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**Story and photos
by Idaly Valencia**

GALT, CA (MPG) - A large crowd gathered at Galt Community Park on the evening of Oct. 14 to mourn the loss of Officer Raymond Barrantes, a devoted father, beloved son, friend and police officer.

Barrantes was serving with the Chowchilla

Police Department when he died in an on-duty crash on Oct. 3. He was raising his three children in Galt, where they still attend local schools. Members of the Junior Hawks football team attended the vigil in support, as Barrantes' son plays for the team.

Galt Police Chief Brian Kalinowski spoke on behalf of the department, offering words of

comfort and acknowledging Barrantes' service and character.

"Raymond wore several badges with pride," Kalinowski said, adding that Barrantes served with the Mendota, Woodlake and West Sacramento police departments, and most recently with the Chowchilla Police Department.

"He served each one of

those organizations with pride and dignity as he did a great service to each of those communities," Kalinowski said.

Kalinowski noted that Barrantes earned numerous awards and recognitions, including Officer of the Year and the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award, as well as multiple certificates in

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City Passes E-Bike Safety Ordinance



By Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - During its Oct. 7 meeting, the Galt City Council unanimously approved an urgency ordinance regulating the use of e-bikes, e-scooters and similar motorized devices.

The ordinance, "Bicycles, Electric Bicycles, Motorized Scooters and Electrically Motorized Boards," was introduced in response to growing safety concerns involving these vehicles, especially since the start of the school year.

Interim city attorney Frank Splendorio said that the urgency ordinance takes effect immediately and requires only one council approval.

The new rules limit speeds to 20 mph; require helmets, lights and reflectors; and prohibit unsafe behaviors such as performing wheelies, swerving around traffic or stop signs and riding in restricted areas. Violations can result in fines, penalties or vehicle impoundment.

Splendorio said the ordinance's urgency stems from the need to protect public's peace, health and safety.

"This is an emerging issue that not just the city of Galt is dealing with but many cities especially as school year has started around California with high speeds and unsafe use of these," said Splendorio.

Galt Mayor Shawn Farmer thanked city staff for quickly bringing the ordinance forward, noting that the issue has been a concern among council members, residents, police officers and school officials. He emphasized that the intent is education, not restriction.

"We are not by any means, as the council, discouraging the use of these devices," Farmer said. "I think it's the future and I think it's a great way for people to get around and hopefully more people can use them, including adults, and we can get away from traffic congestion."

Traffic Officer Greg Steele said that enforcement will depend largely on officer discretion. Minor behavior away from traffic likely wouldn't warrant enforcement but dangerous actions, such as weaving into oncoming traffic, would.

"If they see a 12-year-old riding a wheelie and

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Celebrate Halloween with Weekend Events



Several weekend events in Galt will kick off Halloween celebrations. Festivities begin Friday, Oct. 25, with the city's Spookishly Fun Movie Night at Veterans Field, 900 Caroline Ave., starting at 5:45 p.m. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - The City of Galt will host several free Halloween events this weekend to celebrate the season and bring the community together.

On Friday, Oct. 24, Spookishly Fun Movie Night returns to Veterans Field, 900 Caroline Ave., for an evening of family-friendly fun. Trick-or-treating begins at 5:45 p.m., followed by a showing of Disney's "Coco" at sunset.

Families are encouraged to come in costume, bring blankets and chairs, and enjoy candy, games and a festive night under the stars. Local

businesses will also host booths and trick-or-treat stations. The annual event, organized by the City of Galt, is a popular tradition that residents look forward to each October.

Start Saturday, Oct. 25 off by attending the Galt-Arno Cemetery Dia de Muertos community event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 14180 Joy Drive. The free event will feature a dove release, "Catrina" contest, live entertainment, food vendors and a car show.

Festivities continue at Real Life Church that will host its annual Fall Fest Candy Palooza at 550 Industrial Drive, starting at 11 a.m.

The rain-or-shine event will include inflatables, a petting zoo, deejay, food truck, prizes, games and plenty of candy.

The city and local nonprofit L'chayim of Galt will host the fifth annual Old Town Trick-or-Treat on 4th Street later that day from 4 to 7 p.m. The event will feature participation from local businesses and community groups, including Brewster's Kitchen, 4th Street Tavern, Back Alley Brewhouse, Barsetti Vineyards, Galt 4-H, Galt Historical Society, Galt Lions Foundation, Ink House Social and the Kiwanis Club of Galt. ★



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Beanie Babies Needed for Kindergartners' Gifts

By Claire Gliddon,
Sacramento Blankets
for Sacramento Kids
Chief Blanket Gatherer

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Got Beanie Babies? Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids (SBSK) is asking for donations of new or gently used Beanie Babies for their kindergarten project that takes place each holiday season.

Every September, Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids picks as many low-income elementary schools as they can and finds out how many kindergartners they have. Volunteers then make double-fleece blankets (about 50 inches by 60 inches) for all the youth, as well as a fleece pouch with a Beanie Baby in it to go with each blanket.

Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids gives these blankets and Beanie Babies to the children right before Christmas break. Some of the children live

in their cars or in places without heat and this is all they get for Christmas. In 2024, Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids gave out more than 3,300 blankets and Beanie Babies in their kindergarten project, reaching 58 schools.

Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids is a non-profit organization that serves children in need from infants to 18-year-olds all year long. The kindergarten project is its special project each year.

This is the organization's 12th year running this project and members hope to continue doing it as long as they can get Beanie Babies.

Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids is always looking for new volunteers to make blankets all year round for children in need. Like to knit, crochet, sew, quilt, make no-sew blankets and have run out of people to make gifts for? We're looking for you!

If you'd like more



Kindergartners in a low-income Sacramento County classroom receive blankets and Beanie Babies as part of Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids' holiday drive. Photo courtesy of Claire Gliddon

information about Sacramento Blankets for Sacramento Kids, go to

sacblankets4kids.com to sign up.

There is no pressure, no

timelines, no meetings but just people who enjoy crocheting, knitting, quilting,

sewing, making no-sew blankets and helping children at the same time. ★

New Home Sales Dip in September

North State Building Industry Association News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - As many prospective homebuyers waited to see what happened with mortgage interest rates, new home sales in the Sacramento region dipped in September but remained above the average number of sales for the month, according to the North State Building Industry Association.

Association-member homebuilders reported selling 430 homes, 5

percent above the average 409 sales during September dating back to 1997. Sales were down 13 percent from August and 19 percent below September 2024. Building Industry Association President and CEO Tim Murphy said that many buyers are hoping that interest rates drop before pulling the trigger.

"While mortgage rates have dropped to below 6.5 percent, many potential buyers are betting that they will fall even further in the near future," Murphy said. "It is also possible that buyers are waiting to

see how soon the government shutdown is resolved. Markets like certainty and homebuyers are no different."

Murphy said that many area builders continue to offer generous incentives to help make home buying more attainable and there is a wide selection of styles and locations in the 197 active new home communities from Yuba City to Galt. And Murphy again called on area governments to streamline the permitting process and reduce the fees that now average more than \$100,000 per home.

"Too often, the permitting process takes years between when a new development is proposed and when construction actually begins, and along with high fees and other costs, builders can't meet the demand for housing.

"Until this gridlock is broken, demand will continue to outstrip supply and housing costs will remain challenging," Murphy said.

In September, Roseville recorded the most sales with 98, followed by 75 in Rancho Cordova, 51 in Sacramento, 50 in Plumas Lake and 36 in Elk Grove. Natomas was sixth with 29 sales, followed by Lincoln (25), Folsom (13), Rocklin (11) and El Dorado Hills (10). ★

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Celebrate Galt at the Saturday Market Finale



City of Galt News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - Mark your calendars and join the City of Galt for the grand finale of the 2025 Saturday Market series from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1. Bring family, friends and neighbors for a fun-filled day celebrating community, creativity and Galt spirit at the 4th Street Promenade.

Stroll through more than 100 vendor booths featuring local artisans, food vendors and unique finds. Enjoy live entertainment and street performers

that will keep the whole family smiling. Kids can have a blast on family-fun carnival rides and enjoy activities throughout the market.

City of Galt will partner with the Galt Children's Makers Market, showcasing the amazing talents of young entrepreneurs. Come out and support the next generation of creators while discovering their incredible handmade goods.

Whether it's to go shopping, eating or just soaking in the festive atmosphere, this Saturday Market celebration is the perfect way to spend the day with the community. Don't miss it! ★

The City of Galt is inviting the community to celebrate the finale of the Saturday Market series from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1 at the 4th Street Promenade. There will be more than 100 local businesses, food vendors and live entertainment. Photo courtesy of the City of Galt

Beyond the Badge



Community members gathered at the Galt Community Park gazebo, where a display honored fallen Officer Raymond Barrantes with his photo, a cross bearing a "Dad" sign and the names of his children.



