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Pictured from left are Walking America Couple Torin Rouse, Mayor Shawn Farmer, Veronica Van Dyke and Paige Rouse at The Coffee Shop Bakery on Fourth Street. Photos courtesy of City of Galt

City of Galt News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - The "Walking America Couple," currently at the midpoint of their 50-state journey, visited Galt the week of Nov. 20 as part of their cross-country adventure. Having already covered 6,803 miles and 28 states, the couple, Torin and Paige Rouse, rely on donations and volunteer hosts to support their travels while spreading a message of positivity, connection and personal growth.

During their visit, the
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Here are Torin and Paige Rouse pictured during their 50-state walking journey that is shared online to their 65,000 followers on Facebook.

District Reports Academic Progress, Safety Updates



By Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Unified High School District Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Nov. 20, highlighting a series of student achievements, safety updates and results from district-wide assessments.

Trustees celebrated a productive season across the district with brief presentations from student board members representing each of the three high schools reporting updates in academics, athletics and community engagement. The board also received updates on state assessment 2025 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) scores presented by Educational Services Director Linda DeWilde.

Students district-wide English language arts (ELA) scores rose from 53.42% to 64.29% of students meeting or exceeding grade-level standards, with notable gains among Hispanic, White and multi-racial students. Math scores showed modest improvement and science scores exceeded state averages, with strong gains among multi-racial and disadvantaged student groups.

DeWilde highlighted that there are several targeted interventions aimed at helping students who are struggling in specific subject areas, including after-school tutoring, summer programs and specialized support for English learners, students with disabilities and students experiencing homelessness.

Trustee Dennis Richardson, who represents Area 2, followed up with questions about how the district supports disadvantaged students, particularly those facing homelessness. Richardson also asked how the district accounts for transportation needs and conducts home outreach to ensure students live in safe conditions.

Superintendent Anna Trunnell said that measures are already in place to address students' living situations.

"Beyond anything, we can make sure that they have the ability to take care of themselves, that
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St. Luke's to Host 112th Christmas Bazaar



For its 112th year, St. Luke's Episcopal Church will host its annual Christmas Bazaar offering hand-made crafts Dec. 6 and Dec. 7 at 200 B St. Photo courtesy of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

By Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - St. Luke's Episcopal Church will continue one of Galt's longest-running holiday traditions when it hosts its annual Christmas Bazaar during the first weekend of December.

This year's event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. The holiday market, known for its handmade crafts and homemade goods, has

been held for more than 110 years, making it one of the city's oldest continuous community events.

According to the church's website, St. Luke's also holds the distinction of being Galt's oldest continuous congregation still operating in its original worship space. Each year members and friends of the congregation donate a wide range of handmade items, including jewelry, soaps, knitted, crocheted and sewn goods, along with baked treats, breads, jams and honey.

Senior Warden Mark McMillen said the bazaar's success directly supports the church's charitable work.

"One hundred percent of the proceeds support charitable outreach through the church's St. Mary's Guild," he said. "These funds allow us to directly provide scholarships for graduating local high school students going into medical fields, and also enable us to financially support other local, regional and national organizations."

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St. Luke's to Host 112th Christmas Bazaar



Each year, a wide range of handmade items such as jewelry, soaps, knitted, crocheted and sewn goods are sold at St. Luke's Episcopal Church's annual Christmas Bazaar. Photo courtesy of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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As the bazaar enters its 112th year, this event remains as the church's primary fundraiser for its outreach missions. Proceeds support local food assistance programs such as the Sunshine Food Pantry and River City Food Bank. Stanford Sierra Youth and Families also receives funding for its

work with youth transitioning out of the foster care system.

The bazaar also helps donate to L'Chayim of Galt, a local nonprofit whose volunteers knit and sew items such as receiving blankets for NICUs, pillowcases for residents in senior care facilities and hats and garments for people experiencing

homelessness. Additional support goes to Lodi House, which serves local women and children facing housing insecurity, as well as Episcopal Relief & Development, which provides disaster relief and development assistance in the United States and abroad.

St. Luke's is located at 200 B St. ★

Roger's Review

By State Senator Roger Niello



Thanksgiving Edition

By Sen. Roger Niello

This Thanksgiving, I am deeply grateful for the trust you have placed in me to represent our communities. I have five bills that passed the legislature and were signed by the governor this year, and here is the list.

With the support of the County of Placer, I authored Senate Bill 359. This measure establishes clear guidelines for the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration and confirms that the existing tax exemptions for fuels, such as diesel and compressed natural gas, used by public transit operators also apply to counties that operate their own transit services directly.

When engaging in a home improvement contract, consumers should be informed about who will be providing the service. I proposed Senate Bill 517 to allow consumers to make an informed decision regarding their home improvement project by requiring a home improvement contract to provide a disclosure if subcontractors are being used on a project.

I introduced Senate Bill 568 to make sure that the requirement to have epinephrine available in public schools is applied in

school programs including preschool. Epinephrine is currently required in public schools, and our school health professionals have the medication on hand to provide lifesaving treatment. My bill provides the necessary clarification to this requirement so that our public schools and their programs are prepared to assist any student that may need epinephrine.

Senate Bill 765 establishes the giant garter snake as the official state snake. The giant garter snake can only be found in California. Declaring the giant garter snake as the official state snake of California acknowledges the important place of the species in the ecology, agriculture and water resources and reinforce the state's commitment to protecting endangered species. It has been my honor to work on this legislative proposal with the California Rice Commission and Save the Snakes, a local nonprofit organization whose mission is to conserve snakes around the world through education, research and community support.

Having spent my early career as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), I have great respect for the accounting industry and

am pleased that Senate Bill 788, which eliminates unnecessary regulatory overlap and confusion, was also signed by the governor. This bill reduces compliance burdens and costs for Certified Public Accountants and Certified Public Accountant firms, and California consumers can continue to access the trusted tax professionals they need to meet their compliance needs.

You can review a more extensive list of the bills I introduced this year on my website at sen.ca.gov/niello, and happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

State Sen. Roger Niello represents District 6, which includes Antelope, Arden-Arcade, Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Clay, Fair Oaks, Folsom, Foothill Farms, Franklin, Galt, Gold River, Herald, Mather, Orangevale, Rancho Cordova, Rancho Murietta and Wilton in Sacramento County.

The district also includes Auburn, Granite Bay, Lincoln, Loomis, Newcastle, Penryn, Rocklin, Roseville and Sheridan in Placer County. To reach the senator, call 916-772-0571 or email senator.niello@senate.ca.gov. ★

'Walking America Couple' Pass Through

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The couple was graciously hosted for two nights by Galt resident and realtor Veronica Van Dyke, who also spent time with them exploring the town, including a dinner outing at Brewster's.

They also had the opportunity to meet with Mayor Shawn Farmer, who gifted them Galt-themed stickers to commemorate their time in town.

Reflecting on their visit on social media, the couple wrote: "How could we forget a town whose downtown is lined with



The City of Galt highlighted the "Walking America Couple" in its latest newsletter after the pair stopped in town and had dinner at Brewster's. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

decorative cows?"

The "Walking America Couple" emphasizes that happiness in today's world starts with changing oneself and spreading

positivity to those around you.

