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Mayor's Podcast Features State Senator



Pictured from left are "Great American Little Town" podcast co-host and Planning Commissioner Dan Denier, California State Sen. Roger Niello and Mayor Shawn Farmer before going live on Oct. 22.

Story and photos by Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - State Sen. Roger Niello, who represents District 6, visited Galt last week for several community events, including an appearance on Mayor Shawn Farmer's podcast, "Great American Little Town."

Hosted weekly by Farmer and city Planning Commissioner Dan Denier, the podcast covers local news, city updates and

community topics from the perspective of residents who also serve in local government.

Launched a year ago, "Great American Little Town" is recorded in a studio inside one of the Galt Chamber of Commerce's small-business spaces. The show was originally taped at Farmer's business, The Coffee Shop Bakery, before relocating to the chamber with support from local sponsors.

The podcast has featured

a variety of guests offering insight into Galt's community life, from youth athletes to City Manager Amie Mendes and Chamber of Commerce Director Kat Seabolt. Its latest guest, Sen. Niello, joined the show for an episode that premiered Oct. 22.

The discussion covered a range of topics including housing, freeway safety, homelessness and the upcoming special election on Proposition 50.

Farmer and Denier opened by asking about Niello's path into politics. Before public office, Niello worked in his family's auto business the Niello Company, a familiar name in the local auto sales industry. He was elected to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors in 1999 served six years in the Assembly and joined the state Senate in 2022.

Conversation then turned to one of Galt's biggest

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Council OKs Adjustments to Budget, Adds Position, Codes



By John McCallum

GALT, CA (MPG) - The City Council unanimously adopted a mid-term final appropriations adjustment to the city's 2024-2026 budget along with establishing a new engineering classification in the Public Works Department as part of the Consent Agenda at its Oct. 21 meeting.

The budget adjustments were made in the Stormwater, Water, Wastewater, Capital Improvements-Water, Capital Improvements-Wastewater, Water Meter Financing, Solid Waste and CFD 2020-4 Liberty Ranch funds for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

A staff report indicated nine budget adjustments, with six of the nine coming from non-cash appropriation requests for non-cash expenditures "recorded for compliance with reporting requirements."

The three cash adjustments resulted in a \$5.5 million expenses impact to the fiscal budget, \$15,794 in the Capital Reserve Water Fund, \$397,872 in the Solid Waste Fund and \$5.1 million in the CFD 2020-2 Liberty Ranch Fund. With Liberty Ranch, the expenditure is for construction that has begun in the CFD, with a financing bond being issued.

"Adequate funding is available for Fiscal Year 2024-25 to fund the incurred expenses that require additional budget appropriation," according to the staff report to council.

The report also listed several funding buckets where dedicated revenues had not been used in 2024-25 and would therefore be carried over into 2025-26. That included \$173,600 in restricted funds where revenues are collected specifically for programs such as the Military Banner Program, Galt Youth Commission, Commission on Aging and the Walker Park Turf fund.

Unspent funding for capital improvement projects in 13 different funds ranging from Parks and Recreation, the General Fund, Water, Capital Improvements-Water, Sacramento Transportation Authority to Transportation and the Firing Range totaled over \$23.65 million. Remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds restricted for

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Pumpkin Patch Memories in the Making



Arcohe Elementary School pre-kindergarten/kindergarten students pose with the pumpkins they picked at Stepps Country Farms on Oct. 16. Photos by Idaly Valencia

By MPG Staff

HERALD, CA (MPG) - A total of 98 Arcohe Elementary School pre-kindergarten/kindergarten students visited a local, family-run pumpkin-patch the morning of Oct. 16.

With a light layer of fog and chill air, autumn in Herald is shaping up for fall activities and

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Arcohe Elementary School students pose in front of the cabin at Stepps Country Farms during their mini field trip on Oct. 16.



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CSD Board Approves Fire Code Updates, Professional Services and LAFCo Seats

By Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE/GALT, CA (MPG) - The Cosumnes Community Services District (CSD) Board of Directors met Oct. 15 to discuss several agenda items, including the 2025 California Fire Code, new on-call professional service contracts and appointments to the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo).

Before moving into the agenda, Board President Angela Spease acknowledged a moment of silence for Californians affected by recent wildfires and for longtime flight nurse Suzie Smith, who died from injuries sustained in the REACH helicopter crash on Oct. 6.

Assistant Fire Chief Lantz Rey presented the first agenda item, recommending approval of the proposed 2025 California Fire Code with local amendments. He



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explained that the code establishes minimum fire safety standards for buildings and structures across the state while addressing California's unique conditions, such as wildfire risk, seismic activity and urban density.

Rey noted that the code, updated every three years, provides the legal authority for things such as enforcing fire prevention and emergency access. The 2025 update primarily includes formatting and standard revisions but introduces one key clarification: It now allows temporary or permanent water supplies to support residential and commercial construction, a change Rey said will make it easier to develop model home complexes in undeveloped

areas.

The board unanimously approved the code 5-0 and, if later adopted by the City Council, the updated fire code will take effect in January.

Next, Engineering, Development and Design Director Scott Jones presented a staff report recommending approval of new on-call professional service agreements as set to expire. The contracts include services such as civil engineering, construction inspections, environmental documentation, landscape architecture and surveying.

"These professional service agreements don't just increase our capacity to deliver projects; they bring in specialized expertise

that our staff alone cannot provide," Jones said. "These services are truly mission critical."

Landscape Architecture and Planning Director Christine Manitta added that the agreements will help accelerate project timelines by expediting design phases, leveraging consultant support and freeing internal staff to focus on other priorities. She said the approach will help to reduce construction costs by allowing projects to break ground sooner.

The district selected 23 consultants for the new on-call contracts, which will cover up to \$500,000 in work over five years. Jones clarified that not all contractors will reach the maximum amount and that there will be no impact to the district's general fund since expenditures were already approved in the budget.

"So effectively what you're doing is

streamlining the project with this while being cost effective and hopefully avoiding inflation costs over time by eliminating having to go through the contract," board member Reina Tarango said, to which Jones agreed.

The total contract authority was initially estimated at \$12.5 million over five years but Vice President Peter Sakaris noted an error in the calculation and moved to amend the amount to \$11.5 million.

The Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the recommendation with the amendment to reduce the total contract authority to the correct amount.

The final item on the agenda was the election of special district representatives to the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo). The Sacramento LAFCo Special District Selection

Committee is holding the election to fill terms beginning Jan. 1. The committee's large size has made it difficult to reach a quorum for in-person meetings, prompting efforts to simplify the voting process.

The board was asked to select one candidate for a four-year term on Regular Seat 7, one candidate for a two-year term on the same seat and one alternate candidate for a four-year term.

After reviewing the list, which included individuals from various municipal districts in Sacramento County, the board voted to select Gay Jones of Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District for the four-year regular term, Brandon D. Rose of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District for the two-year term and Charlea Moore of Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District as the four-year alternate representative. ★

Pumpkin Patch Memories in the Making

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long-lasting memories.

Stepps Country Farms, located off Herald Road, is owned and operated by Bob and Carol Stepps. They invited local school children to pick their own pumpkins at their farm. The pumpkins are harvested solely for the purpose of being an experience to Herald students.

For the past three years, the Stepps family has gifted this joyful experience to local youth, spreading holiday cheer and unforgettable memories. ★



Left: A total of 98 Arcohe School pre-kindergarten/ kindergarten students visited a local, family-run pumpkin-patch the morning of Oct. 16. Above: Pre-kindergarten/ kindergarten students carry their pumpkins as they wait to board the bus back to Arcohe Elementary School.

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challenges, which is maintaining its small-town charm while managing growth.

Farmer referenced the California Housing Accountability Act, which he explained limits local governments from denying housing developments that meet objective standards. He cited the recent Summerfield housing project on the city's north side, which was denied by the Planning Commission but later appealed to the City Council to avoid costly litigation.

"The efforts at the state level have been for the state to try to define to local communities on how they should grow, and I'm opposed to that," Niello said. "I've always been a supporter of local control."