Pictured is Officer Raymond Barrantes. Photo courtesy of the Peace Officers Relief & Education Foundation



A large crowd gathered at Galt Community Park to mourn the loss of Officer Raymond Barrantes, a devoted father, beloved son, friend and police officer.

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tactical narcotics and gang operations.

"Beyond the badge, Raymond was a great father. He was proud of his family and he talked about them often... tonight as we stand together with candles in hand, we remember not only an outstanding officer but more importantly a man who made this community better," Kalinowski said.

Barrantes' best friend, Adan Mendez, also shared memories of their decades-long friendship.

The two met as children and eventually decided to make Galt their home as adults and raise their children here. When Barrantes was hired by the West Sacramento Police Department, Mendez recalled, Barrantes asked for advice on where to live. Mendez suggested Galt because it reminded them of their hometown, Dos Palos.

"The city of Galt has been home to us for a couple of years now and we are truly thankful for the support," Mendez said. "We want our kids to grow in this community and you all being here truly shows

how fortunate we are to be part of this community."

Mendez shared that Barrantes later asked him to be the godfather of his youngest daughter, strengthening their bond and leading them to refer to each other as "compa," a term of endearment in Hispanic culture for a close friend considered family.

The two often supported each other's families, attending their children's games and helping with school events.

"I met Raymond when we were just five years old, or as he would like to say, since we were in 'chonies (underwear)," Mendez said. "There was never a dull moment when my compa was around. He was always happy and he never liked to see anybody sad. He will be truly missed by the family, friends and the loved ones in this community."

Donations to support the Barrantes family can be made through the Peace Officers Relief & Education Foundation's "Fund A Hero" campaign for Officer Raymond Barrantes online at porac.org/fundraiser/officer_barrantes. ★



Pictured is the setting before the candle vigil ceremony in honor of fallen Officer Raymond Barrantes, a table with candles and a custom cross with sign made in his memory.

City Passes E-Bike Safety Ordinance

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there are no cars around and he's just having a good time, that is certainly not an enforcement action I would feel comfortable taking," Steele said.

However, Steele said that he recalled seeing a boy earlier that day riding into oncoming lanes and nearly crashing.

Using the municipal code is a more effective way to correct minors' behavior than referring them to the county traffic system, according to Steele.

Depending on the situation, Farmer said, the ordinance gives officers flexibility in how they can enforce it.

"There's a lot of language in here but really, much of it comes down to discretion," Farmer said. "What we're trying to do is give officers the tools they need to enforce the rules when necessary."

Farmer shared that a local school bus driver had contacted him after a near accident caused by a negligent bike rider

forced the bus to stop abruptly, resulting in a student in a wheelchair having minor injuries.

"This is becoming a big deal people," Farmer said. "There have literally been cities where people, pedestrians have been killed."

The city wants to be proactive before any kind of accidents involving those kinds of vehicles happens, Farmer added.

"We are trying to be as proactive as possible and not reactive afterwards something bad happens," Farmer said. "I support this as it's written, I think it's great; I'm glad that we're taking a lead where other cities are struggling to get things in place."

Councilmember Tim Reed also shared his observations of unsafe riding near schools and the importance behind this ordinance.

"I agree, it's becoming a bigger issue, and just driving to and from dropping my

kid off at Liberty (Ranch High School) and all I do is stay in Marengo (Road)," Reed said. "It's like playing frogger sometimes trying not to hit some of these kids that decide that they're the ones that rule the road and not the big vehicle that we're driving."

Police Chief Brian Kalinowski said the department began addressing the issue last spring by issuing written warnings, contacting parents and conducting educational outreach.

So far, officers have issued 36 warnings and highlighted the department's efforts to educate residents on e-bike safety via social media.

The department has also held 40 school presentations, reaching more than 1,700 students, according to Kalinowski.

"This staff (police department) has done incredible work to launch this in the month of September and get everybody on board and incrementally ramp up the

process through education, warnings, formal warnings and ultimately citations," Kalinowski said.

Under the municipal code, first-time violations carry a \$100 fine, with repeat offenses within a year ranging from \$200 to \$500.

Kalinowski said that officers have discretion to refer youth to a diversion program emphasizing education over punishment.

"Obviously everything is not going to result in a citation," Kalinowski said. "The idea here is to educate and provide the enforcement that is necessary but not make it a revenue stream issue."

Kalinowski also noted that the department purchased helmets for those who face financial hardship, allowing riders to comply with safety requirements.

Although Galt is ahead of nearby cities such as Elk Grove and Lodi in establishing local enforcement for e-bikes and e-scooters, other cities in California, including Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and San Buenaventura, have also implemented similar regulations in recent years. ★

Judge Dismisses Grand Jury Indictment Against UC Davis Egghead Vandals

Yolo County District Attorney News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Judge Sonia Cortés of the Yolo County Superior Court dismissed a grand jury indictment against defendants Nathan Orr, (32), Lysandra Dasilva (32) and Cheyenne Xiong (22), all from Davis, on Oct. 14.

The indictment alleged that on May 24, 2024, conspirators Orr, Dasilva and Xiong spray painted University of California, Davis' famed Egghead statues, as well as many other buildings and signs, as part of a coordinated vandalism attack across the campus. The vandals' messages criticized the Israel-Palestine conflict and UC Davis leadership.

UC Davis Police Department officers captured Dasilva and Xiong fleeing the scene of the crime, according to the District Attorney's office, and the crimes resulted in more than \$4,200 in damages. UC Davis police forwarded the case to the District Attorney's Office and requested formal charges.

On July 19, 2024, a criminal Grand Jury of Yolo County citizens indicted Orr, Dasilva and Xiong on charges of felony vandalism and felony conspiracy; both Dasilva and Xiong were additionally indicted on misdemeanor charges of resisting, obstructing or delaying a peace officer.

On Oct. 14, Cortes dismissed the indictment against all defendants, over the objections of the D.A., citing their willingness to pay restitution, their lack of criminal record and 12 hours of community service they had each voluntarily completed.

In addition, an official representative from UC Davis indicated that community



service that included an understanding of efforts undertaken to maintain the statutes would be beneficial and that the university did not object to a resolution to the case that fell outside the criminal justice system.

The District Attorney's Office consistently opposed the judge's decision to dismiss the case, arguing that it was an illegal court diversion.

"The judge's decision to entirely dismiss the felony indictment of the grand jury was unprecedented in my experience," District Attorney Jeff Reisig said. "Judges are not generally authorized to unilaterally divert criminals indicted by the grand jury. We believe that Judge Cortes' decision was improper. "Moreover, the decision by the official UC Davis representative to recommend against a criminal conviction flies in the face of their original request and referral for criminal prosecution and creates a dangerous precedent for future cases of such conduct, suggesting similar criminal behavior at UC Davis will be treated with kid gloves. This outcome is not good for public safety in our communities." ★

Voting in California's 2025 Special Election

How to Make Sure Your Ballot is Secure and Counted



Pictured is California Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D. Photo courtesy of the California Secretary of State

By Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.
California Secretary of State

As voters across the state prepare to make their voices heard on Prop 50 — arguably one of the most important elections in California's history — it's essential their ballots are cast with confidence that their vote will be counted securely and on time.

There has been some misinformation surrounding ballots leading up to the Statewide Special Election on Nov. 4, and voters must understand the safeguards put in place to protect every ballot.

California ballots are designed with multiple layers of security. It is against the law to tamper with a ballot. Whether a voter chooses to vote by mail, drop off a ballot at a secure location, or vote in person, rules and regulations ensure ballots are not tampered with.

How to Vote Securely by Mail

Mail ballots are sent to every registered voter in the state. Each envelope is carefully tracked from the moment it's issued, and every ballot returned undergoes signature verification and inspection. Election officials check for any irregularities, such as damage to the envelope, or other signs it was compromised, before the ballot envelope is opened. If there's a red flag, the voter will be notified and corrective action taken.

To make sure a mail ballot is counted, it must be postmarked on or before Election Day, Nov. 4. In some areas, the U.S. Postal Service may not postmark mail until the following day, so it's recommended to

send ballots early. If mailing on Election Day, ask a postal employee at your local post office for a manual postmark to confirm it was mailed on time.

Secure Ballot Drop-Off

When returning a ballot in person, use only official, county-operated locations. Secure ballot drop boxes are constructed with tamper-resistant materials, locked, and anchored in place. Each box is regularly emptied by trained, bipartisan election staff following strict chain-of-custody procedures. Ballots can also be returned at any vote center, polling place, or county elections office, where election workers directly accept and track them through the county's system.

Voting Safely at Polling Places and Voting Centers

Voting in person is another secure and reliable option for California voters. Polling places and vote centers are staffed by trained election workers who follow strict procedures to verify each voter, issue the correct ballot, and ensure every vote is properly recorded.

Ballots cast in person are immediately placed into secure ballot boxes or scanned using approved voting equipment that is tested and certified before every election.

These locations also provide language assistance, replacement ballots if one was lost or damaged, and same-day voter registration when needed.

