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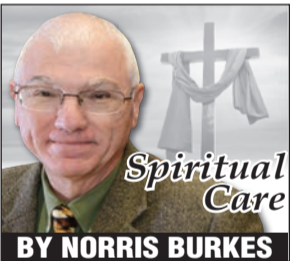
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Council Sustains Appeal of Summerfield Planning Design



Pictured is the Summerfield at Twin Cities housing development located on Twin Cities Road, between Waldo and Hauschildt Roads. Photo by Idaly Valencia

By John McCallum

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt City Council sustained the appeal of a Planning Commission denial of a design review application for a major subdivision project, a decision allowing Summerfield at Twin Cities housing developer Lennar Homes to move forward with construction as early as this week.

Voting at its Sept. 16 meeting and after over two hours of discussion and some verbal fireworks,

council agreed to overturn the commission's decision and let construction proceed based on proposed changes Lennar made to housing designs in response to the commission's decision.

Upholding the commission's denial could have put the city in legal and financial jeopardy, Interim City Attorney Frank Splendorio said, should Lennar appeal the denial to Superior Court. Splendorio said the homebuilder had grounds for such an appeal

by contending the commission exceeded its discretion in denying the proposal without using objective design criteria, something required under California's Housing Accountability Act.

Such a move would have the city paying not only for its legal costs, but also Lennar's, something "which could be in the magnitude of six figures."

"This is not a scare tactic," Splendorio said. "This is just to put all that information so the council and

the public can appreciate how difficult and precarious a decision this is in light of everything else."

A 58-acre gated residential subdivision originally approved in 2020, Summerfield is located north of Twin Cities Road and includes 204 single-family lots ranging from 6,510 square feet to 12,788 square feet. The subdivision is centered around a 1.9-acre private park and includes 7.9 acres of open space at its north

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City Upholds Driveway Ordinance



By Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt City Council voted at its Sept. 16 meeting to uphold the existing driveway ordinance (Galt Municipal Code Section 8.20.110 (K)) regulating the parking and storage of recreational vehicles (RVs), boats, trailers, campers and motor homes on residential properties.

Under the ordinance, recreational vehicles cannot be parked on front lawns, driveways or front yard setbacks. Permitted storage locations include garages, fenced or rear yards, or at an off-site location such as a storage facility.

The vote followed an April 1 council meeting where staff explained the code's background and why it is enforced, based on community feedback.

The council on Sept. 16 reviewed results from a survey included in residents' utility bills earlier this summer, which asked whether the code should be kept or revised. The city received 1,185 responses out of 8,581 surveys distributed.

"Based on what we have seen throughout Galt and the results of the survey, we're going to recommend that the existing code remain basically unchanged," said Galt Interim City Manager Chris Erias.

He explained that code enforcement operates on a complaint-based system, meaning staff respond to reports rather than actively patrolling neighborhoods. Erias also said that illegally parked RVs and trailers are by far the most common complaint received by the city.

Code Compliance supervisor TJ Guidotti noted that similar codes are in place across many jurisdictions.

"These codes are pretty specific and pretty consistent in any jurisdiction statewide, international when you take a look at city codes in regard to that," he said.

Survey results indicated that 67% of respondents supported maintaining the current ordinance. Residents who favored the existing rules cited priorities such as preserving neighborhood aesthetics, ensuring roadway safety and reducing potential nuisances.

To give residents time

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Young Racers Face Off in Johnny Cash Classic



The Galt racing family Brooks Motorsports is pictured with Maycie Brooks (center left) and Cash Brooks (center right) posing with their parents after heat races on Sept. 13.

Story and photos
by Seth Henderson

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Drawing youth racers, their families and spectators to the American Quarter Midget Association race-track in Rancho Cordova was the fourth annual Johnny Cash Classic,

a NASCAR Youth Series Showcase Event on the weekend of Sept. 12 to 14.

Youth racers as young as 5 years old up to 17 competed against each other within 14 respective, co-ed age groups that are also separated by chassis type. Rancho Cordova's American Quarter Midget

Association races on a paved track within the Prairie City State Vehicle Recreation Area. Upon arriving at the racetrack, teams began setting up their camp equipment and pit area, assembling their vehicles and workstations.

Drivers were represented

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Galt High Alumnus Sworn into California Highway Patrol

California Highway Patrol News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - On Aug. 1, the California Highway Patrol announced that Jose Lastra of Sacramento successfully completed cadet training at the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Academy. He is assigned

to duty at the CHP's Oakland Area office.

Lastra graduated from Galt High School in 2009 and then studied at Sacramento City College. Before attending the CHP Academy, Officer Lastra worked at UC Davis Health as a digital health navigator.

At the CHP Academy, cadet training starts with nobility in policing, leadership, professionalism, ethics and cultural diversity. Training also includes mental illness response and crisis intervention techniques. Cadet instruction covers patrol operations, crash investigation, first

aid and the arrest of suspected violators, including those who drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The cadets also receive training in traffic control, report writing, recovery of stolen vehicles, assisting the motoring public, issuing citations, emergency

scene management, and knowledge of various codes, including the Vehicle Code, Penal Code, and Health and Safety Code.

The mission of the California Highway Patrol is to provide the highest level of "Safety, Service and Security." ★

Council Sustains Appeal of Summerfield Planning Design

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end composed of wetlands and a retention pond.

Conditions of Approval for the original applicant, Sheldon Business Park, required homes be built in five tiers based on square footage and in "executive style housing," although executive style was never defined.

In 2022, Sheldon sold the project to Homes by Towne, which applied to modify the homes construction condition to three tiers with minimum square footage of 2,000 square feet for Tier 1, 2,400 for Tier 2 and 2,600 for Tier 3.

The Planning Commission at the time rejected this, but City Council overrode that decision on Nov. 1, 2022, by a 4-1 vote, allowing the three tiers for half of the homes with "developer's discretion applying to the rest. That decision also removed the phrase "executive style housing," something Mayor Shawn Farmer said was not a council decision and it was unclear who had made it.

His statement was backed up during

public comment by former council member Jay Vandenburg, who played a recording from his cellphone from the 2022 meeting where it was noted the only change allowed was the square footage minimum.

Lennar acquired the project from Homes by Towne in December 2024 and proposed two categories of homes, but with five styles and nine plans in each, three styles for each floor plan and three different color schemes for each of these, along with other amenities and enhancements. According to its appeal letter, Lennar has invested over \$15.5 million "to date on subdivision improvements consistent with the (2022) Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map."

The commission rejected Lennar's application after two public workshops and a public hearing on June 12, mainly on the grounds that aspects of proposed home designs, textures, colors, finishes and layouts were "ubiquitous," common to other such elements in existing Galt homes and therefore failed to "set the

designs apart from existing neighborhoods" as required by city General Plan Policies.

As part of its appeal, Lennar noted the latter phrase was vague, undefined and in conflict with stated code requirements for design review.

In Lennar's appeal letter, Heffner Law attorney Chad Roberts accused the Planning Commission of creating "an arbitrary and illusory test to deny the design review" by not citing specific standards in the city's zoning code and instead relying on two, more vague General Plan Policies.

He also listed "substantial revisions and enhancements to design" Lennar was willing to make, despite adding another \$2 million in cost to the project.

Many of these were in response to the Planning Commission's decision as well as public and council input.

"If your council were to sustain the appeal this evening, which we certainly hope you will, Lennar would be prepared to commence construction this



Summerfield at Twin Cities housing developer Lennar Homes moved forward with construction as early as Sept. 22 after an appeal to the Planning Commission's denial of the project was sustained by City Council. Photo by Idaly Valencia

coming Monday (Sept. 22)," Roberts said.

Like the two previous builders, Lennar representatives told council the requested changes were based on designs their customer research had indicated made the homes more marketable. Community Development Director Jenny Carloni told council during her presentation that planning staff also recommended sustaining the appeal as the project met all General Plan policies, findings from Galt's municipal code on residential design and Planned Development requirements and the Conditions of Approval.

Council expressed frustration during discussions with the process, with members noting they were reluctant to override a Planning Commission decision they believed

was based on expertise. Farmer also had sharp words for Roberts and some of the accusations leveled at the commission in the appeal letter, noting statements such as "No prudent developer would make substantial investments in a Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map only to be left guessing what might satisfy the subjective whim of each Planning Commissioner under this imaginary and unattainable goalpost that lacks concrete and objective standards to protect against arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement" and claiming the commission was "untethered" to standard processes were insulting and not helpful.

Nonetheless, Farmer said the meeting wasn't about rehashing the past but trying to move forward.

"I hope to walk away

tonight with something all can agree with and our dignity intact," he said.

Councilmember Bonnie Rodriguez said while she was not on council at the time, she followed the Summerfield discussions closely, attending meetings on the project. She felt Lennar was up against high expectations and an image created by the original applicant, Sheldon Business Park.

