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## Remembering a Life of Kindness

*Family, Friends Honor Connor Lopez's Legacy*



"Think before you turn" reads a sign posted at the entrance of the WinCo shopping center on Sheldon Road, with a picture of Connor Elliot Lopez, who died April 23 in a motorcycle and vehicle collision.

**Story and photos  
by Idaly Valencia**

**ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)** - The Lopez-Lyman family was met with loud support Sept. 11 as drivers honked while passing the memorial of their loved one, decorated with flowers and birthday balloons.

"Think before you turn," reads a sign posted at the entrance of the WinCo shopping center located off

Sheldon Road, with a picture of Connor Elliot Lopez. It serves as a reminder that one careless turn can take an innocent life.

According to the Elk Grove Police Department, Lopez was riding his motorcycle down Sheldon Road on April 23 when an SUV turning left from the oncoming lane into a shopping center struck him at around 3:50 p.m. Lopez was taken to a hospital where he died from his injuries.

Lopez was a young musician from Galt and a piano teacher at NewSongs School of Music in Elk Grove. A 2018 Liberty Ranch High School graduate, Lopez lived in Galt with his family, who have resided in the community for 11 years. Lopez was on his way home from the gym when the crash occurred.

On Sept. 11, family and friends gathered at Lopez's memorial to

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## Annual Brain Health Forum Open to Everyone

By Kevin Ruse

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - If someone you love has Alzheimer's or another form of dementia, you know how hard it can be to navigate daily life, let alone think about long-term plans.

As caregivers to my mom, my brother and I lived our lives minute by minute as my mom declined and the disease progressed. Watching my mom struggle daily with simple tasks was frustrating but seeing her confusion and distress was utterly heartbreaking. I found myself helpless as I saw the fear in her eyes when she didn't recognize my brother or understand what he was doing in her home.

In the beginning, mom navigated the memory loss with relative ease and even humor. But after my father passed, she lost her rock and her sense of home. That's when my brother and I realized the tasks ahead of us were overwhelming. What worked for us on Monday failed on Tuesday. The learning curve was steep but we persevered daily.

What we needed was guidance, someone who has been through the experience and can provide simple but effective tips and tricks. When can I find the time to make dinner? Who will watch mom, so I can shop for groceries? How can I make the house safer for her to navigate? Should we discuss medications with her primary care physician?

That's why the 10th Annual Brain Health Forum the morning of Oct. 1 in Carmichael is a must-attend event for caregivers, family members and anyone facing memory challenges.

My mom passed more than 10 years ago but the impact of her disease has stayed with me. So much so that I, along with thousands of volunteers with the Alzheimer's Impact Movement, vow to put an end to the suffering that often accompanies the disease, both for the patient and the caregiver. Many caregivers are related to the person with Alzheimer's and know all too well that the risk for themselves is higher. You might wonder how much higher? Is it different between males and females? Is there some test I can take, like a blood test? Are there any medications available? Are they covered by insurance or Medicare?

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## Local Celebrates 104 Years of Life



Pictured is Lola Solorio-Pulido, a longtime Thornton resident who celebrated her 104th birthday alongside her family and friends.

By MPG Staff

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - Lola Solorio-Pulido was born on the 15th day of September 1921 in Modesto.

She married the love of her life, Pascual Pulido, at the age of 18 in 1942. Together, they raised five children: Robert Pulido (81), Hope Bennett (79), Victoria Weible (76), Rebecca Whitaker (73) and Phillip

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Thornton Fire Protection District firefighters lift resident Lola Solorio-Pulido in a chair during her 104th birthday celebration on Sept. 15. Courtesy photos



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# Local Celebrates 104 Years of Life

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Pulido (64).

Solorio-Pulido has lived in Thornton since the 1950s. All of her children attended Galt High School and have given her a total of seven grandchildren.

Celebrating her 104th birthday on Monday, Sept. 15, Solorio-Pulido reflected on her love of family, faith in God and the joy that friends and family have brought to her long life.

Her secret to longevity? "Good karma; treat others as you want to be treated," said Solorio-Pulido. "Hate no one, reach for the true meaning of faith and good will come your way." ★



Pictured is Lola Solorio-Pulido with husband Pascual Pulido, who passed away in 2011. He was born Sept. 8, 1921, which made them one week apart in age.



Lola Solorio-Pulido celebrated her 104th birthday on Sept. 15, surrounded by family and friends. Solorio-Pulido credits her longevity to faith, family and kindness. Courtesy photos



Lola Solorio-Pulido's long-time home in Thornton was decorated with balloons and signs that read "Happy Birthday Lola," with the number 104, the age that she turned Sept. 15.

# Annual Brain Health Forum Open to Everyone

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What about clinical trials? And perhaps, most significantly, what are the evidence-based practices that can reduce my risk?

This year's 10th annual Brain Health Forum will answer many of these questions. In addition, you will find numerous resource tables of local community organizations offering care support services and other programs. Need a meal quickly or on a regular basis? Need to install grab bars in the bathroom but are limited by finances or know how? If you're unsure what help is even available or how to begin, this is a no-pressure, welcoming space to explore your options and receive real, usable solutions.

One of the many highlights of this event

is speaker Dr. Ralph Carmona, a remarkable advocate living with Alzheimer's for more than 10 years. He is still teaching at a community college and recently completed the Boston Marathon at age 74. Carmona brings his energy, insight and firsthand experience to the stage to share how science, advocacy and community can shape the future of brain health.

Learn how nine years ago, Carmona, because of an early diagnosis, participated in a clinical research trial for Leqembi, a new Alzheimer's drug that he said stopped his symptoms from progressing. Leqembi is now approved by the Food and Drug Administration. While available to the public and covered by Medicare, patients must consult their

physician to see if they fit the profile to be prescribed the medication. After hearing Carmona's experience, I defy anyone to leave the forum without feeling immensely inspired and hopeful for the future.

Claire Day, Alzheimer's Association of Northern California and Northern Nevada Chapter chief mission and program strategy officer, will present U.S. Pointer Study results. The study proves that positive, everyday actions can make a difference in brain health, and when combined into a program that targets multiple factors such as physical activity, improving nutrition, cognitive and social challenge, and health monitoring, we know it can have an even more powerful impact.

If you have questions

about Alzheimer's disease, clinical trials or current treatments, be sure to stay for the question-and-answer section featuring medical professionals, Alzheimer's Association representatives and clinical trial participant Carmona. You won't want to miss the raffle at the end, where prizes include health-related products and information about the Mind diet.

The 10th annual Brain Health Forum is presented by Congressman Ami Bera with the Alzheimer's Association and is free to attend. Register for the event at forms.office.com/g/3GYejVprHV.

The event is from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Oct. 1 at the Carmichael Elks Lodge, 5631 Cypress Ave., Carmichael. ★



Dr. Ralph Carmona, living with Alzheimer's for more than 10 years, will speak at the 10th annual Brain Health Forum. Photo courtesy of Kevin Ruse

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# Remembering a Life of Kindness



The Lopez-Lyman family hold signs and pictures at Connor Elliot Lopez's memorial site on his birthday, Sept. 11.

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celebrate his birthday. He would have turned 24 years old.

## Remembering Connor Elliot Lopez

"Connor was just the kindest person that you'll ever meet. He lit up every room he walked into," said his mother, Allison Lyman.

Lopez was her oldest child and only son. The silence in their household, Lyman said, has been one of the hardest reminders of his absence.

"He brought music to our home every day. Every holiday, he played for us," Lyman said. "He was very gifted; it was like his soul was his music."

Ella Lopez, his sister, added that Lopez was a classically-trained pianist who could play everything from Chopin to Frank Ocean, a gift that his mother said he displayed from a young age.

Connor had been attending Sacramento City College and planned to pursue law school. His mother noted that Lopez "had his whole life ahead of him" and was excited for his future.

Ella Lopez described her brother as the center and core of the family, the sibling that younger relatives looked up to and every cousin's "favorite cousin." Despite his piercings, tattoos, riding a motorcycle, skateboarding and love for the alternative rock-band Deftones, Ella Lopez said, her brother was a gentle and soft man.

