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## Valley Oaks Grows with Classrooms



Student Natalia Flores cuts the ribbon for new building at Valley Oaks Elementary with the help of principal David Nelson.

**Story and photos by Idaly  
Valencia**

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - Valley Oaks Elementary School held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Dec. 2, giving students the honor of cutting the ribbon for a new building that will serve third-grade teachers and their students.

As the oldest elementary campus in the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District, Valley Oaks is now home to a modern structure that

replaces portables that had been on site for decades, Principal David Nelson said during the event.

The 4,200 square-foot, four-classroom building stands at the center of campus with dark green and dusty orange details that tie into the school's existing look. Construction began in March and finished ahead of schedule, Nelson said.

At the district meeting on March 19, it was confirmed that the project to replace the portables with a

permanent building would be funded with state facility funds and developer fees, totaling more than \$3.6 million.

School district staff and board members attended the ceremony, along with representatives from the architect and construction company that led the project.

"For our students, especially, the ribbon-cutting is symbolic of a new beginning and something new and

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## County's 2024 Crop and Livestock Report Released

**Sacramento County  
News Release**

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The gross production value of all agricultural commodities in Sacramento County was more than \$536 million, county Agricultural Commissioner Chris Flores reported during her presentation of the 2024 Sacramento County Crop and Livestock Report at the Nov. 18 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Wine grapes were once again the leading cash crop in Sacramento County, with a value of more than \$167 million, or more than 31%, of the total gross value of all crops.

Market milk snuck in to the number two spot with a total value of more than \$51 million, passing up pears, which came in at number three with a total value of more than \$46 million.

"Agriculture continues to be a cornerstone of our local economy and plays a major role in preserving the county's rural character," Flores said. "Our diverse agricultural landscape includes small farms, ranches, row crops, orchards and vineyards that produce everything from rice and tomatoes to pears and grapes, as well as strong dairy, livestock and aquaculture operations."

Wine grapes remained the county's leading agricultural commodity in 2024, with a value of \$167,905,000.

Market milk followed as the second top agricultural commodity at \$51,213,000.

Pears ranked third at \$49,559,000.

Poultry, as the fourth top agricultural commodity in 2024, generated \$32,511,000.

Aquaculture, as the fifth top agricultural commodity in 2024, accounted for \$29,091,000. Aquaculture includes bass, carp, catfish, crayfish, sturgeon and caviar.

Nursery stock, such as ornamental trees, plants, Christmas trees and sod, totaled \$28,452,000 and is the sixth top commodity in 2024.

Cattle and calves were valued at \$22,419,000 as the seventh top commodity in 2024.

Rice reached \$15,627,000 and is the eighth top commodity in 2024.

Almonds brought in \$14,806,000 as the ninth top commodity.

Cherries at \$13,059,000 was the 10th top commodity.

## Light Parade to Illuminate City Streets



A festively decorated tractor travels along Fourth Street during the 2023 parade. Herald file photo

**By MPG Staff**

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - Galt's annual Lighting of the Night Parade will return Saturday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m., bringing a familiar route back to the community. This year's map shows that the parade will once again light up

C Street, restoring a traditional stretch of the procession that many residents look forward to each year.

The parade will begin at the Galt Market on Chabolla Drive before turning west onto Caroline Avenue and E Street westbound. From there, it will

head north on Fourth Street. Near Brewster's, the route will shift east onto B Street and continue south on Fifth Street.

The procession will then move east along C Street, turn south on Civic Drive and continue east on Caroline Drive before ending as it heads south onto

the complex's one-way loop.

Starting at 4 p.m., the Holiday Market (along Fourth Street), photos with Santa, caroling and the community tree lighting will take place at the Littleton Center.