"The original gentleman came, and he sold us, he sold everybody," she added.

In overriding the commission's denial, council accepted the proposed changes submitted by Lennar along with a change proposed at the meeting by Councilmember Matthew Pratto that garage entry heights be 8 feet instead of the proposed 7 feet.

Lennar originally refused to add this requirement, saying it would add additional costs to the project, but agreed to the request after a compromise of applying this to half the homes in the project was reached.

The vote to override the commission decision and sustain the appeal passed 4-1, with Farmer voting no.

"Good luck with your project gentlemen; congratulations," Farmer told the Lennar team. ★

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Circus Alegria to Perform Sept. 25 to 29



Circus Alegria will host shows from Thursday, Sept. 25 through Monday, Sept. 29.

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - Anyone who has passed by Starbucks, the library or the Galt Market may have already noticed the circus tent propped up on the corner of Pine Street and Caroline Avenue.

Circus Alegria, presented by Alegria Brothers, Inc. since 1912, has brought its 2025 tour to Galt with shows held at 610 Chabolla Ave.

The circus will be in town from Thursday, Sept. 25 through Monday, Sept. 29, featuring a family-friendly three-in-one performance. Audiences can expect larger-than-life animal and dinosaur animatronics, characters from the Disney movie "Coco" and exciting acts by circus performers.

A family combo is available, which includes two adult tickets, two children's



Circus Alegria will present a family-friendly three-in-one show where audiences can expect larger-than-life animatronics, characters from "Coco" and exciting circus acts. Photos courtesy of Circus Alegria

tickets, two non-alcoholic drinks and one popcorn for \$59, with the VIP family combo priced at \$79.

General admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children between ages 2 to 10. VIP seating in the first three rows is \$30 for adults and \$25 for children.

All ticket prices are before fees and tax.

Children ages 2 and under enter for free.

Shows will take place Thursday through Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m., with additional afternoon performances on Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

For more information, visit circusalegria.com or call 661-440-1202. ★

Saturday Market Harvest on 4th Street



The City of Galt is hosting its Harvest Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 at the 4th Street Promenade. This year's event will feature a scarecrow competition with prizes for the best ones. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

City of Galt News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - Fall flavors, festive fun and community spirit await at the Harvest Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at the 4th Street Promenade.

Spend the day exploring local makers, farmers and artisans while enjoying seasonal favorites like fresh baked pies, pumpkin treats and warm apple cider. The market will be filled with the sights, smells and tastes

of autumn, making it the perfect family outing or weekend stop.

One of the highlights of the day is the annual Scarecrow Contest, a fun tradition that showcases creativity, craftsmanship and plenty of fall flair.

Calling All Creators, Crafters and Fall Lovers

Do you have what it takes to build the most epic scarecrow in town? The city wants to see creations made by residents on display at this year's Harvest

Market. Enter for a chance to win prizes, share your talents with the community and maybe even take home some bragging rights.

The competition will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4 at the 4th Street Promenade. Contact abarh@cityofgalt.org or call 209-366-7165 to reserve a spot; Space is limited.

Prizes, photo opportunities, seasonal treats and a day of community fun await. Mark your calendars, invite your friends and celebrate autumn in Galt! ★

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to comply, the council approved a grace period before enforcement resumes on Tuesday, Nov. 18.

This grace period is meant to give time for off-site arrangements and to uphold the code's overall intent.

According to a Sept. 23 city notice, compliance requires removing or relocating any RV, boat, trailer or camper in violation of Section 8.20.110(K); maintain at least a three-foot-wide continuous fire access in any side or rear yard where

such vehicles are parked; and ensure that parking or storage does not occur on front lawns or within required front yard setbacks.

After Nov. 18, properties that remain out of compliance will enter the abatement process, which might result in administrative fines.

For questions about compliance, measurements or fire access requirements, residents can contact the City of Galt Code Enforcement Division at 209-366-7209. ★

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locally with drivers from Rancho Cordova's American Quarter Midget Association and Rio Linda's Capitol Quarter Midget Association, two of California's seven quarter midget tracks.

Making the trip across state and country lines were drivers from Utah, Washington and Canada. Practice sessions were on Sept. 12 with the heat and main races on Sept. 13.

"It's really fun being out here with all my friends and racing with them," said Tatum Talcott, a racer from Rancho Cordova's American Quarter Midget Association who came in second place of his class, the Light 160. "It's just fun."

Some teams brought more than one vehicle to race among a range of class types based on weight and chassis configuration. Other teams had more than one racer participating in multiple events. Some classes included red and blue Honda; junior and senior Honda; heavies and formula. More than 80 racers participated across the 14 different classes.

Derek Becker, the father of racers Cash and Memphis Becker from Utah, said that he and his wife, Laura, made the journey from Colorado after completing a race there the weekend prior. Cash and Memphis Becker are fourth-generation racers in their family, a trend common throughout many racers at the event.

"It's pretty cool to just think about what you did and what you accomplished the last race and then you go to your house or your new school and you're thinking about that," Cash Becker said.



Two races compete in the final heat races before the main events during the Johnny Cash Classic at the American Quarter Midget Association's racetrack in Rancho Cordova. The Johnny Cash Classic took place Sept. 12 through 14 and featured drivers from age 5 to 17.

Paisley Becher Racing, locals to Rio Linda's Capitol Quarter Midget Association, was represented by Paisley Becher, her father Ryan Becher and their family.

Ryan Becher said that his daughter first got started racing when she participated in a "Ride N Drive" event at Capitol Quarter Midget Association on Rio Linda's dirt track, now racing for approximately two years in three different chassis.

A "Ride N Drive" event allows participants to drive 20 laps for \$20. Becher said his daughter had so much fun that she drove a total of 40 laps and they bought a car that same day.

To get started racing quarter midgets, entry level costs can range from more than \$1,500 for a used chassis and gear to upward of \$4,000. Safety gear consists of a NASCAR Youth Series approved helmet, fire suit, neck restraints, arm restraints and gloves. After acquiring the chassis,

gear and proper equipment, drivers can contact their local quarter midget association about applying for a club membership.

To join the NASCAR Youth Series, there are options for annual applications through the United States Auto Club, single-event applications and "Ride N Drive" applications. The applications are available at usacracing.redpodium.com/2025-nascar-youth-series-membership.

Applications can range from \$10 for single event tickets per person to \$100 for annual family memberships, with an additional \$10 per person in the membership.

Beginning drivers start out in the "Rookie" program, learning the basics of track etiquette, safety and driving skills. Volunteering is a requirement when you become a member.

Brooke Hegje, a local to the Rancho Cordova track who came in second place during the heavy world

formula class main races, said that she has been racing for seven years and that she first got started after watching her cousins race.

Tate Hegje, Brooke Hegje's little brother, said he has been racing for six years, coming in third place of the light 160 class mains. Tate Hegje said he and his sister have participated in race events as far as Indianapolis, Indiana.

"Being here, I've made so many friendships and we've hung out with them three weeks in a row now outside of the racetrack," Brooke Hegje said. "It just brings so many people together in some amazing community."

American Quarter Midget Association Vice President Alyssa Craine said that it's rewarding to have such a large event run efficiently, drawing people back to the racetrack for more events and growing the venue's reputation.

"Just overall, getting drivers from everywhere makes our drivers better,"

Craine said. "So having not just the locals, enhances everybody's racing."

Grayson Craine, Alyssa Craine's son, said he's ranked in the top three of three different chassis classes, ranking in first place within one of those chassis' classes. At the Johnny Cash Classic, Grayson Craine came in first place within the junior Honda, junior animal and junior 160 classes for the main races. Grayson said he spends a lot of time practicing and that he has his dad to thank for why he's so successful.

"I've watched these kids grow from 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 years old, to now being able to drive full-size NASCAR cars or do bigger, better, crazier things," event announcer Ian McAdams said. "And just seeing that growth and seeing the effect that it had on so many, it's so fulfilling on a level that I can't really describe, if that makes sense."

Quarter midget racing events take place nationwide with many local drivers having competed across state lines in places such as Indiana; Talladega, Alabama; and Las Vegas. Many parents said they stay in contact with other families across the country, building life-long friendships. Parents also spoke about quarter midget racing's ability to provide a network for youth to socialize and make friends everywhere they go.

Drivers said that they focused on practicing their drive line before the race, meaning that they could carry as much momentum as possible without slowing down. Parents and pit crew members said that some of the biggest changes from track to track are suspension and gearing.

"One thing you'll find here is that everyone helps everyone," said Chas Miller's father, Steve

Miller. "So when a kid comes off the track with a mechanical problem, you know, your competitors, their dads and moms, and everyone joins in to get that kid back on the racetrack."

Steve Miller said that it's crucial to test everything and check everything because it could be a 90-cent part that costs a driver the race.

"Going fast" was one of the more popular responses from drivers when asked what their favorite part about quarter midget racing was.