Niello explained that gray areas or ambiguities in state housing laws have caused conflicts for cities such as Galt, where local governments feel overridden.

Farmer also brought up public safety concerns along the Highway 99 corridor, describing frequent accidents on that stretch of road.

"There were 204 calls of service last year in just that corridor, so that's an accident every 1.7 days," Farmer said.

The mayor shared that his daughter was recently involved in a multi-vehicle collision and noted that crashes occur almost daily. He said the City Council plans to send a letter to



Mayor Shawn Farmer's podcast, "Great American Little Town," recently featured California State Sen. Roger Niello, who represents District 6, which includes Galt.

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and local officials urging action. Niello, newly aware of the issue, said he plans to speak with the agency as Galt's representative in the State Senate.

The conversation then shifted to Proposition 50 and the upcoming special election. Niello explained that the measure would change congressional district lines, affecting Congress but not the Legislature or Board of Equalization. He said that its goal is to convert five Republican-leaning districts into Democratic ones.

Niello said he believes the proposition could be a first step toward eliminating California's independent redistricting commission.

"If they (voters) care about the commission, then they ought to think about what the ramifications could be down the road," Niello said.

Although the episode addressed serious topics that have stirred community debate, it also

included lighter moments and humorous exchanges with the senator, making it an engaging listen that offers both insight and entertainment.

Reflecting on the senator's guest appearance, Farmer told The Galt Herald that he appreciated Niello and his staff for making the time to come down to "our great American little town," to discuss key issues affecting the community.

"It was great having the senator on our show... The senator had some good insight to the problems that we discussed, and he also offered to try to be some help on issue with the 99-highway corridor in Galt," said Farmer. "We also appreciated some of the fun questions we had for him... overall, it was a great evening and look forward to having him back someday!"

The episode is available on the "Great American Little Town" YouTube channel at youtube.com/@GreatAmericanLittleTown. ★

Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival Returns with Popular Art Show

Lodi Sandhill Crane Association News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - Since September, Sandhill Cranes have been making their seasonal migration to Delta wetlands where they will remain until February or March. In celebration of their return, the 27th Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival (SCF) will be held at Lodi's Hutchins Street Square on Nov. 8 to 9, with an opening reception on Friday, Nov. 7.

Activities at Hutchins Street Square, including speakers and wildlife presentations, an art show, exhibit hall and children's activities, are free and open to the public.

Featured speakers include noted biologist and sandhill crane expert Dr. Gary Ivey, while UC Davis Professor Dr. Jay Lund and Dr. Greg Golet of the Nature Conservancy will discuss the changing Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and its wildlife.

Presentations on Bald Eagles, native bats and Western Pond Turtle conservation are among the fascinating opportunities to learn about nature and wildlife conservation. Free workshops on crane photography and the Japanese poetry form, haiku, will allow attendees to explore new ways of connecting with nature.

The event's popular SCF Art Show will include the work of area artists, including Jennifer Anderson, whose work appears on this year's poster. Anderson will also be giving a woodcut print demonstration during the 2025 festival.

Having received several awards for her work, she has also been the recipient of the "People's Choice Award," selected by festival attendees.

In Anderson's words, "Art-making is my key to the secret garden, my journey through the looking glass; it provides never-ending possibilities of exploration and connection. Some imagery seems to be hard-wired into my soul, especially birds. I am captivated by their movements, their forms and the space they create with their



Pictured is 2025 Sandhill Crane Festival artist Jennifer Anderson. Photos courtesy of Lodi Sandhill Crane Association

actions."

In addition to experiencing a print-making demonstration by the featured artist, attendees can experience a beginner's workshop, "Photographing Sandhill Cranes," or create their own artwork under the tutelage of Lodi Community Art Center volunteers.

A "Beginning Bird Carving Workshop" (space limited) on the basics of bird carving will be led by Master Carver Jim Burcio of the Pacific Flyway Decoy Association.

A variety of engaging guided wildlife tours are scheduled, with pre-registration required. Festival details, including tour availability, fees and registration and event schedule is available at lodisandhillcrane.org.

Hutchins Street Square is located at 125 S. Hutchins St. in Lodi.

The volunteer-driven Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival is a collaboration of the Lodi Sandhill Crane Association and the City of Lodi, with the support of sponsors and contributors. ★

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designated City Council projects and programs carried over were \$804,154.

The two-year budget passed by council in June 2024 balanced expenses and revenues in the first year at \$81.9 million and \$91.2 million in the second year, 2025-26.

Council also approved the creation of specific job responsibilities and salary ranges for a Principal Civil Engineer in the Public Works Department. In addition to the duties of a Senior Civil Engineer, the Principal Civil Engineer will provide department-wide leadership in planning, design and implementation of projects; be the engineering authority for complex development review and infrastructure planning; supervise and mentor junior engineering staff such as assistant, associate and senior engineers and be the lead speaker at public project meetings.

Public Works Director John Griffin said the position will report directly to the Deputy Public Works Director. He said the intent with the position is to give the city more flexibility and a more competitive salary range to attract experienced engineers with 15 or more years in the field.

"This wouldn't be a new position per se," he added. "It would just be a different classification within the engineering series."

The salary range for the position was listed on per month basis. With adjustments for costs of living, in 2025-2026, this ranged from \$10,465 to \$12,720; in 2026-2027 it ranges from \$11,303 to \$13,739 and in 2027-2028 it ranges from \$12,207 to \$14,838.

Finally, the council held a public meeting on the second reading of an ordinance that repeals and readopts the Galt

Municipal Code's chapter on Buildings and Construction along with adopting the 2025 editions of the California State Building Codes. The state codes address regulations ranging from electrical, mechanical, building structure, plumbing and fire systems to green building methods, energy conservation, historical and existing buildings "for the health and safety of occupants."

Examples of state updates include new residential codes defining two-family dwellings with regard to fire and smoke protection, regulations on spray-applied foam insulation, defining sleeping loft area requirements and requirements for deck construction regarding deck beams and guard rail attachments.

Additionally, after reviewing the codes, city staff recommended preserving and retaining standards specific to hazards

faced by the city and updating language "to be consistent with the new model codes and to codify existing processes and procedures."


Council received an extensive report on the new codes at its Oct. 7 meeting, voting 4-1, Councilman Tim Reed voting nay, to approve the first reading and advance it to a second and final passage.

At the Oct. 21 meeting, Reed expressed the same dissatisfaction with some of the codes that he said on Oct. 7, "drives me nuts."


Reed said his biggest issue with the new state codes is they represent an effort to move cities toward using nothing but electricity, eliminating natural gas and other fuels, but do not address challenges to cities or power companies.

Reed said California lacks the infrastructure to meet the proposed electrical requirements in the codes.

"That's my big contention with this moving forward," he said at the Oct. 21 meeting. ★



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Flooring Liquidators Opens Elk Grove Showroom



Flooring Liquidators' new location in Elk Grove expands access to flooring, carpet and countertop solutions for homeowners and contractors. Photos courtesy of Flooring Liquidators

Flooring Liquidators News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Flooring Liquidators, one of California's largest independent flooring retailers, announced on Oct. 23 the opening of its newest showroom at 10299 E. Stockton Blvd. in Elk Grove, formerly home to a Kelly-Moore Paint store.

The new location strengthens the company's footprint in the Sacramento region and brings its signature selection of flooring, carpeting, cabinets and countertops closer to Elk Grove's fast-growing residential and builder communities.

"We're excited to open our doors in Elk Grove and become part of this dynamic community," said Flooring Liquidators Chief Executive Officer Chris Nichols. "This new showroom is designed to make it easier for homeowners, contractors and designers to explore our products in person and find the right fit for their projects. We've built our reputation on service and value, and we look forward to bringing that same experience to Elk Grove."

Located along a busy retail corridor,

the new warehouse-style showroom offers homeowners and professionals an expansive selection of flooring materials, including hardwood, laminate, vinyl and carpet, as well as cabinets and countertops.

Founded in California, Flooring Liquidators stores are unlike any other retailer. More than just flooring, they are home makeover superstores with expert help and guaranteed low prices to bring any project together from the floor up. They offer the convenience of shopping in-store, but the option of having a Flooring Liquidators Pro visit a customer's home for measurement and advice.

