.

Then Jesus added his punch line: “That’s what happens when you fill your barn with Self and not with God.”

These days, nearly every time I strap on a blood pressure cuff, I think about the survival odds quoted by that doctor. That cuff reminds me that although my earthly life is finite, God’s love is infinite, and God always gives better odds.

However, knowing how I might die has changed the way I live. I exercise regularly, eat better and take my medications. But most importantly, Becky no longer has to see me as a potential dollar sign from a VA pension.

CORRECTION: Last week, I misspelled the Amazon website where you can donate supplies to Chispa Project. Our Amazon Wishlist for the back-to-school season is <https://go.chispaproject.org/supplies> (Do not use “WWW”).

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MEMORIAL

TAMI VERLEE BARBEE • 03/27/1962 - 08/15/2025

Tami Verlee Barbee, 63, took her last breath peacefully on August 15, 2025, after a five-year difficult journey with dementia. She is preceded in death by her father, Ronald Lyen, and is survived by her mother, Billie Lewis; stepfather, John

Buchanan Sr.; siblings Randy Lyen, Jodie Lyen, Ron Lyen, John (Cheri) Buchanan, and Don (Athena) Buchanan; her children, Sarah (J) Kensing and Joshua Grinstead; and her grandchildren, Kelcie and Tristan Kensing. Her ashes were

scattered at Cherokee Memorial Park in Lodi, where her name can be found on the 12th pole, 12th position. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her, with gratitude that her struggle is over and her spirit is free.



MEMORIAL

DOLORES JEAN NEFF KELLEY • 02/14/1932 - 08/21/2025

Dolores Jean Neff Kelley, aged 93, passed away on August 21, 2025, in Methodist Hospital, Sacramento, CA. Born on February 14, 1932, Dolores led a life marked by kindness, generosity, and a deep commitment to her family and community.

Dolores’s early education took place in a one-room school on Franklin Blvd, sparking a lifelong love for learning. She later attended Galt High School and graduated from Union High in Sacramento in 1950. Dolores’s career was characterized by her roles in various service positions, from working as a fountain waitress at Hale’s Department Store to assisting the elderly in their homes. Her work at Richmaid Ice Cream and Restaurant, Campbell Soup Company, and Thornton Cannery highlighted her dedication and hardworking nature. She was PTA president, an elected official on the Galt Fire District, which lead to president of the Regional Fire Board. She was also served as president of the Galt Women’s Club. She enjoyed giving back to her community.

Beyond her professional and volunteer life, Dolores was passionate about genealogy, tracing family histories back to



the 1700s. She enjoyed traveling extensively with her husband James and friends, exploring Mexico, camping at various lakes, and meeting distant relatives. Dolores and James were also involved in real estate, buying and selling local properties, and they raised guinea pigs and calves, which brought them much joy.

Dolores’s life was enriched by her extensive family. She is survived by her brothers Jack, Forrest, Bill, Bob, and Cecil Neff, and sister Margaret (Neff) Hanno; daughter Kathy (Randy) Kirchof; grandchildren Tommy Kirchof and Jennifer (Dan) Foster; and great-grandchildren

Rustin, Coltin, Karter, Callie, and Savannah Kirchof. She was preceded in death by her parents Rose Mae (Jones) and Joseph Thomas Neff, brother J.T. Neff, and grandson Randy Kirchof.

A small, private funeral was held on September 3, 2025, at Cherokee Memorial Cemetery, where she was laid to rest next to her beloved husband, James O. Kelley, sharing 61 years of marriage.

Dolores’s life was a testament to her loving nature and zest for adventure, leaving a legacy of cherished memories and enduring family bonds.

MEETING MINDERS

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 important is it to have a capable if not notable point guard on an NBA team?

Ask Magic Johnson, John Stockton, Steve Nash, Jason Kidd, Stephen Curry, Oscar Robertson or Isaiah Thomas and you will get an overwhelming consensus.

Even though hall of famers, John Stockton and Steve Nash have never won a championship, having a top caliber point guard does not come with any guarantees.

Nonetheless, having a court general that can distribute the basketball, all the while controlling the tempo and avoiding needless turnovers, is a recipe for winning a lot of NBA games, and that is what every one of these stalwarts were good at.

The Sacramento Kings find themselves in an uneasy position as the regular season looms just weeks away, as for the past 7 years the point guard position was the one area that provided great optimism and not concern.

Drafting DeAaron Fox will be remembered as one of the more erudite maneuvers that the organization has ever made, and as the 2025/2026 season approaches, fans and pundits alike are watching to see how the next floor general will compete and lead the Sacramento Kings.

By reaching into the trade market and acquiring journeyman Dennis Schroder, the Kings are providing the team with a proven point guard that can not only be counted on night in, and night out but also provides young players like Devin Carter and Nique Clifford, a player that can mentor their young careers.

Dennis Schroder deserves no criticism, and it's my hope that not only will he find a team that can provide him with a long-term home, but that he will flourish in his new city.

It has been difficult for fans to let go of DeAaron Fox, and I completely understand. The situation was badly handled last season, and it left a bad taste. But as the new season begins, it's critical that the fan base gives the new floor leader a vote of confidence, and I believe that is just what we can expect to see from the Sacramento base.

So, just who is Dennis Schroder? Born in Braunschweig Germany, Dennis Schroder found basketball at the age of 11, and by the age of 19 was playing professionally in Germany. Showing an entrepreneurial spirit at an early age, Schroder became the owner of the Loewen Braunschweig, a professional

team in Germany.

By 2013 Schroder had gained the attention of the NBA and was drafted 17th overall by the Atlanta Hawks, where he would carve out his young career for the next 5 years. In his last season with the Hawks Schroder scored a career-high 19.4 points per game while contributing 6.3 assists.

Over the next 7 seasons Dennis would go on the play for the Thunder, Lakers, Celtics, Raptors, Nets, Warriors, and Pistons, finally arriving in Sacramento to start the 2025/2026 campaign.

This much movement begs the question, is there something wrong, or is he just an immensely intriguing player with a wealth of experience?

I don't have the definitive answer, but I would say to those who ask, buy a ticket and come see this guy. For me he represents a complete ball player, expert at handling the basketball, able to score when needed, and an excellent passer with an unselfish spirit.