Still have Questions and Concerns?

Voters who have questions about their ballots or the security of voting should go to a trusted source such as the Secretary of State's office, which offers voter hotlines in multiple languages including Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Thai, and more. Another option is to visit your county elections office. A complete list can be found at sos.ca.gov/elections.

Additionally, the state provides tools to check when your ballot is received and counted, giving voters peace of mind and reinforcing the transparency of the process.

By taking the time to plan your vote, verify your registration, and use official information sources, you strengthen both your voice and the integrity of our elections. Make sure your voice is heard on Nov. 4. ★



American Flag Retirement Ceremony at 4th Street Promenade



By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Lions Club will hold its inaugural American Flag Retirement Ceremony at the 4th Street Promenade, next to the flagpole, at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1.

The ceremony will follow the Galt Market and will include participation from the local fire department and veterans.

Galt Lions Club President Matt Lara said that the club organized the event because

no other group in town provides a way for residents to properly retire aged or tattered American flags.

The club has already received about 20 flags from residents who had no way to dispose of them, according to Lara.

"We are glad to finally have somewhere that they can properly retire them," Lara said.

He explained that the ceremony is significant because the flag is a symbol of our nation and should be handled with respect.

"It's important because it's the symbol for our country. It was made in the startup of the United States of America and we believe that it should be held in high regard," Lara said.

Club members will also provide guidance on proper flag etiquette and tips to preserve flags for longevity at the Nov. 1 ceremony.

Residents can bring flags, including state flags, to be retired the day of the event.

The ceremony is free and open to the public. ★

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Business License Renewals Due

Business licenses issued by the City of Galt will expire Dec. 31. Individual renewal notices have been sent to all businesses via email. Local businesses can renew online at CityofGalt.org.

Your business license is due and payable annually on the first day of January. If payment is not received within 30 days from due date, a penalty will be incurred per Galt Municipal Code Title 5.

Senior Bingo Weekly at Chabolla

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

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

Library Offers Older Adults Computer Time

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

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

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

Caroline Ave.

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.

'Finding Love' Discussion

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.

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.

Square Dance Classes Mondays

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

in Galt.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

Weight-ins: 9-9:50am. No charge for first meeting.

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.

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. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Well Kings fans, the preseason is behind us, and there is one difference between last year's results and this year. Thanks to a stirring 117-116 win over the Los Angeles Lakers Friday night the Kings will enter the regular season on a winning note.

Fans will remember that one year ago with Mike Brown at the helm, the Kings ran through the preseason without a single win and finished the first 20 games of the regular season with a sorry win/loss record. That tepid beginning would be a catalyst that would eventually lead to the dismissal of coach Brown and bring on Doug Christie as the interim head coach.

Now one win certainly doesn't portend a definite turnaround, but winning never hurts, and what came out of the win over L.A. was very telling.

After a less than stellar beginning for newly acquired point guard Dennis Schroder, the much-traveled guard broke out of a scoring slump with a rousing 25 points to lead all scorers on the Kings team. Moreover, Schroder looked like the veteran NBA point guard he is, and was impressive the way he managed the game and distributed the ball.

Certainly, it's a huge relief for Doug Christie in light of losing forward Keegan Murray for probably the next 6 weeks, and Domantas Sabonis pulling a hamstring that will limit his action entering the upcoming season.

Fortunately, the injury to Sabonis does not appear to be severe, so there is optimism that he will be back sooner rather than later.

The prevailing question going into the Laker game was who will fill the vacated minutes of Keegan Murray, and can the Kings find any kind of a flow as it relates to their offensive schemes? Although the Kings competed from start to finish, that question wasn't completely answered in the one-point win over the hometown Lakers, but we at least got a glimpse of what might be going through the coaches' mind.

Isaac Jones finally got some quality minutes logging 23, and played solidly with 10 points, 3 rebounds, and 2 assists off the bench.

Dario Saric added 10 points of his own and 6 rebounds. Dario played 25 minutes

and while not sterling, was solid on both ends of the floor.

Keon Ellis returned to form with a stirring 20 points in 26 minutes of action, and it appears likely that these 3 players will be called upon to fill in for the largest portion of minutes replacing Keegan Murray.

The key question is whether Doug Christie can turn the injury to Keegan Murray into something positive, and that would be using these minutes wisely to bring on players that have the most to give.

I continue to be an advocate of Isaac Jones, largely because he has never been given enough court time to see his full repertoire, and given his size and length, Isaac is difficult for opposing teams to guard around the rim. He is particularly adept at finishing lobbs and has a soft touch in the low post.

Dario Saric has been around longer, and I think the Kings know what they can expect from him, but let's use this time wisely to find out who else we have that can be a key contributor.

Another bright spot was the play of 2nd round draft choice Max Raynaud, who added 9 points and 2 boards in only 16 minutes, and is appearing to be more and more comfortable with every game.

Not be overlooked is the stellar play of Nique Clifford who has become the bastion of consistency. Nique played 33 minutes giving the Kings a much needed 13 points, 5 boards, and 7 big assists. Clifford has played the preseason as a standout on both ends of the floor and is giving everyone notice that this rookie is NBA ready.

Can Kings fans get excited with only one win to show for their preseason endeavors? You bet they can!

Friday night's game was a win over a quality team led by svelte Luca Doncic, and it was accomplished with Sabonis, Murray, and Malik Monk on the sidelines!

Don't underestimate the contribution that this future hall-of-famer, Russell Westbrook, has to offer, and if he can fit in with his new teammates, Westbrook could be the unforeseen x-factor that the Kings so badly need.

All the best!

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

Social Security Matters

How Do I Navigate the Social Security Maze?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am a woman, turning 65 this October (2025). It seems that deciding when to claim Social Security is complicated. I would like more information to navigate through this maze. Thank you.

Signed: Ready to Claim
Dear Ready: Deciding when to claim Social Security can be challenging, but we hope to make it a bit easier for you. You can, of course, call us at any time to speak to one of our certified Social Security Advisors, but I'll share some pertinent information here as well.

Be aware that at age 65, you have not yet reached your Social Security (SS) full retirement age (FRA). Born in 1960, your FRA is age 67, and that is when you can get 100% of the SS benefit you've earned from a lifetime of working. If you claim SS at age 65, your monthly amount will be reduced by about 13.3% from your age 67 entitlement (a permanent reduction). If you wait a bit more and claim at age 66 the reduction would be about 6.7%. To get 100%

of your "primary insurance amount" you should wait until age 67 to claim. Note you can also wait longer than your FRA and earn Delayed Retirement Credits up to age 70, when your monthly amount would be about 24% more than your FRA entitlement.

If you are still working, at age 65 you will also be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET) which limits how much you can earn when collecting SS benefits before your full retirement age. The earnings limit for 2025 is \$23,400 (changes annually) and if you earn more than that, SS will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. There is also a special rule for the first calendar year you are collecting early benefits, which will result in you not getting benefits for any month your work earnings are more than \$1950 after your early benefits start. So, if you claim SS at age 65 and continue to work, you won't get any SS benefits in any 2025 month thereafter that you earn more than the monthly limit (unless your total annual; 2025 earnings are less than the annual limit). FYI, the earnings limit no longer applies once you attain your full retirement age.

In the end, deciding when you should claim Social Security should consider your need for

Social Security money, your life expectancy, your plans for working, and your marital status. If you are (or were) married, you might be eligible for a spousal (or ex-spouse) benefit. You may also want to peruse the Social Security Q&A section at our website www.SocialSecurityReport.org. So, as you have already discerned, deciding when to claim Social Security can be confusing, but we are always here to assist you as needed. You can either call us directly at 1.888.750.2622 or email your specific Social Security questions to us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. In either case, we will be most happy to help you decide when to claim, based on your unique personal circumstances.

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Still No Progress After Newsom's Housing Pledge



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

Eight years ago, as he began his campaign for governor, Gavin Newsom described fixing the state's chronic housing shortage as a moral imperative.

"This is a question of who we are," Newsom wrote in 2017. "Housing is a fundamental human need — let's not forget the human face behind the dire statistics."

"Housing instability can cause genuine mental and physical adversity," he added, "and lead to insufferable decisions: no one should have to choose between paying rent or buying groceries. Knowing that too many Californians face this kind of anxiety breaks my heart."

Newsom pledged that as governor he would lead the effort to develop 3.5 million new housing units by 2025, "because our solutions must be as bold as the problem is big."

"I realize building 3.5 million new housing units is an audacious goal," Newsom continued, "but it's achievable. There is no silver bullet to solve this crisis. We need to attack the problem on multiple fronts by generating more funding for affordable housing, implementing regulatory reform and creating new financial incentives for local jurisdictions that produce housing while penalizing those that fall short."

The 3.5 million-unit goal

was never anywhere near realistic. It would have required increasing construction from about 100,000 units a year when he made the pledge to more than 400,000, doubling peak production in this century.