Follow the rest of their journey on their Facebook page facebook.com/walkingamericacouple. ★



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Stanford Event Features Local Ostomy Advocate, Veteran



Pictured from left are Stanford Certified Genetic Counselor Rachel Hodan and local ostomy advocate Dan "Dry Dock" Shockley during the Stanford School of Medicine Master of Science in Human Genetics and Genetic Counseling event Nov. 13. Courtesy photo

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - Local ostomate and retired U.S. Navy veteran Dan "Dry Dock" Shockley visited Stanford University on Thursday, Nov. 13 as a guest for the Stanford School of Medicine Master

of Science in Human Genetics and Genetic Counseling event honoring Genetic Counselor Appreciation Day. Shockley, who continues long-term care at the Stanford Cancer Center and undergoes surveillance every other

year, was invited by his Stanford Certified Genetic Counselor, Rachel Hodan, to participate as a live case presentation. The presentation focused on his diagnoses of Adenomatous Polyposis Coli (APC) and Schwannomatosis gene mutations. ★

Charlie Brown Holiday at the Police Station



Celebrate the season with the Galt Police Department at "Peanuts & Police: A Charlie Brown Holiday" on Dec. 9, featuring Santa, treats, station tours and a toy drive. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

City of Galt News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Police Department invites the community to celebrate the season at "Peanuts & Police: A Charlie Brown Holiday." Families are welcome to visit the station, meet the officers and staff who proudly serve Galt and enjoy a festive experience inspired by the classic Peanuts holiday spirit. Join the police department on from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 455 Industrial Drive for an evening of holiday cheer,

warm refreshments and family-friendly activities. Guests will have the opportunity to tour the station, enjoy hot cocoa and cookies, and take a cheerful holiday photo with Santa. In support of local families, the department will also be collecting new, unwrapped toys for its annual Toy Drive. The city invites residents to share in this joyful event and celebrate the season with Galt Police Department, Charlie Brown style. ★

Hanukkah Celebration Dec. 14 in Elk Grove

By MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Rabbi Chaim Groner and Chabad of Elk Grove invite the entire Elk Grove community to its fourth annual Hanukkah celebration "Light Up Elk Grove" from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 at Old Town Plaza. Hanukkah, one of the most widely observed Jewish holidays, is an eight-day festival often

referred to as the "Festival of Lights" and celebrated with candles, food, family and friends. Each night's added candle brings both literal and symbolic light. Meaning "dedication" in Hebrew, Hanukkah commemorates the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrian army in 165 B.C.E. and the subsequent liberation and "rededication" of the Temple in Jerusalem. There was only enough oil to light the Temple

menorah for one night, but the flame miraculously lasted for eight days until a rider could bring fresh oil. Traditional food including latkes (potato pancakes) and doughnuts will be served. Activities include a bounce house, balloon twisting, a caricature artist and strolling magician. The event is free. For more information, contact Rabbi Chaim Groner (917) 724-4443. ★

District Reports Academic Progress, Safety Updates

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they're fed and clothed and that they have a roof over their head," Trunnell said, adding that the absence of those essentials can hinder a student's ability to focus and learn. Trunnell noted that this is also why the district provides free meals during the school day. Trunnell also voiced her support for continued professional development to help teachers strengthen instructional strategies and close achievement gaps. She then shifted to safety updates, explaining

that schools have conducted regular emergency drills, including the Great ShakeOut earthquake exercise, and implemented Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate (ALICE) training to prepare staff and students for emergencies such as an active shooter incident. Trunell reported that the district has been working with city and county partners to coordinate preparedness efforts and improve public communication about safety protocols, including proper

e-bike and scooter use among youth. In addition to academic and safety updates, the board recognized community and staff contributions. Athletic coaching trainings, bus safety week and monthly new employee orientations were highlighted as successful initiatives supporting students and staff. The next meeting, which will be the high school board's annual organization, will be at 6 p.m. Dec. 18 at Galt City Hall, 380 Civic Drive. ★



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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.

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. 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@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.

'True Believers Finding Peace and Love' Meeting

The discussion is offered at 3 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. ★

MEMORIAL

MARY INA COOK • 07/19/1939 – 10/30/2025

Mary Ina Cook was born on July 19, 1939 in Alturas, CA to John & Ina Ogburn. She passed away on October 30, 2025 at the age of 86 in Lodi, CA. In Mary's early years she loved riding horses and showing prize steers at County Fairs while she was in 4-H. Later after marrying Neal W. Cook in 1959, they had three children Charles, Carolyne and Lawrence Cook. Mary was involved in the Oak View School community and led several 4-H groups. She also became active in the Pork Producers of America



Mary is survived by one sister, Lelia Gooding 81, of Snohomish Washington and her three children Charles Cook 65, Carolyne Cook 63, Lawrence Cook 62 and Mary's five grandchildren, Carry Ann Cook, Kelly Cook, Kaycee Cook, Marley Meredith and Charles "Junior" Cook. Mary was a loving mother, grandmother and an active community member of the Oak View and Galt areas. She will be missed greatly by all her family and friends. A celebration of her life is planned for Friday, January 23rd at Lodi Moose Lodge in Acampo, CA.

and often traveled promoting the organization. In 1982 Neal & Mary purchased the Galt Frostie. When Neal and Mary divorced in 1986, Mary took over sole ownership of Galt Frostie until she sold it in 2004.



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MEETING MINDERS

Friday, Nov. 21

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

Monday, Dec. 1

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, Dec. 2

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

Wednesday, Dec. 3

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., Sacramento.

Friday, Dec. 5

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

Sunday, Dec. 7

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

Thursday, Dec. 11

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, Dec. 13

Kiwanis Club of Galt meets at 8:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month at the Comfort Inn,

10380 Twin Cities Road. For more information, visit k13878.site.kiwanis.org/ contact.

Tuesday, Dec. 16

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

Wednesday, Dec. 17

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

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

Thursday, Dec. 18

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. ★



A Veteran Thank TODAY

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



There are over 19,000 incorporated cities in the United States, but only 30 of those cities can make claim to having an NBA franchise. One of those cities is California's capital, Sacramento.

Troubled times have suddenly unfolded in the city of trees, as our beloved basketball team recently went on an extended losing streak that reached 8 games.

Vitriol abounded and it seemed like Chicken Little had taken up residence in river city.

Radio stations that typically would posture with the glass half full were going the other way, with endless ideas of how quickly this franchise can blow up the current team.

When a steady hand at the wheel was needed, not much was coming from the owner, GM, or the new coach of the team.

Not a recipe for success, so imagine after 8 disappointing defeats in a row that the Sactown boys would fly into Denver and stand off the mighty Nuggets. No imagining needed because that's exactly what the Kings did. While no one had an answer for the daunting center of the Nuggets, Nikola Jovic, who put up 44 points and 13 rebounds, the Kings controlled the rest of the lineup while playing perhaps their best 4th quarter of the young season.

No win could have come at a better time for a team that was getting zero respect from NBA pundits and hometown fans alike.

Much has been said about the pure talent on this team, with future hall of famers like Russell Westbrook, DeMar DeRozan, and Zach Lavine likely candidates for the Naismith Hall in Springfield Massachusetts, but the real conundrum is finding a way to get these accomplished ballers to play seamlessly together. That's exactly what happened last Saturday night and I think it took the Nuggets by surprise.

No 4th quarter collapse on this night, as Russell Westbrook put up 21 big points, while Dennis Schroder matched Westbrook's total with 21 points of his own, while coming off the bench once again.

In this matchup Denver couldn't focus on any one player, as Sacramento had some of the most even scoring, they have enjoyed all season. While Westbrook

dropped 15 of his 21 points in the 4th quarter, it was the ageless stalwart DeMar DeRozan that Sacramento turned to in the last minute of the game. Making 6 straight points DeMar made a crucial 3-point play the old-fashioned way, banking in a shot and converting the foul on the free throw line with only seconds remaining.

The Kings actually won a game from the free throw line, converting 22 of 23 attempts and demonstrated it is possible to be a good free throw shooting team!

Welcome back Keegan Murray as Keegan added 19 crucial points to the fray in only his second game back from injury, and if this performance is a glimpse of things to come, perhaps some of the hyperbole will subside and cooler heads will prevail.

Sacramento fans had to endure the debacle that was trading away the face of the franchise in DeAaron Fox less than a year ago and going through something similar would not be easy for a team still searching for their identity.

A word of reassurance coming from ownership would be nice at a time like this.

Suspect moves within the game such as sitting defensive specialist Keon Ellis for the first 3 quarters in back-to-back blowout losses simply have to stop. Sitting court-side in Golden One Arena while the crowd chants, "we want Keon, we want Keon," is a bad look at the very least, and Doug Christie must be better than this.

Having Keegan Murray back in the lineup is a shot in the arm, but let's not forget that the Kings accomplished this remarkable win with Domantas Sabonis sidelined with a knee injury.

Fans want to see a return to basics, like making free throws, and getting back on defense. Exerting energy and playing with passion is what Kings fans have become accustomed to, and I believe this team will not let their fan base down.