"He had effortless swag," Ella Lopez said, also recalling her brother's humor and expressive mannerisms that always made people laugh.

"He just put everyone at ease. Everyone liked Connor," his sister said. "When he walked in a room, everyone would just gravitate toward him."

They also recalled his love for animals, especially his cat, Benny. Known for being difficult with others, Benny had a special bond with Lopez. He loved Benny so much that he had the cat tattooed on his hand, a tattoo Lopez's mother and sister now share in his memory.

Lopez was passionate about teaching music and making an impact in the community through his talents.

The family said their last holiday with him was Easter, just three days before the



Allison and John Lyman hold photos of Connor Lopez on Sept. 11.

crash, a bittersweet memory as he was surrounded by loved ones for the last time.

## Seeking Accountability

Every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m., the Lopez-Lyman family gathers at Connor's memorial, the site where he lost his life. Locals often stop to talk, share condolences and ask about his story.

"So many people come up to us and want to hear about Connor and want to tell us their condolences and that no one should have died here," Allison Lyman said. "He was a spectacular person, just coming home and doing absolutely nothing wrong. Just trying to get in a quick workout. It's hard to make sense of how his life ended here."

Following the crash, the city of Elk Grove conducted a safety assessment of the turn. Officials told the family that they found responsible drivers could make the turn safely, with less than one accident per year at that spot and no prior fatalities.

The family maintains that they have videos and witness statements providing evidence that the driver was driving recklessly and should face greater liability for their actions.

"Connor was clearly visible and not speeding, right here when the woman turned," Lyman said.

John Lyman, Lopez's stepfather, added that another driver behind the SUV also reported seeing Lopez.

"In the video, it's clear, irrefutable truth," John Lyman said.

The police report cited "failure to yield on a left turn" as the cause of the crash, according to John Lyman.

"A safe driver can make this turn," said his stepfather. "If they don't yield, you're putting all these other drivers at risk and that's what happened."

The Sacramento County District Attorney's Office filed vehicular manslaughter charges against the driver. However, the family was informed that under Assembly Bill 3234 Public Safety, passed in 2020, the driver could be eligible for diversion.

The law allows counties to establish pre-trial diversion programs for misdemeanor offenses, including certain traffic violations. Charges such as driving under the influence (DUI) and vehicular manslaughter might be dismissed if a defendant



Connor Elliot Lopez's mother and sister show matching tattoos of Benny, Lopez's cat, which he had tattooed on him.



Connor Elliot Lopez was riding his motorcycle down Sheldon Road on April 23 when an SUV turning left from the oncoming lane into a shopping center struck him.

completes program requirements or meets certain conditions.

Allison Lyman emphasized the public safety risk of allowing individuals who commit these crimes to continue driving without any repercussions.

"Unfortunately, that can be your Uber driver. They're back on the roads like nothing happened; no record, no penalty," Allison Lyman said.

Typically, those convicted of vehicular manslaughter face up to one year in jail, although many serve little or no time. Lyman said she fears the driver in Lopez's case might face no consequences at all.

"We're just asking for accountability and for the jury to see the evidence," she said. "We are terrified this person could get diversion and we know bringing attention to it will help."

Ella Lopez acknowledged that some fatal crashes are true accidents but "this was not one of those," she said.

"You can't sit back and say it wasn't preventable," said John Lyman.

Allison Lyman added, "For us, we've been handed a life sentence of agony without Connor."

Their mission now is twofold: to honor Lopez's legacy and to push for change. The family is urging lawmakers to amend the law to exclude vehicular manslaughter from diversion eligibility. But, immediately, the first hurdle as the case moves forward is getting that opportunity to present the evidence before the court.

"We want justice; we want accountability," Allison Lyman said.

## Connor's Legacy Continues

On Sunday, Sept. 14, family and friends gathered at Elk Grove Park Pavilion from noon to 4 p.m. for a celebration of life honoring Lopez. Guests enjoyed some of his favorite foods, including Taco Bell and Coronas, and shared stories and mementos. Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen attended.

During the celebration, the inaugural Connor Lopez Music Scholarship, offered through NewSongs School of Music, was awarded to a local music student. The scholarship, which will be awarded annually on Lopez's birthday, aims to provide the gift of music to a child who might not otherwise have the opportunity, his mother said.

The Lopez-Lyman family encourages the community to follow their journey and support them through this process. Updates and information are available on the Connor Lopez Facebook memorial page at [bit.ly/3IpSM7E](http://bit.ly/3IpSM7E) (case sensitive). ★

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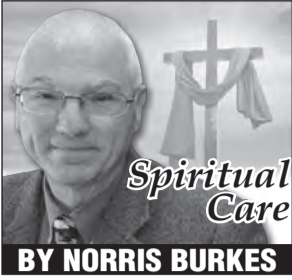
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# Chaplain Brings the Lucky Charm



BY NORRIS BURKLES

charm chaplain.”

But my luck wasn't going to hold.

One evening, after I'd been there for about six months, I composed a fervent prayer for a 2 a.m. launch. At the last minute, the mission was scrubbed because of weather but rescheduled for the same time on the next morning. “God speed,” I said, with a dismissive assumption that my job was done.

They looked at me as if I'd hung them with their lucky necktie. “You're coming back tomorrow night, aren't you Chaplain?”

“Uh, sure.” The next morning, I reported for duty, bleary-eyed, hoping to pass off the same crumpled prayer from the previous evening.

Same result. No launch. As I offered condolences to the disappointed crew, Brigadier General Donald Pettit, the Wing Commander, barked at me. “Chaplain, your prayer didn't work! You need to write a new prayer.”

It's possible that what I said next might explain why I had to finish my military career in the reserves.

“You're kidding, sir.” He assured me in general-like terms that he wasn't kidding.

I still thought he was ribbing me, but I was too new to our spacy business to be sure. So, a few days later, I brought a new prayer. Unfortunately for all concerned, I was forced to repeat the rewrites for the next three weeks.

When our rocket finally soared on our sixth

attempt, I reached across the consoles to exchange handshakes with the ground crew. One engineer in his lucky sweater, slapped my back and said, “You finally did it, Chaplain.”

“Did what?” I wondered, as I drove home on that early morning.

I wasn't the lucky horseshoe in this arrangement. I simply offered a prayer — not as a magical incantation, but as a reminder that God comes where he is invited.

It's the same idea I share in premarital counseling.

“I'm not the lucky god charm,” I tell the couple. “I don't bring God's presence into your marriage. You must do that.”

The next morning, I was walking across the base courtyard, when Gen. Pettit motioned me over to him.

I offered him a salute weakened by fatigue.

“Your prayer didn't work!” he said.

“But, sir, I saw it launch.”

“We launched it, but it never reached the intended orbit,” he said.

“That'll be all,” he added, before returning my salute with a smirk that told me he really was ribbing me.

Nevertheless, that was the day their lucky chaplain lost his lucky charm.

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# Fire Near Marengo Road Contained



GALT, CA (MPG) - The Cosumnes Fire Department reported around 5 p.m. on social media that its units were dispatched on Saturday, Sept. 13, to a grass fire near Marengo Road, adjacent to the Liberty Ranch homes development. According to the post, it was noted that the fire was quickly contained to 14 acres with no damage to any structures, and no injuries were reported. The fire department said that the cause of the fire is under investigation. Photo courtesy of Cosumnes Fire Department

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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The Oklahoma City Thunder are the well-deserving champions of the NBA, and there is much to like about this team. Without question they play a high tempo, energetic defense, and that same energy resonates throughout the entire team.

Their starting five are a good group, but the Thunder would never have hoisted the Larry O'Brien trophy had it not been for their amazing bench.

As we turn our attention to the hometown Kings, I'll stack up our starting five against anyone in the league, but the real question mark is the Sacramento Kings bench.

I'm still in shock that new G.M. Scott Perry did not value what he had in Jonas Valanciunas, who in my humble opinion represented the best backup center in the NBA. A more than capable starting center, Valanciunas publicly stated that he was content to do whatever the team asked of him, and that he would happily back up Domantas Sabonis and be proud to do so.