That said, Newsom has over the almost seven years of his governorship, pretty much, done what he said he'd do to increase housing. He has signed multiple bills meant to speed up housing permits by eliminating state and local legal impediments, capped by two major measures this year.

Newsom signed Assembly Bill 130, which makes it more difficult to use the California Environmental Quality Act as a tool to block housing projects, and Senate Bill 79, which overrides local government land use authority to authorize multi-family, multi-story housing projects near transit stops.

Meanwhile Newsom's Department of Housing and Community Development has set statewide goals of 180,000 new units a year and 2.5 million units over eight years. It also imposed ambitious quotas on local governments to designate land for residential development and cracked down on communities that impede multi-family projects for low- and moderate-income families.

The latter effort responds to the most acute aspect of California's shortage — housing the nearly 35% of Californians who are living in poverty or near-poverty, mostly due to housing costs that are among the nation's highest.

With the enactment of AB 130 and SB 79, the looming conclusion of Newsom's governorship and the

likelihood that he will run for president, it's time to appraise results.

Has the production of housing in California substantially increased? Unfortunately, no.

At the time Newsom made his pledge, about 100,000 units were being built each year, with the net increase substantially lower due to losses by fire or destruction. Eight years later, it's virtually unchanged, no matter which authority one consults.

The Census Bureau reports that between 2019, when Newsom took office, and 2024 new housing permits in California ranged from a high of 120,780 units in 2022 to a low of 101,546 last year. Newsom's own budget agrees with the Census Bureau's data for the same period and projects future construction through 2028 at 100,000 to 104,000 units a year.

Clearly, even though systemic barriers to housing construction have been eased, many developers have been unable to see housing in California as a good investment. The COVID-19 pandemic, which had massive economic impacts, and increases in interest rates to battle inflation also have had an effect.

Housing is far more complicated than Newsom depicted it when he made his promises. He gets a 'B' for effort — and an 'F' for results.

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



The "ceasefire now" crowd finally got its ceasefire, although not the way it hoped.

Israel and Hamas have agreed to stop the fighting in Gaza, while the terror group will release all Israeli hostages in exchange for Palestinian prisoners held by Israel.

There's always a chance the agreement falls apart. Still, it isn't creating jubilation from all the people who have been braying for Israel to end the war. There are two reasons -- one is that the deal is favorable for Israel, and the other is that the deal's architect is a president of the United States whom, the fiercest advocates of a ceasefire hate.

If it holds, the agreement is the biggest victory yet for Donald Trump's hyperactive, transactional diplomacy.

A lifetime of maneuvering for advantage in the real estate and media worlds in New York City -- searching for and using every ounce of leverage -- was better preparation for high-level international diplomacy than if Trump had spent a lifetime on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Whereas "international opinion" believed we had to isolate and cut off Israel, Trump armed the Jewish state, bombed Iran and squeezed Qatar to bring Hamas to heel -- and it worked. The deal is a tribute to avoiding the well-worn ruts of Middle East diplomacy.

The Gonzo Brilliance of Trump's Gaza Diplomacy

As for Israel, it needed to find a way out of a conflict that had become a PR disaster. Getting the hostages back is an important national goal, even if the exchange is lopsided (these swaps always are). Meanwhile, Israel will pull back to an agreed-upon line, but still hold an estimated 53% of Gaza as a security buffer. Even if things eventually go south again, Israel has bought time by decimating Hamas and significantly diminishing the threats from Iran and Hezbollah.

It is certainly true that Phase 2 of the deal, which is supposed to disarm Hamas and establish a technocratic Palestinian government in Gaza, will be much more difficult to pull off. If it were to come to fruition, though, it would be transformative for Israel's security and for the lives of Gazans.

There will presumably be no speeches at Hollywood awards ceremonies crediting Trump for his peace-making. Among other things, there's too much cognitive dissonance in saying, "I think President Trump is a dangerous fascist -- but appreciate how bound and determined he is to end conflicts around the world."

Trump is a gonzo version of standard U.S. foreign policy. All American presidents want to make peace in the Middle East, and all want, whether they say it or not, to win the Nobel Peace Prize. What's different about Trump is his methods, and his openness about

seeking a call from the Nobel committee.

A hallmark of his policymaking at its best is an unwillingness to take "no" for an answer, an unremitting sense of urgency and a creativity that is considered unrealistic or reckless by conventional metrics. We saw it during his first term with his success in securing the border, with the historic achievement of Operation Warp Speed and with the Abraham Accords.

"The reasonable man adapts himself to the world," George Bernard Shaw maintained, "the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man."

In this sense, Trump is usually unreasonable. Everyone around the world needs to be a little afraid of him, while he is willing to talk to anyone or consider anything. His optimism can be misplaced (the Ukraine war was a tougher nut than he thought) and his highly personalized diplomacy can misfire (he got unnecessarily crosswise with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi), but he can also prove all his doubters wrong.

The Washington cliché is that there is no limit to the good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit. Trump shows, to the contrary, that sometimes there is no limit to the good you can do if you want all the credit.

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

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Oct. 14 to Oct. 20, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 10 arrests.

Oct. 14

7:02 a.m., Supplemental Report/Adult arrest, Ramon Drive.

8:33 a.m., Weapon-Possession/Adult Arrest, 18th Avenue/19th Avenue Alley, Sacramento.

10:56 a.m., Vandalism reported, Peak Manufacturing Inc., Ellinwood Court: Wire theft.

Oct. 15

6:17 a.m., Burglary reported, Auto, Days Inn on North Lincoln Way.

8:47 a.m., Theft reported, Best Western Inn on North Lincoln Way: Bulldog rotary hammer stolen.

10:53 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Taco Bell, C Street.

7:11 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, East Stockton Boulevard/Walnut Avenue.

Oct. 16

2:23 a.m., Vandalism/Adult Arrest, Cafe Latte on C Street.

8:28 a.m., Burglary reported, Homes by Towne Construction of California Inc., Twin Cities Road: Compressor stolen.

10:20 a.m., Supplemental Report/Adult Arrest, Empire Village Apartments on Palin Avenue.

Oct. 17

12:46 p.m., Stolen Vehicle reported, Walnut Avenue/West Stockton Boulevard.

2:32 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Wilder Way/Kost Road.

Oct. 18

10:04 a.m., Vandalism reported, Elk Hills Drive: Truck's driver-side door shattered.

Oct. 19

7:11 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, West Stockton Boulevard/Twin Cities Road.

9:58 a.m., Burglary reported, Walmart on Twin Cities Road.

3:43 p.m., Burglary-in-Progress reported, Steele Way.

Oct. 20

2:29 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Cedar Flat Avenue/Lyonia Drive.

7:27 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Galt Market, Meladee Lane.

12:44 p.m., Fraud reported, Beeler Way: Unknown subject took money from savings account.

1:53 p.m., Theft reported, Nathaniel Avenue: Package taken from porch.

4:32 p.m., Burglary-Auto reported, Consolidated Fabricators Co. on Simmerhorn Road: Tools taken from truck. ★

MEETING MINDERS

Monday, Oct. 27

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

Monday, Nov. 3

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, Nov. 4

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

Wednesday, Nov. 5

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

Herald Community Club, 6:30 p.m., Hendrickson Hall, 12746 Ivie Road, Herald,

209-810-8390.

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

Friday, Nov. 7

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

Sunday, Nov. 9

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

Thursday, Nov. 13

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

Saturday, Nov. 15

Kiwanis Club of Galt meets at 8:30 a.m. on the

second Saturday of each month at the Comfort Inn, 10380 Twin Cities Rd. For more information, visit k13878.site.kiwanis.org/contact.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

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.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

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

Galt Elementary School Board, 7 p.m., City Hall, 380 Civic Drive, 209-745-4545.

Thursday, Nov. 20

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

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SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: 25CV009508
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Johnny Dino Simmons, and DOES 1 through 10 inclusive.
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: SEIU National Industry Pension Fund.
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court

forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

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

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario

que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos grupos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de ser-

vicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exteros por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Sacramento County Superior Court, 720 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, Gordon D. Schaber

Sacramento County Courthouse
The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): David A. Diepenbrock, Weintraub Tobin Chediak Coleman Grodin Law Corporation, 400 Capitol Mall, 11th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, 916-558-6000 (916) 446-1611.
Date: (Fecha) April 21, 2025
Clerk (Secretario) /s/ V. Bloxson, Deputy (Adjunto)
Publish: Oct 24, 31, Nov 7, 14, 2025
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SHEFFIELD SUBDIVISION HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Galt Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the date and time indicated below, or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard, to receive and consider all evidence and reports relative to the application described herein. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council on the project. The City Council will consider the project at a separately noticed public hearing.