Coaches, put your players in places where they can succeed and find a rotation that every player can count on. We need good coaching and coaching that makes sense.

All the best!

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

California Sees Revenue Uptick

Not Enough to Erase Its Chronic Budget Deficit



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

In the four months since the Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom enacted a new state budget, revenues — primarily from personal income taxes — have outstripped expectations by several billion dollars.

The uptick has buoyed hopes within the Capitol that California's chronic budget deficits might disappear if the revenue surge continues. That would spare Newsom and legislators from having to dream up more accounting gimmicks, deferrals and loans to cover the gap between income and outgo.

However, the Legislature's fiscal advisor, Legislative Analyst Gabe Petek, threw cold water on those rosy scenarios Wednesday. He sees recent revenue gains as a spike driven by an artificial intelligence boomlet in Silicon Valley that's likely to implode, as have previous tech-related bubbles.

"With so much exuberance surrounding AI, it now appears time to take seriously the notion that the stock market has become overheated," Petek says in his annual fiscal overview, which predates the governor's introduction of a new budget. "History suggests that the stock market is prone to overreact to major

technological advances, even if the technology itself turns out to be revolutionary."

Instead of savoring a surge in revenues that would erase what officials are calling a "structural deficit" that is somewhere in the \$10-20 billion range, officials should anticipate a larger gap, Petek says.

"Under our revenue and spending estimates, the Legislature faces an almost \$18 billion budget problem in 2026 '27," Petek says. "This is about \$5 billion larger than the budget problem anticipated by the administration in June, despite improvements in revenue."

The analyst notes that California's constitution requires the state put money toward public schools and reserves, which will "almost entirely offset revenue gains," and toward other spending that's running about \$6 billion over the current budget's estimates.

"Starting in 2027 '28, we estimate structural deficits to grow to about \$35 billion annually due to spending growth continuing to outstrip revenue growth," Petek says.

It should be noted, not for the first time, that California's chronic deficit is not caused by an economic downturn, which has occurred in the past, but rather by an enormous error by Newsom and his budget advisors three years ago.

In 2022, they projected a permanent increase in revenues, based on a one-time spike, leading Newsom to declare a \$97.5 billion budget surplus, boasting "No other state in

American history has ever experienced a surplus as large as this."

Confident that the money would be there, Newsom and lawmakers fattened up the spending side of the budget, only to learn that the supposed surplus was based on what was later acknowledged to be a \$165 billion overstatement of revenues over four years.

Ever since, revenues have failed to cover the elevated spending, and Newsom and lawmakers have covered the gaps with the aforementioned gimmicks. They have incurred more than \$20 billion in internal loans from special funds that must be repaid. They also have drawn down reserves that were supposed to cover genuine emergencies, not political shortsightedness.

Newsom and his staff are now in the final throes of drafting an initial 2026-'27 budget that will be his last as governor and will be unveiled in January. The question is whether he will face the fiscal music and finally write a truly balanced budget or employ more short-term fixes and dump the problem on his successor.

That would mean either making real cuts in spending or raising taxes, both of which would take some courage. The past has not been encouraging.

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. ★

Social Security Matters

If We Both Collect Social Security, will our Benefits be Affected?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I reached full retirement age back in June, but I have not yet filed to collect Social Security. My husband currently collects SS funds, and he waited until he had reached full retirement age a few years ago. I am considering signing up now to receive my funds, but I am a little confused about whether I will receive my full benefit or is there some kind of adjustment made based on both of us collecting?

We are a simple case. We have been married for 46 years, so there are no other exes involved in this equation. He did everything online when he was ready to start receiving his funds, but we didn't consult with any advisor when my husband claimed. Now I think that adding me as a spouse might trigger some other things I should consider. Thank you for your advice. Signed: Concerned Wife

Dear Concerned: Since you and your husband have both reached your respective SS full retirement age (FRA), you are

both entitled to receive your full benefits without any reduction. And since you haven't yet filed, you are now accumulating Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) at the rate of .667% additional benefit for each month you continue to delay. You will get your full SS retirement benefit (plus any earned DRCs) when you claim. The only question you need to consider is whether either you or your husband will be entitled to a "spousal boost" (an increase) when you claim.

If the SS retirement benefit you were entitled to at your FRA is less than 50% the amount your husband was entitled to at his FRA, then you will get a "spousal boost" on top of your own SS retirement amount (the "boost" amount would be the difference between your FRA amount and half of his FRA amount). But if your SS amount at your FRA is more than 50% of your husband's FRA entitlement, then you will only get your own SS retirement benefit based on your own lifetime earnings record. Spouse benefits are always determined from each partner's FRA entitlement, and if one partner's FRA amount is less than 50% of the other partner's FRA amount, then a spousal boost will be given. And that also works if your FRA entitlement is higher than your husband's — if your FRA amount is more than twice your husband's FRA amount, then he will get a spousal boost from you. Otherwise, each of you

will get only your personally earned SS retirement amount, and both of you collecting SS will not negatively affect each other's individual SS benefit.

FYI, the spousal boost amount stops growing at full retirement age, so if you are eligible for a spousal boost from your husband then you should claim your SS benefits now and ask for benefits retroactive to June (your FRA month). However, if you will not get a spousal boost from your husband, you have the option of delaying even further and earning more DRCs (thus a higher monthly benefit). You can earn DRCs up to age 70, at which time you will get the maximum possible Social Security benefit (about 127% of your personal FRA amount if you delay that long).

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The GOP Can't Punt on Health Care

massive new regulations on the individual insurance market in order to cover the sick and lower costs. The fact is that there are better ways to achieve the former goal, and the latter has been unrealized.

As Avik Roy of the Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity points out, Barack Obama ran for president promising that his health-care reform would reduce premiums by as much as \$2,500 per family. That was as misleading as his promise that "if you like your plan, you can keep your plan." Roy notes that premiums for the benchmark "silver" Obamacare plans -- the law created metallic tiers for various insurance plans -- have nearly tripled since 2013. At the same time, deductibles for those same silver plans have more than doubled, outpacing the rate of increase for employer-sponsored plans.

Democrats no longer pretend that Obamacare is going to reduce costs. Instead, they insist that without expanded credits first passed under President Biden in 2021 and then 2022 -- now set to expire -- Americans will experience a cost apocalypse. "Cancel the cuts. Lower the cost. Save health care," is how Hakeem Jeffries has put it.

The subsidies, though, only cushion consumers from the worst of a poorly designed system. A basic problem of Obamacare is that it charges young and healthy people higher premiums than they would pay otherwise -- making health insurance less attractive to them -- to sub-

sidize the premiums of the old and sick.

As Roy observes, it'd make more sense to have so-called reinsurance programs, either at the federal level or in the states, to pay the cost of care of people with pre-existing conditions. This alone should reduce premiums for everyone else. The "age band" imposed by Obamacare -- mandating that young people can't pay too much less than old people -- should be loosened. Obamacare taxes should be repealed; the law should allow for a genuine bare bones "catastrophic plans" for those who want one; and states should be given as much leeway to innovate as possible.

Republicans would also be smart to build on a Trump administration rule from the first term that allowed employers to fund accounts -- Health Reimbursement Accounts, or HRAs -- for employees to buy their own individual coverage.

TITLE: None of these ideas will make the case for themselves, though. Republicans have to introduce them to the public and explain them, even if they'd prefer to be talking about something else. Failing to do so represents a serious political risk -- of either swallowing Obamacare subsidies that they never supported before, or going to the voters next year empty-handed. If they lose the midterms on the issue of affordability, they can't say that they weren't warned.

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

ABOUT TOWN

Saturday, Nov. 29

Holiday Sip & Shop – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Jessie's Grove Winery. Stroll among local artisan vendors offering unique handcrafted goods, sample holiday treats and beverages, and sip on award-winning wines as you find the perfect gifts for everyone on your list. *1973 W. Turner Road, Lodi.*

Downtown Lodi Lighting Ceremony – 5:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. Kick off the holiday season by shopping Downtown Lodi on Small Business Saturday and stay around for Santa's arrival at 5:15 p.m. A tree lighting ceremony follows at 5:30 p.m. and you can take pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus in Santa's Village (Post Office Plaza) from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Enjoy live music and hot chocolate, too.