Quarter midget races can range anywhere from 10 to more than 40 miles per hour on the racetrack, with the objective being to pass as many drivers as possible and accumulate the most points. Rookie races last as low as 10 laps with heavy and senior races lasting as long as 40 laps.

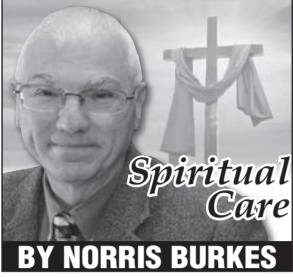
"This track has done a lot for kids anywhere from age five to 17 to help build their character; they build their social skills," said Cole Farrow, the father of junior Honda racer Kyle Farrow. "They build confidence levels and they take all the stuff that they learn here from this track and they use that for the rest of their lives."

To learn more about how to get started with the American Quarter Midget Association, visit aqma.us/. The American Quarter Midget Association in Rancho Cordova is at 13302 White Rock Road, within the Prairie City State Vehicle Recreation Area.

To learn more about the Capitol Quarter Midget Association in Rio Linda, visit capitolqma.com. The track is at 800 G St.

To learn more about the NASCAR Youth Series, its events and how to participate, visit nascaryouth.com. ★

Does God Hear Me Now?



BY NORRIS BURKES

Readers: I began writing this syndicated column October 2001. Now, after 24 years, I'm retiring the column on October 12th. You can stay in touch by joining my weekly email newsletter at www.thechaplain.net/newsletter or send email request to comment@thechaplain.net. As I approach my 68th year around our sun, I'm doing a lot of reflecting.

My active days are full of grandkids, home repairs, charity work with Chispa Project, all while pastoring a small church in the Sierra Nevada foothills.

With this summertime busyness, I was feeling that my God-connection was breaking up.

No, not a complete disconnect, but my reception of the divine felt crackly and fuzzy. You know, the kind you get from a fading phone signal. You walk in circles, waving your phone above your head asking, "Can you hear me now?"

I found myself needing to find a place, a moment, an event, to reconnect with God.

As I minister, I hear people claim they don't need a church to find God. They tell me that God can be found anywhere – even on a beach.

So earlier this summer, I drove my wife and twelve-year-old grandson to Half Moon Bay for a few days off. I went to see if God indeed had beachfront property in California.

It had been one of those weeks where the inconsistencies of my faith had been apparent to more than just myself. It was one of those weeks where I was longing to simply be the same person I had been the previous week.

So, as my grandson dug tunnels in the sand and my wife kicked at the cold waves, I walked alone up the rocky beach, explaining to God my ground rules of our upcoming conversation.

"I just need a moment to double check stuff with you – a moment to make sure you're still covering my back.

"So, I thought I'd say 'howdy' here at the beach. I know that you make every day special, but I'm needing this day to be extra."

There, on the water's edge, I found an isolated rock and quickly breached its top. Sitting atop the rock with my soul exposed, I began scanning the waves for some kind of epiphany.

As I searched, the cold wind pounded my heart like a burglar's hammer working to unlock a treasure, so I hid my face beneath my sweatshirt's hood.

From this rock, I hoped to find a still place, a space where I could both hide and be exposed, see and be seen – an abode high enough to make my prayer heard but low enough to nurture humility.

My prayer began: Lord, find what I've hidden.

Touch what I've hurt Open what I've closed. Teach what I wouldn't learn.

Fill the places I've emptied. And empty what

consumes me.

Release what I've captured.

Hold what escapes me Invade what I defend. And defend what I've surrounded.

Amen Opening my eyes, I saw my grandson writing messages in the sand, but the finicky waves quickly rinsed them away, like an Etch-a-Sketch turned upside down.

On the horizon, I watched the pacific swallow the setting sun. "Wow! God really does own beachfront property!"

As I made my way back to my family, I inched around a deep rocky tide-pool and fell – hard. Blood oozed from my shins and elbows, but I still managed to get up to check if anyone was looking.

Becky came running over with my grandson.

The next day, bandaged, but ambulatory, I heard God's voice again.

"See what I did there, son.

"I met you on the top of the rocks where I heard your praises.

"But I also fall with you to the bottom of those rocks.

"I always hear you perfectly, even when you've lost reception on your end.

"I'm with you always and I will never leave you." My reception was clear again.

Email me with questions or comment at comment@thechaplain.net. Sign up to receive this column by email at thechaplain.net/columns/ Contact Chaplain Norris at comment@thechaplain.net or 10566 Combie Rd. Suite 6643 Auburn, CA 95602 or voicemail (843) 608-9715. ★

MEETING MINDERS

Wednesday Oct. 1
Cosumnes CSD, 5:30 p.m., Elk Grove CSD boardroom, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove.

Monday, Oct. 6
Lodi Parkinson's Support Group, 10 a.m., GracePoint Church, 801 Lower Sacramento Road (enter off Tokay Street), Lodi; 209-269-1080 or 209-329-1185.

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

Tuesday, Oct. 7
Galt City Council, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

Wednesday, Oct. 8
Herald Community Club, 6:30 p.m., Hendrickson Hall, 12746 Ivie Road, Herald, 209-810-8390.

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

Thursday, Oct. 9
Lockeford Community Services District Board

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

Friday, Oct. 10
Galt Sunrise Rotary, 7 a.m., Comfort Inn & Suites, 10380 Twin Cities Road, 209-745-6617.

Saturday, Oct. 11
Kiwanis Club of Galt meets at 8:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month at the Comfort Inn, 10380 Twin Cities Rd. For more information, visit k13878.site.kiwanis.org/ contact.

Sunday, Oct. 12
Galt 4-H Club meeting, 3 p.m., at either Barbara Payne Community Garden or Grange Hall (depending on weather); see Facebook page GALT 4-H or email galt4h@gmail.com.

Wednesday, Oct. 15
Cosumnes CSD, 5:30 p.m., Elk Grove CSD boardroom, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd.

Galt Elementary School Board, 7 p.m., City Hall, 380 Civic Drive,

209-745-4545.

Thursday, Oct. 16
Galt Beautification Committee, 9 a.m., Community Development Dept., 495 Industrial Drive, 209-366-7130.

Galt High School Board, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

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

Friday, Oct. 17
Galt Sunrise Rotary, 7 a.m., Comfort Inn & Suites, 10380 Twin Cities Road, 209-745-6617.


Tuesday, Oct. 21
Galt City Council, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

Galt High Alumni Association (GHAA), 7 p.m., Three Palms Mobile Estates Clubhouse, 604 Pringle Ave., 916-835-8690.

Monday, Oct. 27
Arcohe School Board, 7 p.m., Media Center (East Campus), 11715 Ivie Road, Herald, 209-748-2313. ★

MEMORIAL

JOHN VANDERSPEK • 12/25/36-9/20/2025



John Vanderspek passed away peacefully on Sept. 20, 2025, at the age of 88 years old in the presence of his family. John was born in Monster, Holland, to Helena and Matheus Vanderspek on Dec. 25, 1936. He was one of 12 children and lived through German occupation during WWII.

In January 1961, John married Corrie in Holland and two days later, they began their adventure that took them far from home, immigrating to the United States. They picked California as a place to begin their American dream and were very lucky that Ben Van Warmerdam chose to sponsor them. John was a hardworking, honest and loving individual who got along with everyone. He worked hard as a dairyman, ultimately owning and working his own dairy farm. John was a role model for his children on how to live your life showing that working hard will help you achieve the American dream.

He and Corrie played cards monthly with three Dutch couples for over 40 years. For the past 50 years, Galt was his home. John loved to travel, and he and Corrie traveled all over the United States including one of his favorite places, the Grand Canyon. They also traveled to Canada, Brazil, Germany and Holland to visit his vast family.

John is survived by his spouse, Corrie Vanderspek; son Brian Vanderspek (Luisa); daughter Sylvia Vanderspek; daughter Melissa Neuburger (Matt); son Leon Vanderspek (Karen); seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. John, Dad, Opa will be missed by his family who loved him deeply.

A visitation will be held at Ben Salas Funeral Home, 149 4th St., from 4 to 7 p.m. Sept. 30. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 1 at the Church of Saint Christopher, 950 S. Lincoln Way. A reception will follow.

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Can it be that the NBA preseason is upon us, and less than two weeks away? Yes, Kings fans, it's nearly time to don those jerseys and break out the rally towels once again.

Much has been said about the lack of moves the Kings have made during the offseason, and the numbers don't lie.

Aside from shoring up the point guard position with the acquisition of veteran Dennis Schroder, Sacramento has only the draft to look back on as it relates to adding talent to this year's squad.

Much discussion about adding Russell Westbrook to the team, and a constant dialogue about acquiring Jonathan Kuminga from the Golden State Warriors, but as of today, neither of those transactions has been consummated.