Do I think he can fit in with the Kings and provide the leadership needed to be the starting point guard. I absolutely do, and I think where other teams moved on, the Kings struck gold!

There remain many question marks as the upcoming season nears, but for me Dennis Schroder is not one of them. I believe in short order he will win over the naysayers in the cheap seats and may very well find a destination spot in Sacramento.

Defense has long been a thorn in the side of Sacramento, and Schroder has a reputation for playing tough defense. Not known for being a lock-down defender, Dennis has quick lateral ability, and his long wingspan helps make him a deflection specialist.

Keegan Murray made noticeable improvements in his defense last season, and Keon Ellis has developed into a tenacious defender. Adding a point guard that can complement these two will undoubtedly make a positive impact.

The preseason is almost upon us Kings fans, and I can't wait to see what this point guard in the prime of his career can give the Sacramento Kings.

Stay positive, because I feel that more moves are coming soon!

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

Social Security Matters

Can I Claim My Own SS Benefit Now and Get Half of My Husband's Benefit Later?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I would like to get an answer concerning taking my Social Security benefit soon and switching to my spouse's benefit when he begins to take his. I am 64 years, 9 months old and my husband is 65 years, 7 months. My benefit is low due to the fact that I did not work for about 25 years while raising our children. My benefit would be \$573 at age 65. My husband's benefit at age 67 will be \$3,326. My first question is: can I receive half of my husband's benefit once he begins drawing his? Secondly, if I draw my benefit now will that reduce the amount I can draw from his benefit later? **Signed: Ready to Collect**

Dear Uncertain: As you may know, the full retirement age (FRA) for both you and your husband is 67. If either of you claim before your FRA your monthly SS retirement amount will be permanently reduced and, if you are currently working, you will be subject to

Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET) which limits how much you can earn while collecting early benefits. The earnings limit for early filers is \$23,400 for 2025 (changes yearly) and, if that is exceeded, SS will take away some of your benefits (\$1 for every \$2 over the limit). They "take away" by withholding future payments until the penalty is satisfied.

That said, if you claim your personal SS "soon" (e.g., at age 65), you will get about 87% of the amount you would get by waiting until your FRA to claim. You would, indeed, get a "spousal boost" when your husband claims, but you would not get 50% of his age 67 amount. That's because of the way spouse benefits are calculated. When your husband claims, you will get a "spousal boost" added to your early benefit amount (\$573?). The amount of that spousal boost will be computed as 1/2 of your husband's FRA amount (e.g., \$1663), minus your FRA entitlement (likely about \$661) for a spousal boost of about \$1002. But since you won't have yet reached your FRA when your husband claims, the amount of the spousal boost will also be reduced (to about \$926), which will be added to your age 65 amount of \$573 for a total monthly spousal benefit of about \$1499.

So, the answers to your two questions are:

1. Because you claimed your Social Security retirement benefit early and won't yet be your full retirement age when your husband claims, you will not get half of your husband's benefit when he claims. You would likely get about 45% of his benefit.

2. If you take your own SS retirement benefit now, you will get a higher benefit when your husband claims, but the amount you get will be less than half of his FRA entitlement.

The only way you can get the full 50% of your husband's FRA benefit entitlement is to wait until your own full retirement age to claim Social Security.

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Lisa Cook is Wrong

Uncharacteristically for him, Donald Trump is being too modest in asserting his power over the Federal Reserve.

He's fired Lisa Cook "for cause," citing a clearly pretextual alleged mortgage infraction, when, as a constitutional matter, he should be able to fire her, or Chairman Jerome Powell, for any reason he deems appropriate.

The independence of the Federal Reserve largely rests on its status as a constitutional anomaly, exercising executive authority without being subject to the same rules as the rest of the executive branch. There are good policy reasons for this -- an independent central bank promotes monetary stability -- but the Fed has been granted, in effect, an exemption from our constitutional order for prudential reasons.

The Fed itself isn't in on the joke. Lisa Cook thinks she can't be fired and is suing to keep her job, while Jerome Powell has laughably maintained that he can't be removed from the chairmanship.

Cook can only be given a pink slip for "cause," according to the statute. "Cause" is a broad term, though. If it is interpreted the usual way, it would include a refusal to carry out a presidential directive or policy disagreements. As for Powell, there isn't even any statutory restriction on

dismissing him as chairman.

The head of the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau was also supposed to be insulated from removal thanks to a provision saying that it had to be "for cause." How did that turn out? In 2020, the Supreme Court held that such a constraint was unconstitutional.

This decision was in keeping with the Court's recent drive to vindicate the president's power to fire at will officials whose agencies carry out executive functions.

Article II of the Constitution doesn't explicitly say the president can fire executive-branch officials, but it is implied in the president's power to run the executive branch, as such Founding-era luminaries as James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson recognized.

In a 1922 Supreme Court case, Chief Justice Taft wrote for the majority that as the president's "selection of administrative officers is essential to the execution of the laws by him, so must be his power of removing those for whom he cannot continue to be responsible."

The rise of independent agencies with the New Deal and a Supreme Court decision called Humphrey's Executor, saying FDR couldn't fire at will the commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission, sent the removal power into retreat.

But the decision in the CFPB case undercut the logic of Humphrey's Executor, as have other recent decisions. In a concurrence in the CFPB case, Clarence Thomas said it wasn't clear what was left of the reason-

ing of Humphrey's. Whatever remained, he wrote, wasn't enough "to justify the numerous, unaccountable independent agencies that currently exercise vast executive power outside the bounds of our constitutional structure." That should have gotten the Fed's attention.

The Court has sidestepped the status of the Federal Reserve in its removal-power jurisprudence. But there's no legal reason that it should be considered an oasis standing apart from the Court's ruling that there is no "de facto fourth branch of government" lacking "accountability to either the president or the people."

The Fed clearly exercises executive power in its vast regulatory functions, just as the CFPB does. It promulgates rules, polices banks, and issues fines. The Court has held that if an agency exercises executive power only in a fraction of its functions, it is subject to the president's removal power.

The cleanest solution would be to pass a constitutional amendment authorizing an independent Fed or a similar entity. Short of that, the Federal Reserve's regulatory functions could be handed over to another executive agency (although core monetary functions of the Fed also may be executive in nature).