Great player with a team spirit, and yet the short-sighted Kings turned a blind eye and let him walk out the door. Mistake, oh yes it was a herculean mistake, so now the Kings will be rolling the dice with a combination of Drew Eubanks, Darion Saric, and rookie Maxime Raynaud. Only time will tell if Scott Perry made the right decision, but the question remains, who will comprise the primary players from the bench starting the season.

The Kings waived little used Terence Davis last week, making room for potentially Russell Westbrook, and if in fact that happens, I give it my hearty support.

Westbrook has been much traveled, but his on court presence could be a real difference maker for the Kings. Russell is in the twilight of his hall of fame career, but still has some gas in the tank. The NBA's all-time leader in triple doubles, Westbrook has an all-round game, and I believe is a player that would fit in with the Kings in a big way.

More importantly, Westbrook strengthens the Kings bench and can be counted on to play important minutes.

Unfortunately, like Jonas Valanciunas, Trey Lyles is no longer with the team, so the forward position for the Kings remains their weakest spot. A glaring week spot for the Kings since the days of Chris Webber,

Sacramento needs to consummate a trade and work with the youngsters that are already on the roster.

In my opinion that means it's time to pay some real attention to Issac Jones. This athletic big man needs to get his share of minutes every game and becomes a consistent player that can be counted on night in and night out.

Jones is a late bloomer, entering high school at 5'5" and graduating at 6'4". He played for Wenatchee Valley College for 3 years before transferring to Idaho, and eventually to division one Washington State, where he averaged 15 points and 8 rebounds per game.

Going undrafted in the 2024 draft, the Kings offered Jones a 2-way contract which has since been converted to a standard NBA contract.

Isaac is signed only through the upcoming season and will become a free agent in 2026 if the Kings don't offer him an extension.

Jones had an opportunity to strut his stuff in the NBA summer league and acquitted himself admirably. At 6'9 "and with an undeniable degree of athleticism Jones has a nice touch for a big man around the rim and is a capable shot blocker that looks to be a nice compliment to Domantas Sabonis.

Without question Jones can help Sabonis on the boards, and he loves to dunk the basketball. I can see a of offensive rebounds turning into two points for the Kings if Jones gets his hands on the ball.

The question of Isaac Jones and how good he can be, will be an ongoing debate until Doug Christie makes a commitment to playing him on a regular basis, and for Jones's sake and fans alike, I hope this season is when it happens!

Yes, Kings fans, let's sign Russell Westbrook because there is no downside, and Westbrook needs a home. Likewise, don't give up on the possibility that Jonathan Kuminga may join the Kings family as well. Blink, and the pre-season will be here, so it's time to get excited Kings fans. Say your prayers and buy your tickets, because with just a little luck, this season could surprise you!

All the best!  
Your thoughts are always welcome at [vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com). ★

# Social Security Matters

## I'd Like to Retire Early, But Don't Want My Social Security Reduced



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I will be 65 this year and my husband is 72 (he retired in 2019 at age 66). I would like to retire and enjoy some time with him before he gets too much older. I do not want to have my benefits cut by retiring earlier, but I don't see a way to be able to do that. My benefit will be \$1343 on my full retirement age (FRA). If I took half his retirement when he retired, it would be less than mine. If I take early retirement and he passes away before me, would I get his full benefit as his survivor, or will it be cut? We are trying to figure it out. His current benefit (before Medicare Part B) is \$2978. It's very confusing. **Signed: Confused and Wondering**

**Dear Confused:** Whenever any Social Security benefit is claimed earlier than full retirement age (FRA), the monthly amount is permanently reduced. If you were to retire at age 65, your Social Security benefit would be

reduced by about 13% - in other words, if your FRA (age 67) amount is \$1343, at 65 you would get about \$1164. And at age 66 you would get about \$1253 per month.

Whether you would be entitled to a "spousal boost" from your husband depends on how your FRA amount compares to 50% of his FRA entitlement. If your FRA amount is less than 50% of his FRA amount, then you would get a "spousal boost," but the amount of that boost would also be reduced if you claim before your FRA. (Note: from the numbers you provided, you may be entitled to a spousal boost and, if so, it would be applied by Social Security when you claim).

Also, FYI, if you take SS before your FRA and are still working, Social Security has an annual earnings test which limits how much you can earn while collecting early benefits. If you earn more than \$23,400 in 2025, you will likely not get all of your monthly SS payments (SS will take away some monthly benefits if you exceed the earnings limit). Of course, if you retire from working, this will not be a problem, because earnings before you claim SS won't count toward the limit.

When you claim your SS retirement benefit now will not affect your

survivor benefit from your husband later. If your husband passes first, your benefit as a surviving spouse would be based on the amount your husband was receiving at his death. But if you were to claim your widow's benefit prior to your FRA, your survivor benefit would also be reduced (the amount of reduction depends on how much before your FRA you claim your survivor benefit). If you claim your widow's benefit at or after your FRA, you will get 100% of the amount your husband was receiving at his death (instead of your own smaller amount). It will only be reduced if you claim before your full retirement age.

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The Ignorance of Senator Tim Kaine

Tim Kaine needs to report to a remedial civics class as soon as possible. The Virginia senator and former vice presidential candidate expressed outrage at a congressional hearing that a Trump nominee said that our rights come from God, not government.

Kaine suspected incipient theocracy, warning that the Iranian regime persecutes religious minorities on exactly this basis. "They do it," he explained, "because they believe that they understand what natural rights are from their creator."

In searching for an example more relevant to the American experience, Kaine might cast his mind back to a fellow Virginian -- a tall, sandy-haired, Charlottesville-area gentleman with an interest in architecture, a taste for fine wine and a knack for writing. Ring any bells?

Thomas Jefferson had three things inscribed on his tombstone: drafter of the Virginia statute for religious freedom, founder of the University of Virginia and author of the Declaration of Independence. Kaine could lodge all the same complaints he made about the offending nominee, Riley Barnes, against the Declaration of Independence that shockingly maintains that all persons are "endowed by their Creator with certain unalien-

able Rights," and calls this proposition -- with arrogant certitude -- a "self-evident" truth.

Luckily for the Sage of Monticello, he didn't have to get confirmed as ambassador to France by a Senate foreign relations committee including Tim Kaine (as it happened, the U.S. Senate didn't exist yet). Kaine might consider that, in taking his oath of office, he actually pledged to defend a constitutional system that is founded on the idea that our rights exist prior to government.

As Jefferson noted later, the sentiments of the Declaration were commonplace in 18th century America. Jefferson's nemesis, Alexander Hamilton, stated that "the sacred rights of mankind" are "written, as with a sun beam, in the whole volume of human nature, by the hand of the divinity itself; and can never be erased or obscured by mortal power." John Adams, James Wilson and John Dickinson, among other Founding figures, said exactly the same thing.

Whereas Tim Kaine hears someone say our rights come from God and thinks of the writings and thought of, say, the Ayatollah Khomeini, the philosophical basis of the idea is found in the work of John Locke, one of the greatest Enlightenment thinkers. Locke grounded his liberalism in an understanding of mankind as possessing inherent God-given rights and dignity.

The power of this idea is that in a conflict between our rights and laws impinging on them, the laws must give way. Kaine's view that rights come from the gov-

ernment implies that the state gets to decide whether or not and to what extent we have rights. The American project, though, is based on the belief that it is the duty of government to respect preexisting rights, and if a government tramples on them, it has failed and is illegitimate.

The abolitionists used this view to great effect in the 19th century. Even though the government had decided that it was permissible for one class of people to enslave another, the abolitionists believed that this was an offense against God. Enslaved people had a natural right to liberty that couldn't be erased.

So, Kaine must have a beef with the likes of William Lloyd Garrison, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. He presumably would have gone ballistic over Garrison's conviction that the "right to enjoy liberty is inalienable. To invade it is to usurp the prerogative of Jehovah." Rather than a warrant for theocracy, the Garrison view supported the extension of rights. As he put it, "wherever there is a human being, I see God-given rights inherent in that being, whatever may be the sex or complexion."