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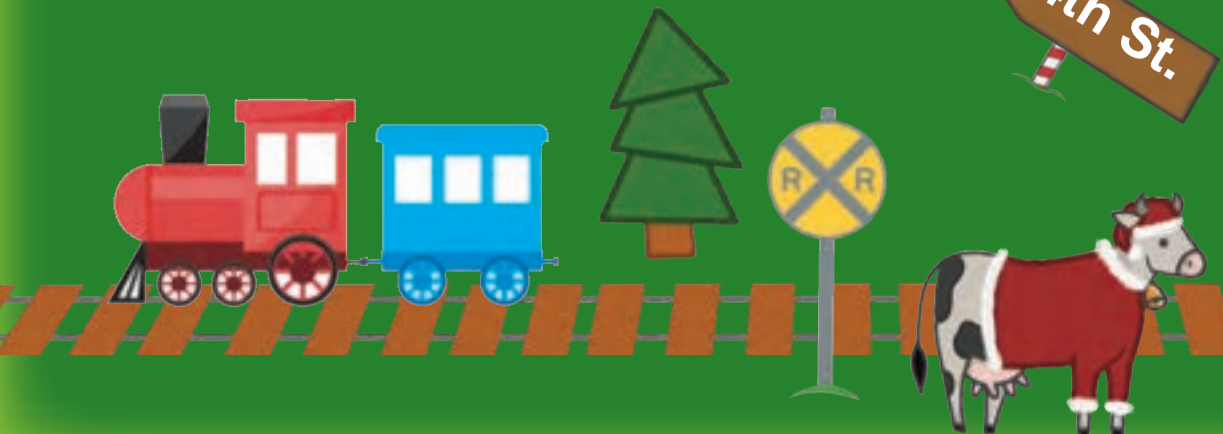
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Your business license is due and payable annually on the first day of January.

If payment is not received within 30 days from due date, a penalty will be incurred per Galt Municipal Code Title 5.

## AA 24-Hour Hotline

For help with an alcohol-related problem, call the Alcoholics Anonymous 24-hour hotline at 209-745-1525.

## Nar-Anon Family Group Meetings

Narcotics Anonymous (Nar-Anon) family group meetings for friends and family members who are dealing with drug addiction are held locally from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Galt United Methodist Church, 571 C St. in Galt.

## Sunshine Food Pantry Donations

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

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

The food closet is open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

## TOPS Weekly Meetings

TOPS, Taking Off Pounds Sensibly, holds meetings every Wednesday at Grace Presbyterian Church, 10 N. Mills Ave., Lodi. Meeting time: 10-10:45 a.m.

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

## Volunteers Sought for Senior Resource Center

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

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

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

message or inquire in person.

## Nominate Your Neighbor

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

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

Send an email with pictures and why you are nominating your neighbor to [planningdivision@cityofgalt.org](mailto:planningdivision@cityofgalt.org).

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

## Senior Bingo Weekly at Chabolla

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

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

## 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. ★

# MEMORIAL

## RICHARD BENTON • 9/9/1938- 11/14/2025

Richard "Dick" Eugene Benton was born on September 9, 1938, in Mackay, Idaho, and passed away on November 14, 2025, in Lodi, California, surrounded by his loving family. We will forever miss the stories he told, the excitement he had for his next travel adventure, and the genuine kindness he showed to everyone he met.



served the local community, building fences for families, schools, and cities all over the area.

He was also a respected member of both The Lodi Elks Lodge #1900 and The Moose – Lodi Lodge #634. Dick loved traveling the country in the motorhome with Kay and their many RV group friends,

documenting each journey in the detailed journals he kept. He enjoyed researching his family history, connecting with relatives near and far, and taking his wife on a Sunday drive to go get dinner. He never missed an opportunity to share a story of his life, show off a photo of his great-grandchildren, or talk about his next big trip.

Dick is survived by his wife of 66 years, Kathryn Benton; his children, Kevin (Kellie) Benton and Stacy McKinney; and his sister, Sandra Jo (George) Cook. He will be lovingly remembered by his grandchildren, Jake (Tamara) Howard, Kamille (Cole) Howard, and Kacie Benton; and his great-grandchildren, Callen Howard, Hunter Howard, and Warren Duke.

A memorial service will be held on December 12, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the Lodi Elks Lodge #1900, 19071 N. Lower Sacramento Rd., Woodbridge, CA 95258. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Dick was born to Richard Armo Benton and Clara Jeanne Benton (Rabideau) and lived in Idaho until age 14. In 1954, he moved to Danville, California, to live with his Aunt Wanda and Uncle Vern. He graduated from Oakland Technical High School in 1958 and went on to proudly serve in the United States Air Force.

During his service, Dick married his high school sweetheart, Kathryn "Kay" Benton, on October 10, 1959. He loved to recall the night they met at a Halloween party—Kay with her flaming red hair, dressed as a pirate and missing a dance partner—until he asked her to dance. From that moment on, they were inseparable.