"We designed this showroom with both inspiration and efficiency in mind," added Chief Merchandise Officer Steve Leigh. "Customers can see and touch hundreds of in-stock options and work directly with our experienced team to plan, quote and schedule installation, often in a single visit."

The new showroom is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Learn more at flooringliquidators.net. ★

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Oct. 21 to Oct. 27, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 10 arrests.

Oct. 21

9:50 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Wilder Way.

11:56 a.m., Fraud reported, North Lincoln Way: Unknown subject cashed check from reporting party's business account.

12:01 p.m., Vandalism reported, Best Western Inn, North Lincoln Way.

12:05 p.m., Identity Theft reported, Lanigan Court.

12:06 p.m., Burglary reported, Retriever Way.

3:25 p.m., Fraud reported, Comfrey Senior Apartments on Lake Park Avenue: Tenant's money orders allegedly being cashed by previous apartment manager.

10:11 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, More for Less on North Lincoln Way.

Oct. 22

12:27 p.m., Hit and Run/Non-Injury, Taco Bell on C Street.

1:48 p.m., Theft reported, Park Avenue: Black and gold fixie bike stolen from driveway.

3:38 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, The Galt Place on D Street.

4:01 p.m., Vandalism reported, Meadowview Park on Meadowview Drive: Vandalism to "pour in place" surface.

5:14 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Bia Cordon Bleu, Inc. on Enterprise Court.

Oct. 23

12:32 a.m., Burglary-Auto, Best Western Inn on North Lincoln Way: Vehicle broken into with back window shattered.

12:53 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Comfort Inn & Suites on Twin Cities Road. ★

6:48 a.m., Burglary-Auto, Ranch Road: Vehicle broken into, multiple items taken; nothing of value. Reporting party does not want report; documentation only.

7:50 a.m., Burglary-Auto, Best Western Inn on North Lincoln Way: Vehicle broken into; multiple items and welding equipment taken.

9:13 a.m., Theft reported, Fernando Way.

2:38 p.m., Theft reported, Cottage Lane Apartments on A Street: Male subject allegedly went into residence and took money. ★

Oct. 24

2:46 a.m., Supplemental Report/Adult Arrest, C Street/Market Street.

8:32 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Highway 99 Southbound/Liberty Road.

Oct. 25

11:48 a.m., Vandalism reported, Trailridge Apartments on North Lincoln Way: Truck vandalized; rear door window was broken.

1:54 p.m., Theft reported, Walmart on Twin Cities Road: Bicycles taken.

3:40 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, South Lincoln Way/Kost Road.

Oct. 26

8:56 a.m., Shoplifting/Adult Arrest, Savemart Supermarket on C Street.

12:28 p.m., Domestic Violence/Adult Arrest, Summit Lakes Way.

2:18 p.m., Vandalism reported, Three Palms Mobile Estates on Pringle Avenue: RV storage broken into; hole cut in fence. ★

Oct. 27

8:06 a.m., Stolen Vehicle reported, Chelsham Avenue.

9:29 a.m., Recovered Stolen Vehicle, Days Inn, North Lincoln Way.

2:51 p.m., Fraud reported, City Hall, Civic Drive. ★

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.

Nominate Your Neighbor

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

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

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

The best submissions will be included in future

newsletters and City Manager Updates.

Senior Bingo Weekly at Chabolla

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

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

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.

Weigh-ins: 9-9:50am.

There is no charge for your 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. ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The NBA season is in full swing, and the Sacramento Kings have had a shaky start getting out of the gate.

The good news is that after 3 games the Kings could easily find themselves 3-0 instead of the anemic 1-2 that they currently find themselves.

Sunday night's loss to the visiting Los Angeles Lakers was a winnable game, just as the opener against the Phoenix Suns was a winnable game. What both games had in common were two distinct threads, that I believe capsulize the direct cause of coming out on the losing end. These two reasons are not an anomaly and are a hold-over from the results of last season.

Reason #1. Terrible free throw shooting! The Kings after 3 games are shooting an atrocious 64% from the charity stripe and this is the #1 contributor to both losses sustained in the early going.

How does that rank with other NBA teams you ask? Would you believe dead last. That's right, last place among all other teams.

Reason #2. To add insult to injury the Kings are the worst team in the NBA guarding the 3-point line. For all of last season, the Kings finished once again, dead last in the NBA, allowing opposing teams to shoot a league high 38% against them.

Opinions matter, but statistics don't lie. The Kings, and in particular the coaching staff that have been talking defense since before the start of training camp, have access to the same statistics that I do. When every other team in the NBA guards the 3-point line better than you do, the question is what are you going to do about it?

I've heard coach Christie go on and on about team defense, being active, deflecting passes, and many other defensive factors, but I'm not hearing about the glaring problem that is purely losing them games. With the number of coaches that NBA teams carry today, you would think someone would be focused on the best practices for guarding effectively the 3-point line.

In Sunday night's game against the Lakers, poor perimeter defense allowed a shorthanded team to take a game away that for all intents and purposes should

have been the Kings. Yes, once again it came down to terrible free throw shooting by the Kings, and the fact that no one could stop the point guard for the opposing team. Austin Reeves went off with a career night scoring 51 points and torching the Sacramento Kings from beyond the arc, going 6 for 10 from 3-point land. Reeves was a one-man wrecking crew gathering 11 rebounds and handing out 9 assists in what was certainly his best game as an NBA player.

While I give credit to Austin Reeves for his incredible performance, at what point do the Kings shut down some of his offensive. Mid-range jumpers are one thing, but wide-open looks from beyond the arc constitute a recipe for a losing night.

Add to that 41 made free throws by the Lakers on 89% shooting compared to the Kings 12 made free throws at 66%, and this close game simply wasn't one that the Kings could win.

Simply stated, get out of the NBA cellar now, and put a renewed emphasis on free throw shooting! Every player on an individual basis must take accountability and begin the process of improving his free throw shooting. Two games that the Kings could not afford to lose are in the loss column, and it is largely if not directly because of their inability to make an uncontested shot from 15 feet away, over and over again.

When a team is losing and it's a mystery why, everyone should be worried, but when the nemesis is known, get busy and fix the problem!

The Kings are about to embark on a nasty road trip beginning in Oklahoma City Tuesday night, and facing the defending NBA champs will be no easy task. So, let's control what we can, and not allow the Thunder to beat us from the free throw line. It's a tall order to best the Thunder on their home floor, but I've seen this team do it before, so I refuse to count them out.

Take to heart the two areas I've cited and let the rest play itself out.

Welcome back Domantas Sabonis and may he stay healthy!

All the best Kings fans!

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

Social Security Matters

Do I Need to Sign Up for an Online Social Security Account?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social
Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I recently I heard the tail end of a radio program which was discussing "signing up for my Social Security account." I am now 76 years old and have been receiving my SSA monthly amount directly into a credit union account for years. Since the time when I applied to begin receiving Social Security, I have had no need to contact SSA again since everything is working fine. I do not like having to use the Internet. It seems the government is just giving me busy work and requiring me to remember usernames, passwords, etc. just when I am trying desperately to simplify my life. Can you shed any light on the need to sign up for an online SSA account by answering this:

1. What is the background regarding this "call" by the SSA to create an online account?

2. Why is the SSA wanting us to have "accounts"? Mysteriously, no one I have asked is able to give me a reason why we should have "accounts" on-line.

3. What happens if I do not sign-up for an "account"?

4) Is there a window of time during which we must "sign up"?

Thanking you in advance for any light you can shed on this issue.

Signed: Concerned Senior
Dear Concerned: While creating an online Social

Security account is recommended by the Social Security Administration, doing so is more of a convenience than a necessity. It is mainly a way to confirm your identity to Social Security in advance, in case you need to contact them in the future to make changes to your SS account. If you don't plan to make any changes, then it is not mandatory for you to create an online "my Social Security" account. Nothing will change for you - you will continue to get your monthly benefits as you have been doing all these years.