Do the Sacramento Kings really need those two players to be successful this year? You bet they do, and Scott Perry is on the hot seat before he literally has a chance to sit down. This is the life of an NBA general manager, and it's what he signed up for.

Obviously, there are other players besides Westbrook and Kuminga that could add talent to the current squad, but for now if we can believe what we hear and read, the focus remains on these two veterans to boost our winning chances.

Fans and Pundits are looking askance at the Kings in general, so what are the glaring needs that can silence the critics and get the Sacramento Kings out of the gate on a winning note?

Front court help remains the most pressing need, and athletic big men are a tough commodity to come by, particularly this late in the off season.

Watching 6'9" Trey Lyles quietly walk out the back door after four plus years with the Kings made no sense, and losing a proven veteran was a gut punch to those of us that appreciated what Lyles brought to the court every night. Mistake, yes, I believe it was a definite mistake, but the Kings will have to move on and try to find someone to replace those missing minutes going forward.

Isaac Jones has been waiting for an opportunity to log more minutes, and this may be the chance he has been

looking for. But even if Isaac steps up and plays well, the Sacramento Kings are still in need of front-court help.

Apparently, the pressing issue that has stalled trade talks with Jonathan Kuminga, has been the Kings reluctance to giving the Warriors a 1st round unrestricted free agent in the package.

The Kings have been willing to offer up a first round draft pick, but it comes with restrictions.

I believe the time has come to acquiesce and give the Warriors the unrestricted 1st round pick they're looking for. Kuminga is worth it, and his upside is huge.

On paper this just doesn't seem to be a difficult decision, so I'm baffled that the Kings don't see the obvious upside to pulling the switch.

The energy that the Kuminga trade would bring to Sacramento is incalculable, but rest assured it wouldn't hurt ticket sales!

As fans we can only go by what's reported and what we read, but for this writers money, do what is necessary to put the name of Jonathan Kuminga on the roster, and let's start the 2025/2026 season of a high note.

I also support adding aging veteran Russell Westbrook, largely because he has a reputation for being an excellent team player and would add a presence in the locker room that is hard to measure. In addition, Westbrook looks and plays like he did ten years ago, and whether occasionally starting or coming off the bench, there is no doubt in my mind that Westbrook will be a welcome addition that will bring with it wins.

Is there a surprise in store that no ones heard or read about? Probably, and let's hope that Scott Perry has done his homework and has just such a surprise in store for the Kings faithful.

Don't lose heart, Kings fans because it's always darkest before the dawn.

Stay tuned and get ready, because NBA basketball is right around the corner!

All the best!

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

Social Security Matters

Should I Claim Social Security Early Because it is Going Bankrupt?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My best friend is going to be 62 and wants to begin taking her Social Security immediately. Her reasoning not to wait is the thought that it is going to run out in 10 years, so she wants as much of her money before that happens. I have paid into Social Security my entire working life (44 years and counting). What are your thoughts on taking it as soon as you are eligible? **Signed: Uncertain what to do.**

Dear Uncertain: Deciding when to claim Social Security is a sometimes-confusing task, but no one should ever claim SS early because they believe Social Security will go bankrupt in the near future. Social Security cannot and will not go bankrupt. What your friend may be referring to is the fact that Social Security will be facing some financial issues in 2033 unless Congress acts soon to reform the program. And they will act, but likely not until they must.

The fact is, Social Security still has about \$2.7 trillion in reserved funds which are now being

used to pay full benefits. If that Reserves balance were to be fully depleted, then Social Security would need to go to a "cash basis" (essentially, paying out in benefits only what is received in SS taxes), which would result in about a 21% cut in everyone's benefit. In other words, even if Congress neglected to reform the program, beneficiaries would still get about 79% of their monthly benefit starting in about 2033/2034. Hardly anyone believes that Congress will fail to eventually reform Social Security, and, in fact, they already know how to do that reform (they just currently lack the bipartisanship to accomplish it). But neglecting reform would amount to political suicide for all members of Congress, which is extremely unlikely to happen.

Here at the AMAC Foundation, we are confident that Congress will soon address Social Security's future financial dilemma, and we have been working on potential solutions. We have, for several years, been providing these suggestions to various members of Congress, and those members are now considering our proposals. Thus, we do not suggest making a Social Security claiming decision based on fear of the program going bankrupt. That fear is unfounded. Instead, we suggest that everyone decide when to claim based upon their individual personal situation,

considering their need for the SS money, their life expectancy, and their marital status. And remember, claiming early (before one's SS full retirement age (FRA)) also means Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET) will apply (the AET limits how much can be earned from working before FRA is attained).

So, our thought on the wisdom of taking Social Security as soon as you are eligible is that it is often not a wise decision, and certainly not if that decision is made based on fear of Social Security "not being there" soon. Instead, we suggest making your Social Security claiming decision based upon your unique personal circumstances, including, especially, your life expectancy, financial need, and marital status.

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The Siren Song of Despair

Charlie Kirk was a one-man answer to campus illiberalism. He rose to prominence at a time when university administrators and progressive students were working in league to make campuses no-go zones for conservatives.

They effectively banned them from their faculties. They didn't invite them on campus, or if they did, they were liable to disinvite and cancel them. They banned so-called hate speech. They shouted down speakers they didn't like. They created "safe spaces." In short, they did everything they could to render the opposing point of view illegitimate and indefensible.

Kirk showed not only that it was possible to punch through these obstacles and get a hearing, but to win the argument despite them.

He created a student movement that he leveraged into a huge, multifaceted organization and that he mobilized to vote in 2024, to great political effect.

He was provocative, occasionally outlandish and sometimes wrong, but always interesting and brave.

His events on campus should be viewed as a public service. All of the best, most creative college deans could have gotten together to figure out how to routinely get thousands of energized students to

events about public affairs, and never managed it. No worries. Kirk figured it out for them. That he was shot while he engaged in an act of peaceful persuasion makes his murder all the more devastating.

Kirk wasn't a literary figure, but his assassination was a little like, say, William F. Buckley or James Baldwin getting gunned down in the midst of their famous 1965 debate at the Cambridge Union.

What Kirk was doing drew on some of the finest traditions of civilized life. Gathering on a hill to hear people speak and argue, like what we saw at Utah Valley University prior to the shot ringing out, is as old as the Pnyx in ancient Athens.

The university as a battleground of ideas, with clashing worldviews vying for influence, goes back to the Middle Ages. Founded in 1231, the University of Paris quickly became "a forum where great questions of theology, society, and government were analyzed and answered," writes historian Dan Jones.

More fundamentally, language and abstract reasoning make us distinctly human; violence, the tool of brutes, does not. What are young people on the right to conclude from the horror at Utah Valley? Progressives viewed Kirk as a "MAGA troll" (as a New Republic headline put it in the immediate aftermath of his shooting), but for his fans, he was a figure of hope and inspiration.

It's also important to realize that Kirk worked diligently and effectively to bring disaffected kids into mainstream politics.

He pushed back against anti-semitism and other poisonous influences. The far-right envied and hated him.

It would be natural for Utah Valley to become the Right's equivalent of Kent State in the 1970s, a shattering experience, and a radicalizing one.

Charlie Kirk did it the right way, and now he's gone. He espoused the Christian faith, and what did it get him? He believed in open debate, and it left him defenseless unto his enemies. He did his enemies the favor of taking their arguments seriously, whereas (presumably) one of them used a bullet to silence him forever.

To quit on persuasion, though, is the counsel of despair. Political violence in a free society is always wrong. There's no substitute for convincing our fellow citizens, and we should also assume -- as Kirk did, even with the odds stacked heavily against him -- that they can be convinced by good arguments made sincerely and passionately.

Kirk's murder will long be remembered as a symbol of the irrationality and hatred of this era, with, one fears, worse to come. His life's work, on the other hand, is a testament to how one person can, with enough pluck and talent, move the needle of our politics.

Kirk fought back against illiberalism, and his supporters -- when the shock and grief subsides -- should be equally committed to his mission.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Sky-High Living Costs Afford It the Nation's Highest Poverty Label - Again



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Last year's presidential election underscored, particularly to Democrats, that the costs of living were a major factor in the outcome.

Inflation had increased sharply during Joe Biden's presidency, and voters' angst about rising prices worked against Vice President Kamala Harris' campaign to succeed him in the White House.

Not surprisingly, therefore, when the California Legislature opened its 2025 session, its dominant Democrats declared that they would focus on taming the state's notoriously high costs for housing, fuel, utilities and other necessities of modern life.

The session ended last week and as it did, by happenstance, the Census Bureau reported that California once again has the nation's highest "supplemental" rate of poverty when its living costs are included in calculations over a three-year period.

California's rate, 17.7%, means that nearly 7 million of its residents are impoverished, 5 percentage points higher than the national rate and tied with Louisiana. The lowest rate is 6.7% in Maine.

California's rate is also 2.3 percentage points higher than it was in the Census Bureau's previous three-year calculation, implying that its living costs vis-à-vis incomes had

increased markedly.