PROJECT TITLE: Sheffield Subdivision Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The approximately 9.5-acre project site is located at 13315 Stockton Boulevard, in the City of Galt, California and is identified by Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 150-0012-007, -025, and -026. The project site is flat and undeveloped with the exception of one vacant single-family residence. The site consists of annual grassland with scattered trees throughout. The Deadman's Gulch drainage channel and associated riparian corridor are located along the eastern boundary and a portion of the northern boundary of the site. Surrounding existing uses include single-family residences to the north, across Deadman's Gulch; Canyon Creek Park to the east; single-family residences, Ashboro Park, and undeveloped land to the south; and State Route (SR) 99 to the west, across East Stockton Boulevard, as well as undeveloped land and commercial uses further west, across SR 99. The project site is located within the Northeast Area Specific Plan (NEASP) and designated Maximum Density Single-Family Residential (R-1-C, SP). The City of Galt 2030 General Plan designates the project site as Low-Density Residential and the site is zoned Low-Density Single-Family Residential (R1A).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Sheffield Subdivision Project (proposed project) would include the demolition of the existing on-site single-family residence, removal of the associated septic system, abandonment of the associated well, removal of 21 on-site trees, and subdivision of the site into 65 single-family residential lots ranging in size from 3,825 square feet (sf) to 7,170 sf. Subsequent to demolition and subdivision, the project would include the future development of 65 single-family residential units, an internal circulation network with associated sidewalks and landscaped areas, continuation of South Deadman's Gulch Trail along the northern and eastern property boundaries, and frontage improvements along East Stockton Boulevard. In addition, off-site improvements would include roadway improvements southeast of the project site connecting the stub out of Lyonia Drive (north of Trellis Lane) across parcel 150-0030-012 (which is not part of the project) to the stub of Lyonia Drive to the east. Off-site improvements would also include development of the continuation of the aforementioned South Deadman's Gulch Trail along the northern and eastern property boundaries and along the new Lyonia Drive connection. Primary site access would be provided by new driveways connecting East Stockton Boulevard on the west to Lyonia Drive at the south. The proposed project would require approval of a General Plan Amendment to change the General Plan land use designation from Low-Density Residential to Medium Density Residential; a NEASP Map Amendment from R-1-C, SP to Medium Density Residential District Planned Development (R2-PD SP); a NEASP Text Amendment to increase the maximum allowable density of the Medium Density Residential-Planned Development (R2 SP) land use designation from six dwelling units per acre (du/ac) to eight du/ac; a Rezone to change the site's zoning designation from R1A to Medium Density Residential-Planned Development (R2-PD); and a Tentative Subdivision Map. Design review would be a separate entitlement required for future development of the project site under a separate, future application. An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was prepared for the proposed project and has been circulated with a separate Notice of Intent for public review from September 19, 2025 to October 20, 2025.

APPLICANT: Aaron Ross-Swain, FDC Nor-Cal Corp
555 University Ave, Suite 116
Sacramento, CA 95825

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING:

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, November 13, 2025; 6:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard.

The IS/MND is available for public review on the City of Galt website at <https://www.cityofgalt.org/government/community-development/planning/development-projects-environmental-documents> (scroll down to Sheffield Subdivision), or at the Galt Planning Department, 495 Industrial Drive, Galt, California 95632 during regular business hours, 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM, Monday - Thursday. If you have any questions regarding the proposed project or wish to review the tentative maps or other details prior to the public hearing, please contact Kristyn Bitz, Principal Planner, at (209) 366-7230 or kbitz@cityofgalt.org.

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

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

Dated: October 24, 2025

/s/ Kristyn Bitz
Kristyn Bitz, Principal Planner

/s/ Tina Hubert
Tina Hubert, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF ABANDONED PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to **California Civil Code sections 1983-1991**, the undersigned will sell at public sale the personal property described below that was left by the former occupants **Alejandro Serrano, Olga Trujillo, and Destiny Serrano** at the premises located at **857 Vintage Oak Ave, Galt CA, 95632**.

Description of Property: Household Furniture including Sofas, Reclining Chair, Display Cases, and Desks, Electronics, Clothing/Dress, Tools and Hardware, Garden/Yard equipment, Canopy, Camping Equipment, Toys, Games and other used personal items. All items sold as-is. Exact items available for inspection before sale.

Date and Time of Sale: Saturday, November 1, 2025 at 10 AM PDT

Place and Manner of Sale: Public auction held on-site at 857 Vintage Oak Ave, Galt CA, 95632

The sale is open to the general public. All items will be sold to the highest bidder for cash or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, payable at the time of sale. All items sold as-is. All sales are final. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any bid or to cancel the sale in whole or in part.

Proceeds of the sale will be applied first to the costs of storage, advertising, and sale, with any balance to be returned to the former occupant or, if unclaimed, remitted to the county treasury as provided by law.

Dated: October 17, 2025
New Owner: Tricia Wales
Address: 857 Vintage Oak Ave, Galt CA, 95632

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON THE RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1 (ELK GROVE FIRE PROTECTION)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to California Government Code Section 53322, the Board will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at the meeting place of the Board, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove, California, to consider:

A. A summary of the text of Resolution 2025-33 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DECLARING INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF THE SPECIAL TAX THEREIN is as follows:

The Board has conducted proceedings to establish Community Facilities District No. 1 (Elk Grove Fire Protection) (the "CFD") pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as amended (the "Act"), Chapter 2.5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5, commencing at Section 53311, of the California Government Code and The Board hereby finds and determines that public convenience and necessity require that territory be added to the CFD. The name of the existing CFD is "Cosumnes Community Services District Community Facilities District No. 1 (Elk Grove Fire Protection)." The territory included in the existing CFD is set forth in the map of the CFD recorded in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Sacramento in Book 116 at Page 1580 of Maps of Assessment and Community Facilities Districts, to which map reference is hereby made. The territory now proposed to be annexed to the CFD is as shown on Annexation Map No. 58 to the CFD, on file with the Clerk of the Board ("Board Clerk"). The services and facilities to be financed by the CFD (the "Services and Facilities") and pursuant to the Act are described in Exhibit A of Resolution No. 2012-25 of the District, adopted on June 6, 2012 (the "Resolution of Formation") which is incorporated herein by reference. The Resolution, Description of Facilities, Rate, and Method of Apportionment of Special Tax, and the proposed boundaries of the Community Facilities District No. 1 Annexation No. 58 are on file with Nou Vang, Cosumnes Community Services District, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, California, and are available for review there during business hours by any interested persons.

On Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at the meeting place of the Board, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, California, this Board, as the legislative body for the CFD, will conduct a public hearing on the annexation of the territory to the CFD and consider and finally determine whether the public interest, convenience, and necessity require the annexation of the Property to the CFD and the levy of the Special Tax thereon.

At the public hearing, the testimony of all interested persons or taxpayers for or against the proposed annexation will be heard. If owners of one-half or more of the area of land in the existing CFD and not exempt from the Special Tax, or if the owners of one-half or more of the area of land in the territory proposed to be annexed and not exempt from the Special Tax, file written protests against the proposed annexation, and protests are not withdrawn so as to reduce the protests to less than a majority, no further proceedings to annex the same territory shall be undertaken for a period of one year from the date of the decision of the District Board on the issues discussed at the hearing.

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ABOUT TOWN

Friday, Oct. 24

Halloween Trunk or Treat – 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Platinum Detail and Coatings. Presented by Car Care Community, featuring local businesses. Best costume wins a free car wash; best decorated car wins a free polish. 720 E. Hammer Lane, Stockton.

Spookishly Fun Movie Night – 5:45 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Veterans Field. Join us for a family-friendly Halloween evening. The night begins with trick-or-treating around the field, followed by a screening of Disney's "Coco" at dusk. Come in costume, bring your blankets and chairs, and enjoy candy, community and Halloween fun under the stars. 900 Caroline Ave.

Movies Under the Columns – 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Wishek Amphitheatre. Bring your blankets, low lawn chairs, family and friends for another free community movie night under the stars. This week we'll be watching "Ghostbusters." 125 S. Hutchens St., Lodi.

Saturday, Oct. 25

Family-Friendly Nature Walk – 10 a.m. to noon at the Cosumnes River Preserve. 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 online at Eventbrite.com. 13501 Franklin Blvd.

Lodi Comic Con – 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. Explore a wide range of comics, games, action figures, video games and collectibles. Participate in our costume contest or play games on site. Tickets available at lodicomicon.com. 413 E. Lockeford Street, Lodi.

Candy Crawl & Boo-tique Market – noon to 4 p.m. on Stockton's Miracle Mile. Parents are welcome to bring their kids to the Mile to trick-or-treat at participating businesses, restaurants and shops. Enjoy the Boo-tique Market at Tuxedo and find a fun gift for yourself or a friend. Enjoy safe trick-or-treating in the heart of Stockton. Pacific Avenue between Harding Way and Alpine Avenue, Stockton.

Free Pumpkin Painting – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lodi Community Art Center. Calling all creative kiddos, ages 5 to 18, whether you're a mini-Picasso or just love Halloween fun, we've got the perfect canvas: your very own pumpkin. All materials

supplied. 110 W. Pine St., Lodi.