The Supreme Court will surely be reluctant to grasp the nettle on the Fed. Yet, there's little doubt that, on the legal merits, Lisa Cook should be sending out her resume.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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New California Law to Make Housing Projects Easier, Cost More



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Two months ago, Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislators from both parties celebrated enacting landmark legislation to remove the California Environmental Quality Act as an impediment to new housing construction.

Lopsided votes in the Legislature for Assembly Bill 130 and Newsom's immediate signature seemingly ended decades of debate over how the environmental law, signed by then-Gov. Ronald Reagan more than 50 years ago, was being used to delay or kill residential developments.

"Saying 'no' to housing in my community will no longer be state sanctioned," said Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, an Oakland Democrat who has long advocated for CEQA reform. "This isn't going to solve all of our housing problems in the state, but it is going to remove the single biggest impediment to building environmentally friendly housing."

Newsom took obvious pleasure in achieving what had eluded other governors, including predecessor Jerry Brown, who once described overhauling CEQA as "the lord's work."

As Newsom signed the measure into law he thanked legislators and housing, labor and environmental leaders "who heeded my call and

came together around a common goal — to build more housing faster and create strong, affordable pathways for every Californian.

"Today's bill is a game changer which will be felt for generations to come," he said.

While AB130 does remove CEQA as a weapon for labor unions and opponents of high-density projects to stall construction, there's a provision buried in the lengthy bill that could create a new impediment.

Two sections, 137 pages in, declare that if a residential project has "significant transportation impact," local governments or regional agencies can impose fees to "mitigate the transportation impact to a less than significant level by helping to fund or otherwise facilitating vehicle miles traveled-efficient affordable housing or related infrastructure projects..."

The so-called vehicle miles traveled, or VMT, fees are "a new housing tax families simply cannot afford," the California Building Industry Association publicly complained, adding that impact fees are already major factors in housing costs.

Local traffic impact fees are not new. In fact, a dispute over a \$23,420 traffic mitigation fee imposed nine years ago for a factory-built house in El Dorado County is still pending after going all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

However, AB 130 appears to broaden the potential use of these fees not only for roadway improvements, but also to pay for low-income housing projects throughout the state by contributing to the state's Transit-OrientedDevelopment

Implementation Fund.

Drafting AB 130's CEQA language was a complex process involving multiple stakeholders, not only housing advocates but environmental groups that often employ CEQA to slow or kill major public and private developments and labor unions, which have used the threat of CEQA lawsuits to compel developers to use union workers. The latter issue was a major hang-up that required last-minute amendments to the measure.

The language about traffic fees was never mentioned in analyses of the bill nor in the debates that preceded legislative passage. It's another example of how such budget trailer bills are used by governors and legislators to enact major legislation on the sly, with little or no public airing of the issues.

Trailer bills often contain language that has little or nothing to do with the budget and are often fleshed out just hours before enactment. Under the guise of being budget-related, the bills can be passed with simple majority floor votes, take effect immediately upon being signed by the governor and cannot be taken to voters via referendum.

Those factors make trailer bills convenient vehicles for legislation that might not survive close scrutiny. Newsom has been especially willing to utilize them for his legislative priorities.

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

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Stand Up to Cancer — It's the Only Way to Knock It Down!

According to the website daysoftheyear.com, the first Friday of September we champion against a formidable adversary, uniting in an unwavering strength to combat an illness that tests the very essence of humanity. As one of the leading causes of death in the world, cancer has been wreaking havoc on humans for centuries. But now is the time to fight back in honor of Stand Up to Cancer Day!

Sadly, cancer is a disease that has existed for several thousand years. Although it might have been around since the beginning of human history, the first documented case comes from ancient Egypt. The case is written about a papyrus from 1500 BC and describes a woman with a breast tumor that was probably cancerous. As medicine continues to evolve in the modern era, finding a cure for various types of cancer has often been a topic of research. As treatments continue to advance, such as radiology, chemotherapy, immunology and more, the hope for those who have cancer continues to improve. Much research has gone into the work of understanding what causes various types of cancer, as well as learning about early diagnosis markers



so people can act preventatively. This includes campaigns to reduce lung cancer by encouraging people to quit smoking, reducing breast cancer with mammogram screenings, and catching colon cancer early by promoting early colonoscopies.

But the only way that scientists and the medical community can continue their research is if they have the financial backing to do it. And that's where Stand Up to Cancer Day comes in. In 2007, the Stand Up to Cancer organization was formed by several women whose lives had been affected by cancer. By 2021, Stand Up to Cancer had raised more than \$746 million for cancer research, and that number continues to grow. Not only has it raised money, but it has brought together more than 2,000 of the world's best scientists. The purpose is for these scientists and professionals to collaborate in an effort to

end cancer's place as the leading cause of death worldwide.

How can you help, you ask? Be an advocate speaking for those who are not able. Ensure that the needs of patients are always at the forefront. Help the cancer community to navigate this road that is often difficult, bridging the gap between medical research and the human elements of cancer. Volunteer: Many organizations offer practical help that cancer patients may need. In addition to medical care from doctors and hospitals, cancer patients often also need support for their communities. This can include delivering meals, driving patients to and from appointments, offering emotional support or counseling, and providing housing or lodging when away from home while getting treatment. Or just be the person that listens to their woes, their cares and wants. Be that person who cares ... and who brings them a chocolate milkshake.

That's correct, a chocolate milkshake. Because today is also Chocolate Milkshake Day. Rich creamy and indulgent, the milkshake is perhaps one of the world's most perfect dessert foods. Cold enough to take the chill off on a

hot summer's day, smooth enough to be enjoyed through a straw and thick enough to provide a satisfying weight to the tongue. But then it is taken to another level and made with chocolate? Well, that's just pure perfection that no one can argue with.

The milkshake we know came about in 1922 when the electric mixer was invented. The story goes that a Walgreens employee in Chicago got a little crazy and decided to put two scoops of ice cream in a chocolate malt, which was made using the electric mixer. It quickly caught on and the rest is milkshake history. I see a chocolate milkshake in my future.

Yesterday was Patriots Day, a day of remembrance for those who left home for the Twin Towers, on Flight 93 outside of Shanksville, Pennsylvania, or were valiant heroes who sacrificed their lives that fateful day for the safety of others and never to return to their homes again. Let us not forget and be reminded to say a prayer tonight for the survivors.