Regarding your specific questions:

1. What is the background? Social Security has, for many years, been encouraging people to do business with them "online." This is, essentially, a way to improve the efficiency of a) getting your needs handled more quickly, and b) improving SSA's internal efficiency so as to handle more transactions with fewer staff.

2. Why does SSA want you to have an online account? SS fraud has become an issue, with nefarious individuals constantly trying to get at a person's Social Security (and other) government benefits. As part of its process for online access, SSA has evolved to a quite secure online identification process, which includes modern security techniques. These include things like "Two-Factor Identification" and use of certain specific identification measures through two main programs for access to government systems (known as LOGIN.gov and ID.me). These create a single pre-verified way to access multiple government systems (such as SSA, IRS, VA, etc.). It means that only one ID and password are required to access numerous government systems and ensures that those who access the account are the correct person. It is

primarily a way to protect your benefits from others and prevent fraud.

3. What happens if I do not sign-up for an "account"? Nothing will happen, unless you have a need to change something with Social Security. For example, if you for some reason wanted to change the financial account to which your SS benefits are deposited. With a secure LOGIN.gov account you could make that change quickly using your online account. Without a secure online account, you would, instead, need to make an appointment to visit your local Social Security office to make the change and provide proof of who you are. Again, this is to reduce fraud.

4. Is there a window of time during which we must "sign up"? As indicated above, there is no time in which you must "sign up." If you do not sign up for online access, and don't need to change anything with respect to your SS benefits, then you do not need to create an online account.

So, while creating an online SSA account is highly recommended, it is not mandatory for those who have no need to interact directly with the Social Security Administration.

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Bay Area Transit Measure Tests Voters' Taste for Higher Sales Taxes



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

The three largest sources of revenue for California governments are taxes on personal income, real estate and retail sales — and increasing them ranges from difficult to bordering on impossible.

Raising income tax rates requires legislative approval by two-thirds voting majorities or voter approval via ballot measure. After winning a second stint as governor in 2010, Jerry Brown persuaded voters to temporarily increase taxes on high-income Californians (and a token increase in the sales tax) to close a budget deficit.

A ballot measure in 2016 extended that income surtax to 2030. It's likely public employee unions and their allies will seek another extension via ballot measure in 2028.

Property tax rates are frozen by the state constitution, thanks to passage of Proposition 13 in 1978, and efforts to repeal or modify property tax limits have failed at the polls.

That leaves sales taxes, divided up among state and local governments, as the state's most flexible levy.

The current basic rate is 7.25% on taxable goods, and that's what it is in some rural counties. State law limits any additional tax on sales to 2 percentage points,

so theoretically the highest legal rate including local, voter-approved increases, is 9.25%.

However, actual sales tax rates range as high as 10.75% because local officials routinely ask the Legislature to exceed the 2% cap, and the requests are virtually certain to be granted.

This month Gov. Gavin Newsom signed bills granting three jurisdictions permission to exceed the cap, including a 1% increase in San Luis Obispo County and a 0.25% boost for the Monterey-Salinas Transit District.

The third and most important would be a 0.5% hike in Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo and Contra Costa counties, plus 1% in the City and County of San Francisco, all to prop up Bay Area Rapid Transit and other transit services in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The Bay Area measure, Senate Bill 63, would maintain the new levies — estimated to raise just over \$1 billion a year — for 14 years if approved by voters. It results from several years of effort by the region's political and civic leaders to shore up transit systems, which saw ridership and farebox revenues plunge during the COVID-19 pandemic.

How the issue will be presented to Bay Area voters is uncertain. Under current law, were the newly formed Transportation Revenue Measure District to place the tax hike on next year's ballot, it would require approval by two-thirds of those voting, which could be difficult to muster.

However the state Supreme Court has declared, albeit indirectly, that tax increases placed on the ballot via initiative petition require only a simple majority for approval, and many of the local surtaxes in recent years have been enacted via initiative to take advantage of that dictum.

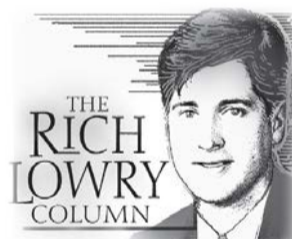
Last year, the court invalidated a ballot measure that would have reversed the policy on tax votes. Anti-tax groups such as the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association are planning another such measure for 2026.

Backers of the Bay Area transit tax hike are apparently prepared to use the initiative process if polling indicates it's the only pathway to enactment. Were it to pass, sales taxes would top 11% in some cities and counties, close to the nation's highest retail sales levies.

The Tax Foundation, a Washington, DC-based organization that tracks tax policy, says that Louisiana, at 10.11%, has the highest average sales tax of any state. It calculates California's average to be 8.98%, the nation's seventh highest.

So, one might wonder, at what point does a high sales tax rate become a factor in consumer decisions? Some Bay Area cities and counties will be testing that out if the proposed transit tax is imposed.

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. ★



In one of his classic New Jersey ballads, Bruce Springsteen sings of the sun "rising over them refinery towers."

If New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy had gotten his way, the Boss would need to update the lyric to rhapsodize about enormous wind turbines looming on the horizon instead.

Murphy's obsession with wind power is one of the reasons that the state's gubernatorial race is competitive and Republican Jack Ciattarelli has a chance to upset Murphy's potential Democratic successor Mikie Sherrill in a much-watched off-year election.

Gov. Murphy brought a European-style energy strategy to New Jersey, and got European-style results. Wind has been as much a debacle for the Garden State as it has been for Germany, where Murphy was the ambassador prior to becoming governor of New Jersey.

Murphy's idea was to decommission fossil fuel and nuclear plants and build up wind. It was a rainbow-and-ponies energy strategy, and sure enough, the decommissioning happened, while the wind did not.

If you constrain the supply of something, while demand for it goes up, prices will inevitably increase. New Jerseyans understandably haven't appreciated this lesson in Econ 101, which has come out of their pocketbooks.

Rates increased by about 20% beginning in

New Jersey's Wind Debacle

June of this year, on top of what were already some of the highest rates in the country. There is yet more where that came from projected for next year.

When Murphy took office, the prevailing winds of fashionable opinion said that wind power was the future.

So, New Jersey set out to become the wind capital of the United States. It was going to get 3,500 megawatts from offshore wind. No, 7,000. Come to think of it, why not make it 11,000? The higher the number, the greater the climate virtue.

At first, New Jersey set a goal of achieving 100% clean energy by 2050, then goosed it up to 2035.

It's all come a cropper, as wind has been a no-show. The pandemic and Trump administration regulatory hostility to wind didn't help, but the basic problem is that wind is uneconomical, even with the feds and the state showering wind companies with lavish subsidies and credits.

Meanwhile, New Jersey took out coal, natural gas and nuclear plants without replacing them, and the governor fought pipelines with the resolve of Winston Churchill vowing to resist the Nazis on the beaches and landing grounds. The governor fought the PennEast natural-gas pipeline project --which would have connected Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, to Mercer County, New Jersey, along a 116-mile route -- all the way to the Supreme Court. The governor lost, yet PennEast gave up in frus-

tration anyway.

Neighboring Pennsylvania, also with a Democratic governor, is a notable contrast. It actually decommissioned more coal-fired plants than New Jersey did, but didn't suffer shortfalls in capacity because it readily embraced natural gas as an alternative rather than chasing an energy will-o'-the-wisp.

Murphy's make-believe plan was that by 2050, New Jersey's power mix would be 34% wind, 23% solar, 16% nuclear and 6% biogas, with another 21% from out-of-state wind and solar.

Here, back in reality, after eight years of stupendous clean-energy exertions, New Jersey still gets 90% of its energy from natural gas and nuclear. Only about 8% comes from renewables, largely solar.

New Jersey was a small net exporter of energy when Murphy took office, and now it is a large net importer. It contributes less to the regional grid than when Murphy started.

Energy is a dominant issue in the gubernatorial race and deserves to be. Murphy is the author of an asinine, entirely predictable policy failure that directly affects the welfare of residents of his state. If Murphy is capable of introspection, he might want to contemplate the question asked in another Springsteen song long ago: "Is a dream a lie if it don't come true, or is it something worse?"