The situation is even gloomier in a report last month from the Public Policy Institute of California and the Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality.

Using methodology similar to that of the Census Bureau, they calculate that 16.9% of Californians were poverty-stricken in 2023 and another 17.9% were near-poor. That translates into 13.2 million Californians struggling to put roofs over their heads, food on the tables, fuel in their cars and electric power in their appliances and light fixtures.

Los Angeles County, which has about 25% of the state's population, has the highest poverty rate of any county, 19.9%. Poverty in the Central Coast region is nearly as high at 19.3%, while Sacramento has the state's lowest rate, 13%.

Another data point about poverty in California is found in the newly enacted state budget. It declares that 14.9 million Californians are enrolled in Medi-Cal, the state's health care program for the poor.

So, one might wonder, did the Legislature's 2025 session deliver on promises to reduce the costs of living?

Legislative leaders claim some success.

"We went big," Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, said in a summary of the session's work. "We produced results. We delivered historic progress — on housing, on energy, on climate, on health care, and on human rights. And that progress is something every one of us can be proud of."

"And while our work is not finished fixing California's housing system,

this year marked a turning point in California's housing story," Rivas continued. "And today, we also advanced the most significant energy package in years. We passed measures that will deliver real relief for families on their electricity bills. We took action to stabilize gas supplies, to prevent price shocks — while keeping health and environmental protections in place."

By easing what had been a crackdown on gasoline refiners and sanctioning more oil production, legislators and Gov. Gavin Newsom say they are avoiding a gasoline supply crisis that could send costs soaring as the state shifts to a zero-emission economy. Two refineries have already announced closure plans, and Chevron has dropped hints that it could abandon its Richmond refinery.

By integrating California's electric power grid with those of other Western states, the elected officials say, shortages of electric power will be mitigated.

By reducing impediments to housing development, they say, higher levels of construction will moderate increases in rents and home prices.

Whether any of these legislative efforts actually lower or at least stabilize Californians' living costs won't be known for months, or even years. Meanwhile, California's high poverty rate will continue to be a civic embarrassment.

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

WE SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS



Fourth-Grade Families Can Visit 54 State Parks for Free

California State Parks News Release

STATE OF CALIFORNIA (MPG) - Families of fourth-graders in California public schools are invited to download the free California State Park Adventure Pass at parks.ca.gov/AdventurePass

The pass opens the door to California's stunning natural landscapes and rich cultural heritage, granting students and their families a year of free entry to 54 state parks full of sandy beaches and desert canyons, majestic redwood forests and eye-opening historic sites.

Championed by First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom, whose California for All Kids initiatives support children's physical, mental and social-emotional well-being, and the Newsom Administration's Outdoors for All initiative, the California State Park Adventure Pass expands the opportunity for fourth-graders and their families to enjoy the benefits of connecting with nature, each other and their communities.

The pass for this school year's fourth graders is valid until Aug. 31, 2026. To date, more than 89,000 passes have opened new doors and fostered a love of state parks for California fourth-graders.

"As a mom, I know how much time in nature shapes a child's health, happiness and love for the outdoors," Siebel Newsom said. "The California State Park Adventure Pass has opened the door for more kids and families to experience the joy and benefits of our beautiful state parks. I encourage all public school fourth-graders and their families to take advantage of this opportunity and to explore all the incredible natural treasures California has to offer."

Said State Parks Director Armando Quintero,



Let the adventures begin. California State Parks and First Partner invite fourth-graders and their families to experience the state's unmatched beauty and history for free. It's easy for Sonoma State Historical Park visitors to picture life here in the 1800s. The historic old town of Sonoma comes alive at the state park. Sonoma State Historical Park is an easy drive from this area. Photo courtesy of California State Parks, 2025

"California's state parks are true wonders of nature and human history. The Adventure Pass is an invitation to fourth-graders and their families to discover the world of California. It's your home."

And California Natural Resources Agency Secretary Wade Crowfoot said, "California's natural treasures belong to all of us. By opening our parks to public school fourth-graders at no cost, we're investing in healthier kids, stronger communities and the next generation of stewards who will care for the Golden State's wealth of natural and cultural resources."

Obtaining a free California State Park Adventure Pass online is easy. Parents and/or guardians can go online to reservecalifornia.com or call 800-444-7275 (Spanish-speaking customer service available). If they don't already have a ReserveCalifornia

account, they can set up a profile by providing their name, address, phone number and email address. After completing the form, the free pass will be immediately sent to their email to be used at the 54 participating parks.

Individuals without access to a smartphone, computer, printer and/or email address can request a pass by visiting a State Parks Pass Sales Office or by calling 800-444-7275.

What are some of the picturesque state parks that fourth-graders and their families can visit? Two parks within a few hours' drive from home include the Empire Mine State Historical Park and the Sonoma State Historical Park.

Empire Mine State Historical Park is the site of one of the oldest, deepest and richest gold mines in California. The park is at 10791 East Empire St., Grass Valley. In operation for more than 100 years, the mine

extracted 5.8-million ounces of gold before it closed in 1956. The park contains many of the mine's buildings, the owner's home and restored gardens, and the entrance to 367 miles of abandoned and flooded mine shafts. The park encompasses 856 acres of forested backcountry and 14 miles of trails, including easy hikes for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding.

Sonoma State Historical Park is a scattering of historical sites consisting of six midtown locations near Sonoma's Plaza. Off the Sonoma Plaza are Mission San Francisco Solano, the Blue Wing Inn, Sonoma Barracks, the Toscano Hotel & Kitchen, and the Servants Quarters (the remains of La Casa Grande). General Vallejo's Home, less than a mile west of the Plaza, was the estate of General Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo, Military Commander and Director of Colonization of the Northern Frontier and founder

of Pueblo de Sonoma. The park's main office address is at 363 3rd St. West, Sonoma,

Closer to home are the California State Railroad Museum, Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park, State Indian Museum State Historic Park and Sutter's Fort State Historic Park in Sacramento.

Find all 54 participating parks at parks.ca.gov.

Made possible by Assembly Bill 148, the California State Park Adventure Pass program was signed by Governor Gavin Newsom in July 2021. The pass is valid for the one-year period during which the child is a fourth-grader or fourth-grade equivalent and attends a public school, from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31 of that year. The pass is also a good educational tool for California fourth-grade teachers, who can encourage students to extend their classroom learning into state parks and explore these living classrooms.

In addition to the California State Park Adventure Pass, all Californians can check out a California State Parks Library Pass by using their library cards to access more than 200 participating state park units.

Families receiving California Work Opportunity and Responsibility for Kids (CalWORKs), individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and income-eligible Californians 62 and over can apply for the Golden Bear Pass with their smartphone or other web-based device and have access to more than 200 California state park units. The Golden Bear Pass is also available to participants of California's Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

For more information on all three State Park Pass programs, visit parks.ca.gov/OutdoorsForAll. ★

ABOUT TOWN

Friday, Sept. 26
Movie Under the Columns – 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Wishek Amphitheatre. Bring your blankets, low lawn chairs, family and friends for free community movie nights under the stars. This week, we'll be showing "The Wizard of Oz." 125 S. Hutchins St., Lodi.

Saturday, Sept. 27
Galt Auto Swap Meet & Car Show – 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join Northern California's fastest-growing auto swap meet and car show at the Galt Market grounds. Come be part of it! For more information or to register for a space, text 209-513-8651 or email sjvautoswapmeets@yahoo.com. 610 Chabolla Ave.

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 business displays and items for sale. 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](https://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 St., Lodi.

Astronomy in the Park – 7 p.m. at 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.

Saturday, Oct. 4
Natural and Cultural History Walk at Cosumnes River Preserve – 9 a.m. to noon. Join docents on a guided hike along the River Walk Trail. This hike will take you back to the days when the Plains Miwok once lived here.

This is a great family activity for all ages. Please dress for outdoors, with sturdy shoes and layers; bring your own water. Meet on the Visitor Center

deck. 13501 Franklin Blvd.

Sunday, Oct. 5
Cars n' Coffee – 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Parkwest Casino, Lodi. Brought to you by Central Valley Classics n' Customs and Licious Lady Motors. All makes, models, motorcycles and years are welcome. This event supports our local U.S. military active-duty troops and veterans. 1800 S. Cherokee Lane, Lodi.

Lodi Street Faire – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. See our historic streets transform into a bustling marketplace filled with over 500 vendors offering everything from handcrafted goods and artisan treasures to antiques, clothing, home décor and more. Indulge in delicious fair food favorites and local eats as you stroll through the lively atmosphere. Downtown Lodi.

Feast Day of St. Francis – 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church on the church lawn to pray for the health and happiness of your furry family members, in honor of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals. All pets welcome! 200 B St.