Kaine's outburst shows how progressives have an allergy to God in any context other than a personal one, and how it isn't just schoolchildren who are ignorant about our history and system of government. Is it too much to ask that a U.S. senator know a little bit about our heritage?

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*  
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# Californians Don't Know Full Impact of \$20 Fast Food Wage



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

As the California Legislature churns toward the end of its 2025 session this week, processing the remnants of thousands of bills introduced during the year, several measures encompass the Capitol's most enduring conflict: Labor unions vs. employers over working conditions.

Unions seek higher wages and benefits, citing the welfare and financial needs of workers and their families. Employers counter that the cost of providing what unions want adversely affects their competitiveness in other states and nations and forces them to raise prices, reduce employment or even leave California to remain solvent.

In the main, unions fare better than employers in California's political arena — not surprising given that union-friendly Democrats from the governor down dominate the Capitol.

One of the most intense union-employer battles arose in 2022 over legislation that would have raised the minimum wage for fast food workers to \$22 an hour. It also declared that fast food franchises are merely subsidiaries of their parent chains, rather than independently owned businesses.

Fast food companies and franchisees saw it as a double whammy that not only

would increase their costs but it would undermine the franchise system itself. The industry also disliked the bill's creation of an appointed council with the power to regulate fast food working conditions, especially wages.

The measure passed both legislative houses with party-line votes, and Gov. Gavin Newsom signed it. The industry responded with a campaign to put the issue on the ballot, pledging that affected corporations would spend any amount of money to overturn the law due to its effects on the franchise system.

Which faction would win such a battle will never be known, however, because a year after the bill was signed and after lengthy negotiations, a compromise was worked out and quickly enacted. It raised the minimum wage to an initial \$20 an hour and left the oversight council intact, albeit with some changes. More importantly to the industry, it did not interfere with the franchise system.

The new wage went into effect in April 2024, and since then the industry and the unions have sparred over its impact not only on wages but on overall employment and fast food prices.

The factions are marking the second anniversary of the 2023 compromise by issuing reports that could not be more different.

Labor acted first with the September 5 release of an analysis by UC-Berkeley's Center on Wage and Employment Dynamics. It's a research organization whose reports uniformly support the union side of issues.

Researchers Michael Reich and Denis Sosinskiy declared that the \$20 wage did not

reduce fast food employment, didn't change the number of hours worked and "only led to minimal menu price increases (about 8 cents on a \$4 burger)." They said their study included price data from more than 2,000 restaurants in California and other states.

Five days later the Virginia-based Employment Policies Institute — which was created by Berman and Company, a lobbyist for restaurant, hotel beverage, tobacco and fossil fuel interests — issued its study based on data from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

It concluded that California's fast-food industry has lost 19,102 jobs since Newsom signed the law in September 2023, including 15,988 since the law went into effect last year, more than double the rate of loss seen in fast food outlets nationally. It did not delve into fast food prices.

The two competing studies from less-than-objective sources leave us still wondering what the true impact might have been. It's a knowledge gap that should be filled by someone or something with impeccable credentials because other business sectors might be the next targets.

In fact, there's already a battle in Los Angeles over the \$30 wage for workers at hotels and other hospitality businesses imposed by the city council.

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# Let Us Remember: You Are Not Forgotten



com website, the United States first observed National POW/MIA Recognition Day on the third Friday of September in 1979, following a proclamation by President Jimmy Carter.

The day serves as a call to action, reminding the nation to rededicate our efforts to not leave anyone behind. Each year, a presidential proclamation brings the nation together to remember and honor the members of the Armed Forces who remain missing in action or are prisoners of war. We're responsible for bringing our patriots home and for caring for military families awaiting words of their loved ones. The POW/MIA flag, which was created by the National League of Families in 1972, is the central symbol of the day, representing the nation's

pledge to bring home its missing service members.

In remembrance and support of these heroes, fly the MIA/POW flag, and take time to learn more about the history and experiences of POWs and MIAs. Share this knowledge with others to help keep their stories alive and to raise awareness about the importance of this day. Say a prayer for them and their families to right the injustice and bring them home. They are not to be forgotten.

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On a totally different note, the Autumnal Equinox is this coming Monday, Sept. 22. It will be close to equal darkness and daylight for 24 hours. And then the days get shorter and the nights get longer.

I am not a fan of shorter days. I like daylight and lots of it. I like the mild sunshine and the light breeze from the south. However, the rain does help stem the fires that popped up from lightning a couple of weeks ago. But marking the days of nice fall days gives us hope for those cooling

breezes and maybe a sweater day or two. And maybe a good swift wind to blow out all the never-ending leaves that continue to fall from now bald trees. If I didn't know better, I would swear they were flying over from the almond trees, but the leaves are totally different, and the trees are north, and wind is from the south.

I guess there are worse things. Like hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, more fires and earthquakes. So, I will settle for a heaping pile of leaves and a blustery wind.

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Galt High School Homecoming week is next week. The theme this year is "A Night in the City Lights," and it promises to be filled with fun and excitement as the Warriors celebrate different cities in our country. The Warriors are hoping to revitalize the traditional homecoming parade traveling through Galt. I am looking forward to this special tradition; it has been on the shelf far too long.

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

## Vegetation Control: Goats in Action

## Fire Prevention Poster Contest

### Cosumnes Fire Department News Release

**ELK GROVE/GALT, CA (MPG)** - Calling all elementary-school students in Elk Grove and Galt!

Submit original artwork to the 2025 Fire Prevention Week Youth Poster Contest for a chance to win a pizza party for your class, gift certificates and other prizes.

Fire Prevention Week is the first week of October. This year's theme is "Charge into Fire Safety."

Lithium-ion batteries are everywhere in our homes. It's essential to know how to use, charge and recycle them properly, as well as recognize which household products (e.g., cell phones/tablets, scooters, vacuums) contain them.

Submit artwork by Oct. 6 for an opportunity to win at bit.ly/42tKYZn.



The Cosumnes Fire Department invites elementary school students in Elk Grove/Galt to create a poster that shows how to use, store or recycle lithium-ion batteries safely. Photo courtesy of Cosumnes Fire Department



The City of Galt has partnered with a local contractor for an environmentally friendly approach to clear overgrown vegetation with goats. Residents are welcome to observe the goats in action but are asked to respect the fencing. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

### City of Galt News Release

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - The city has partnered with a local contractor to use goats for vegetation control at several City locations.

This environmentally friendly approach helps clear overgrown vegetation, improves drainage and reduces the risk of localized flooding during storm events.

Goats are particularly useful in sensitive areas where traditional vegetation management methods are restricted.

Locations for grazing include Dead Man Gulch and other city-owned drainage areas.

To ensure the safety of both the goats and the public, temporary electric fencing will be installed, and a trained herder with working dogs will be on

site to monitor the animals.

Residents are welcome to observe the goats in action but are asked to respect the fencing and keep children from approaching the goats or the working dogs.

This innovative approach demonstrates the city's commitment to safe, effective and environmentally conscious solutions for managing our public spaces. ★

## ABOUT TOWN

### 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.

**Old Galt Dinner Dance** – 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the 4th Street Promenade. Join us for an unforgettable night of BBQ, boots, and big-time fun under the market lights. Whether you're here to dance, dine, or just soak up the atmosphere, this is the perfect way to celebrate community, country music, and good old-fashioned fun. Tickets available at galtchamber.org. 4th Street, Galt.

### 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.

### Saturday, Sept. 27

**Park Vendor Fair** – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lockeford Community Center and Park. This fundraiser for the Friends of the Lockeford Memorial Park will have a wide variety of items for sale and business displays. 19258 N. Jack Tone Road, Lockeford.

**Family-Friendly Nature Walk** – 10 a.m. to noon at the Cosumnes River Preserve. This in-person event is perfect for families looking to explore the outdoors and learn about local wildlife and habitats. Our knowledgeable guides will lead you on a leisurely stroll through the preserve while the group looks for interesting plants and animals along the way. Register at Eventbrite.com. 13501 Franklin Blvd.