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Galt Police Increase Traffic Enforcement in School Zones

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Police Department recently reminded residents of its commitment to student safety, announcing stepped-up traffic enforcement around local schools.

In an Oct. 23 social media post, the department shared that its Traffic Safety Unit has increased patrols in school zones

throughout the city. It noted that officers are focusing on crosswalk safety and ensuring that drivers yield to pedestrians, follow posted speed limits and remain alert during peak school hours.

“This initiative is a proactive step to protect our community’s students and promote safe driving behavior near our schools. Every driver plays a vital

role in keeping our students safe as they travel to and from school,” the post read. “Together, we can create safer routes for every child in our community.”

The Galt Police Department also urged motorists to stay attentive behind the wheel, reduce their speed and always stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. ★

MEETING MINDERS

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.

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

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



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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.

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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-

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 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.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A GROCERY/SUPERMARKET AT 10570 TWIN CITIES ROAD, GALT, CA 95632

Notice is hereby given that the Galt Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of Galt City Hall, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California, 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 take action on the Conditional Use Permit request.

PROJECT TITLE: Grocery/Supermarket Conditional Use Permit
PROJECT LOCATION: 10570 Twin Cities Road, Galt, CA 95632 (APN 148-1110-003)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to establish a Grocery Outlet in the Carillion Corners shopping center. The existing building at 10570 Twin Cities Road is currently vacant. A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is required for grocery store uses as well as for the sale of beer, wine, and distilled spirits for off-site consumption in the Commercial zone. Operating hours will be from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily. Construction activities are limited to interior renovations which may require a tenant improvement permit.

The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
OWNER/APPLICANT: Wolf Pack 73, LLC Grocery Outlet, Inc.
 837 Jefferson Blvd. 5650 Hollis St
 Sacramento, CA 95691 Emeryville, CA 94608

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING:
DATE AND TIME: Thursday, November 13, 2025; 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed project or wish to review any details prior to the public hearing, please contact Stacy Schafer, Associate Planner at 209-366-7230 or sschafer@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/ Stacy Schafer
 Stacy Schafer, Associate Planner
 /s/ Tina Hubert
 Tina Hubert, City Clerk
 The Galt Herald 10-31-2025

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 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
 The Galt Herald 10-24, 10-31-2025

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALT REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 15.04 OF THE GALT MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2025 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE, CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE, CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE, CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE, CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL BUILDING CODE, CALIFORNIA REFERENCED STANDARDS, CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE, CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, AND MAKING LOCAL AMENDMENTS

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code Sections 17958, 17958.5, 17958.7, and 18941.5 allow the City, by ordinance, to make modifications or changes to the California Building Standards Code in Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations and other regulations adopted pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 17922; and

WHEREAS, the Health and Safety Code requires such changes to be determined to be reasonably necessary because of local climate, geographical, or topographical conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Health and Safety Code requires that the City, before making any modifications or changes, makes an express finding that each such modification or change is needed; and

WHEREAS, the Health and Safety Code requires such findings to be made available as a public record and a copy of such findings to be filed with the California Building Standards Commission; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2025, the City gave public notice of a City Council public hearing to be held to consider Ordinance No. 2025-XX, by advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed and considered the public testimony and agenda reports prepared in connection with this Ordinance, including the policy considerations discussed therein; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determines that proposed Ordinance establishes requirements greater and more restrictive than those set forth in the 2025 edition of the California Building Standards Code, Title 24, of the California Code of Regulations, and which are reasonably necessary due to the unique local climate, geographical, or topographical conditions in the City of Galt.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALT, CALIFORNIA, does ordain as follows:

- SECTION 1. Findings.**
- SECTION 2. Purpose.**
- SECTION 3. Authority.**
- SECTION 4. Local Amendments to California Building Code.**
- SECTION 5. Chapter 15.04 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODES**
- SECTION 6. No Mandatory Duty of Care.**
- SECTION 7. Severability.**
- SECTION 8. Effective Date.**

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced and the title thereof read at the regular meeting of the City Council the 7th day of October, 2025 and by a 4-1 roll call vote of the City Council members, further reading was waived.

On motion by Council Member Sandhu, seconded by Council Member Farmer, the foregoing Ordinance was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Galt at a regular meeting thereof, this 21st day of October, 2025 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Council Members: Sandhu, Prutton, Rodriguez, Farmer
 NOES: Council Members: Reed
 ABSTAIN: Council Members:
 ABSENT: Council Members:

/s/ Shawn Farmer
MAYOR, City of Galt

ATTEST:
 /s/ Tina Hubert
 City Clerk, City of Galt

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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.

Sunday, Nov. 2

25th Annual Giro D'Vino Bike Tour of Lodi's Best Wineries – 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., starts at STAMA Winery and covers a 40-mile course. Discover what makes our wine region a premium of wine making. Experience the sleepy country roads, beautiful vineyards and local wineries. Your contributions also support our local nonprofits and cycling programs. Register online at deltavelo.com. 17521 N. Davis Road, Lodi.

Friday, Nov. 7 through Sunday, Nov. 16

"Annie" Presented by St. Peter Community Theater – at the St. Peter Church Auditorium. Times vary, check the website for specific shows: splodichurch.org. 2400 Oxford Way, Lodi.

Friday, Nov. 7 through Sunday, Nov. 9

Sandhill Crane Festival – Join us where conservation meets celebration. Hutchins Street Square is the hub for a weekend packed with guided tours, fascinating educational talks, hands-on exhibits and local art, all inspired by the natural beauty of the Delta. Specific times for events and tours are at lodisandhillcrane.org. 125 S. Hutchins St., Lodi.

Saturday, Nov. 8

Family Fun at Lodi Lake: Splash! Honk! Quack! – 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Bring the kids and enjoy a morning by the water as Lodi Library Director Jenni Fontanilla and friends host a special story time at beautiful Lodi Lake. Families will enjoy stories and crafts celebrating the lake's lively water birds. Meet at the Kiwanis Shelter near the park entrance for this nature-inspired gathering. 1101 W. Turner Road, Lodi.

Exotic Bird Mart & Expo – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cabernet Hall at the Lodi Grape Festival grounds. Buy, sell or trade and find your pet bird here. Tickets are sold only at the door. Waiver required; sign up at exoticbirdmart.com. 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

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

*Saturday, Nov. 1 through Tuesday, Nov. 4: Vote in-person at the Walnut Grove library, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Election Day 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information about voting at the library, call 916-264-2920.

Tuesday, Nov. 4: Adult book group, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. This month we'll be reading and discussing "Tilt: A Novel" by Emma Pattee. (WG)

Wednesday Nov. 5: English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Thursday, Nov. 6: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (WG)

Friday, Nov. 7: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G) English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Saturday, Nov. 8: Read to a dog, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. School-age readers are invited to read to furry and friendly canine volunteers and their trainers. (G)

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

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 Commission on Aging Special Meeting: Bingo – Mondays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Chabolla Community

Center. 610 Chabolla Ave.

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 the local Park Council and the Wilton History Group. 9717 Colony Road at Dillard Road, Wilton.

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, Elk Grove. Next meeting Nov. 26. Breakfast: second Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave., Elk Grove.

American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 – fourth Thursday s at 7 p.m., Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Dinner at 6 p.m. Due to the holidays, next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 20. No meeting in December.

Post 233 Family Breakfast – first Saturdays at 9 a.m., Mimi's Café. 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, Elk Grove.

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, Nov. 11 – Post 233 is the lead veterans organization for the 2025 Veterans Day Parade in Elk Grove.

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

VFW Post 2073 – second Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove. For more information, call 916-684-3849. ★

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wafts on breezes that bring showers of yellow and orange from the trees they caress. On every home we find the strands of fake spider webs, ghouls and goblins in the bushes, and the bounties of the last harvest displayed as sheaves of corn and grinning Jack-o'-lanterns. The children go door to door, threatening a trick if they don't get a treat and hoping for something tasty.