Sunday, Oct. 26

Twin City Cruisers Cars and Coffee – 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Life's Grind Coffee House. All makes and models are welcome; this is a family-oriented event. 10420 Twin Cities Road, Suite 10.

Lodi Academy Craft Fair – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lodi Academy Gym. Hosted by the Lodi Academy Class of 2027, you are invited to shop for handcrafted treasures, savor delicious bites and support local creativity. From unique artisan goods to tasty eats, this one-day event is the perfect way to spend a fall afternoon in Lodi. 1230 S. Central Ave., Lodi.

Monday, Oct. 27

Elk Grove Community Concert Band Children's Concert – 7 p.m. in the Joseph Kerr Middle School Multipurpose Room. The program theme is "Light and Darkness." Children are invited to wear Halloween costumes. Christopher L. Tootle leads the band, which includes professional, semi-professional, and amateur adult musicians and talented Elk Grove Unified School District school musicians. The concert is free; donations are encouraged. Future concerts are Dec. 15, Feb. 2, 2026, April 6, 2026, and May 18, 2026. Learn more at elkgrovecommunityband.org. 8865 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove.

Wednesday, Oct. 29

Destination Lodi: Annual State of Tourism – 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Durst Winery and Estate. Join us for Visit Lodi's annual update as we share the exciting progress and growth shaping our community's visitor experience. Whether you're a tourism partner, community leader or Lodi enthusiast, this your opportunity to hear updates, connect with peers and celebrate the bright future we're building together. Tickets available online at visitlodi.com. 10173 Acampo Road, Acampo.

Saturday, Nov. 1 and Sunday, Nov. 2

Autumn Whiskers Cat Show – Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. We'll have pet-friendly cats, vendors, breed talks, six judging rings, rescue adoptions and plenty of opportunities to socialize with other pet lovers. Tickets available on Eventbrite.com. 413

E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

Saturday, Nov. 1

Heroes Vineyard Trail Fun Run – 8 a.m. to noon at Jessie's Grove Winery. All net proceeds for this event will support Lodi Police Foundation and purchase equipment to support Lodi Police. Choose from 5k or 10k courses, plus a fun run for ages 6 and under. Registration and more information at lodipolicefoundation.org. 1973 W. Turner Road, Lodi.

Galt Children's Makers Market – 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Galt Saturday Market. Support 150 young entrepreneurs, ages 5 to 18 years old as they showcase their unique small businesses. We've partnered with the City of Galt and the final Galt Saturday Market of the year to have a huge platform for these young people. Please bring cash for purchases. Fourth Street Promenade.

Día de los Muertos – 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Intercoastal Wine Company. Immerse yourself in an evening of remembrance, joy and community with an experience designed to delight all the senses. Your ticket includes taco dinner, a candle for remembrance and a stemless wineglass. Fresh flowers and face painting will be available for purchase. Purchase tickets at intercoastalwine.com. 13731 N. Highway 88, Lodi.

LOEL Senior Center's 15th Annual Lobstermania – 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Lodi Grape Festival Grounds Pavilion. Join us for an unforgettable evening benefiting LOEL's Meals Programs. Enjoy a traditional lobster feast plus raffle, silent auction, music and dancing, all in support of senior meals programs. Tickets must be purchased in advance at 209-369-1591. 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

Ongoing Events

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

Galt Saturday Market – First Saturday of every month (March through November), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fourth Street Promenade.

Visit with local artisans, shop handmade crafts, and enjoy a variety of yummy cuisine from food trucks. Next market is

Saturday, Nov. 1.

Wilton Bingo – First Saturday each month. The next bingo will be on Saturday, Nov. 1 in the Wilton Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale and bingo starts at 6 p.m. All proceeds go to two nonprofits: the local Park Council and the Wilton History Group. 9717 Colony Road at Dillard Road, Wilton.

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, Oct. 24: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G) English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Wednesday Oct. 29: English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Thursday, Oct. 30: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (WG)

Friday, Oct. 31: 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 Wednesdays. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m. Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. Next meeting will be Nov. 26. Breakfast: second Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave.

American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 – fourth Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Dinner at 6 p.m. Post 233 Family Breakfast, first Saturday each month at 9 a.m., Mimi's Café, Laguna Boulevard and West Stockton Boulevard. 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.

Marine Corps League Detachment #1238 – first Thursday each month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District 56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive.

VFW Post 2073 – second Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District 56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive. For more, call 916-684-3849. ★

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A Little Bubbly to go with National Food Day's Natural Food?

Eating well doesn't have to be boring or restrictive: Fuel your body with nutrient-dense foods that energize and nourish you.

According to the website daysoftheweek.com, getting families to pay more attention to what they are eating and then make improvements toward eating more real and whole food is the entire essence of National Food Day.

When packaged foods and convenience foods began to grow in popularity during and after World War II, the number of people cooking meals at home from scratch seemed to be declining. And with women working outside the home more than ever, this seemed like a great compromise for family life. But with convenience came the addition of non-natural preservatives, artificial trans fats and a lack of clear labeling. Because of this, many scientists and nutritionists were concerned that families were finding themselves uninformed and unaware about the things that they were ingesting in their bodies.

In 1971 the Center for Science in Public Interest was founded by several



scientists who were concerned about the health of families. By 1975, the Center founded National Food Day in an effort to get more people involved in learning to shop, cook and eat in a healthier and more natural manner. In an attempt to offer something similar to Earth Day, National Food Day has been celebrated annually for several decades.

National Food Day is all about making efforts to eat more whole, real foods such as fresh vegetables and fruits, grains and natural proteins.

While it might take a bit of thinking ahead and creating some new habits, the potential for massive results is certainly worth a little bit of effort.

Eat some real food: Got a craving for crunchy food? Put down the potato chip bag and instead pick up apple, carrot or

celery sticks. Feeling like a sweet snack? Whip up some homemade granola that includes oats, raisin, cinnamon, vanilla extract, honey and nuts. Instead of preparing that box of mac and cheese, or a package of ramen noodles, try some Asian stir fry made from frozen, pre-sliced veggies. It is just as easy and much tastier. Yes, it will take thought and a list for shopping a bit differently. But it will be healthier in the long run.

To celebrate your new healthier eating habits, let's toast it with some bubbly and celebrate Global Champagne Day. Champagne has been part of many celebrations throughout various seasons of life. But this is the day to not only celebrate with champagne, but to actually celebrate champagne. Global Champagne Day offers a delightful opportunity to show appreciation for and raise a glass to the delightfully bubbly and exuberant wine.

Champagne has roots that can be traced all the way back to the 13th century in France and other parts of Europe. But it wasn't until several hundred years later, in the 17th century, that it began its increase

in popularity.

Global Champagne Day got its start in 2009 when it was established by a passionate wine tutor and blogger, Chris Oggenfuss.

While champagne is definitely a product of France (in fact, it can only come from a certain region in France), the founding of Global Champagne Day has roots in the United States, specifically the state of California, where Oggenfuss is from.

The purpose of the day is a simple one. It is a day that is set aside to honor this wine that has been a favorite guest at various celebrations including weddings, graduations, coronations and parties for many years

Little known trivia: Don Perignon did not invent champagne; he perfected it. Benedictine monks bottled the first sparkling bubbly in 1531.

Do you remember your first toast with champagne? Well, make a memory with your next toast of champagne. Raise your glass and give a toast to the bubbly.

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

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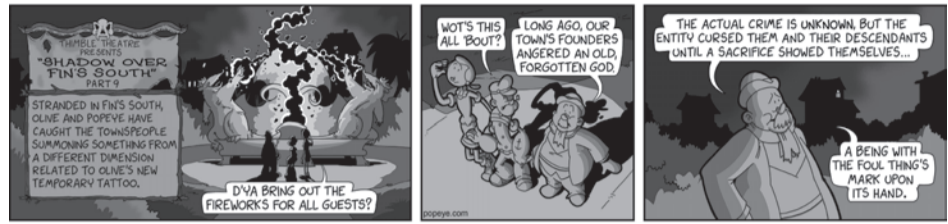