Thursday, Dec. 4

Lodi Parade of Lights – 6:17 p.m. to 9 p.m. The holidays arrive in Lodi with this sparkling tradition that draws nearly 30,000 spectators each year. This free, family-friendly event transforms downtown Lodi into a winter wonderland of lights, music and community cheer. Marvel at more than 80 dazzling floats, marching bands, dance troupes and themed vehicles decked out in thousands of twinkling lights. *Lockeford Street and Sacramento Street, Lodi.*

Friday, Dec. 5 through Sunday, Dec. 7

Festival of Trees – 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Micke Grove Park. This family-friendly holiday celebration features dozens of beautifully decorated trees, festive lights, hands-on crafts, live entertainment and holiday shopping ... plus a visit from Santa himself. Date-specific tickets must be bought in advance at visitlodi.com; no tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, call 209-331-2055. *11793 Micke Grove Road, Lodi.*

Friday, Dec. 5 and Saturday, Dec. 6

Oak Farm Vineyards Christmas Holiday Stroll – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each night. Step into a winter wonderland as this historic estate comes alive with sparkling décor, holiday music and plenty of local charm. Enjoy the cozy, welcoming atmosphere, meet the makers behind a selection of arts and small businesses, and take in the picturesque setting. *23627 N. DeVries Road, Lodi*

Friday, Dec. 5

Toys 4 Music Annual Toy Drive – 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Jeremy Wine Co. Admission is free with donation of a new, unwrapped toy to the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots program. Join the spirit of giving, where local musicians unite to spread holiday cheer and support our community. Enjoy live music, food and drinks and a selfie booth. This event also raises funds through exciting raffle prizes and benefits the Hospice of San Joaquin. *16750 E. Highway 88, Lockeford.*

Saturday, Dec. 6 and Sunday, Dec. 7

St. Luke's Episcopal 112th Annual Christmas Bazaar – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and noon to 2 p.m. Sunday. Celebrate the season and explore beautiful gifts and crafts. Test your luck with raffle prizes and enjoy free refreshments during this special event. *200 B St.*

Saturday, Dec. 6

Natural and Cultural History Walk – 9 a.m. to noon at Cosumnes River Preserve. Join our docents on a guided hike along the River Walk Trail. This is a great family activity for all ages. Please dress with sturdy shoes and layers. Registration and more information at Cosumnes.org. *13501 Franklin Blvd.*

Oil Filter Exchange Event – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at O'Reilly Auto Parts. For every oil filter recycled, you can receive a new

one for free (limit two). Not for use by commercial automotive or repair facilities. *10370 Twin Cities Road.*

Downtown Scavenger Hunt – noon to 5 p.m. in Downtown Lodi. Spot Archie the Bear at participating businesses and enter to win while you shop in Downtown Lodi. Take photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus in Santa's Village between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Enjoy live music and try the hot chocolate stand. Remember to vote for your favorite Downtown business holiday decorations on downtownlodi.org (voting open until Thursday, Dec. 18).

Galt Holiday Market and Lighting of the Night – 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the 4th Street Promenade. Kick off the holiday season with artisan and food vendors, family-friendly activities and a holiday parade through the streets starting at 6:30 p.m. Don't miss the tree lighting on Civic Drive at 6:15 p.m. There will be Christmas caroling, kids performances and more. More information at 209-366-7115 or email jgarcia@cityofgalt.org

Sunday, Dec. 7

Winter Wonder Walk – 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Yokuts Trailhead in Shumway Oak Grove Regional Park. Let's "wonder" what's going on with some of the plants and animals in winter on this guided walk. Free event; \$6 cash parking fee; no pets. Severe weather cancels. *4520 W. Eight Mile Road, Stockton.*

Bayanihan Recognition Awards 2025 & FAHNS Annual Charity Holiday Gala – 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Hilton Stockton. Join us for an inspiring afternoon honoring individuals and organizations who embody the true spirit of Bayanihan: unity, service and Filipino pride. This signature annual event supports educational scholarships, historical archiving and community empowerment initiatives led by FANHS Stockton Chapter. Tickets and more information at visitstockton.org. *2323 Grand Canal Blvd., Stockton.*

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, Dec. 13. *1000 C St.*

Galt Commission on Aging Bingo – Mondays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Chabolla Community Center. *610 Chabolla Ave.*

Twin Cities Cruisers Cars and Coffee – last Sunday of every month, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at "Life's Grind" coffee house in the Raley's shopping center. All makes and models are welcome. This is a family-oriented event: no burnouts, no loud music, no alcohol. *10420 Twin Cities Road.*

Wilton Bingo – Saturday, Dec. 6 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.*

Veterans Meetings

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

American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 – 7 p.m. fourth Thursdays, Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Dinner 6 p.m. Due to holidays, next meeting will be in January.

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

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.

Marine Corps League Detachment #1238 – first Thursdays; Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District 56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove. ★

DA Thien Ho Launches 'The People vs. The Golden State Killer'

Community Foundation Partners with Health Net



Following the remarks at the Nov. 12 "The People vs. the Golden State Killer" book launch, attendees participated in a lively Q&A session and book signing, celebrating both the release of the book and the culmination of decades of investigative work. Photo courtesy of D.A. Thien Ho

Books Forward News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County District Attorney Thien Ho celebrated the launch of his new book, "The People vs. the Golden State Killer," at the Sacramento Central Library's Tsakopoulos Library Galleria on Nov. 12.

Released on Nov. 11, the book achieved #1 New Release status on Amazon.

The memoir offers an extraordinary look at the investigation, arrest, and prosecution of Joseph James DeAngelo, one of the most notorious serial killers in U.S. history. Unlike most accounts, Ho's book centers on the survivors, investigators and prosecutors, highlighting their courage and perseverance while honoring the resilience of victims' families.

"Too often, the spotlight stays on the monster. I wanted to shift the focus to the heroes: the survivors, the investigators and the prosecutors who never gave up. They are the soul of this case," said Ho.

At the Nov. 12 event, Ho shared behind-the-scenes stories from the case, offering insights into both DeAngelo's criminal mind and the process of seeking justice.

Ho also highlighted the critical use of investigative genetic genealogy, which allowed investigators to trace distant relatives through public DNA databases and identify DeAngelo after decades. This breakthrough not only solved one of California's most infamous cold cases but has transformed how law enforcement



"The People vs. the Golden State Killer" is now available nationwide at major retailers and online. Photo courtesy of D.A. Thien Ho

tackles unsolved crimes nationwide.

"Justice, for me, was not just a sentence; it was a sense of peace for the survivors who carried these scars for decades. I came to this country as a refugee fleeing violence. To now serve as the elected district attorney and bring one of the nation's most brutal serial predators to justice was full circle. It is deeply rewarding to know that the work we did, including the breakthrough use of genetic genealogy, will have a lasting impact."

Following the remarks, attendees participated in a lively Q&A session and book signing, celebrating both the release of the book and the culmination of decades of investigative work.

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For more information, visit <https://www.thienho.org/>. ★

Sacramento Region Community Foundation News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

The Sacramento Region Community Foundation has activated its Sacramento Region Emergency Relief Fund in response to an urgent and immediate community crisis – severely strained food banks that are struggling to serve an increasing number of local families facing serious food insecurity.

With food banks and pantries throughout the region already stretched alarmingly thin, local nonprofits report sharp increases in food requests due to inflation, lingering effects of the pandemic, and the SNAP interruption that created a tipping point for many families already on the edge of financial instability.

What originally started as a \$100,000 grant grew by an additional \$30,000 boost from Health Net, bringing the total to \$130,000, demonstrating the powerful impact that pooled contributions of all sizes can make.

"At Health Net, we know that strong communities start with access to healthy food," said Amber Kemp, vice president of Medi-Cal Strategy, Execution, and Engagement. "This funding allows us to partner with local organizations to ensure families have the resources they need to thrive. Together, we're building healthier neighborhoods and a brighter future for all."