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

County Revises Approved 2025-26 Budget

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on Sept. 3 to revise the approved budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

The \$9.2 billion Revised Recommended Budget included an increase of \$239 million in total appropriations from the \$8.9 billion Recommended Budget that the board approved in June.

The increases included a \$16-million increase in General Fund appropriations and a \$223-million increase in appropriations in other funds, resulting primarily from re-budgeting of capital projects and other contractual expenditures and including



\$529,000 in non-General Fund growth.

Additional growth in the revised recommended budget includes total appropriations of \$4 million in Net County Cost and 16 full-time equivalent positions.

Re the Sheriff's Department's Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) Expansion, \$0.5 million Net County Cost is recommended to fund one full-time equivalent Sheriff Sergeant and four full-time

equivalent Deputy Sheriff positions needed for the expansion of the IOP program to comply with the Mays consent decree.

Re the Correctional Health Services — IOP Expansion, \$1.8 million Net County Cost is recommended to increase the UC Davis mental health services contract for five months of expanded IOP operations during Fiscal Year 2025-26 and to provide funding required Fiscal Year 2025-26 Revised Recommended Budget for one-time capital improvements needed at the Rio Consumnes Correctional Center.

Re Health Services - Behavioral Health Services Act, \$1.4 million of state funding will add nine full-time equivalent positions to provide administrative

support for Behavioral Health Services Act mandates.

Re Public Defender - State Prison Unit, \$0.5 million of state funding will add two limited term full-time equivalent positions in the department's state prison unit.

During the hearings, the Board of Supervisors approved a one-time General Fund contribution of \$10 million to the Roads Fund from Service Stability Reserves and a one-time General Fund contribution of \$17,980 to Regional Parks from Service Stability Reserves and \$7,020 from Parks Revenues for a Zodiac Boat.

For more, see bdm.saccounty.gov/FY2025-26BudgetInformation/Pages/default.aspx. ★

Sacramento Zoo

Unveils 'Quack Tracks'

Sacramento Zoo News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Zoo is excited to announce the official return of "Quack Tracks," an interactive, family-friendly experience sponsored by Quick Quack Car Wash.

Starting on Sept. 13, guests can take part in this quack-tastic scavenger hunt, featuring painted yellow duck footprints that guide guests through the zoo on a nostalgic journey of discovery.

The zoo will host an official unveiling event on Saturday, Sept. 13. Festivities begin at 9:30

a.m. on the zoo's entrance plaza. Children will have the chance to win duck-themed prizes and follow an animal scavenger hunt.

"Quack Tracks" begin at the zoo's entrance and waddle their way through select animal exhibits, culminating near the American alligator habitat.

As they follow the path of duck prints, participants will use the Goose Chase app to answer trivia questions about the animals they pass. For the official unveiling on Sept. 13, children who have completed the scavenger hunt can stop by the zoo's entrance to receive a Sacramento Zoo duck print sticker. ★

ABOUT TOWN

Continuing 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 now evolved into a four-day event filled with great entertainment, food, vendors, competitive exhibits, carnival, wine tasting, and so much more. Full schedule, tickets and more information 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 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.

NorCal Chopper Show — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Olde Lockeford Winery. Enjoy classic custom choppers, Millerbuilt cycles, dream rides and a performance bike show. Bike show awards at 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact info@41live.com. 12470 Locke Road, Lockeford.

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 cityofgalt.org for updates.

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. This fundraiser is riding into Lodi, bringing a heartwarming blend of country charm and community spirit,

all supporting Hospice of San Joaquin's vital work. 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 join us for an evening full of music, food and fun. Enjoy live bands, food trucks, car show and more. Meet and greet our businesses as we celebrate the revitalization of C Street. More information at 209-366-7115.

Saturday, Sept. 20

PALS Haven 2025 Rescue Brew Fundraiser — noon to 4 p.m. at Five Window Beer Company. Get ready to raise a glass for a good cause. PALS Haven is a no-kill, nonprofit organization founded in 2004 to save the lives of abandoned dogs and cats. Throughout August, pet lovers shared their furry friends' photos on social media, each entry doubling as a fundraiser to support PALS Haven. Votes poured in, tails wagged and now fundraisers will see their pets' smiling faces featured on a special edition four-pack of Five Window craft beer. Join us in celebrating the finalists, enjoying fresh pours and supporting local rescue efforts. 9 W. Locust St., Lodi.

2025 Annual Photography Show Reception and Award Presentation — 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Lodi Community Art Center. Congratulations to the 2025 photography show accepted entrants. Show runs Friday, Sept. 5 through Sunday, Sept. 28. 110 W. Pine St., Lodi.

Sunday, Sept. 21

Guided Walk at the Cosumnes River Preserve — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Discover the stories and secrets of the beautiful Cosumnes River while enjoying the serene surroundings of the preserve. Register at Eventbrite.com. 13501 Franklin Blvd.

Stephens Yacht Rendezvous — all day

at Village West Marina. Come see this gathering of Stephens and other classic yachts at one of the premier resorts in the California Delta. For more information, text 916-869-9141. 6649 Embarcadero Drive, Stockton.

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 benefiting 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, 14177 Market St.

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

Saturday, Sept. 13: Read to a dog, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Come read to some PAW-some pooches. School-age readers are invited to read to furry and friendly canine volunteers and their trainers. (G)

Wednesday, Sept. 17: 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. 18: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (WG)

Friday, Sept. 19: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G) English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G) Bad art night for adults: pinch pots, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Join us for a no-pressure creative evening with all supplies provided, mocktails served and neighbors to meet. (WG)

Wednesday, Sept. 24: 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. 25: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (WG)

Friday, Sept. 26: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G) English conversation

group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Call 916-264-2920 or 800-561-4636 for more information on any of these events.

Veterans Meetings

American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units — fourth Wednesday each month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m. Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Next meeting will be Sept. 24. Breakfast: second Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave.

American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 — general meetings the fourth Thursday each month at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Dinner at 6 p.m. Next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 25. Post 233 Family Breakfast, first Saturday each month at 9 a.m., Mimi's Café, corner of Laguna Boulevard and West Stockton Boulevard (just off Highway 99). For more information, call Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H.

Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 233 — first Monday each month at 5:45 p.m. at the Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

SAVE THE DATE: Oct. 11, Post 233 will host its annual fundraiser at District56. Please email egpost233@gmail.com for more information.

Marine Corps League Detachment #1238 — first Thursday each month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

VFW Post 2073 — second Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District56 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. Open to cars, trucks, bicycles, motorcycles and anything else with wheels. Next event is Saturday, Sept. 13. 1000 C St.

Galt Saturday Market — First Saturday of every month, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fourth Street Promenade. Visit with local artisans, shop handmade crafts, and enjoy a variety of cuisine from yummy food trucks! Next market is Saturday, Oct. 4. ★

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV018578

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

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 22, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: August 6, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: August 22, 29 Sept 5, 12, 2025
CHANDLER 9-12-25

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

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

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: August 15, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: August 29 Sept 5, 12, 19, 2025
RIVERA 9-19-25

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 grant-

ing 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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DURYEA 9-19-25

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.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at 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 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion.

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 plaintiffs 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
SAUSEDA 9-26-25

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 call (949) 776-4697 or visit this Internet Website https://prestigepostandpub.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-14799. 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 Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: 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 may 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 (949) 776-4697, or visit this internet website https://prestigepostandpub.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-14799 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 45 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: 8/21/2025 Prestige Default Services, LLC 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California

92705 Questions: 949-427-2010 Sale Line: (949) 776-4697 Patricia Sanchez Foreclosure Manager PPP #25-005842
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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, express 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 45 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 17100 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
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District intends to conduct a Public Hearing on October 15, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. to consider a resolution concerning the approval of the District's School Facility Needs Analysis and adoption of school facility fees on residential development pursuant to Government Code Section 65995.5. The Public Hearing shall be held at the Galt Civic Center, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California. The School Facility Needs Analysis for the proposed school facilities fees is on file in the Business Services Office and is available for public review. Members of the public are invited to provide comment at the Public Hearing, or, in writing, which is received on or before October 13, 2025. Any person challenging in court the decision made at the conclusion of the Public Hearing may be limited to raising only those issues raised at such hearing or in correspondence delivered to the school district prior to the close of such hearing. Information on this matter may be obtained at the offices of the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District located at 1018 C Street Suite 210, Galt, California 95632-2090 or by contacting the District at (209) 744-4550.
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One Weekend, World of Flavors

Terra Madre Americas Culinary & Cultural Festival

By Idaly Valencia

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Experience the flavors of the Americas at a first-of-its-kind event when Terra Madre Americas is in Sacramento from Sept. 26 to Sept. 28.

Presented by Visit Sacramento and Slow Food, the weekend will be dedicated to showcasing the diverse flavors and traditions of Sacramento and cultures from around the globe.

The Terra Madre Salone del Gusto, Slow Food's premier international festival, is held every other year in Italy, where farmers, chefs and food lovers gather to promote good, clean and fair food for all.

Inspired by that festival, Terra Madre Americas will bring food and drink tastings, live music, chef demonstrations, educational panels, artisan vendors and family-friendly activities to Sacramento.

Apart from certain ticketed/reserved experiences, the festival entrance is free and open to all ages.

Whether you're a cook, farmer or just a food lover, Terra Madre Americas is an opportunity to learn and connect with the cultural background behind the food that is being enjoyed.

Grand Tasting
The Grand Tasting, a separately-ticketed event, will kick off the weekend from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 26 and feature tastings from more than 20 chefs, along with craft drinks and live entertainment.

Local chefs who will participate include



Presented by Visit Sacramento and Slow Food, Terra Madre Americas will be dedicated to showcasing the diverse flavors and traditions of Sacramento and cultures from around the globe Sept. 26 to Sept. 28 at SAFE Credit Union Convention Center, 1401 K St., Sacramento.

Rebecca Campbell of Sac City Brews, Pedro Depina of The 7th Street Standard, Craig Takehara of Binchoyaki, Michael Fagnoni of Hawks Public House and Nina Curtis of Plant-ish & Co.

General admission is \$125 and includes two drinks with unlimited tastings. The experience is limited to ages 21 and older.

Live Music at the Golden 1 Stage

The Golden 1 Live Music Stage, located at 14th and I streets, will host free performances Sept. 27 and Sept. 28 where attendees can listen to the contemporary sound of national headliner performers to standout local talent.

Acts include deejay

NESS, Son Café, hot-plug, Jon Wiilde, Zephyr, Passion Pit (solo acoustic), Jade Bird, Spoon, The War on Drugs, deejay Lady Char and Big Head Todd and the Monsters.

Performances on Sept. 27 will be from noon to 8:20 p.m. and from noon to 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 28. For set times, visit TerraMadreUSA.com.

Visit Sacramento curated a playlist for attendees to get a sneak peek of the music that will be heard at Terra Madre Americas festival on Spotify at bit.ly/41CSL6U (case sensitive).

Marketplace and Outdoor Vendors

The Terra Madre Americas Marketplace, presented by UC Davis

Health, will be open to all attendees to shop with local and international vendors offering coffee, spirits, meats, cheeses, seafood, produce and other products.

There will also be outdoor vendors featuring some of the best of Sacramento's flavor with food, locally made beers and wines, handmade goods, interactive exhibits and more.

Educational Panels

Free workshops and panels will be held at the convention center covering topics such as globalized food systems, access to food, biodiversity and indigenous perspectives.

Sessions include "Food as Relationship: Reimagining the Future



Celebrity chef Alice Waters is one of the many world-renowned culinary talents participating at the Terra Madres America festival from Sept. 26 to Sept. 28 at the downtown SAFE Credit Union Convention Center, 1401 K St., Sacramento. Photos courtesy of Terra Madre Americas

Through Connection," "What Is Specialty Coffee," "Cacao in a Cup: Traditions from Brazil, Mexico and Ecuador" and a Wilton Rancheria discussion. Seating is first-come, first-served.

Enoteca Wine Lounge

The Enoteca, presented by Bank of America, will offer wine tastings from North and South America, emphasizing the stories and traditions that are behind each pour.

Terra Madre Americas Bistro

Sponsored by SMUD, the Terra Madre Americas Bistro will present three-course meals curated by world-renowned chefs on Sept. 27 and 28. This reservation-only dining experience ranges from \$55 to \$80, with optional wine pairings for \$25.