**The Greenish Door Home Décor Pop-Up Shop** – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join us for moments of connection and inspiration while shopping a beautifully curated collection at great prices. There will be music and sweet treats for all to enjoy. This is a great opportunity to spruce up your home before the holidays or get a head start on the gift-giving season. This is a one-day shop filled with both vintage and new wares. 11 S. Sacramento Street, Lodi.

**Astronomy in the Park** – 7 p.m. at the Oak Grove Regional Park. Enjoy telescope viewings guided by local astronomers, interactive presentations, and educational activities perfect for kids and adults alike. Bring a blanket, pack a picnic

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

### Sunday, Sept. 28

**Twin Cities Cruisers Cars and Coffee** – 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Life's Grind Coffee House, 10420 Twin Cities Road.

**CASA Superhero Run at Lodi Lake** – 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Get ready to don your capes and lace up your running shoes to join hundreds of superheroes of all ages – many in costume – in support of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of San Joaquin County. This organization gives a voice and support to children in the foster care system. When you run this 5k or 10k for CASA, you're running for a child who needs a hero. Register online at nochildabuse.org/superhero. 1101 W. Turner Road, Lodi.

**"How Sweet It Is"** – Steve Leslie sings James Taylor – 3 p.m. at the Charlene Powers Lange Performing Arts Theatre. Steve's warm baritone vocals, exceptional guitar technique, and uncanny resemblance provide a truly one-of-a-kind tribute to this American music icon. Tickets and more information at lodi.gov. 125 S. Hutchins Street, Lodi.

### 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, Oct. 11. 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.

### 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. 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. ★

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## ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#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 granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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](http://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](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://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](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://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 exteros por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

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

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Kristina L. Thornton, 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 federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan 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 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 (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 Published 9/5/2025, 9/12/2025, 9/19/2025 THE GALT HERALD 9-19-25

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](http://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

## CORRECTION MEETING START TIME

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

Notice is hereby given of the intention of the Cosumnes Community Services District to adopt, as amended, the 2025 California Fire and Building Codes. The District shall hold a public meeting at 5:30 P.M. on October 15, 2025, at 8820 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, CA, 95624, regarding the adoption of the 2025 California Fire and Building Code pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13869. Copies of the code sections referred to, and any secondary code sections referred to, amended, or adopted by reference, are on file with the Secretary of the District and are open to public inspection. Adoption of the 2025 California Fire and Building Codes will enable District personnel to follow one set of rules and regulations throughout the District with regard to the health and safety of the public and the District's response thereto.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR THE SHEFFIELD SUBDIVISION PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that an MND has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The public review period and location where documents can be reviewed is noted at the end of this notice.

The Planning Commission and City Council hearings on the project will be separately noticed.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Sheffield Subdivision Project

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The 9.5-acre project site is located at 13315 East Stockton Boulevard in the City of Galt. The project site is identified by APNs 150-0012-007, -025, and -026. The project site is located within the Northeast Area Specific Plan (NEASP) and designated Maximum Density Single-Family Residential (R-1-C), Specific Plan (SP). The 2030 General Plan designates the project site as Low-Density Residential, and the site is zoned Low-Density Single-Family Residential (R1A).

The project site is currently flat and undeveloped with the exception of one vacant single-family residence and consists of annual grassland with scattered trees throughout. The project site is bound by the Deadman's Gulch drainage channel and an associated riparian corridor to the north and east. Surrounding existing uses include single-family residences to the north, across Deadman's Gulch; Canyon Creek Park to the east; single-family residences, Ashboro Park, and undeveloped land to the south; and State Route (SR) 99, to the west, across East Stockton Boulevard as well as undeveloped land and commercial uses further west, across SR 99.

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES:** The project site is not identified on any list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to California Government Code Section 65962.5.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project would include the demolition of the existing on-site single-family residence, removal of the associated septic system, abandonment of the associated well, removal of 21 on-site trees, and subdivision of the site into 65 single-family residential lots ranging in size from 3,825 sf to 7,170 sf. Subsequent to demolition and subdivision, the project would include the future development of 65 single-family residential units, an internal circulation network with associated sidewalks and landscaped areas, continuation of South Deadman's Gulch Trail along the northern and eastern property boundaries, as well as frontage improvements along East Stockton Boulevard. In addition, off-site improvements would include extension of Lyonía Drive across APN 150-0030-012 and the continuation of South Deadman's Gulch Trail along the new Lyonía Drive extension. The proposed project would require approval of a General Plan Amendment to change the General Plan land use designation from Low-Density Residential to Medium Density Residential; a NEASP Map Amendment and Text Amendment; a Rezone to change the site's zoning designation from R1A to R2-PD; and a Tentative Subdivision Map. Design review for the proposed project would be a separate entitlement required by the applicant for future development.

**APPLICANT:** City of Galt  
Community Development Department  
495 Industrial Drive, Galt, CA 95632

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The MND prepared for this project will be available for download from the City's website at <https://www.cityofgalt.org/government/community-development/planning/development-projects-environmental-documents>, under the heading "Development Projects & Environmental Documents."

Written comments on the MND will be accepted during the 30-day public review period commencing **September 19, 2025 and ending October 20, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** Written comments on the MND must be directed to:

Kristyn Bitz, Principal Planner  
Galt Planning Department  
495 Industrial Drive, Galt, CA 95632  
Phone (209) 366-7230  
kbitz@cityofgalt.org

### NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

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

Dated: September 11, 2025

By Kristyn Bitz

Kristyn Bitz, Senior Planner

By Tina Hubert

Tina Hubert, City Clerk

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# Stolen Vehicle Recovery and Arrest

## Galt Police Department News Release

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - Just before 1 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, The Elk Grove Police Department alerted surrounding agencies about a unique high-performance truck that had just been stolen from their city.

With the help of our Flock camera network, we confirmed the stolen truck

had entered Galt.

Officers located the truck in the 300 block of Pine Street and detained a male standing nearby. While detaining him, a second male exited a store and began acting suspiciously. It was determined that he had driven the first suspect to Elk Grove to steal the truck and he was also found to be intoxicated.

Both males were arrested. Elk Grove Police

Department took custody for their investigation and Galt Police Department also arrested the second suspect for driving under the influence-related charges. Their identities will not be released due to the ongoing investigation.

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### TRUSTEE SALE

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 To: GALT HERALD 09/05/2025, 09/12/2025, 09/19/2025 THE GALT HERALD 9-19-25

T.S.No. 130468-CAAPN: 148-0260-036-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 9/9/2021. 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 On 11/13/2025 at 1:30 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 9/10/2021 as Instrument No. 202109101395 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Sacramento County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: MICHAEL ALAN PAHLAS, AN UNMARRIED MAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, 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 FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: LOT 36, AS SHOWN ON THE "PLAT OF MEADOWVIEW SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 2", RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1972 IN BOOK 91 OF MAPS, MAP NO. 15. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 105 KENT STREET, 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 held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation

secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$349,673.86 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. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. 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,

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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 (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 130468-CA 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. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (855) 313-3319 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, California 92108 Published 9/19/2025, 9/26/2025, 10/03/2025 GALT HERALD 10-03-25



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

Volunteer slots are available in two-hour increments for up to four hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, excluding holidays. Volunteers will be trained and can contact commission members with questions.

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

## Square Dance Classes Mondays

The Diamond Dancers Square Dance Club hosts social square-dancing classes in Galt.

The classes are open to everyone and are held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays at the Valley Oaks Grange Hall.

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

## TOPS Weekly Meetings

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

Meeting time: 10-10:45 a.m. Weigh-ins: 9-9:50am. No charge for first meeting.

## AA 24-Hour Hotline

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 Saturday of the month at Calvary Life Tabernacle, 446 Third St.

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

## Sunshine Food Pantry Donations

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

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

The food closet is open from 7:30

a.m. to 10 a.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

## Nominate Your Neighbor

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

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

Send an email with pictures and why you are nominating your neighbor to planningdivision@cityofgalt.org.

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

## Senior Bingo Weekly at Chabolla

The Galt Commission on Aging is hosting free Senior Bingo games at the Chabolla Community Center at 600 Chabolla Ave. from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays (except holidays and when required by the city).