Grants designed to provide immediate relief will support key local food assistance providers throughout the region. These one-time grants will help food assistance providers serving children, seniors and working families across the Sacramento region. The six organizations receiving immediate emergency funding from this grant include Elk Grove Food Bank



In response to an urgent and immediate community crisis – severely strained food banks that are struggling to serve an increasing number of local families facing serious food insecurity. Courtesy photo

Services, Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank, Rancho Cordova Food Locker, River City Food Bank, Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services and Twin Lakes Food Bank.

"This is absolutely the right investment to make at this critical moment in time," said Kerry Wood, CEO of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation. "With the foundation's focus on health equity and the dire food situation faced by hundreds of thousands of local families, we are committed to standing with our nonprofit partners on the frontlines of hunger relief. Our region's families cannot wait for long-term solutions when the need is this urgent and immediate."

Established by local donors in 2005, the Sacramento Region Emergency Relief Fund is designed to provide swift and strategic response to local emergencies, such as the food crisis happening now. Over the past two decades, the fund has provided emergency support for COVID-19 response, wildfires and other regional crises. The fund is fueled by community donations, allowing philanthropic people and partners across the region to pool resources and respond collectively when emergencies strike.

This latest grant continues a legacy of responsiveness, addressing an exceptional situation where immediate action is needed but is just the beginning. The foundation encourages community members to join this critically important effort to keep food on the table of local families by donating online to the Sacramento Region Emergency Relief Fund at srfc.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1787.

"While philanthropy alone cannot solve food insecurity, collective generosity can make a world of difference in ensuring that families have food and support during this crisis and beyond," added Wood.

This grant is in alignment with the foundation's continuing efforts to address food insecurity. In fact, the Foundation also recently committed \$1 million over three years to address food insecurity in Yolo County, combining short- and long-term strategies for sustainable food access. Over the past week, foundation fundholders have also increased granting to support food banks and pantries throughout the region.

More information about the Sacramento Region Community Foundation and charitable giving can be found at www.sacregcf.org.

Since 1983, the Sacramento Region Community Foundation has awarded more than \$275 million in grants and scholarships on behalf of local people, families and businesses, and through its flagship program, to grow charitable giving in the capital area Big Day of Giving. The center of philanthropy in the capital area, the Sacramento Region Community Foundation's mission is to lead, serve, and inspire enduring philanthropy for a just and vibrant Sacramento region. Learn more at www.sacregcf.org. ★

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Nov. 18 to Nov. 23, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in six arrests.

Nov. 18

12:19 a.m., Burglary reported: Kiki's Wings & Tenders on C Street: Subject wearing facemask and hooded sweater entered restaurant; cash and iPad taken.
6:02 a.m., Hit and Run/Non-Injury, South Emerald Oak Drive.
5:23 p.m., Vandalism-in-Progress

reported, Chabolla Avenue/South Lincoln Way: Male subjects, with bicycles, spray painting a wall and flagpole.

Nov. 19

7:51 a.m., Hit and Run/Non-Injury, Vintage Oak Avenue.

Nov. 20

8:32 a.m., Hit and Run/Non-Injury, Ampm Store on East Stockton Boulevard.
3:49 p.m., Theft reported, Starbucks on C Street: Male subject, wearing beanie, black and red jersey and dark gray

sweatpants, allegedly took Starbucks bottle. Reporting party declined report.
4:55 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Galt Sports Complex, Caroline Avenue.
6:04 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Kost Road/South Lincoln Way.

Nov. 21

11:06 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, A Street/Fairway Drive.

Nov. 22

12:22 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Mckenzie Road/Mingo Road.

2:43 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Fairway Drive/Glendale Avenue.
9:20 a.m., Vandalism reported, Rowland Court: Paint on rear driver's side of truck.
5:53 p.m., Vandalism reported, E Street: Ex-boyfriend allegedly damaged windshield on vehicle.

Nov. 23

11:25 a.m., Theft reported, West E Street: Money taken.
10:50 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Twin Cities Road. ★

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TRUSTEE SALE

APN: 148-0400-050-0000 TS No.: 25-09827CA TSG Order No.: 250342034-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 2, 2009. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded February 18, 2009 as Book No.: 20090218 Page No.: 0352 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by: Darrell R. Beauchamp and Stacy Beauchamp, husband and wife, as joint tenants, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check

drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: January 6, 2026 Sale Time: 9:00 AM Sale Location: East Main Entrance Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 2 File No.:25-09827CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 277 West E. Street, Galt, CA 95632. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$131,854.59 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If

you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call, (800) 280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website, www.auction.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 25-09827CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (800) 280-2832, or visit this internet website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-09827CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. 3 File

No.:25-09827CA If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. For Pre Sale Information Log On To: www.auction.com or Call: (800) 280-2832. For Post Sale Results please visit www.affinidefault.com or Call (866) 932-0360 Dated: October 30, 2025 By: Omar Solorzano Foreclosure Associate Affinia Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 (833) 290-7452 NPP0480493 To: GALT HERALD 11/21/2025, 11/28/2025, 12/05/2025 GALTHERALD 12-5-25

A.P.N.: 128-0350-016-0000 Trustee Sale No.:2010-2844 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER A NOTICE OF A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT AND CLAIM OF LIEN. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT DATED 9/3/2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that on 1/8/2026 at 1:30 PM, S.B.S. Lien Services As the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Notice of Delinquent Assessment, recorded on 9/3/2008 as Document No. Book 20080903 Page 0958 of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, The original owner: JAMES E TEMIDARA, TRUSTEE OF THE JAMES E TEMIDARA REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 5, 2008 The purported current owner: JAMES E TEMIDARA, TRUSTEE OF THE JAMES E TEMIDARA REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 5, 2008 WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by a cashier's check drawn by a State or national bank, a check drawn by a state of federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state.: AT THE EAST MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE 720 9TH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814 All right, title and interest under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment in the property situated in said County, as more fully described on the

above referenced assessment lien. The street address and other common designation, if any of the real property described above is purported to be: 9640 MARTINGALE COURT WILTON CA 95693 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum due under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment, with interest thereon, as provided in said notice, advances, if any, estimated fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee, to-wit: \$38,843.28 accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The claimant, THE RANCH AT CLAY STATION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not

present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call FOR SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (855) 986-9342 or visit this internet web-site www.superiordefault.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2010-2844. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet web-site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call FOR SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (855) 986-9342, or visit this internet website www.superiordefault.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2010-2844 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. THE PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD SUBJECT TO THE NINETY DAY RIGHT OF REDEMPTION CONTAINED IN CIVIL CODE SECTION 5715(b). Date: 11/19/2025 S.B.S LIEN SERVICES, 31194 La Baya Drive, Suite 106, Westlake Village, California, 91362. By: Annissa Young, Sr. Trustee Sale Officer (TS# 2010-2844 SDI-35762
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GALTHERALD 12-12-25



NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Galt Joint Union Elementary School District, California, acting by and through its Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as the District is requesting proposals, for the award of E-Rate contracts for the following:

FY26, Form 470 #260004683
Category 2: Internal Connections/Network Electronics/BMIC

Electronic proposals will be accepted up to but not later than 1/5/26. The RFP and all addendum(s), questions and answers will be posted to the E-Rate EPC website at <https://data.usac.org/publicreports/Forms/Form470Rfp/Index>
The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive informality in any proposals received, even with SLD funding approval.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND DESIGN REVIEW (PROJECT ARCHITECTURE) FOR A MULTI-FAMILY (THREE OR MORE ATTACHED) USE IN THE COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT

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, testimony, and reports relative to the application described herein. The Planning Commission will act on the design review application for the project.

PROJECT TITLE: Spaans Drive Apartment Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and Design Review (Project Architecture)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Spaans Drive Apartment project is north of Amador Avenue; east of Industrial Drive, west of N. Lincoln Way, and south of Pringle Avenue (APNs 150-0041-064, -065, -066, and -067), also known as 695, 700, 705, and 710 Spaans Drive.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant is proposing a 37-unit apartment complex. The site includes four separate buildings (three separate three-story apartment buildings and a single one-story manager unit). There are 18 one bed/one bath units (778 sq. ft. each) with deck/patio space, 18 two bed/two bath units (1,083 sq. ft. each) with deck/patio space, and one two bed/one bath manager unit (1,292 sq. ft.) with a private patio. An on-site laundry facility, 65 parking spaces (38 covered, 27 uncovered), new landscaping, and a common area with small playground are also proposed. The Galt Municipal Code requires a CUP for multi-family uses in the Commercial zoning district.