And going to that one home with the longest line that gave the best treat of all: a favorite rich blend of butter, cream and sugar cooked into a thick caramel, with the green and red bounties of the orchards dipped in them. A caramel apple. When they said that an apple a day would keep the doctor away, we're not quite sure what they were talking about, but one thing is for certain: If an apple takes a loose tooth

out of your mouth, one of these delicious treats will work better than a string and a doorknob.

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My favorite: just caramel and apple. That's it.

In my hometown there were several homes where we would Trick or Treat and

they gave out caramel apples and each one different. We had no fear of anyone tampering with them. But that was then, and this is now.

Parents, make your children (even the older ones) caramel apples and let them help and you will be making a very precious memory.

This weekend is the end of Daylight Saving Time! And I say a big "THANK YOU!" We will get back that extra hour of sleep, which was so rudely taken away last March.

I think Daylight Saving Time is useless. My animals certainly don't understand why they are getting fed later and put up such a racket so that I end up feeding them on their time schedule anyway. But alas, it is what it is, and we all will deal with it.

For today, Happy Halloween and enjoy that Caramel Apple. because tomorrow is the beginning of November: Gobble, Gobble, Gobble.

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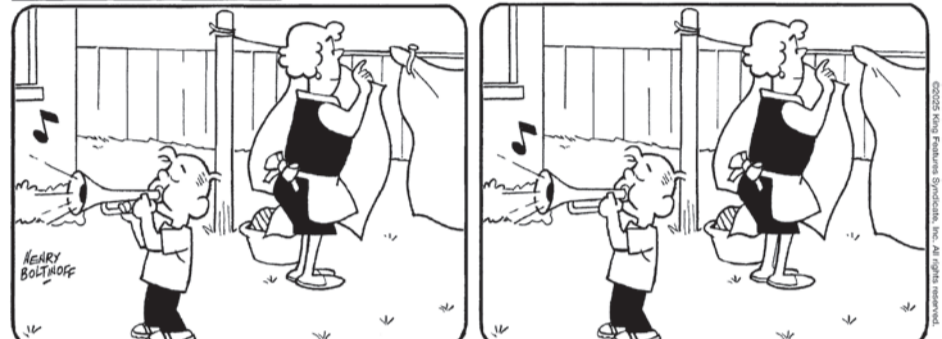
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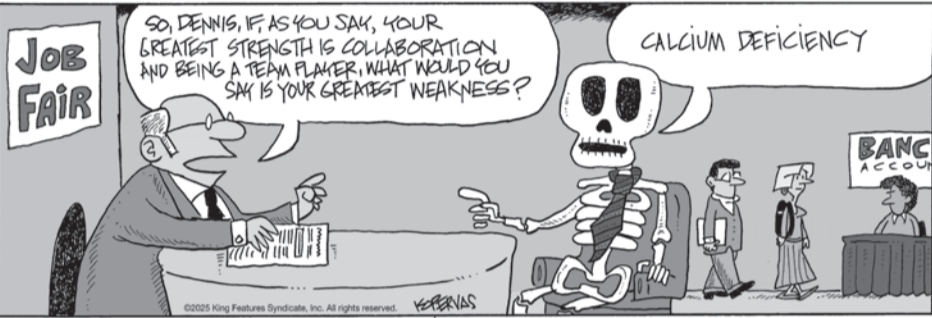


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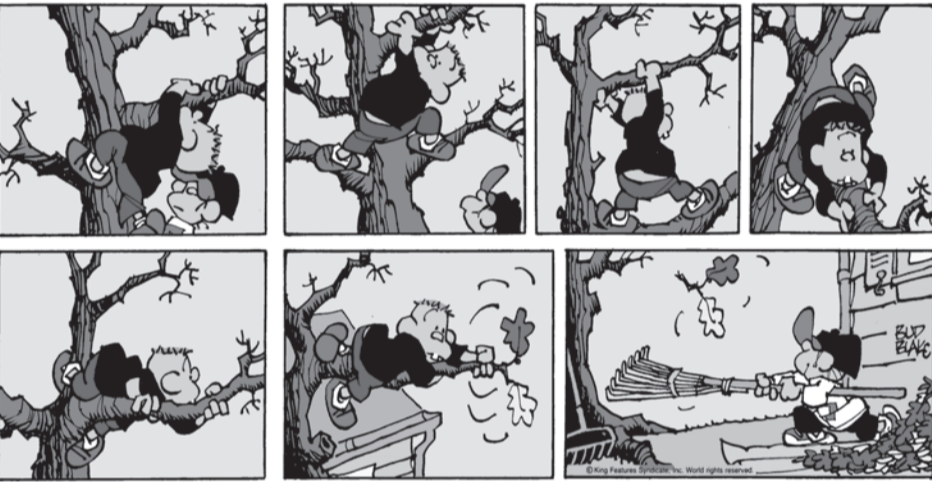
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Warriors Honor Seniors, Fall to Liberty Ranch in Straight Sets

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warriors hosted the Liberty Ranch Hawks on an emotional senior night, honoring senior players Maria Dimapilis, Scarlett Gaither, Maya Hernandez, Antanella Feilbach, Shayla China, Katie Dalton and Bayley Miller in front of parents and friends. Despite the heartfelt celebration, the Warriors dropped their final match of the season 25-18, 25-16, 25-17 to the visiting Hawks. Galt finished league play in eighth place with a 2-12 record, while Liberty Ranch secured third place with a 10-4 record before falling in the first round of playoffs.

The Warriors fought hard but struggled offensively, recording 17 kills on 80 attacks with 28 errors for a -.138 team hitting percentage. Sophomore Zoe Sanchez led the attack with six kills on 27 attempts, averaging 2.0 kills per set despite a -.148 hitting percentage. Senior Feilbach came off the bench to contribute two kills on five attempts with a .200 hitting percentage and 1.0 kills per set. Seniors Gaither and Hernandez each added two kills, with Gaither posting a .000 hitting percentage on eight attempts and Hernandez finishing at .000 on 12 attempts. Senior Dalton recorded two kills on eight attempts, while junior Morgan Jones and senior Miller each contributed one kill. Junior Maliah Phulmati added one kill but struggled with a -.500 hitting percentage on four attempts.

From the service line, the Warriors recorded three aces on 53 serve attempts with 10 errors for an 81.1% serving percentage. Senior Dimapilis was perfect on two serves with one ace for a 50.0% ace percentage, while Jones added an ace on five serves at 80.0% accuracy. Sanchez contributed one ace on 10 attempts with an 80.0% serving percentage and led the team with 5 serving points. Senior Hernandez served seven times at 71.4% accuracy for 3 points, while junior Courtney Brouwer was perfect on four serves for 2 points and Jones tallied 2 serving points as well.

Senior Dalton ran the Warriors' offense with 13 assists on 58 ball-handling attempts with just one error, averaging 4.3 assists per set. Phulmati added one assist on six attempts, and junior Whitney Ehlers contributed one assist on four ball-handling attempts.

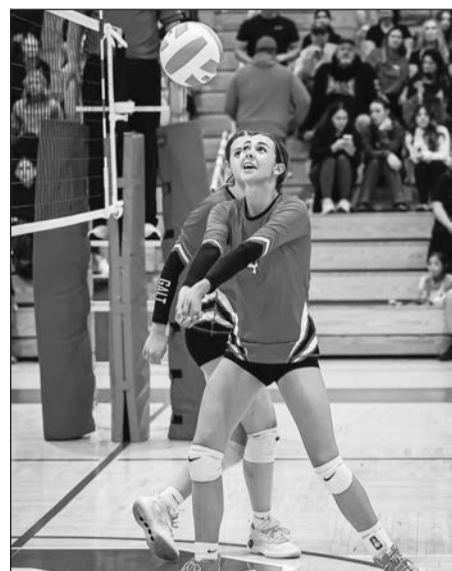
Defensively, the Warriors excelled with 41 total digs and no digging errors,



The Galt Volleyball seniors, with coach Jennifer Sanchez, are celebrated.



Hawk Freshman Charlee Miller hits one over the net.