Seniors of Galt and its immediate vicinity are invited to have fun and play bingo together and socialize.

## Meals on Wheels Cafe Accepting Older Adults

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

The cafe is open at 11:30 a.m. Mondays through Fridays for adults age 60 and older. Those interested can apply at the Chabolla Center when meals are being served or they can call 916-444-9533.

## Library Offers Older Adults Computer Time

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

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

The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at 1000 Caroline Ave.

## City After-Hours Assistance

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

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# The Glass Shop is Beautification Honoree



The Galt Beautification Committee presented its Thanks for Making Galt Beautiful award to The Glass Shop, 578 Fairway Drive, in recognition of the company's recent facility remodeling and landscaping improvements that contribute to the city's appeal. Pictured from left are beautification committee members Paige Lampson, left, Amy Sandhu and Darlene Brown, right, with The Glass Shop Owners Todd Hirtel and Kevin Bertsch, middle. Courtesy photo

# POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Sept. 9 to Sept. 15, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in two arrests.

### Sept. 9

8:59 a.m., Warrant Served; Adult Arrest, Jiffy Lube on Twin Cities Road.

10:58 p.m., Stolen Vehicle reported, Olive Court: Blue Volkswagen with black racing rims stolen.

3:20 p.m., Theft reported, Grizzly Hollow Apartments: Stolen package.

3:32 p.m., Theft reported, Grizzly Hollow Apartments: iPad, wallet and cash taken from vehicle.

### Sept. 10

1:48 p.m., Domestic Violence/Adult Arrest, Elk Hills Drive.

2:41 p.m., Fraud reported, Palin Avenue: ★

Online bank account accessed and funds stolen.

2:55 p.m., Vandalism reported, Lincoln Villas, South Lincoln Way: Vehicle vandalized.

### Sept. 11

12:50 a.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, C Street/Fairway Drive.

2:56 p.m., Theft reported, The Galt Place on D Street: Theft of medical equipment.

### Sept. 14

12:57 p.m., Burglary reported, Diamond House Recovery on G Street: Furniture and appliances taken.

### Sept. 15

12:44 p.m., Fraud reported, Sunshine Drive. ★

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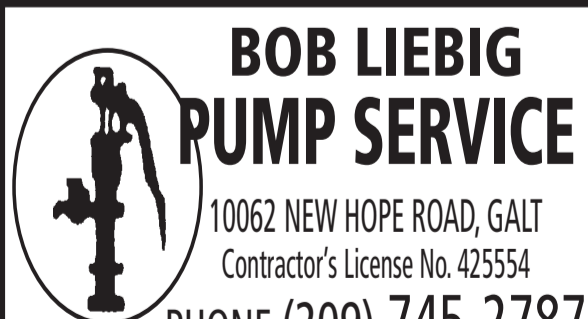
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# From This Tragedy, More Voices Must Rise

*Silencing one voice cannot end the conversation. It must awaken a chorus of many*

By Hector Barajas,  
California Globe

Charlie Kirk's death on September 10 was more than a personal tragedy; it struck at the very heart of free speech in America. For years, he had become a modern symbol of debate culture, a figure willing to put himself in front of hostile audiences and say, "Let's talk."

In a time when disagreement often leads to shouting, shaming, or silencing, Kirk chose dialogue — once so common it wasn't even considered special in America, but now it seems like a lost art.

Kirk built his career not by hiding from critics but by meeting them head-on. In person, not from the safety of an online echo chamber. On college campuses across the country, he welcomed tough questions from students who often opposed everything he represented. He listened, he argued, and he stood his ground with facts, critical thinking, and a depth of knowledge rare for any citizen, especially someone his age.

It was not about demanding agreement but about proving that open dialogue matters more than uniformity of thought. He even sat with California Governor Gavin Newsom; while the two disagreed on most issues, they still managed to show millions of viewers what respectful debate



Charlie Kirk and his wife, Erika, speak together at an event in Texas in 2025. Photo courtesy of CA Globe

could look like.

That choice to engage with opponents was no small act. In today's culture, it is easier to cancel, shame, or attack than to have a real conversation. Too many people treat disagreement as something to shut down and silence. Kirk refused to play that game. He believed the only way to sharpen your own argument was to test it against the strongest case from the other side. In that way, he upheld the older American tradition of free speech, where ideas meet head-on and the best argument stands.

His assassination is therefore not only the silencing of one

man, but also an assault on the heart and soul of America. When violence is used to end debate, free speech itself becomes the casualty. We cannot accept a future where the price of speaking out is fear for your life.

There is also a broader warning in this tragedy. Political violence doesn't stop with one person. Once it becomes acceptable to kill or threaten a voice because you disagree with it, the door opens to silence anyone.

Today it was Charlie Kirk. Tomorrow it could be an elected official, a professor, a journalist, a union organizer, or a student. Free speech is not a partisan value. It is the foundation of

democracy, and without it, every other right grows weaker.

Charlie Kirk forced people to think, respond, and defend their beliefs. He showed that disagreement doesn't have to lead to dehumanization. He showed that you can argue passionately and still see the humanity in the person you're debating.

Perhaps even more troubling than the cancer consuming the art of civil discourse is that Charlie Kirk's underlying message was essentially one of love and respect for our country, our fellow citizens, our values, our history, and our future generations.

There is a poignant video clip

circulating online of George Carlin, the sardonic comedian and social critic, who framed assassination this way:

"It's interesting to notice who it is we assassinate. You know who it is — it's always people who told us to live together in harmony and try to love one another. Jesus. Gandhi. Lincoln. John Kennedy. Bobby Kennedy. Martin Luther King. Medgar Evers. Malcolm X. John Lennon. They all said try to live together peacefully . . ."

Sadly, we've experienced too many of these tragic moments in American life. Kirk's assassination is yet another.

But like other moments in history, this tragedy can be a turning point. The best way to honor Kirk's legacy is to refuse silence. We must keep speaking, listening, and debating, even when it is uncomfortable. Fear cannot be allowed to dictate our voices. The future of free speech, and the restoration of respect and love for this nation and for our fellow countrymen, depends on it.

*Hector Barajas is a communications strategist who advises companies, associations, and campaigns on public affairs and policy issues. He is the founder of Amplify360 Inc., a strategic communications firm, and a frequent commentator on politics, legislation, and Latino issues in English and Spanish-language media. ★*

## Please, Conversation Not Assassination

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Charlie Kirk was a man who had opinions and vocalized them. He believed in free speech. He also believed in the right of free speech for those who disagreed with him. In his Turning Point rallies, he gave untold numbers of people the opportunity to express their opinions and to debate him. He respectfully gave each person the time to state their case on whatever the subject. Charlie was adamant, profound and articulated strong convictions.

Sadly, a deranged 22-year-old man from Utah took Charlie's life. It has been reported that the gunman had previously stated at a family dinner that he thought Kirk was filled with hate. When Kirk spoke at a university rally in Utah, the gunman plotted and positioned himself to shoot a single long-range rifle shot that took Kirk's life. The man ran back to his home where he later had no choice but to confess to his father that he was indeed the man who had been videotaped at the rally who took Charlie Kirk's life. The lone assassin is an evil coward who silenced one of America's star voices. At least he thought he did. Charlie Kirk has become more known, and his sound clips have been heard more in the last few days than in his entire ministry/career. Kirk has been propelled by the assassin to a status in American culture that will never be forgotten. Instead of silencing Kirk he magnified Kirk's voice and message a hundred or more times. Kirk is now being remembered around the world.

Charlie Kirk used his voice. Every American is entitled to this freedom. His voice cost him his life.

Abraham Lincoln gave his life

reuniting our country and abolishing slavery. A cowardly assassin took Lincoln's life as he leisurely watched a play at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. John F. Kennedy used his voice to excite the American people and to bring about a positive attitude in the country but was gunned down by an assassin from a hidden window in downtown Dallas, Texas. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a man with a great voice who stirred the hearts of millions of Americans and brought about liberating change for black Americans. An assassin who disagreed with King cowardly hid and took King's life with a bullet. Malcom X and Bobby Kennedy were orators for positive change in America but someone who disagreed with their views killed them.