Dick and Kay later moved from Danville to Herald, California, where they raised their two children, Kevin and Stacy. Dick opened Benton Fence and Drilling in Acampo, which he owned and operated for more than 40 years. Through this work, he proudly

# MEETING MINDERS

## 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 Payne Community Garden or Grange Hall (depending on weather); see Facebook page GALT 4-H or email [galt4h@gmail.com](mailto: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/](http://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. ★

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# Spellers Compete at Marengo Ranch Bee



Pictured in the front row from left are Lily Violet, Gabriela Foreman, Liam Elliott, Aria Loeza and Ella Gillespie. In the back row, from left, are Ronnie Holden, Nihal Shergill, Lucy Albritton, Blake Broucker, Carlos Mejia and Valeria Carranza. Courtesy photos

By MPG Staff

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - Eleven students stepped up to test their spelling skills during the annual Marengo Ranch spelling bee held Tuesday, Nov. 18.

This year's participants included Aria Loeza, Liam Elliott, Ella Gillespie, Carlos Mejia, Gabriela Foreman, Blake Broucker, Lucy Albritton, Lily Violet, Ronnie Holden, Valeria Carranza and Nihal Shergill.

After several rounds, fifth grader Valeria Carranza earned first place. Principal Joshua Saldate served as the event's official pronouncer, and judges Jennifer Porter, Lori Bormann and Amy McNamara oversaw the competition.

Let's have a round of applause for Marengo Ranch students as they spell their way to success! ★



Marengo Ranch student Valeria Carranza poses with her first-place spelling bee certificate on Nov. 18.

# Upcoming Road Closures for Harvest Water Project

By MPG Staff

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - The City of Galt notified residents Dec. 2 through social media about a series of upcoming road closures tied to the Harvest Water Project, a regional infrastructure initiative led by Sacramento County.

In its update, the city reported that major pipeline construction is now complete.

It also noted that several traffic impacts are expected through the remainder of

2025 as crews move into the final phase of restoration and paving.

Work is scheduled to begin on Twin Cities Road from east of Franklin Boulevard to just west of the Cosumnes River around Dec. 3. Construction on Bruceville Road between Twin Cities Road and Lambert Road is anticipated to start around Dec. 10.

Additional closures on Bruceville, between Eschinger and Lambert, will follow at a later date.

Lambert Road will also face closures from east of Bruceville to Carroll Road, though the timing has not yet been determined.

The city reminded residents that all work is weather dependent, and that signage will be posted in advance of any closures. Residents and emergency vehicles will maintain access to properties within the work zones.

For the latest construction schedule, the city directs the public to visit SacHarvestWater.org. ★

# Valley Oaks Grows with Classrooms



Third-graders line up outside the new classroom building that was unveiled Dec. 2 at Valley Oaks Elementary.

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exciting for the school," Nelson said. "So inviting them and having them be part of the process was something we wanted to do from the beginning."

Nelson said the most significant improvement will be reliable heating and air conditioning, which the older buildings struggled to provide.

"The previous building was so old that we had consistent issues with heating and air conditioning so being able to have consistency with that is probably number one for teachers and for students," Nelson said.

The new building is the second permanent structure that the school has added in recent years to replace aging portables, a notable upgrade for the nearly 60-year-old campus, Nelson added.

Mariana Alvarez-Parga, principal at 19six Architects, which specializes in school construction, said that her team designed the building to emphasize natural light, openness and a layout that blends with the existing campus.

"One of my proudest moments as an architect is actually days like this," Alvarez-Parga said. "Working with the school district was very exciting for us because it's a way of giving to the community.



Here is the exterior of Valley Oaks Elementary's new classroom building located at the school site's center.

We know how important and how much time students spend here at schools."

District Superintendent Lois Yount thanked students, staff and the community for their support and flexibility throughout the construction process. She also acknowledged the work of the architect and construction team, S+B James Construction, who completed the project early and within budget.

"Valley Oaks is one of our oldest elementary schools, almost 60 years old. Research shows that when you invest in your facilities and your staff, students feel like they have a safe, clean, modern place to work and learn that they excel at higher rates," Yount said.

Well-maintained campuses also help preserve property values and strengthens the community's confidence with

the school district, Yount added.

This project did not rely on bond funding, Yount said. However, she credited the community for supporting Measure H, the \$27-million school improvement bond passed last year. She said the district is partnering with 19six on a planned modernization of the Valley Oaks administration building, which will be supported by the bond.

Nelson said that project, expected next year, will feature an administration office expansion and will include a staff break room, a conference room and a workroom for teachers.

"A lot of exciting things that are happening physically at the school and what's really nice is that it mirrors a lot of exciting growth that is happening academically with our students as well," Nelson said. ★

## POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Nov. 24 to Dec. 1, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 16 arrests.