Warrior Katie Dalton bumps the ball.

averaging 13.7 digs per set. Phulmati was outstanding with 16 digs for a 5.3-digs-per-set average. Ehlers added seven digs at 2.3 per set, while Dalton recorded five digs and Sanchez contributed five digs as well. Dimapilis tallied four digs in two sets played, and senior China, senior Hernandez, junior Jones and senior Feilbach each added one dig.

At the net, the Warriors recorded two block assists for one total block. Senior Gaither and senior Miller each contributed one block assist.

In serve receiving, the Warriors handled 64 receptions with 4 errors. Sanchez led with 18 receptions at 6.0 per set, while Phulmati recorded 13 receptions at 4.3 per set despite one error. Dimapilis handled 12 receptions in two sets with one error, and Ehlers added 10 receptions at 3.3 per set with one error. China recorded five receptions with one error, and Hernandez

contributed five receptions. Jones added one reception in her two sets of play.

The Hawks dominated at the net with 30 kills on 93 attempts with 18 errors for a .129 hitting percentage. Senior Smith led all players with 13 kills on 29 attempts, posting a .241 hitting percentage and 44.8% kill percentage while averaging 4.3 kills per set. Senior Savannah Lethbridge was highly efficient with 7 kills on 14 attempts for a .357 hitting percentage and 50.0% kill percentage, averaging 2.3 kills per set.

Junior Vivian Frame contributed five kills on 16 attempts with a .188 hitting percentage, while senior Ava Van Warmerdam made the most of limited opportunities with three kills on just four attempts for an impressive .750 hitting percentage and 75.0% kill percentage. Senior Riley Sickels added one kill on six attempts, and freshman Charlee Miller

recorded one kill on 14 attempts.

The Hawks' serving attack was relentless with three aces on 72 serve attempts and just five errors for a 93.1% serving percentage. Junior Lily Pittman led the serving charge with 19 attempts and one error for a 94.7% success rate, contributing a team-high 14 serving points. Junior Maritza Arevalo recorded one ace on 12 serves at 91.7% accuracy for 6 points, while junior Daphne Najar was perfect with one ace on three serves for a 33.3% ace percentage and 2 points. Lethbridge added one ace on 11 serves at 90.9% for 5 points. Several players served perfectly, including Sickels (four attempts, 1 point), Haley Smith (eight attempts, 3 points), freshman Lacey Smith (five attempts, 3 points), and Frame (1 attempt, 1 point). Junior Gabriela Garcia served nine times at 77.8% for 3 points.

Arevalo orchestrated the Hawks' offense with 13 assists on 37 ball handling attempts with two errors, averaging 4.3 assists per set. Garcia added nine assists on a perfect 36 ball-handling attempts without an error, averaging 3.0 assists per set. Pittman contributed two assists on seven attempts with one error.

The Hawks recorded 33 digs with 12 digging errors, averaging 11.0 digs per set. Smith led the back row with eight digs at 2.7 per set despite one error. Both Arevalo and Pittman tallied seven digs, with Arevalo posting a perfect 2.3 digs per set and Pittman averaging 2.3 per set with one error. Lethbridge added six digs at 2.0 per set with one error, while freshman Miller recorded two digs with one error. Freshman Smith, junior Najar and junior Garcia each contributed one dig.

At the net, the Hawks recorded one solo block and four block assists for three total blocks. Lethbridge led with one solo block and two block assists for three total blocks, while Frame contributed two block assists despite one blocking error.

In serve receiving, the Hawks handled 38 receptions with three errors. Smith led with 13 receptions at 4.3 per set but had two errors. Pittman added 10 receptions at 3.3 per set with no errors, while junior Adelaide Gonzalez recorded five receptions in one set played.

Najar handled three receptions perfectly in her one set, and freshman Smith contributed three receptions at 1.5 per set. Senior Sickels recorded two receptions with one error, and junior Kylie Diggle added two receptions in one set of action. ★

Warriors Honor Seniors with Season-High Offensive Performance Against Union Mine

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warriors celebrated Senior Night last Friday with heart, determination and their best offensive showing of the season, even as they fell to Union Mine 60-20. Ten football seniors, eleven cheerleaders and one band senior were honored before kickoff in an emotional ceremony that set the tone for an unforgettable evening.

From the opening whistle, the Warriors faced unique challenges. Union Mine appeared to have no kicker, resulting in onside kicks after every score.



On a quarterback keeper, Robert Rubio is face-masked.

The Warriors capitalized on this unconventional strategy, recovering most of the onside attempts and gaining possession near the 40-yard line time after time: a silver lining that gave Galt repeated opportunities to respond.

Union Mine struck first, finding the end zone with 6:54 remaining in the first quarter. Their extra point attempt failed, leaving the score 6-0. The Warriors' offense struggled initially, forced to punt several times after failing to convert on downs. But on Senior Night, there would be no quit in this team.

The breakthrough came when junior James Gilbert made a spectacular catch, bringing the ball down inside the 10-yard line. After a couple of hard-fought plays, senior Nick Pena powered his way into the end zone for Galt's first score. Junior Rafael Bertho lined up for the extra point attempt, and in a moment that perfectly captured the unpredictable nature of the game, the ball hit the uprights not once but twice before bouncing back: no good. The Warriors had finally cracked the scoreboard with 7:43 left in the half; Union Mine pulled

ahead to take a 30-6 lead into halftime.

Despite Union Mine continuing to score in the second half, the Warriors showed the resilience and growth that have defined their season. In a play that will be remembered for years, Senior Anthony Harrison caught a lateral pass and turned upfield, racing down the sideline with four Union Mine defenders in hot pursuit. Harrison outran them all, reaching the end zone for Galt's second score, marking only the second time this season the Warriors had scored twice in a league game.

But the magic of Senior Night wasn't finished.

With the clock running due to the score differential, Gilbert made what can only be described as a miracle catch. Quarterback Robert Rubio launched a pass downfield, and Gilbert went airborne, covered by a Diamondback, to snag it out of the sky. He came down in a somersault, tucking and rolling while maintaining possession of the football: a spectacular display of concentration and athleticism that brought the home crowd to its feet.



Rafael Bertho is nearly taken out as he punts for the Warriors.

Just a few plays later, Gilbert capped off his remarkable performance by fighting his way into the end zone with 1:45 remaining in the game. The touchdown brought the final score to 60-20, but for the Warriors, those 20 points represented so much more than numbers on a scoreboard.

The three touchdowns marked the most points Galt had scored all season: a fitting achievement on a night dedicated to honoring the seniors who have given their all to the program. Junior quarterback Rubio orchestrated the offense with poise, delivering passes and executing plays.

Though the Warriors didn't come away with a victory, the coaching staff and players left the field with their heads held high. The team continues to improve and gain skills with each game, showing growth, heart and the kind of never-quit attitude that



The Galt High football seniors pose on senior night.



The Galt High cheerleaders are honored at senior night.

defines Galt football.

On Senior Night, the Warriors gave their community something to cheer about: three touchdowns, unforgettable plays and a glimpse of the bright future ahead as this young team continues its development.

For the 10 football seniors being honored, it was a performance worthy of the occasion, a night where they showed how far they've come and left everything on the field one last time under the Friday night lights. ★

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Football

School	W/L
Liberty Ranch	6-0
Bradshaw	5-1
Rosemont	4-12
Argonaut	3-3
Amador	3-3
Union Mine	2-4
El Dorado	1-5
Galt	0-6

Flag Football

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

Girls Volleyball

School	W/L
El Dorado	13-1
Union Mine	12-2
Liberty Ranch	10-4
Amador	7-7
Bradshaw	5-9
Argonaut	5-9
Galt	2-12
Rosemont	2-12

Top Soccer Program Brings Joy, Inclusion to Galt Community

Heartwarming Initiative Pairs Differently-abled Children, Volunteer Buddies



The buddy system is what has made the Top Soccer program so successful.

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - In Galt, something special happens on the soccer field: something that goes far beyond goals and game scores. The Top Soccer program is creating moments of pure joy and building bridges of inclusion, one kick at a time.