OWNER/APPLICANT: Russell Bowers Mark B. Lee
23 Hooper Drive Lee Jagoe Architecture, Inc
Stockton, CA 95207 211 West Franklin St.
Monterey, CA 93940

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Date and Time: The Planning Commission for the City of Galt will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard. The meeting will be in person at the Galt City Council Chambers at City Hall, 380 Civic Drive, Galt.

The agenda packet will be published on December 4, 2025, and will be available for review on the City's website and in person at the Galt City Planning Department, 495 Industrial Drive, Galt, CA 95632. Please contact Stacy Schafer, Associate Planner at 209-366-7230 or sschafer@cityofgalt.org with questions.

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: November 21, 2025

/s/ Stacy Schafer
Stacy Schafer, Associate Planner

/s/Tina Hubert
Tina Hubert, City Clerk

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COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AMENDING COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES RELATED FEES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, the Board of Directors for the Cosumnes Community Services District will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the Board Chambers located at 8820 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, California 95624. At the public hearing, the Board of Directors will consider the adoption of resolution 2025-39, without limitation, to update the 2026 Cosumnes CSD Book of Fees with amended fees related to general fees, Parks and Recreation, Fire, and updates to staffing fees.

At the public hearing, the Board of Directors will receive oral and written testimony regarding the proposed modification to fees. Written comments may be filed at any time prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments should be addressed to the attention of the Clerk to the Board at the following address: Cosumnes Community Services District, 8820 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, California 95624.

To improve access to public information, residents may access meetings remotely. Visit the District's website at <https://www.cosumnescsd.gov/896/Live-Board-Meeting> or call the Board Clerk at (916) 405-7169 for instructions regarding how to access the meeting and how to submit a speaker card for any item on the agenda.

If you challenge any of the fees adopted or increased pursuant to the resolution in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Cosumnes Community Services District at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The proposed resolution and any related documentation, including the data required by Government Code Section 66016, are available for public review at 8820 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, California 95624.

The proposed 2026 Cosumnes CSD Book of Fees will be available on the District's website at <https://www.cosumnescsd.gov/992/Financial-Documents> by November 21st, 2025.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Nou Vang, Finance Director at nouvang@cosumnescsd.gov at (916) 405-7161.

A public notice from:
Cosumnes Community Services District
www.cosumnescsd.gov

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What Do French Toast and Flossing Have in Common?



Well, are you sufficiently stuffed from yesterday's over-the-top Thanksgiving dinner? Did your hostess send you home with a care package?

I love care packages. It is always a joy to fondly revisit the day and conversations while having a tasty treat. Especially while trying to quickly remove and store the Fall décor to make room for Christmas decorations. YAY!

Let's get to the days at hand. First, yummy National French Toast Day. According to daysoftheweek.com, an amazing blend of eggs, milk, and cinnamon is mixed together and ready for a slice of bread dipped in it. Then fried to a golden perfection.

There's something about the savory-sweet smell of it, and the anticipation of having it painted with butter and drizzled with syrup, with a side of breakfast sausage or bacon and a tall glass of juice or hot cup of coffee. The promise of this deliciousness will help to get a person out of bed on even the worst of days.

French Toast goes by many names depending on where it is being served up. Eggy bread, poor knights' pudding and

Bomba toast, to name a few. In France, its name is "pain perdu," which literally means "lost bread" because it would often be made with stale or old bread.

Although most people tend to call it French Toast, the dish isn't necessarily known to have come from France.

Some ancient Latin recipes from the 4th century mention soaking bread in milk before frying, and in 14th-century Germany, the term "poor knights' pudding" was coined for the sweet treat because it was seen as an affordable meal for those without too much money to spend.

In Italy, there's a savory version of this dish called "mozzarella en carrozza" (literally means mozzarella in a carriage) which calls for the egg-soaked bread to include a slice of mozzarella cheese

before they are fried. So, it can be considered a main dish as well as a dessert. It all sounds good to me.

National Flossing Day reminds us to keep our teeth in pristine condition. When was the last time that you flossed your teeth, honestly? You probably have heard it from your dentist just about every time you have gone to have your teeth cleaned or cavities filled, or teeth pulled, but have you actually listened to the advice?

No more excuses. Yes, there's actually a day to remind you to floss your teeth. Well, it's not just that: National Flossing Day exists to remind you of your oral health in general but flossing in particular because that's the thing that you're most likely to overlook.

Admit it. We all forget to do it. National Flossing Day has been celebrated since the year 2000 to remind people of the importance of looking after their teeth. Flossing is an important component of this, and dental floss has been available since the late 1890s.

Ironically enough, when Johnson &

Johnson developed the first patented dental floss in 1898, toothbrushes were still quite expensive. Originally, floss was made from thin silk threads, but by the end of World War II nylon had become prevalent. While it did take over 100 years to come up with such a day as National Flossing Day, you shouldn't really overlook your oral hygiene for that long. If you did, you'd lose all of your teeth long before that.

Celebrating National Flossing Day is quite easy. After you have eaten your French Toast breakfast, pull out a length of floss and floss between all your teeth. That's it. Then remember to floss after every meal after that. And no, do not reuse the floss. EWWW! Nasty!

On another note, there are only 27 shopping days until Christmas. It's a time crunch. Decorating, shopping, watching a Christmas movie or two, wrapping, writing/sending Christmas cards, baking, and planning the menus for Christmas Eve and Christmas day. Where to start? Decorate to get you in the Christmas mood.

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

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A Push of a Button, A Gift of Hope

By Ornella Rossi

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - With holiday shoppers looking on, community leaders and non-profit representatives gathered Nov. 21 at the Westfield Galleria at Roseville to cut the ribbon on the annual Light the World Giving Machines, vending-style kiosks that allow visitors to purchase symbolic gifts for people in need.

Installed Nov. 17 and available through Dec. 8, the machines offer items such as hygiene kits, meals, school supplies and even baby goats, with 100% of every purchase going to designated charities. Each nonprofit participates for one year only, rotating annually.

"It's my pleasure to host this again," said Jeff Richardson, senior general manager of the Galleria. "Our community keeps growing, our center keeps growing and we are significantly up in traffic this year, and I think the Giving Machine has something to do with that."

Shoppers choose gifts by tapping a touchscreen and paying by card or mobile wallet. A card representing the selected item drops into the display box, symbolizing the purchase.

Santa J. Claus made a festive entrance, handing out baby-goat plush toys to children who gathered near the machines.

"Isn't it just wonderful when we can listen to our heart and that little voice that says we should think of others in need?" Claus said. "The secret to being on the nice list is kindness. Choosing kindness toward others and toward ourselves."

Five local nonprofits are featured in this year's Roseville machines, along with two global organizations.

Jake's Journey Home focuses on veterans and community members facing homelessness. Founder Jeanne Shuman said the organization was established in



Santa J. Claus made a festive entrance, handing out baby-goat plush toys to children who gathered near the machines. Photo by Ornella Rossi

2019 after the death of her son, Jake, a Seabee veteran.

"We're finding a way to honor and remember his legacy," Shuman said. "This initiative collaborates with a lot of nonprofits, which is amazing, but it also allows us to keep doing our mission. We are small, we are mighty and we are all volunteers."

Stand Up Placer, which supports survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking, is offering donors the chance to fund therapy sessions, children's crisis support and emergency food.

"Our partnership with the church and their community is a blessing," said executive director Gary McDonnell.

Sunrise Christian Food Ministry, serving families throughout Sacramento County, gives shoppers the option to purchase meals, hygiene kits and student food packs.

"We are so blessed to be a part of this amazing experience," said President April Jacek.

Volunteer Allia Adams made the season's first purchase, a pantry pack, hygiene kit and pajamas. "It's exciting," Adams said.