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

Wednesday Oct. 1: English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Thursday, Oct. 2: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (WG)

Friday, Oct. 3: 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 Oct. 22. Breakfast: second Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave., Elk Grove.

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, Oct. 23. 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. ★



Thin or Fluffy? It is National Pancake Day!



me. It is also Chimichanga Day. An opportunity to celebrate one of the greatest culinary accidents in history, the deep-fried goodness is the chimichanga. Created in 1946, the word chimichanga means “thingamajig” in Spanish. The chimichanga is credited to Monica Flin, owner of El Charro Café. According to legend the modern day chimichanga was the result of Flin’s accidentally flipping a burrito into the deep fryer. She exclaimed using a Spanish swear word, “Chimichanga”! What came out of the deep fryer was a crisp, savory burrito that became a legend in its own right. Chimichangas have the same filling as burritos. One of the big differences between eating a burrito or chimichanga

is the “Chimi” is piping hot and is to be eaten slowly so the mouth and tongue don’t get burned. There you have it: pancakes for breakfast and chimichanga for dinner. Sounds good to me. It has become a staple on Mexican restaurant menus around the country.

*** Today is the big Homecoming Day for Galt High School. The parade, the football games and crowning of royalty. The homecoming dance is tomorrow evening. I know I have said it before; I cannot believe today is the last Friday of September. Yikes! I meant to get the fall decorations out and decorate and get head of the Autumnal Equinox. Well, now; that didn’t happen. The Equinox was last Monday, and the decorations are still in the attic. I will give it a go this weekend and start with the Jack o’ lanterns, a black cat or two and a couple of bales of hay for the entry gate decor. Add some pinecones and pumpkins and a few gourds to spruce it

up. I am trying to minimize the inside décor. Less is more and less to store. However, I really like all my glass pumpkins, Pilgrims and fall-colored leaves and lights, so more than likely, I will use most of the decorations. But one more thing before decorating: winterizing. UGH! All the outside décor needs to be stored. Outdoor furniture and barbecues secured and covered, and leaves blown off the deck and tossed to the goats. There are always leaves even in the middle of winter: Leaves, you can’t get away from leaves, they haunt you in your sleep. It will take me another week or two to get it all done and then ... guess what? Before you know it, Thanksgiving will be over, and all the fall décor is to be stored, and then it is time for Christmas decorations. Just like that. I love it! Keeps me moving. And it is only the last Friday in September. Until next week – be strong, be courageous, make a memory. ★

Landscape Upgrades, Playground under Construction

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - The city announced on Sept. 23 via social media that two community improvement projects are underway: landscape upgrades along East Stockton Boulevard and renovations at the Sports Complex Playground at 1022 Caroline Ave.

Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 24, the Sports Complex Playground will be closed for construction as brand-new equipment is installed. The Parks and Recreation Department will be closing the playground until further notice. Planned upgrades include inclusive play features, Americans with Disabilities

Act (ADA)-accessible structures and new shade elements to improve the experience for park visitors. In spring 2026, turf along East Stockton Boulevard from Twin Cities Road to Amador Avenue will be removed as part of a landscape renovation. The project will replace turf with drought-tolerant plants and shrubs

supported by a drip-irrigation system designed to conserve water and reduce maintenance needs. According to the city, the project reflects an ongoing commitment to creating greener, more sustainable streetscapes, with credit given to the Parks and Recreation team for leading the improvements. ★

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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 are being sued. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-

Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court’s lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación 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 telefónica 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 información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a

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The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff’s attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Kristina L. Thorton, 2443 Fair Oaks Boulevard, No 499, Sacramento, CA 95825, 209-367-8888. Date: (Fecha) April 28, 2025 Clerk (Secretario) Stephanie Bohrer, Deputy (Adjunto) Gloria Hamilton
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (DIVISION 6 OF THE COMMERCIAL CODE) ESCROW NO. 120-33995-CM
(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: CASE RX PHARMACY, INC., 9109 LAGUNA MAIN STREET, 125, ELK GROVE, CA 95758
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: SAME AS ABOVE

(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: HEALTHBOX RX LLC, 9914 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92844
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: CERTAIN FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, INVENTORY AND OTHER ASSETS of that certain business located at: 9109 LAGUNA MAIN STREET, 125, ELK GROVE, CA 95758
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: LAKESIDE PHARMACY
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is OCTOBER 14, 2025 at the office of: GLEN OAKS ESCROW, 24018 LYONS AVE. SANTA CLARITA, CA 91321, Escrow No. 120-33995-CM, Escrow Officer: CYNTHIA MOLLER
(8) Claims may be filed with Same as “7” above.
(9) The last day for filing claims is: OCTOBER 13, 2025.
(10) This bulk sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE.
DATED: JULY 28, 2025
BUYER(S): HEALTHBOX RX LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 4196667-PP
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TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No. 130468-CA APN: 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. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said 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, 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 call (855) 313-3319 or visit this Internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 130468-CA. 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:** Effective 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 (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
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NOTICE OF INTENT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT THE 2025 CALIFORNIA FIRE AND BUILDING CODES
Notice is hereby given of the intention of the Cosumnes Community Services District to adopt, as amended, the 2025 California Fire and Building Codes. The District shall hold a public hearing at 5:30 P.M. on November 5, 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.
The Galt Herald 9-26-2025



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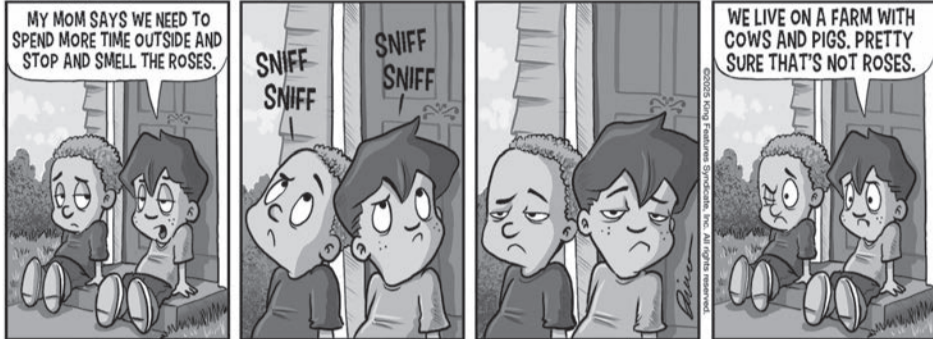
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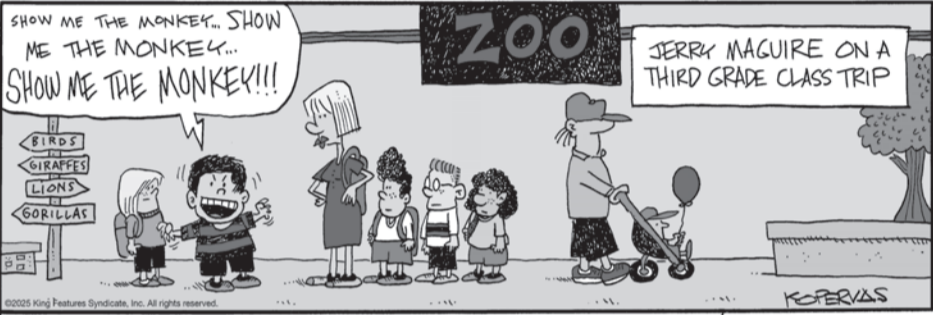
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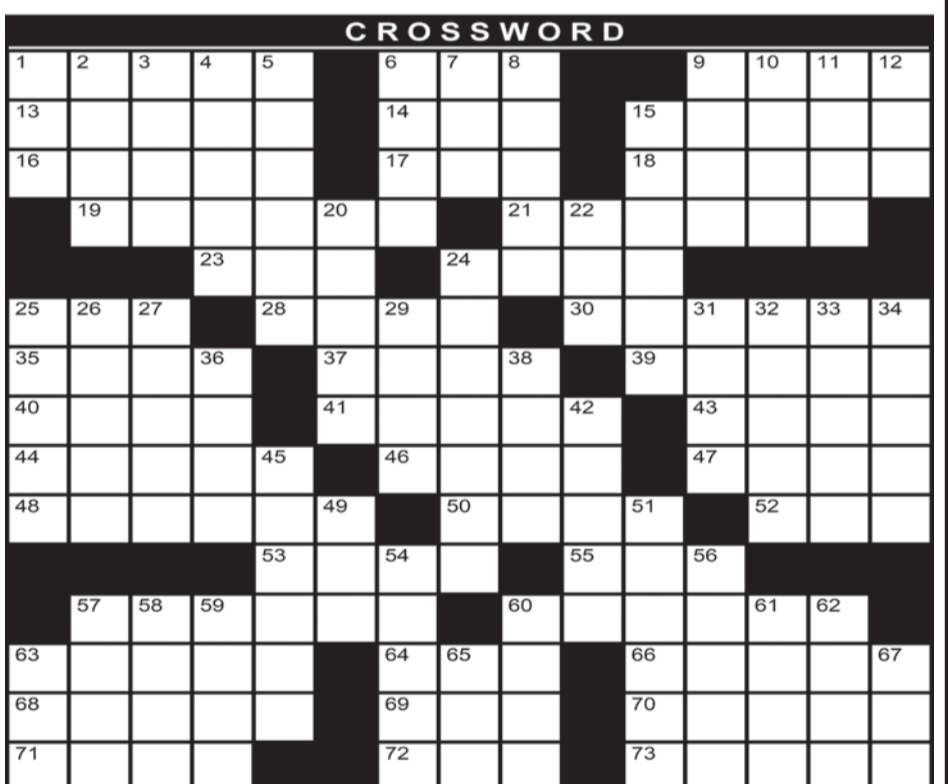
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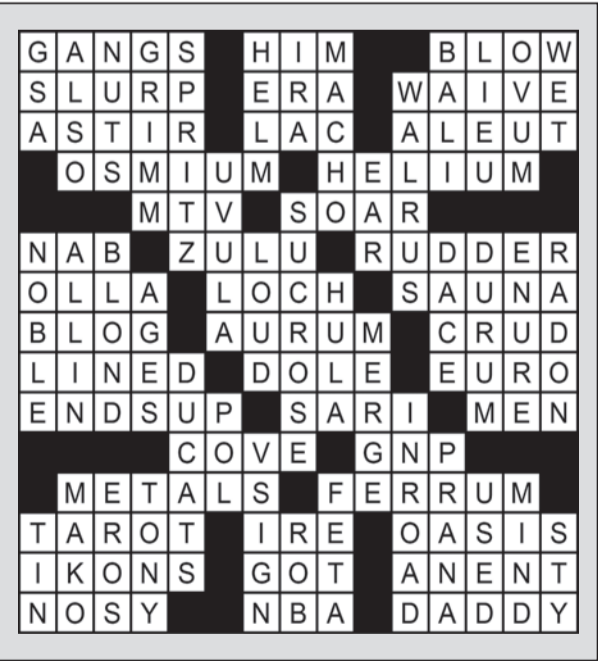
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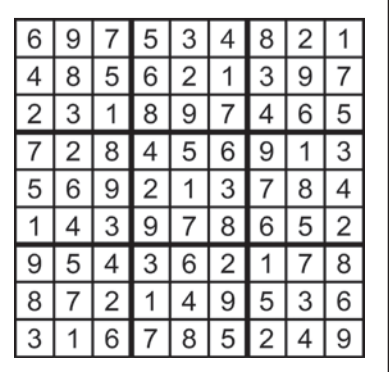
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Recycle Household Batteries