On Sept. 27, chef line-up includes Matthew Beaudin, Drew Deckman and Elizabeth Falkner. Dishes featured in their dining experience vary from an Ora King Salmon Tartare, a Dubai Croissant, Silken

Tofu and Pan Roasted Halibut.

On Sept. 28, chefs Jeremiah Tower, Mary Sue Milliken and Sean Sherman will prepare dishes such as Goat Birria, a Ceviche Sampler, Incense Cedar Braised Rabbit, Blue Corn Tostada and vegan Wild Rice "Tres Leches" Cake.

Slow Food International

The organizer, Slow Food, is a grassroots movement dedicated to good, clean and fair food for all. The organization cultivates a worldwide network of advocates in cultural and biological diversity, promotes food education and influences policies in public and private sectors that transform food systems.

The festival runs from noon to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28 at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center in downtown Sacramento, 1401 K St.

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

TOPS Weekly Meetings

TOPS, Taking Off Pounds Sensibly, holds meetings every Wednesday at Grace Presbyterian Church, 10 N. Mills Ave., Lodi.

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

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.

'Finding Love' Discussion Monthly

The "Finding Love" group discussion is offered at 6 p.m. every first

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For more information, contact Sue Ellen Williams at 818-290-4093.

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

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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).

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Meals on Wheels Cafe Accepting Older Adults

Meals on Wheels is accepting new participants in its Galt All Seasons Café located in the Chabolla Community Center, 600 Chabolla Ave.

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City After-Hours Assistance

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Volunteer slots are available in two-hour increments for up to four hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, excluding holidays. 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, call 209-294-3308 and leave a message or inquire in person. ★

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Sept. 2 to Sept. 8, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 20 arrests.

Sept. 2

12:37 p.m., Hit and Run Non-Injury, Taco Bell on C Street.

6:44 p.m., Domestic Violence/Adult Arrest, Park Terrace Drive.

Sept. 3

12:40 a.m., Vandalism reported, Country Villa Mobile Home Park on Pringle Avenue: Vehicle vandalized; engine wires cut, fluid poured into tank, scratches, and lettering on vehicle.

8:27 a.m., Trespassing/Adult Arrest, Walnut Avenue.

11:12 a.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Glendale Avenue/Meladee Lane.

12:18 p.m., Fraud reported, Danny Drive: Reporting party thought he was investing in Crypto money; subject took money and asked reporting party for more money to get his money back.

1:14 p.m., Fraud reported, 4th Street Tavern on Fourth Street: Multiple unauthorized charges made on reporting party's account.

1:59 p.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, E Street.

1:59 p.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Fifth Street.

6:46 p.m., Theft reported, Walmart on Twin Cities Road: Theft of work computer, cell phone and headphones.

Sept. 4

10:51 a.m., Trespassing/Adult Arrest, Walmart on Twin Cities Road.

11:07 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Galt Police Department on Industrial Drive.

3:40 Hit and Run Non-Injury, Liberty Ranch High School on Marengo Road.

Sept. 5

10:36 a.m., Identity Theft reported, Ellis Circle: Someone trying to change reporting party's last name and found some collateral accounts that are not hers.

11:16 a.m., Domestic Violence/Adult Arrest, E Street.

1:57 p.m., Fraud reported, Courtenay Court: Unauthorized ATM withdrawals from checking account at a 7-Eleven store.

Sept. 6

11:20 a.m., Theft reported, D Street: Dropbox stolen.

1:15 p.m., Vandalism reported, Beaver Park Way: Mailbox break-in and missing mail.

Sept. 7

10:45 a.m., Domestic Violence-In-Progress/Adult Arrest, Wildflower Drive.

5:34 p.m., Battery/Adult Arrest, Port Ashton Court.

Sept. 8
6:54 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, La Quinta Inn & Suites on North Lincoln Way.

7:25 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Waldo Road/Twin Cities Road.

9:45 a.m., Theft reported, Galt Police Department, Industrial Drive: Missing front plate.

11:41 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Second Street/F Street.

4:10 p.m., Domestic Violence/Adult Arrest, Cepeda Way.

5:42 p.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Veterans Soccer Field on Caroline Avenue.

8:41 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Eric Circle. ★

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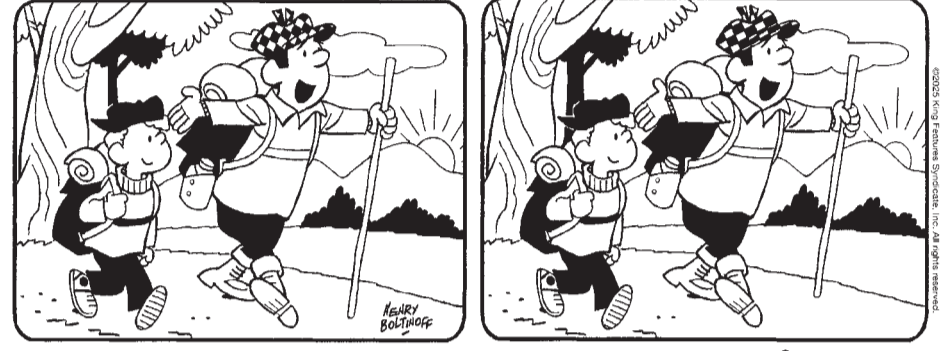
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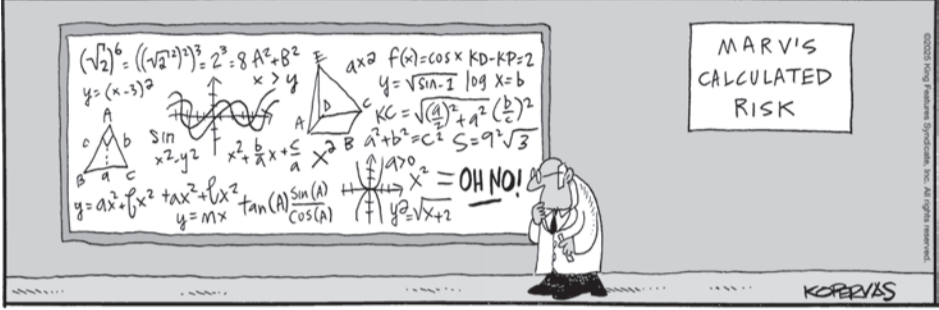
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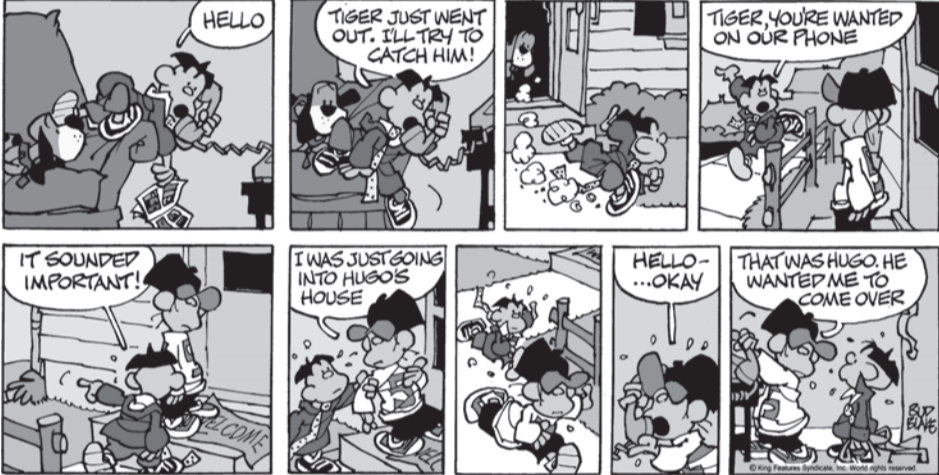