Attendees at the ribbon-cutting browse the donation cards, each representing a gift they can give through the Giving Machines. Photo by Ornella Rossi

"It doesn't take a lot of effort to shine a light on what people can do."

The Salvation Army's offerings include summer camp, Christmas dinner and job training.

Major Osei Stewart said the partnership is "an opportunity to bring light into the darkness" and "serve those who need it the most."

Sacramento Children's Home, serving children and families for nearly 160 years, offers donors the chance to purchase baby food,

pajamas or parenting classes. CEO David Becker said their mission aligns with the event's spirit.

"A community of people coming together and saying, 'we are going to make a difference,'" Becker said. "We are going to be a light in the world."

Global nonprofits United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and Mentors International provide international gift options such as school kits, malnutrition treatment

and supplies for small family businesses.

"These gifts remind us that generosity here can ripple outwards across the globe," said "Thank you for helping lift lives not only in our local communities and neighborhoods but also in communities far beyond our own."

Retired Sacramento County Sheriff John McGinness, who served as emcee, highlighted the program's impact and efficiency.

"Everything that is given to the Giving Machine goes to the intended recipient," McGinness said Nancy Pinney, a Giving Machine committee member. "Some of the things that are requested, most of us view as the most basic essentials."

Local officials echoed the spirit of unity.

"We are very proud of our mall," said Roseville Vice Mayor Karen Alvord. "It gives us an opportunity to focus on the true meaning of the season, to give hope, care and comfort."

Karen Wilkes, a Giving Machine committee member, noted that the program has grown from 26 locations to 126 worldwide in four years.

"It's such a blessing to us and to the people who will receive donations," Wilkes said.

Wilkes also noted one "secret feature" of the giving machines.

"If you punch in 777, it will purchase every single gift. Thirty cards will drop, and it comes to about \$1,800. So come out, bring your friends, coworkers and families," Wilkes said.

The Light the World initiative, sponsored globally by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, encourages giving during the holiday season. This is the fourth year the Roseville Galleria has hosted the machines.

"They connect our community," McGinness said, "not only to our neighbors here in the Sacramento area but also to families around the world." ★

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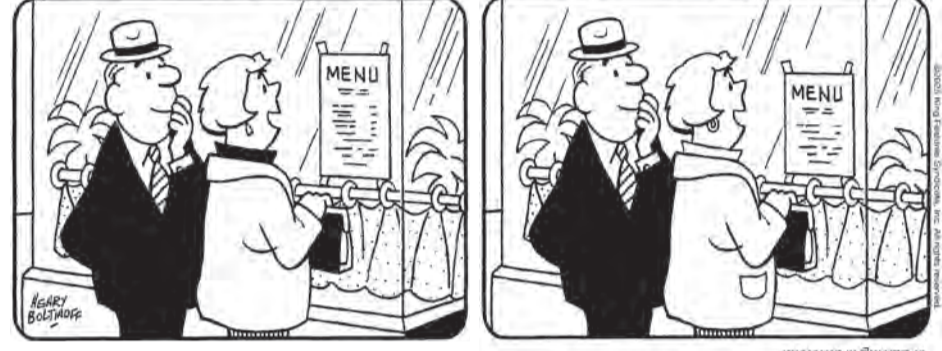
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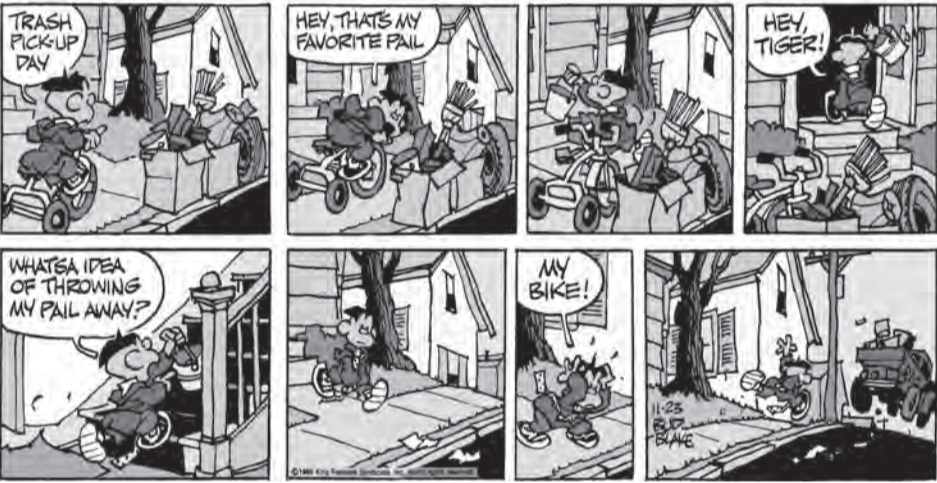


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Hawks Battle to the Final Seconds in CIF Semifinal, Fall 52-49 to Ripon Christian

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - In a game that had everything – momentum swings, big plays and lead changes – the Liberty Ranch Hawks’ playoff run came to an end in dramatic fashion Friday night when they fell 52-49 to Ripon Christian in a CIF semifinal thriller.

The Hawks battled until the final seconds, even taking their first lead since the opening quarter with just 1:49 remaining, but couldn’t hold on as Ripon Christian’s Daniel Lambdin caught the game-winning touchdown pass with 44 seconds left.

“I am so proud of what we were able to accomplish as a program this season,” Head Coach Warren Schroeder said. “Our boys overcame adversity and showed tremendous determination to compete. We once again brought pride and respect to our school and community and are already looking forward to working hard to do the same next season.”

Liberty Ranch drew first blood when Joe Lara scored to give the Hawks a 7-0 lead in the opening quarter. But Ripon Christian answered quickly with a quarterback keeper to tie it at 7-7 with 5:08 left in the first quarter.

The momentum shifted when Liberty Ranch fumbled on the 23-yard line after a series of strong carries by Lara. Ripon Christian capitalized with a 25-yard touchdown reception, the receiver breaking tackles to put the Knights ahead 14-7.

Things went from bad to worse when Ripon recovered a pooch kick on the ensuing kickoff and quickly drove to Liberty’s 10-yard line.

Though the Hawks’ defense stiffened, Ripon Christian kicked a field goal at the start of the

second quarter to extend its lead to 17-7.

Liberty Ranch refused to fold. The Hawks methodically drove down the field, with Lara punching in a touchdown to cut the deficit to 17-14 with 6:58 left in the half.

After forcing a Ripon Christian punt, Liberty took over at its own 35-yard line with 4:58 remaining in the half. Quarterback Ryan Ogas made some nice runs and completed passes to move the chains. Receiver Wyatt Corriea gained significant yardage before a penalty for an illegal man downfield brought the Hawks back when they were within 10 yards of the end zone.

But Corriea gained back all the yards lost, and Lara powered in another touchdown to give the Hawks a 21-17 lead.

The celebration was short-lived, however. Ripon Christian’s Amos Cady returned the ensuing kickoff all the way for a touchdown, putting the Knights back on top 24-21 with 2:23 remaining in the half. Liberty was unable to score before the break despite a late push hampered by penalties.

Ripon Christian received the second-half kickoff and marched down the field on a series of passes, scoring to extend its lead to 31-21.

Liberty answered immediately as Andrew Quinn found the end zone, with James Rangel’s extra point pulling the Hawks within three at 31-28. But a short kickoff gave Ripon Christian possession at the 30-yard line, and the Knights capitalized with another touchdown to make it 38-28.

The third quarter ended with Liberty punting, but the Hawks’ defense came up big when Lara intercepted a long pass to give Liberty possession at its own 30-yard line with 1:30 left in the third.

What followed was a wild final period that saw the teams trade haymakers.

Lara scored again, and Rangel’s kick made it 38-35 with 9:03 remaining. But on the very first play of Ripon Christian’s next possession, Amos Cady hauled in a long pass and raced into the end zone to push the lead back to 10 at 45-35.

Lara refused to let his team die. The work-horse back broke free for a 51-yard touchdown run with 7:27 left, and Rangel’s kick cut it to 45-42.