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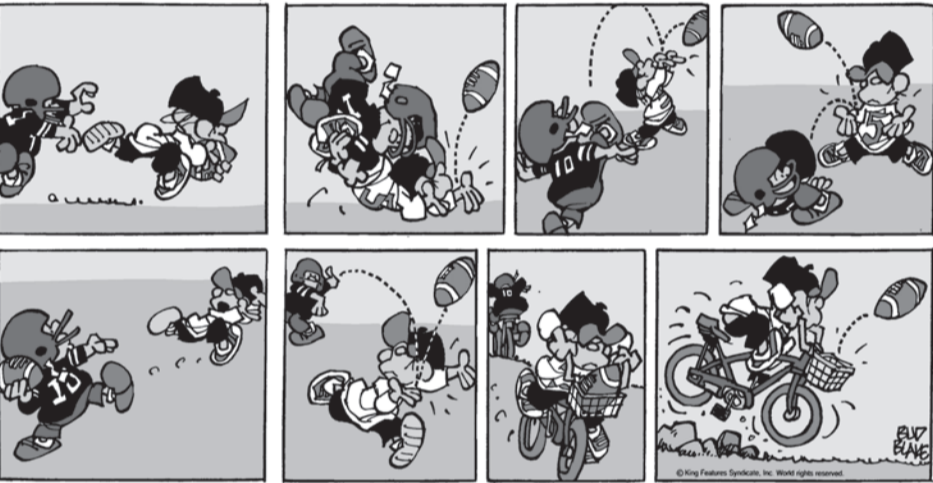
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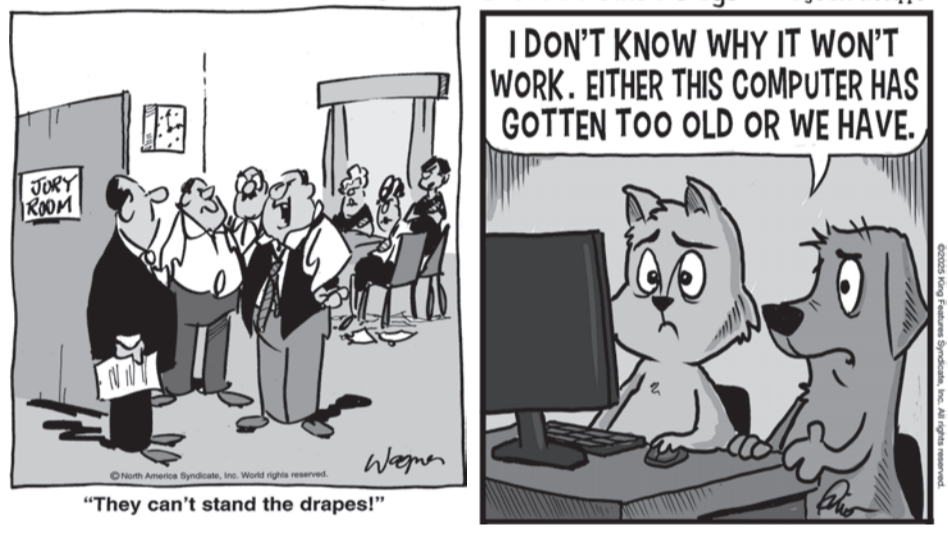
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Senior Night Triumph for Hawks Flag Football

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawks celebrated Senior Night with a commanding 58-0 victory over the crosstown rival Galt Warriors on Monday evening in a league conference matchup.

Before kickoff, five Liberty Ranch seniors were honored on the track in front of the home crowd. Isabela Richardson, Madisyn Robbins, Zia Ruppert, Natalie Smith and Maggie Stephens walked out with their parents, families and friends, receiving flowers from the coaching staff in recognition of their contributions to the program.

The Hawks wasted no time asserting their dominance once the game began. Liberty Ranch jumped out to a 19-0 lead in the first quarter and never looked back.

The Hawks added 13 points in the second quarter to take a 32-0 advantage



Warrior quarterback Chloe Goehring-Tassell tosses with pressure from Hawk Makenlee Robbins.

into halftime. The second half brought more of the same, with Liberty Ranch scoring 19 points in the third quarter and adding seven more in the fourth to complete the 58-0 victory.

The win improved Liberty Ranch to a perfect 10-0 league record and clinched the conference championship.

The Hawks have been dominant throughout the season, outscoring opponents by wide margins while maintaining an

unblemished record.

Galt, which entered the game with a 5-5 league record and third place in the standings, was unable to maximize on any offensive momentum against the Hawks' stifling defense, though the Warriors repeatedly got feet from the goal.

The league championship caps a memorable season for the Hawks and their five seniors. They have one more non-league game before the playoffs begin. ★



Hawk Natalie Smith hikes the ball to Savanna Garbarino.



Galt's Harper Suttentfield is stopped by Hawk Fatima Cabrera.

Liberty Ranch Girls' Golf Tops Tournament; Four Earn All-League Honors



Liberty Ranch golfers posing with awards are Gabrielle Akers, senior, left; Jordann Kennedy, junior; Coach Lauren MacDonald; Gaby Fender, senior; and Sara Martinelli, sophomore. Courtesy photo

By Paige Lampson Sports Editor

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch High School girls' golf team captured first place at the Sierra Valley Conference League Tournament II on Monday at Bing Maloney Golf Complex, capping a successful 2025 season.

The Hawks finished third in the overall league standings but saved their best performance for the season's final tournament.

The victory at Bing Maloney showcased the depth and talent that has been building within the

program.

Four Liberty Ranch golfers earned coveted top-ten All-League honors for their consistent performances throughout the season. Senior Gaby Fender led the Hawks with a fourth-place All-League finish, while sophomore Jordann Kennedy claimed sixth place.

Sophomore Sara Martinelli secured seventh place and senior Gabrielle Akers rounded out the Hawks' All-League selections with an eighth-place finish.

The quartet's strong play throughout the season

helped establish Liberty Ranch as one of the premier programs in the Sierra Valley Conference. Their success at multiple levels – from freshman to senior – signals a bright future for Hawks golf.

The tournament victory at Bing Maloney Golf Complex provided a fitting conclusion to a season that saw Liberty Ranch compete consistently against the conference's top teams. With three underclassmen earning All-League recognition alongside Fender, the Hawks appear poised to build on this year's success in seasons to come. ★

Hawk Volleyball Honors Five on Senior Night

By Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawks volleyball program celebrated Senior Night last week, honoring five players who have been instrumental in

building the program's success. Seniors Riley Sickels, Ava Van Warmerdam, Haley Smith, Savannah Lethbridge and Bailey Alcoriza were recognized before the match for their contributions to the team.

The Hawks finished third in league standings this season, capping a competitive campaign in the Sierra Valley Conference.

Leading the way statistically was senior outside hitter Haley Smith, who dominated in nearly every category. Smith led the team with 341 kills while averaging 4.4 kills per set, the highest mark on the squad. She also paced the Hawks with 349 digs and 4.5 digs per set, showcasing her all-around

excellence. Smith's 35 serving aces topped the team, and she averaged 0.4 aces per set. Her .223 hitting percentage was the team's best, and she added 28 total blocks and led all players with 461 receptions. Smith's versatility and leadership made her the cornerstone of the Hawks' attack throughout the season.

Senior middle hitter Ava Van Warmerdam anchored the Hawks' defense at the net, recording a team-high 34 total blocks. Her presence in the middle was a constant challenge for opposing hitters and provided a crucial defensive element for Liberty Ranch. Senior Savannah Lethbridge, playing middle

hitter and middle blocker, contributed 49 kills while adding 31 total blocks, second on the team. Her ability to score and defend made her a valuable two-way player for the Hawks.

Seniors Riley Sickels and Bailey Alcoriza also played important roles in the team's success throughout the season, providing leadership and experience to a squad that featured several talented underclassmen.

Junior libero Lily Pittman was a defensive force, leading the team with 367 digs and averaging 4.8 digs per set. She also contributed 400 receptions and 52 assists, demonstrating her all-around floor game. Junior



The Liberty Ranch volleyball players honored last week were Riley Sickels, left, Ava Van Warmerdam, Haley Smith, Savannah Lethbridge and Bailey Alcoriza. Courtesy photo

setter Maritza Arevalo orchestrated the offense with a team-high 340 assists while adding 175 digs and averaging 2.6 digs per set. Junior setter Gabriela Garcia provided additional playmaking with 195 assists and led the team with 0.5 aces per set, finishing with 32 total aces.

Junior opposite hitter Vivian Frame was the second-leading scorer with 122 kills and 1.6 kills per set, posting a .134 hitting percentage. Freshman Lacey Smith, playing outside hitter and opposite,

showed promise for the future with 1.2 kills per set. Junior defensive specialist Daphne Najar contributed 21 serving aces, averaging 0.4 aces per set, and recorded 118 receptions.