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

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

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

Volunteers Sought for Senior Resource Center

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

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

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

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. ★

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POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Sept. 16 to Sept. 22, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in seven arrests.

Sept. 16

9:57 a.m., Burglary reported, Lake Park Circle.

10:53 a.m., Vandalism reported, Galt Community Park, Walnut Avenue.

3:29 p.m., Theft reported, Alderman Drive.

Sept. 17

1:17 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Fourth Street/F Street.

3:19 a.m., Recovered Stolen Vehicle, Union 76, Simmerhorn Road.

8:31 a.m., Fraud reported, More for Less on North Lincoln Way: Male adult, wearing red hat, black jacket and black

shirt; paid for items with fake \$20 bill.

11:16 a.m., Vandalism reported, Lake Park Circle: Front door kicked.

7:24 p.m., Burglary reported, Walmart on Twin Cities Road: Vehicle broken into, lock punched out and mail stolen from center console.

11:09 p.m., Bike Stop/Adult Arrest, C Street/Civic Drive.

Sept. 18

7:54 a.m., Vandalism reported, Spruce Avenue: Vehicle damaged.

9:50 a.m., Vandalism reported, Walker Park on West Elm Avenue: Damage to slide.

2:45 p.m., Theft reported, Billorights Avenue.

2:46 p.m., Theft reported, Billorights

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2:47 p.m., Theft reported, Bastion Avenue.

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9:24 p.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Gilly's Car Wash & Dog Wash, East Stockton Boulevard.

Sept. 19

6:53 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Galt Self Storage on Spaans Drive.

Sept. 22

12:12 p.m., Vandalism reported, Griffey Way: Reporting party said ex-girlfriend vandalized his lawn by doing a "burn-out" with a truck.

1:44 p.m., Theft reported, Supermarkets on C Street: Laptop taken from inside unlocked delivery truck. ★

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Galt Warriors Make Strong Showing at Annual Frogtown Invitational

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

ANGELS CAMP, CA (MPG) - On Saturday, Sept. 20, the Galt Cross Country Team made its annual pilgrimage to the Bret Harte Frogtown Invitational at the Calaveras County Fairgrounds in Angels Camp, continuing a tradition that has become a cornerstone of the team's early season preparation.

The Warriors delivered an impressive performance on the challenging course, with 11 athletes achieving new Personal Records and three posting Season Records.

The day's highlights included a second-place team finish for the Freshman Boys and a sixth-place showing from the Frosh/Soph Girls team.

"This meet is always a great test for our kids," said Head Coach Bruce Peterson. "The Frogtown course is tough and unforgiving, but it prepares our runners for what they'll face later in the season. Seeing 11 PRs today tells me our athletes are buying into the training and ready to compete."

In the Boys Freshman 2-Mile Race, the Warriors' depth shone through in their runner-up team finish. Aaron Garcia paced the squad with a 14th-place finish and a personal best time of 13:07.91. Christian Juarez wasn't far behind, claiming 16th place in 13:20.71, while Christian Gomez rounded out the top three scorers with a PR performance of 13:26.94 for 23rd place. Isaac Rodriguez (29th, 13:40.35), Jayden Sirben (36th, 14:07 PR) and Robin Miller (64th,

18:18.16) completed the team effort.

The Girls Frosh/Soph squad, competing in the 2-Mile race, was led by sophomore Joseline Jimenez, who earned 19th place with a personal record time of 16:31.46. Freshman Kaylee Meixner followed in 31st place (17:29.13), with teammates Olivia Rodriguez (42nd, 18:14.24), Jade Garcia (47th, 18:44.77), Crystal Lamb (60th, 19:41.46) and Allie Miller (64th, 19:57.89 PR) contributing to the team's sixth-place finish.

The Boys Sophomore 2-Mile saw Daniel Crownover lead Galt's charge with a 15th-place finish in 12:47.66. David Terrones secured 41st place (14:15.97), followed by Aaron Gonzalez (86th, 16:23.93) and Mason Garcia (95th, 16:53.35).

In the Girls Varsity 3-Mile race, junior Emily Razo topped the Warriors' effort with a 29th-place finish in 23:29.32. Junior Courtney Brouwer claimed 52nd place with a PR time of 24:59.75, while senior Nora Werdon finished 59th in 25:30.92. Juniors Morgan Jones (PR 27:13.28) and Paola Corral (PR 28:10.02), along with senior Elia Rodriguez (29:31.58), rounded out the varsity girls' performance.

The Boys Small School Varsity 3-Mile event saw Alejandro Herrera deliver the day's most impressive individual performance, earning 17th place overall with a personal record time of 17:58.65. Junior Mateo Roberto Mejia Beas (PR 23:41.30), junior Rylan Graviette (PR 24:16.22) and junior Edwyn Gallardo (PR 24:33.68) all posted



Freshman Christian Juarez powers through the challenging Frogtown course on his way to a 16th-place finish in 13:20.71, helping lead the Boys Freshman team to a second-place showing. Courtesy Photos



Galt's Crystal Lamb maintains her steady pace during the Girls Frosh/Soph 2-Mile race at Angels Camp, with a time of 19:41.46 to contribute to the team's sixth-place finish.



Junior Emily Razo leads the Galt Girls Varsity squad through the 3-mile course at the Calaveras County Fairgrounds, finishing as the Warriors' top performer in 29th place with a time of 23:29.32.



Junior Rylan Graviette pushes toward the finish line during the Boys Small School Varsity 3-Mile race, where he achieved a personal record time of 24:16.22 on the demanding Frogtown course.

personal bests in the challenging race.

The annual trip to Frogtown serves as crucial preparation for the Warriors as they face many

of the same schools they'll encounter at the subsection meet in November. The challenging course and competitive field provide an ideal testing ground

for Peterson's squad as it builds toward its championship goals.

The Warriors will return to action quickly, hosting their first league meet

on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at Folsom Lake College, where they'll look to build on the momentum gained from their strong showing in Angels Camp. ★

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Warriors Fall to Bradshaw Christian 60-0 in Tough Test

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warriors faced a challenging night at Warrior Stadium last Friday, falling to Bradshaw Christian 60-0 in a game that tested the team's resilience and character.