Liberty’s defense then rose to the occasion, holding Ripon Christian on fourth down just inches from the goal line with four minutes remaining. The Hawks took over and punched it down the field for a touchdown, with Rangel’s extra point giving Liberty its first lead since early in the game at 49-45 with 1:49 left.

But there was too much time.

Ripon Christian drove down the field and found Lambdin for the go-ahead touchdown with 44 seconds on the clock. The Hawks tried desperately to answer but turned the ball over before they could get into scoring position. Ripon Christian took a knee to run out the clock.

In a classy gesture after an emotional game, Ripon Christian asked the Hawks to join them in prayer at midfield.

Both teams knelt together, a reminder that some things are bigger than wins and losses.

For Liberty Ranch, the loss ends a season that brought pride to the community and showed the character of a team that never stopped fighting.

“We once again brought pride and respect to our school and community,” Schroeder said, “and are already looking forward to working hard to do the same next season.” ★



Quarterback Ryan Ogas breaks up a pass intended for Ripon Christian.



Wyatt Corriea fights for every inch with a defender hanging on his heels.



Andrew Quinn shakes off defenders and heads to the zone.



It takes more than one defender to stop Joe Lara on a run.



It’s an intense game with lots of blocking from the line as Joe Lara tries to find a space.



After the game both teams kneel together in prayer, a reminder that some things are bigger than wins and losses.

Galt Girls' Basketball Shows Fight in Opener, Falls to Franklin 40-32

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt High girls' basketball team showed plenty of heart Monday night in their pre-season opener, battling back from a large early deficit to pull within one point in the fourth quarter before falling to Franklin of Stockton, 40-32.

For new Head Coach Jason Gaither, the loss was less important than what his team showed in adversity.

"Typically, you'd be disappointed with a loss, but to get down big like that and battle all the way back to one point in the pre-season, it's fantastic," Gaither

said. "It's the kind of thing you want through the season, to be challenged and build off of it."

The Warriors dug themselves an early hole against the visiting Wildcats but refused to quit, mounting a furious comeback that nearly resulted in a comeback victory.

Galt's defensive effort was a bright spot throughout the night, as the Warriors effectively neutralized Franklin's top scorer and made the Wildcats work for every basket.

The defensive intensity fueled the comeback attempt, with Galt forcing turnovers and creating transition opportunities as it clawed its way back into

the game.

Senior Nella Feilbach paced the Warriors with 14 points in the losing effort, showing the offensive leadership Galt will need as the season progresses.

Sophomore Alex Gonzales Landa added 7 points, while sophomore Allie Garcia chipped in 3 points.

Four Warriors contributed 2 points each: sophomore Skyler Moore, senior Emmy Pena, junior Paola Corral and junior Morgan Jones.

For Gaither, the game provided valuable insights into his team's character and potential.

"This is my first season with these girls," Gaither said, and the comeback

showed him the kind of resilience he'll be able to build on as the season progresses.

The pre-season loss revealed both areas to work on – avoiding slow starts will be crucial – and reasons for optimism, particularly the team's defensive intensity and refusal to give up when facing a significant deficit.

With a mix of experienced seniors and promising sophomores, the Warriors have the pieces to compete as they continue to learn Gaither's system and build chemistry.

Galt will look to even its pre-season record when it takes the court for its next game against Encina on Nov. 27.



★ Paola Corral shoots from the side.



Skyler Moore goes for a layup.



Alex Gonzales Landa reaches around to shoot.



Morgan Jones looks to score.



Top Scorer Nella Feilbach puts another one.

Liberty Ranch Names Karrin Blevins Girls Basketball Coach

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Liberty Ranch High School has tapped Karrin Blevins as the new head coach of its girls' basketball program, entrusting her with the challenge of building on last season's league and section championship success.

Blevins brings a unique blend of experience to the role: longtime booster president, basketball parent, fitness gym owner and a coaching resume stretching back to 2003. She takes over a program fresh off its best season in recent memory, and she's ready for the challenge.

Growing up as the daughter of a well-respected coach in the community gave Blevins an early education in what leadership truly means.

"My dad taught me that basketball is so much more than plays and points: It's about character, work ethic, accountability and building a family," Blevins said. "I learned early that a team succeeds when players feel seen, valued and pushed to be their best."

That foundation continues to guide her coaching philosophy today.

Few coaches step into a head position with as complete a view of a program as Blevins. Her roles as booster president, parent and assistant coach have given her insight into every layer of what makes a successful program tick.

"As a booster president, I learned the behind-the-scenes work: fundraising, organizing, supporting coaches and making sure

players have what they need to compete," she explained. "As a parent, I learned what families hope for, what they worry about and how important communication and trust are."

All three roles together, she says, have prepared her to understand what a program needs to thrive.

Following a championship season presents its own unique pressures, but Blevins sees it as an opportunity rather than a burden.

"This team has a strong foundation: discipline, teamwork and grit," she said. "My approach is to honor what has been built while raising the standard even higher."

Her focus will be on consistency: consistent effort, consistent expectations and consistent communication. She plans to build a program rooted in development, positivity and accountability.

"We're not just protecting a legacy; we're growing it," Blevins said.

The biggest challenge? Avoiding complacency.

"Last season's accomplishments don't carry over into this one. Championships are earned every single day," she said. "We respect the past, but we don't live in it."

One unique aspect of Blevins' situation is coaching her own daughter, but it's territory the family has navigated before.

"The key has always been communication and clear boundaries," she said. "On the court, she's a player like everyone else. Off the court, I'm her mom again."

She acknowledges her daughter will be held to the same standard – if not



Coach Karrin Blevins oversees some conditioning.

higher – and they both accept that reality.

As the owner of a fitness gym and a dedicated fitness enthusiast, Blevins plans to make strength and conditioning a cornerstone of the program.

"Basketball is faster, stronger and more physical than ever," she said. "I believe our athletes should be conditioned, confident in their bodies and injury-resilient."

The team will take a holistic approach that includes court work, strength training, mobility, recovery and nutrition education.

"I want our players to understand why their body matters just as much as their jump shot," Blevins said. "We will train smart, train safely and build athletes who are strong from the inside out."

Blevins started coaching in 2003 at Galt High School, where she led both the freshman and JV girls' teams. After taking

time off to start her family, she returned through Galt Parks & Recreation and eventually founded the G-Town Sports girls program.

Most recently, she served as JV coach and then assistant varsity coach at Liberty Ranch. Throughout her career, she's also run youth programs, camps and skill development sessions throughout the Galt community.

"Coaching has been part of my life for as long as I can remember," she said.

Looking ahead, Blevins envisions sustained excellence rather than one-off success.

"I want to build a program that is competitive every single year: a program that younger athletes dream of joining," she said. She plans to continue developing feeder systems, something she's been involved with for the past seven years, while creating strong relationships with families and building a

culture where players feel supported and challenged.

"Long-term, I want sustained excellence," she emphasized.

Beyond wins and losses, Blevins wants her players to learn life lessons that extend far beyond the court.

"Basketball is the vehicle, but the real lessons are bigger: accountability, resilience, teamwork, leadership, showing up and doing hard things even when it's uncomfortable," she said. "I want them to leave this program with confidence, knowing they can walk into any room, any challenge, and handle it."

Her coaching style is energetic and relationship-based. She believes players respond when they know their coach cares and when expectations are clear.

"I motivate by celebrating effort, demanding consistency and keeping the gym competitive but



Karrin Blevins started coaching in 2003 at Galt High School, where she led both the freshman and JV girls' teams.

positive," Blevins said. "Tough decisions come down to what is best for the team, not individuals, and I never shy away from making those calls when needed."

For someone as busy as Blevins – juggling a business, family, and community commitments – taking on a head coaching position is no small decision. But for her, the choice was clear.

"This program means something to me. The girls mean something to me," she said. "I stepped into this role because I believe in them, because I know what this program can be, and because I want to give back to a community that has given my family so much."

Coaching, she says, isn't just another responsibility; it's a passion and a chance to make a difference.

"That's worth every bit of time it takes," Blevins said.

She carries with her a motto passed down from her late father: "Work Hard - Play Hard."

It's a philosophy that shaped her as a player, a coach and a person. Now, she's ready to pass it on to the next generation of Liberty Ranch Hawks. ★