The greatest voice of hope, love, change and forgiveness, who ever lived, was Jesus Christ. A cowardly crowd yelled for him to be executed.

These mentioned voices were not silenced by hideous crowds or hidden gunmen. Each of their voices have rung loudly and clearly. Their legacies have only grown bolder and stronger.

It is sad that Charlie Kirk's assassin did not go down to the rally, stand up like a man and challenge Kirk in a debate. He could have told Kirk what he thought about him and given Kirk a chance to respond. But no, he was a weak, spineless man filled with more hate than probably anyone in America at that given moment. It's one thing to have a hateful, negative thought, but it's another to allow hate to act itself out in such a way.

Violence is never the answer. Let's keep America free. Free to speak, free to debate, free to practice and express our religion. Let's have peaceful and strong conversation, not assassination. ★

## America's Sports Teams Pay Tribute to Charlie Kirk

The White House News Release

WASHINGTON, CHRISTIAN NEWSWIRE (MPG) - The White House releases the following:

From coast to coast, sports teams and organizations paused this week to commemorate the legacy of Charlie Kirk. The White House recognizes these profound tributes that celebrate Kirk's enduring legacy as a champion for faith and patriotism and honor the remarkable impact he had on millions of Americans.

NFL franchises, including the Green Bay Packers, New York Jets, Dallas Cowboys, Miami Dolphins, New Orleans Saints, Kansas City Chiefs, Pittsburgh Steelers, Tennessee Titans, and Arizona Cardinals

all held moments of silence or special recognitions.

In baseball, the Chicago Cubs and New York Yankees paid tribute. College football teams, such as the South Carolina Gamecocks, LSU Tigers, and the Wyoming Cowboys, joined in — as did the UFC and NASCAR, showcasing the broad reach of Kirk's influence.

These tributes reflect the widespread admiration for Kirk's dedication to inspiring the next generation of American Patriots. We commend these organizations for honoring a figure who championed the values that unite us all, and we join the nation in celebrating his legacy. ★

## Liberty Counsel: Message From Mat Staver Regarding Charlie Kirk

Liberty Counsel News Release

We are heartbroken to learn that Charlie Kirk has been shot while speaking at Utah Valley University.

Our prayers go out to Charlie, his wife and two young children, and all those affected by this tragic and senseless

act of violence.

We ask everyone to join us in praying for Charlie and his family, for peace, and for strength during this incredibly difficult time.

And we pray against this senseless hatred and disdain for human life that elevate violence over dialogue. ★

## Bera Condemns the Killing of Charlie Kirk

Office of U.S. Representative Ami Bera, M.D. News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Representative Ami Bera, M.D. (CA-06) released a statement after conservative activist Charlie Kirk was shot and killed at an event at Utah Valley University on Sept. 10:

"This is a dark day for America. The killing of Charlie Kirk is a horrific and deeply disturbing act of political violence. I condemn it in the strongest possible terms.

"Political violence is a cancer on our nation. We

don't have to agree with one another's beliefs — in fact, we may find some views deeply offensive or wrong — but we must reject violence as a means of resolving disputes. It corrodes the very foundation of our democracy and threatens the freedoms we all cherish. Democracy demands that we resolve our differences peacefully through debate, civic engagement, and at the ballot box.

"I urge law enforcement to use every available resource to bring the perpetrator of this act to justice. There must be

accountability. We cannot allow violence to take root as a tool of political expression in America.

"In moments like these, we must rise above partisanship and reaffirm a simple truth: violence against anyone — Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative — has no place in our society. No person or political party is immune to this disturbing and growing trend. Above all else, we are Americans.

"My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Kirk's family, loved ones, and all those impacted by this heinous act of violence." ★

## Republican Leaders Issue Joint Statement on Assassination of Charlie Kirk

Assembly Republicans News Release

SACRAMENTO (MPG) - Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (R-East Nicolaus) and Leader-Elect Heath Flora (R-Ripon) issued the following statement on the assassination of conservative leader and Turning Point USA founder, Charlie Kirk:

"In the 21st century, no one did more to lead the conservative youth movement than Charlie Kirk. He spoke the truth, welcomed respectful debate, and

never backed down from his beliefs, his faith, or his love of this country.

Charlie brought light into dark places. On campuses where free speech is under attack, he stood strong and gave others the courage to speak up. As the founder of Turning Point USA, he organized a movement that will shape generations.

He was bold in his faith, clear in his convictions, and fully embraced his conservative values.

Charlie is now with the Lord — but the work he started isn't finished." ★

# LOCAL SPORTS → COVERAGE



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## Warriors Cross Country Shines Under the Lights at Twilight Meet

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

CERES, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warriors Cross Country team took on a unique racing experience in Northern California on Saturday, Sept. 14, competing in the Kim Duyst Twilight Meet in Ceres under the stadium lights.

The prestigious invitational, held on a fast golf course layout, drew over 1,500 runners from top high schools across the region, providing the Warriors with an excellent opportunity to test themselves against elite competition.

“We wanted to see how we would do against the top schools in our division, and considering the experience of our team, they did well,” said head coach Bruce Peterson.

The meet proved particularly significant for the Warriors’ program, which is experiencing a renaissance with its largest roster in several years. The team welcomed 18 new freshman runners this season, along with several other first-time cross country participants.

Senior Alejandro Herrera led the charge for the boys’ varsity squad, delivering a breakthrough performance with a personal record of 17:23.5 that earned him 13th place overall in the competitive 5k field. Sophomore Daniel Crownover (19:27.9) and freshman Christian Juarez (19:29.5) followed closely behind, with Cristian Gomez (20:09.9), junior Elliott Kramer (20:12.4), and Aaron Garcia (20:20.0) rounding out the scoring.

In the girls’ varsity 5k, junior Courtney Brouwer paced the Warriors with a time of 23:34.3, while senior Nora Werdon posted a season-best 23:50.4. Kristine Meixner (24:27.2), freshman Olivia Rodriguez (24:57.0) and junior Morgan Jones (25:01.1) completed the top five for Galt.

The meet served as a crucial learning experience for many of the Warriors’ younger athletes, particularly those tackling the 5k for the first time.

“The meet proved especially challenging for many of our young runners, as several were competing at the 5k distance for the first time,” Peterson explained. “Our goal was to measure ourselves against some of the top schools in our division. Given the inexperience of our team, they performed well.”



Junior Courtney Brouwer runs during the twilight meet. Brouwer paced the Galt Warriors girls’ varsity team with a time of 23:34.3 in the 5k race.



Sophomore Daniel Crownover pushes through the course at the twilight meet. Crownover finished second for the Warrior boys’ varsity squad with a time of 19:27.9.

The girls’ freshman/sophomore squad demonstrated the program’s depth by placing 12th overall in its 2k race. Kaylee Meixner led the way with a personal best of 8:46.2, good for 30th place individually, followed by Jade Garcia (9:35.6), Crystal Lamb (10:12.2), AnaLucia Alvarado (10:23.0) and Allie Miller (10:26.2).

In the boys’ underclass races, freshman Jayden Sirben posted the top time with a 7:43.2 for 57th place in his 2k race, while teammates Gideon Kramer (8:02.9) and Robin Miller (9:31.3) also competed well.

The sophomore boys were represented by Mason Garcia (8:21.3), Aaron Gonzalez (8:32.2) and

Amilio Gomez (8:43.3).

The twilight atmosphere and competitive field provided exactly the type of experience Peterson was seeking as his rebuilt program prepares for the heart of the season.

“This season, we have our largest cross country team in several years, highlighted by the addition of 18 new freshman runners,” Peterson noted. “The new talent has brought fresh energy and enthusiasm to the program.”

The Warriors will look to build on their Kim Duyst experience when they travel to Angels Camp Sept. 20 for the Frogtown Invitational, followed by their first league meet at Folsom Lake College the following Wednesday.



Senior Alejandro Herrera competes in the Kim Duyst Twilight Invitational in Ceres on Sept. 13. Herrera led the Warriors with a personal record time of 17:23.5, earning 13th place in the competitive varsity 5k field. Courtesy photos



Senior Nora Werdon competes under the lights in Ceres. Werdon posted a season-best time of 23:50.4 in the girls’ varsity 5k race.