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Warriors Cross Country Starts Season Strong at Flame Invitational

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

LODI, CA (MPG) - The Galt High School Warriors Cross Country team opened its 2024 season with an impressive showing at the Flame Invitational on Friday, Aug. 22 at Lodi Lake Park. Under the guidance of head coach Bruce Peterson, the Warriors demonstrated their depth and potential in a competitive field of 29 schools and over 540 runners.

The Warriors' early-season strength was evident across all divisions, with the team earning six top-10 individual finishes and 13 top-20 placements. Most remarkably, the team achieved exceptional results at the team level:

Freshman Girls: First place overall

JV Girls: Second place overall

Freshman Boys: Third place overall

JV Boys: Fourth place overall

"This is exactly the kind of start we hoped for," said Coach Peterson. "With 34 participants, including 19 athletes new to cross country and 13 freshmen, seeing this level of performance and teamwork is incredibly encouraging."

The freshman girls led



Freshman AnaLucia Alvarado crosses the finish line for the Warriors. Courtesy photos

the charge with a commanding first-place team finish in the two-mile race. Olivia Rodriguez paced the Warriors with an eighth-place finish in 16:05.74, followed closely by Kaylee Meixner in ninth at 16:06.70. The team's depth was showcased by Jade Garcia (17th, 17:19.49), Crystal Lamb (19th, 17:45.71), AnaLucia Alvarado (20th, 18:03.00) and Allie Miller (33rd, 21:47.85).

The freshman boys

secured third place behind Christian Juarez's 13th-place finish (12:41.18) and Isaac Rodriguez's 15th-place performance (12:47.33). Aaron Garcia (24th, 13:13.04), Damian Miller (30th, 13:37.62) and Christian Gomez (31st, 13:38.34) rounded out the scoring for the Warriors.

In the sophomore division, Daniel Crownover delivered the performance of the day, placing fifth in the boys' two-mile with a



Freshman Aaron Garcia runs with the pack.



Christian Juarez passes a Lodi runner.

time of 11:42.84: nearly two minutes faster than his previous year's performance. Danielle Aragon represented the Warriors as their sole sophomore girl, finishing in 25:26.06.

The JV girls earned second place behind junior Morgan Jones' seventh-place finish (14:55.58), with Courtney Brouwer (8th, 14:56.71) and Kristine Meixner (9th, 15:09.95) providing excellent support. The JV boys claimed fourth place, led by Elliott Kramer's 24th-place finish (12:58.62), with Julian Alvarado, Rylan Graviette and Mateo Mejia Beas all achieving personal bests.

In the challenging 5K varsity races, seniors Nora Werdon (29th, 25:11.70) and Elia Rodriguez represented the girls, while Alejandro Herrera led

the boys with an impressive 18th-place finish in 18:13.38.

The meet presented significant challenges with temperatures approaching 100 degrees, testing the Warriors' mental and physical toughness.

"The heat was brutal, but our athletes showed tremendous character," noted Peterson. "Some struggled with the conditions, but everyone finished their races and supported their teammates."

Five runners achieved personal records compared to last year's times, a testament to their summer training dedication and early-season preparation.

With the largest team in program history and a strong foundation of experienced upperclassmen mentoring promising underclassmen, Peterson is

optimistic about the season ahead.

"This group has shown they can compete and work together under pressure. The combination of talented younger runners and experienced leadership gives us tremendous potential."

The Warriors' next challenge will build on this strong foundation as they continue their quest for league and section success.

With performances like these in challenging conditions, the Galt Warriors Cross Country team appears poised for a memorable 2024 season.

"I'm confident these runners will continue striving to improve," Peterson concluded. "This promises to be a productive and fulfilling season for our Warriors." ★

Hawks Soar Past Linden Lions in Thrilling Five-Set Battle

Story and photos
by Paige Lampson

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawks faced a formidable challenge last week when they squared off against the talented Linden Lions in what would prove to be an epic five-set thriller. Knowing that Linden was a very strong team, the Hawks put in extensive preparation before taking the court.

The match began with incredible intensity as the first set went into overtime, with Liberty Ranch managing to edge out the Lions 26-24 in a nail-biting finish. However, the Lions quickly responded in the second set, having found their rhythm to defeat the Hawks decisively 25-14.

Refusing to be deterred, Liberty Ranch regrouped and came back strong in the third set, dominating the Lions 25-15 to regain momentum. The fourth set proved to be another heart-stopper, going to overtime once again with Linden managing to even the match at 2-2 with a hard-fought 26-24 victory.

The decisive fifth set lived up to all expectations, featuring intense rallies and spectacular plays from both teams. In the end, the Hawks' preparation and determination paid off

as they captured the final set 15-11 to secure a memorable 3-2 match victory.