### Nov. 24

4:11 p.m., Hit and Run/Non-Injury, Walmart on Twin Cities Road.  
7:23 p.m., Vandalism reported, Katsura Street: Unknown female put nails in all four tires of truck.  
7:26 p.m., Vandalism reported, Dollar Tree (by Tractor Supply) on Twin Cities Road: Vehicle vandalized at location. All four tires punctured with nails.

### Nov. 25

2:15 p.m., Fraud reported, Valley Oaks Senior Apartments on Oak Avenue: Reporting party was on a dating site and was "scammed out of money."  
5:56 p.m., Theft reported, Silverado Way: Bicycle stolen.

### Nov. 26

8:08 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Fox Trotter Way/Mckenzie Road.  
4:50 p.m., Burglary-Auto reported, Stratton's Pizzeria on South Lincoln Way: Vehicle window smashed and items taken.  
8:04 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, East Stockton Boulevard/Twin Cities Road.  
11:23 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, South Lincoln Way/Kost Road.

### Nov. 27

12:04 DUI/Adult Arrest, South Lincoln Way/C Street.

1:16 a.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Highway 99 Northbound/Dillard Road.  
12 p.m., Domestic Violence/Adult Arrest, Vauxhall Avenue.

### Nov. 28

1:40 a.m., Domestic Violence/Adult Arrest, Danny Drive.  
10:33 a.m., Graffiti reported, Harvey Park on West C Street: Bathrooms tagged.  
1:31 p.m., Theft reported, Walmart on Twin Cities Road: "Vivi" electric bike with a basket on back, headlight and blinkers on the front stolen from location.  
3:09 p.m., Domestic Violence/Adult Arrest, Tudor Street.  
6:48 p.m., Theft reported, McDonald's on Pine Street: Bike and phone stolen from homeless individual.  
8:06 p.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Fourth Street-Fifth Street Alley/D Street.  
11:47 p.m., Court Order Violation/Adult Arrest, South Carillion Boulevard/Boessow Road.

### Nov. 29

2:40 p.m., Arson/Adult Arrest, Fourth Street/F Street.

### Nov. 30

12:09 a.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Highway 99 Southbound/Liberty Road.  
3:34 p.m., Burglary-Auto reported, Dry Creek Ranch Golf Course on Crystal Way.  
7:24 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, East Stockton Boulevard.  
9:26 p.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Walmart on Twin Cities Road. ★

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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Will the real Sacramento Kings please stand up. Yes, Kings fans, it's been a conundrum to say the least, and in spite of a 5 and 16 record to start the season, bright spots have actually surfaced.

Stuck with 3 paltry wins just one week ago, the Sactown boys went into the city of Denver, and handed the first place Nuggets a surprising 128-123 defeat. Perhaps equally surprising was the 117-112 win over the Timberwolves just 2 nights later before a roaring crowd at Golden One Center. Both victories came with big man Domantas Sabonis sidelined with a knee injury, leaving fans and pundits wondering what can these guys do if they play like this at full strength?

Well, that's certainly a good question, but we can all remember what the team looked like 3 seasons ago when Domantas arrived in Sacramento and led the Kings to 48 wins and a playoff berth. That team led the NBA in scoring but also had a vaunted point guard by the name of DeArron Fox.

I think it's important to take a closer look at these back-to-back wins that the Kings recently put together and try to find a common thread. It's actually very obvious. In both wins the Kings shot remarkably well from the free throw line, something that has been seemingly impossible for this team to do. Against the Nuggets the Kings went 22-23 missing amazingly only one shot the entire night. Two nights later against the Timberwolves the Kings went 26-28 from the line missing only 2 shots.

Now compare that with Sunday night's game against the Grizzlies. 59% from the free throw line in a tight game converting on only 13 of 22 attempts in a 115-107 loss.

Unfortunately, the game against the Grizzlies has been the pattern we've seen all too often when the Kings put together that alarming 8-games losing streak.

So, even with Domantas Sabonis sidelined, the Kings are capable of taking down some of the best teams in the NBA, but making their free throws is absolutely critical!

Unfortunately, the Kings are among the worst shooting NBA teams when it comes to free throws, and as we've seen, if wins are to come that pattern has to change.

Doug Christie can talk all he wants to

about defense and playing for 48 minutes, but if his team can't convert from the line the stats don't lie.

But the Sacramento Kings can only play the players on the court, and this year's pattern of substitutions has been a head scratcher. Last year's first round draft choice Devin Carter has been all but forgotten as he sits game after game on the pines. A solid defender, good rebounder, and efficient scorer around the rim, Devin appears not to be in the Kings future and fans want to know why.