For families with differently-abled children, attending youth sports events often means watching from the sidelines in a different way, not as spectators cheering from the bleachers, but as hands-on helpers ensuring their child can participate.

Top Soccer is changing that dynamic, giving

parents the gift of simply being parents watching their kids play.

"This is a great opportunity for parents to sit and watch their kids," said Kristin Krudop, who heads the program. "We're helping with the needs of the special-needs kids. We have helpers for each kid. We have buddies for each kid who helps them along. The parents actually get to sit and watch the game."

It's a simple concept with profound impact: pair each differently-abled child with an able-bodied buddy who helps them navigate the game, and suddenly parents can experience what so many other families take for granted: the joy of watching their child play soccer without having



Players and buddies pose for a Top Soccer team photo.

to be on the field managing every moment.

Krudop, a teacher at Lodi High School who works with 9th through 12th graders on daily life skills, brings the program to life in Galt despite her commute. Her dedication stems from a career devoted to special education and a passion for inclusion.

"I used to teach at Reece Elementary, and then I taught here at River Oaks several years ago," Krudop explained. "But I love this. I've done it for the past two years, but this year we really revamped it. We did some research and found out that we needed one buddy for each kiddo, which really helped. That's building the inclusion and community, exposing both kids to working together."

The one-to-one buddy system has transformed the program. Each differently-abled player now has a dedicated partner: a volunteer who runs alongside them, encourages them, helps them understand the game and celebrates every

small victory as if it were a championship-winning goal.

"I really love it, and we've got some great response," Krudop said. "The kids all love it, and their buddies love it. The buddies absolutely love it, and they look forward to it."

For Alvin Jones Pickettay, whose daughter has autism, the program represents something invaluable: a chance for his daughter to be part of a team and a community in a way that honors her abilities rather than highlighting her challenges.

"Being that my daughter has autism, it was important to build community," Jones Pickettay said. "Not just community: to build and work on development, inclusiveness, sportsmanship, working as a team."

The impact has been undeniable. His daughter doesn't just tolerate the program; she eagerly anticipates it.

"She looks forward to doing this," he said with evident pride. "We can't

get through the week without her trying to go in the backyard practicing. So she looks forward to doing this."

That excitement – a child counting down the days until soccer practice, begging to practice in the backyard, feeling the same enthusiasm that typically-developing children feel about their favorite activities – is exactly what Top Soccer aims to create.

The program's success has created a wonderful challenge: It needs as many volunteers as it has players. Each child deserves their own buddy, their own champion on the field, and Krudop is constantly seeking community members willing to give their time.

The volunteer buddies gain as much as they give. They learn patience, empathy and the pure joy of celebrating achievements that might seem small to outsiders but represent monumental victories for the children they're helping. They discover that inclusion isn't just good for those being included;

it enriches everyone involved.

On the soccer field in Galt, something beautiful is happening. Children who might otherwise be isolated are running, laughing and playing alongside peers.

Parents who might spend every moment of their day in caregiver mode get to simply be parents watching their kids have fun. Volunteer buddies are learning life lessons about compassion and community that no classroom could teach.

The scoreboard doesn't matter here. Every child who steps onto that field is a winner, every parent in the stands is getting to experience a precious gift, and every volunteer buddy is making a difference that will ripple far beyond the final whistle.

Because at the end of the day, every child deserves the chance to play, every parent deserves the chance to watch and cheer, and every community is stronger when everyone belongs. ★

Hawks Fly Past Rosemont 56-28: One Win Away from League Championship

By Paige Lampson Sports Editor

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawks traveled to Rosemont and left no doubt about their championship aspirations, dominating the host team 56-28 to improve their league record to a perfect 6-0. With just one game remaining – the annual Dairy Bowl showdown against cross-town rival Galt Warriors – the Hawks are on the verge of claiming the certified league championship.

Liberty Ranch controlled the game from the opening whistle, building a 14-0 lead after the first quarter and extending it to 28-14 at halftime. The Hawks exploded for 20 points in the third quarter to put the game out of reach before adding eight more in the fourth quarter for the final 56-28 margin.

The Hawks' ground game was nearly unstoppable, racking up 503 rushing yards on 53 carries for an impressive 9.5 yards per carry average with seven rushing touchdowns. Junior Andrew Quinn led the backfield with 164 yards on 15 carries for a 10.9 average, including a long run of 55 yards and one touchdown, while also accumulating 168 all-purpose yards with four kickoff return yards. Junior Joe Lara was the Hawks' workhorse, carrying 22 times for 178 yards



Hawk Gabe Onuegbu pressures the Rosemont quarterback. Photos courtesy of Tom Santillan

with an 8.1 average and a long of 33 yards, scoring three rushing touchdowns and adding one receiving touchdown on his only catch – a 12-yard reception – for a total of four touchdowns and 190 total yards. Junior Wyatt Corriea added 137 yards on 11 carries for a 12.5 average with a 41-yard long run and one rushing touchdown, plus he caught one pass for 7 yards and returned one kickoff for 3 yards, totaling 147 all-purpose yards and 144 total yards from scrimmage.

Junior quarterback Ryan Ogas had an efficient night through the air, completing both of his pass attempts for 19 yards and one touchdown, posting

a stellar 164.6 quarterback rating with a long completion of 12 yards. Ogas also contributed on the ground with five carries for 24 yards and a 4.8 average with a long of 16 yards, scoring two rushing touchdowns. He added five kickoff return yards on two returns for a 2.5 average, giving him 29 all-purpose yards and 43 total yards. The dual-threat junior also converted one two-point conversion rushing and scored 14 total points.

The Hawks' offensive line dominated the line of scrimmage, combining for 19 pancake blocks. Junior Cutler Perez led the way with six pancake blocks, while junior Deshaun Jackson added four,

junior Soni Takafua contributed three and senior Kyle Quaresma also registered three. Junior Jayden Sedlacek added two pancake blocks, and senior David Romo chipped in one.

Senior James Rangel handled kickoff duties, booting nine kickoffs for 301 yards with a 33.4 average and a long of 53 yards. Rangel also served as the placekicker, converting four of six extra point attempts for 4 total points, while recording one interception for 16 yards and a pass defended on defense, contributing 16 all-purpose yards.

Senior Daniel Sosa converted a reception for 2 points.



Andrew Quinn shrugs off a Rosemont defender to gain more yards.

The Hawks' defense held Rosemont to just 28 points while creating havoc throughout the game. Quinn led the defensive effort with eight total tackles (four solo, four assists), one tackle for loss, one fumble recovery, and two pass deflections. Quarterback Ogas showed his two-way prowess with seven total tackles (five solo, two assists) and a team-leading six pass deflections. Corriea also contributed seven total tackles (four solo, three assists) on the defensive side of the ball.

Junior Deshaun Jackson recorded five total tackles (three solo, two assists), while Lara added four total tackles (one solo, three assists) and two pass deflections. Senior Eston Tucker tallied four total tackles (one solo, three assists) with 1.5 tackles for loss, and Sosa contributed four total tackles (three solo, one assist) plus two pass deflections. Takafua was a force in the trenches with three total tackles (one solo, two assists), 1.5 tackles for loss, and the team's only sack, for 7 yards, while also recording three quarterback hurries. Senior Cesar Becerra added three tackles (all assists), and senior Gabe

Onuegbu registered two solo tackles and one quarterback hurry.

Rangel came up with the big defensive play of the game, intercepting a pass and returning it 16 yards while also breaking up one pass. Senior Landon Peterson contributed two total tackles (one solo, one assist) and four pass deflections, while senior Cole Maguire, junior Nick Pierce, Romo and junior Brandon Gershanoff each added tackles for the Hawks' defensive effort.

Looking Ahead to the Dairy Bowl

With the dominant victory, Liberty Ranch now stands at 6-0 in league play and will face the Galt Warriors in the storied Dairy Bowl: a cross-town rivalry game that will determine the league championship. The Hawks have shown they can dominate on both sides of the ball, and with their explosive offense averaging over 9 yards per carry and a stingy defense that has proven capable of creating turnovers and applying pressure, they'll look to complete their perfect league season and claim the championship when they take on Galt in the season finale. ★



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