As the five seniors move on from Liberty Ranch volleyball, they leave behind a legacy of hard work and a third-place league finish. With a strong core of returning juniors and emerging freshmen, the Hawks appear well-positioned to build on this season's success in the years ahead. ★

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Football	
School	W/L
Liberty Ranch	5-0
Bradshaw	4-1
Rosemont	4-1
Argonaut	3-2
Amador	2-3
El Dorado	1-4
Union Mine	1-4
Galt	0-5

Flag Football	
School	W/L
Liberty Ranch	10-0
Amador	7-2
Galt	5-5
Rosemont	5-5
Bradshaw	2-8
Argonaut	0-9

Girls Volleyball	
School	W/L
El Dorado	13-0
Union Mine	11-2
Liberty Ranch	10-4
Amador	6-7
Bradshaw	5-8
Argonaut	5-8
Galt	2-12
Rosemont	1-12

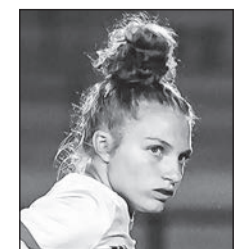
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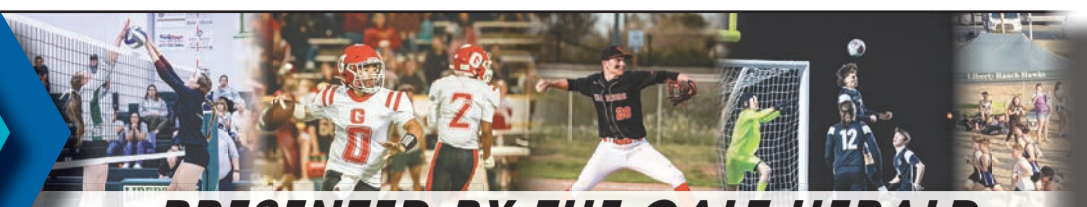


Roxy Garcia
Galt High Golf

Photos by Paige Lampson

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Hawks Top Bradshaw Christian 28-21; League Championship in Sight

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawks exorcised their demons Friday night with a hard-fought 28-21 victory over Bradshaw Christian, securing the league championship and ending a two-year drought against their private school rival.

For the past two seasons, Bradshaw Christian – a private school not bound by the same enrollment boundaries as public schools – had dominated league play. The last time Liberty Ranch had defeated the Pride and claimed the league title was in the 2022-23 season. Friday night's showdown carried championship implications, and the Hawks knew it.

"The boys played with a lot of heart and determination against a quality opponent," said Head Coach Warren Schroeder. "Even after losing one of our starting linemen, they demonstrated tremendous resiliency and grit."

Liberty Ranch came out firing, jumping to a 13-6 lead after the first quarter and extending it to 20-13 by halftime. The Hawks' ground game was relentless, accumulating 316 rushing yards on 52 carries. Junior running back Andrew Quinn led the charge with 134 yards and two touchdowns on 21 carries, surpassing the 100-yard mark. Joe Lara added 97 yards on 16 attempts, while Wyatt Corriea contributed 65 yards and a touchdown on eight carries.

Junior quarterback Ryan Ogas was efficient through the air, completing four of five passes for 55 yards and a touchdown. Lara hauled in two receptions for 22 yards, including the touchdown catch. Corriea added an 18-yard reception, and senior Cole Maguire caught one pass for 15 yards.

The third quarter proved challenging for the Hawks. Bradshaw Christian scored eight points while Liberty Ranch was held scoreless, giving the Pride a 21-20 lead heading into the final period.

The momentum had shifted, but the Hawks refused to fold. "They put their heads down and drove



Liberty Ranch Quarterback Ryan Ogas hands off to Andrew Quinn. Photo courtesy of Tanner Swafford @T_flicks08

and drove until they got that final score," shared Tanner Swafford, our photographer on the field. "It was a nail-biter for sure."

Liberty Ranch's offense, powered by its junior-laden roster, marched down the field in the fourth quarter. Quinn punched in his second touchdown of the night, and the Hawks added a two-point conversion to take a 28-21 lead they would not relinquish.

The offensive line – featuring juniors Jayden Sedlacek (two pancake blocks), Cutler Perez (four pancake blocks) and Deshaun Jackson (three pancake blocks), along with junior D. Swearingen (four pancake blocks) – dominated the line of scrimmage throughout the contest.

Defensively, the Hawks were equally impressive. Corriea led the team with eight total tackles, including three tackles for loss and a sack. Quinn matched him with eight tackles and added three tackles for loss, an interception and a fumble recovery. Senior Daniel Sosa recorded an interception and broke up three passes,

while Lara contributed six tackles and three pass breakups.

The defensive front generated consistent pressure, recording three sacks for seven yards in losses. Senior Gabe Onuegbu had one sack and two hurries, Jackson added half a sack and two hurries and senior Eston Tucker contributed half a sack. Seniors Cesar Becerra and Landon Peterson recorded five and three tackles respectively, while senior Soni Takafua added two tackles.

In the kicking game, senior James Rangel converted two of three extra points and handled kickoff duties, averaging 21.2 yards on five attempts. Quinn showcased his versatility with two punts averaging 51 yards, including a 59-yarder with one downed inside the 20-yard line. He also returned one kickoff for 16 yards.

As Coach Schroeder was being interviewed by the television crew following the victory, several of his linemen snuck up behind him and dumped a Gatorade bucket over his head in celebration,



Head Coach Warren Schroeder is doused with the Gatorade bucket after the Oct. 17 game. Photo courtesy of Braden Tanous



Joe Lara runs the ball while a Bradshaw player tries to contain him. Photo courtesy of Tanner Swafford @T_flicks08

knowing the league championship is within their grasp.

With a roster dominated by juniors, the Hawks' future appears bright. But on this Friday night, they weren't thinking about next season; they were savoring a championship earned through heart, determination and an unwillingness to be denied. ★

Warriors Find the End Zone Twice in Loss to Argonaut

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

JACKSON, CA (MPG) - The Galt High Warriors reached a significant milestone Friday night, scoring their first points of league play in a 49-14 loss to Argonaut. After being shut out in every previous league contest, the Warriors found the end zone twice, providing a glimmer of hope for the program's future.

"The offensive line did a great job all night making holes and moving the ball," said Warrior head coach JJ Woodard. "James Gilbert did a great job blocking from the running back spot, and Arthur Cordova led the team in rushing."

Galt struck first in the opening quarter, with junior quarterback Robert Rubio connecting with junior running

back James Gilbert on a four-yard touchdown pass. The Mustangs were able to score twice in the first quarter and once in the second, denying Galt and making the score 21-7 at half.

The Warriors' second touchdown came in the third quarter on a quarterback sneak by Rubio, capping a drive set up by junior Cordova's explosive 62-yard run. Cordova finished the night as Galt's leading rusher with 79 yards on 10 carries, showcasing the big-play ability that has been developing throughout the season.

The Warriors' ground game produced 195 yards on 40 carries, averaging 4.9 yards per attempt. Senior Nick Pena added 49 yards on eight carries, while Gilbert contributed 30 yards on six attempts

in addition to his receiving touchdown. Senior Caleb McEwen rushed for 14 yards on five carries, junior Carlo Sterni had eight yards on five attempts and freshman Sean Mace added 10 yards on four carries. Rubio finished with five rushing yards and the touchdown sneak.

Through the air, Rubio completed four of 14 passes for 66 yards, one touchdown and three interceptions. Sophomore Mark Grammer led all receivers with a 30-yard catch, while junior Anthony Trejo hauled in a 27-yard reception. Gilbert's touchdown catch accounted for five yards, and senior Anthony Harrison added a five-yard reception.

Rubio led all Warriors in total yards with 71 (66 passing, five rushing), while Cordova's 79

rushing yards paced the ground attack.

Gilbert totaled 35 all-purpose yards, combining his rushing and receiving efforts.

Defensively, the Warriors showed determination despite the lopsided score. Sterni led the team with five solo tackles, while Trejo recorded eight total tackles (one solo, seven assists). Gilbert added five tackles (four solo, one assist), and Cash Myrick, McEwen and Pena each contributed four tackles.

Junior Devin Williams made his presence felt with two tackles, including one tackle for loss and the team's only sack.

Williams also forced a fumble while Trejo recovered one.

Junior Rafeal Bertho was perfect on extra points,



Nick Pena, No. 1, guards as quarterback Robert Rubio throws. File photo by Paige Lampson

converting both attempts to account for Galt's other two points.

Argonaut dominated the scoring after the first quarter, putting up seven points in the second, 14 in the third and 14 more in the fourth to pull away in the 49-14 victory.

While the final score wasn't what the Warriors hoped for, the breakthrough of scoring twice in league play represents progress for a young team building toward the future.

With contributions from underclassmen like Cordova, Gilbert, Rubio and freshman Mace, along with leadership from seniors Pena, McEwen and Myrick, Galt showed signs of an offense that can move the ball and find the end zone.

"We're seeing growth," the sentiment around the program suggests. "These boys are fighting, and tonight they proved they can score against league competition." ★

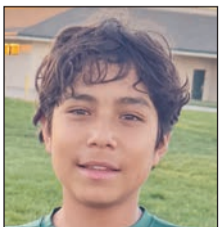
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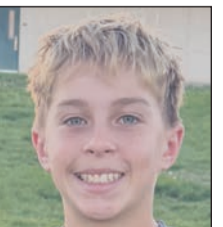
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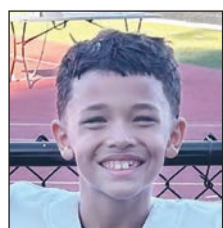
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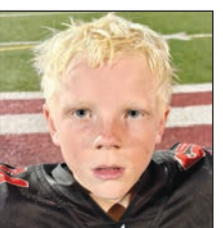
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