Senior Cash Myrick got the start at quarterback for the Warriors, leading the offense through the first quarter before junior Robert Rubio took over signal-calling duties in the second quarter. The Warriors found themselves in a 34-0 deficit after Bradshaw Christian capitalized on two pick-six interceptions with 5 minutes and 56 seconds remaining in the first half.

Bradshaw Christian's explosive offense proved difficult to contain, as the Pride racked up 240 rushing yards on just 13 carries for an impressive 18.5-yard average.

Through the air, Bradshaw Christian was efficient when needed, with junior quarterback Sam Amezcua completing both of his pass attempts for 59 yards and a touchdown. Junior Evan Rickert hauled in a 45-yard touchdown reception, while the Pride's defense forced four interceptions, returning them for 126 yards and multiple scores.

The halftime score



Nick Pena delivers a shoulder-to-shoulder hit on a Bradshaw player during a kickoff return.

stood at 48-0 in favor of Bradshaw Christian, and the Pride added another pick-six in the third quarter as the game moved to a running clock. Neither team found the end zone in the fourth quarter, with the final score settling at 60-0.

Despite the lopsided score, the Warriors showed fight until the final whistle. With 2 minutes and 53 seconds remaining and the clock running, Galt drove to the 10-yard line but was unable to break through for its first score of the evening.

"Tucker Alexander played a good game," said Head Coach JJ Woodward. "He had an interception and led our team in rushing this week. The boys stuck together throughout the game and they had each other's backs. Even in adversity, they stayed

positive." Coach Woodward's message to his team remained upbeat despite the challenging circumstances, as he could be heard encouraging his players to "just go out there and have some fun."

The Warriors will look to regroup and bounce back as they continue their season, taking the lessons learned from this difficult contest and applying them moving forward.

The team's ability to maintain unity and positive attitudes in the face of adversity speaks to the character that Coach Woodward and his staff are building within the program.

The Warriors will return to action next week as they host Rosemont High School in their second league game. ★



The Galt Warriors raise their helmets skyward following the national anthem before kickoff.



Frank Cortez attempts to maneuver around the defensive line during the Warriors' offensive drive.



Offensive tackle Tucker Alexander powers through the Bradshaw defensive line, picking up crucial yardage for the Warriors.

GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Andrew Quinn
Liberty Ranch Football



Tucker Alexander
Galt High Football
Photos by Paige Lampson

Warriors JV Falls to Bradshaw Christian 30-0

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warriors JV football team struggled to find its rhythm Friday night, falling to Bradshaw Christian 30-0 in a tough matchup.

Bradshaw Christian controlled the game from the opening drive, jumping out to a 9-0 lead in the first quarter and never looking back. The away team added two more touchdowns in the second quarter to take a commanding 23-0 lead into halftime, then tacked on another score in the third quarter to seal the victory.

The Warriors' offense had difficulty moving the ball consistently against a stout Bradshaw Christian defense. Sophomore quarterback Reece Deleon completed one of two passes for 11 yards, but the Warriors were unable to establish a sustained ground attack.

Bradshaw Christian's balanced offensive attack proved too much for Galt to handle. The visitors racked up 288 rushing yards on 49 carries, averaging nearly six yards per attempt.

The Warriors showed flashes of defensive intensity, with freshman Matthew Rios recording a sack, but were unable to slow down Bradshaw Christian's ground game consistently.

Despite the setback, the young Warriors will look to regroup and learn from this experience as they continue their JV season.

The team will return to action next week looking to bounce back from this tough loss. ★



The Warriors offensive line engages with the Bradshaw Christian defense immediately after the snap.



Austin Fink and Bowden Beck combine to bring down a Bradshaw Christian ball carrier.

GALT HERALD JUNIOR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



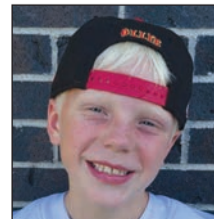
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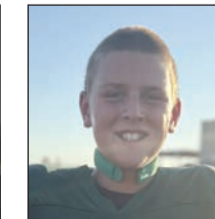
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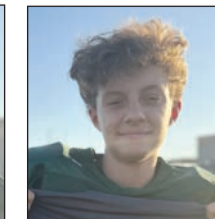
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Liberty Ranch Dominates Union Mine 37-8 Behind Explosive Ground Game



Joe Lara keeps the ball on a quarterback keeper during Liberty Ranch's dominant win over Union Mine.

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

EL DORADO, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawks soared to a commanding 37-8 victory over Union Mine on Friday night, showcasing a balanced offensive attack and stifling defense that controlled the game from start to finish.

Liberty Ranch jumped out to an early 15-8 lead in the first quarter and never looked back, adding eight points in the second quarter to take a 23-8 halftime advantage. The Hawks continued their dominance in the second half, scoring touchdowns in both the third and fourth quarters while shutting out Union Mine completely.

The story of the night was Liberty Ranch's devastating ground game, which churned out 318 yards on 37 carries for an impressive 8.6 yards per attempt. Junior Andrew Quinn led the charge with

a monster performance, rushing for 161 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries, including a 59-yard scoring run.

Quinn also contributed on defense with a team-high 15 tackles and three tackles for loss.

Junior Joe Lara provided excellent support in the backfield, adding 97 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries, with his longest run going for 39 yards. Lara also hauled in one reception for 16 yards and recorded a fumble recovery that he returned for three yards. Junior Wyatt Corriea chipped in with 30 rushing yards and a touchdown on five attempts.

Junior quarterback Ryan Ogas efficiently managed the offense, completing three of five passes for 40 yards. His favorite target was junior Enzo Diaz, who caught two passes for 24 yards.

The Hawks' offensive line dominated the line



Andrew Quinn breaks through the Union Mine defense for a big gain. Quinn rushed for 161 yards and two touchdowns in the Hawks' 37-8 victory. Photos courtesy of Tom Santillan

of scrimmage, recording eight pancake blocks led by junior Daniel Swearingen's three. Juniors Jayden Sedlacek and Soni Takafua, along with seniors Kyle Quaresma, also contributed key blocks throughout the game. Defensively, Liberty

Ranch was relentless, recording 83 total tackles and 12 tackles for loss. Senior Eston Tucker anchored the defense with 12 tackles and forced a fumble, while junior Deshaun Jackson added eight tackles and three tackles for loss. Senior

Gabe Onuegbu contributed five tackles and two tackles for loss.

Senior James Rangel handled the kicking duties flawlessly, converting all three extra-point attempts and averaging 37.2 yards on six kickoffs. Head coach Warren

Schroeder was pleased with his team's execution.

"We are very proud of how our players executed the game plan on both sides of the ball and know they will continue to improve as we make our way through a tough league schedule," Schroeder said. ★

Liberty Ranch JV Falls Short in Road Battle Against Union Mine, 21-6



Liberty Ranch's Ryder Ramos dives and drags to stop a Union Mine player's progress. Photo courtesy of Tom Santillan

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

EL DORADO, CA (MPG) - Liberty Ranch JV football traveled to Union Mine looking to bounce back but found itself in an early hole it couldn't climb out of, falling 21-6 to the Hawks.

Union Mine controlled the game early, scoring touchdowns in each of the first three quarters to build a commanding 21-0 lead. The Hawks' balanced attack kept Liberty's defense on its heels throughout the first half, taking a 14-0 advantage into the locker room.

Union Mine extended its lead with another touchdown in the third quarter, appearing to put the game away at 21-0.

Liberty Ranch showed heart in the fourth quarter, finally breaking through with a touchdown to avoid the shut-out. However, the early deficit proved too much to overcome as Union Mine's defense tightened up to preserve the victory.

The loss drops the Hawks' record as they head back home, while Union Mine continues its strong season with the convincing win. Liberty will look to regroup and get back on track in its next outing. ★

Galt FC Waves Capture Apple Classic Championship



Courtesy photo

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

SEBASTOPOL, CA (MPG) - The 2014 Girls Galt FC Waves capped off a dominant tournament performance by capturing the championship at the 35th annual Apple Classic, hosted by Wescos Soccer Club.

The Waves showcased their offensive firepower throughout the weekend, defeating four of the area's top teams while finding the back of the net an impressive 16 times during their championship run.

Leading the charge was tournament leading scorer Stella Rose, whose consistent goal-scoring ability proved crucial in the team's success. Between the posts, goalkeeper Bailie Harrington anchored a stout defense that provided the foundation for the championship campaign.

Adding depth and energy to the squad was Eva Cross, who made significant contributions coming off the bench as a key spark plug for the team when called upon.

The championship

represents the culmination of excellent preparation and coaching from the trio of Sergio Duarte, Jessica Holland and Nathan Oltmanns, who guided the Waves through a competitive field to claim the Apple Classic title.

The victory highlights the strength and depth of the Galt FC Waves program, as the team's balanced attack and solid defensive play proved to be the winning formula against top-level competition throughout the tournament. ★