AnaLucia Alvarado competes in the Kim Duyst Twilight Invitational.

With a blend of veteran leadership from seniors like Herrera and Werdon, combined with an influx of promising underclassmen, the Warriors appear positioned for a strong showing in league competition. ★

### GALT HERALD JUNIOR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



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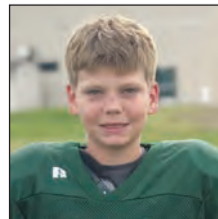
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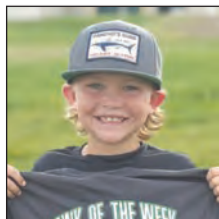
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# LOCAL SPORTS → COVERAGE



## Hawks Soar to 62-29 Victory Over Dixon

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The Liberty Ranch Hawks delivered a statement performance on Friday, Sept. 12, overwhelming the Dixon Rams 62-29 in a road game that showcased the team's explosive offensive capabilities and opportunistic defense.

After a modest 7-0 first quarter lead, the Hawks erupted for 35 second-quarter points to seize control of the game and never looked back, making their record 3-0 on the season.

Liberty Ranch's rushing attack proved unstoppable, as the team accumulated 349 yards on 49 carries for an impressive 7.1 yards per attempt. The Hawks found the end zone eight times on the ground, with three different players recording multiple rushing touchdowns.

Junior Joe Lara led the ground assault with 123 yards on 15 carries and three touchdowns, including a long of 30 yards. Fellow junior Andrew Quinn matched Lara's touchdown output, grinding out 102 yards on 15 attempts with three scores of his own.

"Our offensive line did a tremendous job creating running lanes all night," said elated Hawk parent Jackie Corriea after the game. "When you can establish that kind of ground game, it opens up everything else."

Junior Wyatt Corriea added 42 yards and a touchdown on just five carries, while senior James Rangel contributed 36



Junior Joe Lara shrugs off a Dixon defender during Liberty Ranch's dominant 62-29 victory. Lara rushed for 123 yards and three touchdowns on 15 carries. Photos courtesy of Tom Santillan

yards on six attempts. Even quarterback Ryan Ogas got in on the action, rushing for 47 yards on six carries.

While the running game dominated, junior quarterback Ryan Ogas efficiently managed the passing attack, completing five of nine attempts for 108 yards and one touchdown. His 135.4 passer rating reflected the Hawks' balanced offensive approach.

Junior receiver Enzo Diaz emerged as Ogas' primary target, hauling in three catches for 75 yards and a touchdown, including a long of 36 yards. Lara added two receptions for 33 yards, showcasing his versatility as both a runner and receiver.

The Hawks' 457 total yards of offense overwhelmed a Dixon defense that struggled to contain Liberty Ranch's multiple threats.

Liberty Ranch's defense complemented the offensive fireworks by forcing

turnovers and consistently pressuring Dixon's quarterback. The Hawks recorded six sacks for 40 yards in losses, with junior Soni Takafua leading the pass rush with two sacks for 18 yards.

Junior Deshaun Jackson also recorded two sacks for 12 yards, while seniors Kyle Quaresma, Daniel Swearingen, and Cesar Becerra contributed one sack apiece.

The secondary made crucial plays throughout the game, with Diaz and Lara each recording interceptions. Diaz returned his pick for 33 yards, while the Hawks defense also recovered a fumble for 17 yards.

"Our defense stepped up when we needed them to," noted tight end Takafua. "Getting those turnovers and putting pressure on their quarterback really helped us control the game."

Senior James Rangel handled kicking duties



Junior receiver Enzo Diaz leaps high to haul in one of his three receptions against Dixon. Diaz finished with 75 yards receiving and one touchdown, while also contributing an interception on defense.



Junior Andrew Quinn powers through Dixon defenders during his three-touchdown performance.

effectively, converting eight of nine extra point attempts and consistently placing kickoffs well with a 36.4-yard average on 10 attempts.

The Hawks' special teams units also contributed to field position, with Diaz returning a kickoff 30 yards and Rangel handling punt-return duties.

The game's turning point came in the second quarter when Liberty Ranch

exploded for 35 points while Dixon managed just 13. The Hawks' ability to score quickly and efficiently during this stretch effectively put the game out of reach.

Liberty Ranch added 14 third-quarter points to extend its lead to 56-21 before coasting through the final period with six more points.

The dominant victory showcases Liberty Ranch's

potential when all phases of the game click simultaneously. The Hawks' balanced offensive attack, featuring both a powerful ground game and efficient passing, combined with an opportunistic defense, provides a blueprint for continued success.

With multiple players contributing significantly on both sides of the ball, Liberty Ranch appears to be hitting its stride at the right time in the season. The team's depth and versatility were on full display against Dixon, suggesting the Hawks could be a formidable opponent for any team on their remaining schedule.

The 62-29 victory serves as a confidence booster for the Hawks as they continue their campaign, demonstrating their ability to dominate in all three phases of the game when executing at their highest level. ★

## JV Hawks Dominate Dixon 37-6

By Paige Lampson  
Sports Editor

**DIXON, CA (MPG)** - The Liberty Ranch Hawks JV football team delivered a commanding performance on the road Friday, Sept. 12, defeating the Dixon Rams 37-6 in a game that showcased the Hawks' ability to control both sides of the ball.

Liberty Ranch established early momentum with nine first-quarter points and never relinquished control, methodically building its lead throughout the contest before pulling away with a dominant fourth quarter.

The Hawks wasted little time asserting their dominance, jumping out to a 9-0 lead in the opening quarter. Liberty Ranch added seven more points in the second quarter to take a comfortable 16-0 advantage into halftime.

"Getting off to that fast start was crucial," said a member of the Hawks coaching staff. "It allowed us to play with confidence and dictate the tempo of the game."

The Hawks' early success appeared to stem from their ability to execute their game plan effectively while limiting Dixon's offensive opportunities in the first half.

Dixon finally broke through in the second quarter, managing six points in the third quarter to cut into the Liberty Ranch lead.

However, the Hawks quickly answered with seven points of their own in the same period, maintaining their substantial advantage at 23-6 heading into the final quarter.

Liberty Ranch saved its most impressive quarter for last, exploding for 14 fourth-quarter points to put the game definitively out of reach. The Hawks' ability to finish strong demonstrated the depth and conditioning that has become a hallmark of the program.

The 14-point outburst in the final period turned a comfortable victory into a



A Liberty Ranch JV player shows his intensity while looking for running room against Dixon.

dominant statement win, as Liberty Ranch outscored Dixon 37-6 overall and 21-6 in the second half.

The 37-6 triumph over Dixon serves as



Hawk freshman Easton Hall hurdles over Dixon defenders to gain extra yardage during Liberty Ranch's dominant 37-6 JV victory on Sept. 12. Photos courtesy of Tom Santillan

another building block for the Hawks JV squad as it continues its season.

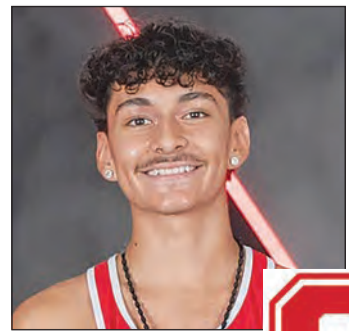
The team's balanced scoring attack and stingy defensive performance provide a solid foundation for future success.

Liberty Ranch's ability to start fast, respond to adversity and finish strong against Dixon demonstrates the type of complete game performance that

successful programs are built upon. As the Hawks continue their campaign, this dominant road victory should provide significant confidence and momentum.

The JV Hawks' impressive showing also bodes well for the future of the Liberty Ranch football program, as these players continue to develop and prepare for potential varsity contributions. ★

### GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Alejandro Herrera  
Galt High Cross Country



Nora Werdon  
Galt High Cross Country



Kaydince Silva  
Liberty Ranch High Cross Country



Tristan Reeve  
Liberty Ranch High Cross Country