Several Hawk players delivered outstanding performances in the victory. Senior Haley Smith led the offensive attack with 15 kills on 51 attempts, while also contributing two aces and 23 digs. Junior Vivian Frame added nine kills with an impressive .156 hitting percentage, and senior S. Lethbridge chipped in six kills despite facing tough defensive pressure.

In the serving department, senior Gabriela Garcia was particularly effective with three aces on 20 attempts, while Smith added two aces of her own. The Hawks' defensive effort was anchored by junior Lily Pittman, who recorded a team-high 34 digs, with both Maritza Arevalo and Haley Smith adding 23 digs each.

The team's ball distribution was handled primarily by junior Maritza Arevalo, who tallied 20 assists, with Garcia contributing 13 assists in a balanced offensive attack.

With league season now underway, the Hawks have maintained their winning momentum. They recently defeated Union Mine in another thrilling five-set match (3-2), showcasing their ability to perform in pressure



Junior Kylie Diggle makes a crucial bump to keep the ball in play.

situations. The team followed up that victory with another hard-fought 3-2 win over league rival Amador, proving that its success against Linden was no fluke.

These early league victories have positioned Liberty Ranch well as it continues its campaign, with the team's ability

to win close matches becoming a defining characteristic of its season.

The Hawks' balanced attack and strong defensive play proved to be the difference in this crucial early-season test, setting the tone for what promises to be an exciting league campaign. ★



Senior Bailey Alcoriza elevates for a powerful kill attempt in Liberty Ranch's hard-fought win against Linden.



Junior Vivian Frame slams the ball over the net, contributing to her nine-kill performance in the Hawks' victory.

GALT HERALD JUNIOR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Carson Warner, Warrior Varsity



Cody McKinney, Warrior Jr. Varsity



Dayton Briggs, Warrior Varsity



Carter Cox, Warrior Jr. Novice



Braden Bermudez, Hawk 14U



Jaylen Grisby, Hawk 12U



Josiah Armstrong, Hawk 10U



Tripp Messersmith, Hawk 8U

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Liberty Ranch Hawks Dominate Franklin in 33-0 Flag Football Victory



Quarterback Kamrynn Blevins releases the ball just in time as a Franklin Wildcat defender closes in on her flags.



Gianna Farron breaks away toward the end zone following another successful reception from quarterback Kamrynn Blevins.



Center Lexi Williams snaps the ball to begin another Liberty Ranch offensive.

season. They will face a tough opponent on Sept. 16 at St Mary's in Stockton. League play will begin on Sept. 18 in an away game against Amador. ★



Ella Garcia picks up valuable yardage before being surrounded by a group of Franklin Wildcat defenders going for her flags during the Hawks' 33-0 victory.

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawks girls flag football team delivered a commanding performance at home on Sept. 8, shutting out the Franklin Wildcats of Elk Grove 33-0 in a dominant display of offensive firepower and defensive prowess.

The Hawks wasted no time establishing their dominance, jumping out to a 12-0 lead in the first quarter and never looking back. Liberty Ranch maintained its momentum throughout the contest, adding seven points in each of the remaining three quarters to build an insurmountable lead.

The Hawks' offensive attack was led by quarterback Kamrynn Blevins, who orchestrated the high-scoring performance with precision passing and smart decision-making. Blevins found excellent

chemistry with her primary targets, connecting repeatedly with receivers Gianna Farron and Madisyn Robbins throughout the evening.

The Hawks proved to be unstoppable against Franklin's defense, with Blevins consistently finding open receivers and delivering passes that allowed her targets to make plays downfield. The balanced offensive approach kept the Wildcats' defense off-balance and unable to mount any sustained resistance.

While the offense grabbed the headlines with their 33-point outburst, the Hawks' defense was equally impressive in recording the shutout victory. Liberty Ranch's defensive unit consistently pressured Franklin's offense, forcing turnovers and preventing any sustained drives into Hawks territory.

The complete team effort on defense ensured that



Madisyn Robbins races toward the end zone after hauling in a pass from Kamrynn Blevins, part of the dynamic passing connection that powered Liberty Ranch's offensive attack.

Franklin never found a rhythm offensively, with the Wildcats unable to capitalize on any scoring opportunities throughout the four quarters.

The consistent scoring output demonstrated the Hawks' ability to maintain their intensity and execution throughout the entire game, never allowing Franklin to gain any momentum or hope for a

comeback.

The shutout performance also highlights the depth and talent of the Hawks' defensive unit, which will be crucial as they face tougher competition throughout their schedule.

With this dominant play in the books, the Liberty Ranch Hawks have sent a clear message to their opponents that they will be a force reckon with this

Hawks JV Flag Football Falls in Defensive Battle



Liberty Ranch defenders swarm a Lodi ball carrier during Tuesday's defensive battle. The Hawks' defense held the Division II Flames to just one touchdown in their 6-0 loss.

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

LODI, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawks JV girls flag football team traveled to Lodi on Tuesday for a non-league matchup against the Lodi Flames, as the program continues to seek competitive games while awaiting league formation.

Despite falling 6-0 to the Division II Lodi squad, the Hawks demonstrated significant improvement and tenacity throughout the contest. Coach Andy Peterson praised

his team's effort against higher-level competition.

"The girls fought very well against a Division II team," said Peterson. "Holding them to just one score shows how much our defense has developed."

The Hawks' defense was the story of the game, limiting Lodi to a single scoring drive in the opening possession. After surrendering an early touchdown, the Liberty Ranch defense clamped down and shut out the Flames for the remainder of the contest.

"Our defense was great," noted

Peterson. "After that first drive, we made the adjustments and didn't let them find the end zone again."

Parents and spectators were impressed with the competitive nature of the game, with one parent commenting that "it was a really good game" despite the final score.

The defensive performance against a Division II opponent provides a strong foundation for the Hawks to build upon as they continue their season. Coach Peterson and his staff will look to translate this defensive success into more balanced offensive production in upcoming games. ★



Freshman Gianna Williams hauls in a reception for the Hawks during their road contest against Lodi.

GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Madisyn Robbins
Liberty Ranch
Flag Football



Bayley Miller
Galt High
Volleyball

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