The coaching staff talks about a youth movement while second year player Isaac Jones was recently cut from the team. 6'9" with a huge wingspan, Isaac was scooped up by the first place Detroit Pistons almost immediately, and it won't surprise me to see them utilize Jones moving forward.

The number 1 problem has been identified and it's the inability to shoot free throws with any consistency, but what is #2?

The coaching staff and entire franchise can't evaluate talent! Drafting talent over the years, and talent that resides already on the team.

Allowing Jonas Valanciunas to get away was a huge mistake, and one that has benefited the Denver Nuggets greatly.

No one could see or even imagine a Kings team with Domantas at the #4 and moving Valanciunas to the #5.

Any way you look at it, the Kings shot themselves in the foot when they let Jonas walk away.

Defensive standout Keon Ellis is getting less and less playing time, logging all of 6 minutes in the loss to the Grizzlies, and fans attending home games have taken to collectively calling, "we want Keon, we want Keon!"

This is not a good look, but it begs the question, why? Why do fans have to beg the coach to play a player that could obviously help the team?

Player evaluation, it's as simple as that.

Don't put all the blame for a 5-16 record solely on the players and give the coaching staff a pass.

All the best!

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

## New Studies Gives Lowdown on California's Sky-High Living Costs



By Dan Walters, [CALMatters.org](http://CALMatters.org)

We Californians know, or should know, that while living in this state has many positive aspects, we are paying through the nose for the experience.

A flurry of recent studies drives home how deeply California residents must dig to meet costs of living that are either at or near the highest of any state.

One comes from the Legislative Analyst's Office, the Legislature's advisor on the state budget, delving into the astronomical costs of buying a home.

The LAO study found "California home prices far exceed the rest of the country." Mid-tier homes, those roughly in the middle of the price range, are more than twice as expensive as the typical mid-tier home elsewhere in the U.S. Monthly payments for such homes run about \$5,500 in California, 74% more than what they were 25 years ago.

The study also found that the annual household income needed to qualify for a mortgage on a mid-tier California home in September was about \$221,000 — more than two times the median California household income in 2024, which was \$102,000.

For a bottom-tier home, about \$136,000 in annual income is needed to qualify for a mortgage — about 33%

higher than median household income was in 2024.

The data illustrate why California has the second lowest rate of home ownership in the nation. Just 55.3% of Californians live in homes they or their families own, slightly higher than New York's ownership rate.

It's not surprising that hundreds of thousands of California residents, unable to aspire to home ownership, have decamped for more affordable states, such as Texas, where home prices are a fraction of California's.

Those who do migrate to other states find not only are houses much less expensive but fuel for their cars and utilities to light, heat and cool their homes are markedly less expensive.

The Center for Jobs & the Economy, an offshoot of the California Business Roundtable, continuously monitors energy costs in California and other states.

Its latest report says gasoline, averaging \$4.64 a gallon in California, is as much as \$1.50 a gallon higher than in Texas and other states. California's electrical power rates are roughly twice as high.

Another take on California living costs comes from the Transparency Foundation, a conservative economic think tank.

It gathered a wide variety of factors and calculated living costs for an upper-middle class California family with a \$130,000 annual income. It concluded the family would pay \$29,753 more per year than the national average for housing, utilities, health care, taxes and other costs of living.

"This report should be a wake-up call to all Californians, that they are

being unfairly punished by the bad policies imposed on them by their politicians — and they are literally paying the price for it," Dave McCulloch, the foundation's chairman, said in a statement about the report.

A new poll by the Public Policy Institute of California confirms that Californians worry about living costs. Nearly a third of those polled said they, or someone in their household, have reduced food purchases to save money.

The California Farm Bureau revealed that a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for 10 people will cost a California family \$72.61, well above the national average of \$55.18.

Finally, there's a new report from WalletHub, a website devoted to personal finance, implying that Californians are taking on more debt to pay their rising bills.

In this year's third quarter — July through September — the average California household added \$880 in new debt, increasing the total owed to \$259,773, second only to residents of Hawaii.

All together, Californians' personal debt increased by \$11.8 billion during the quarter.

Now it's nearly \$3.2 trillion, just a bit lower than their \$3.6 trillion in annual personal income.

A truly staggering number.

*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 Is Social Security Really a "Good Deal?"



By Russell Gloor, **AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor**

**Dear Rusty:** You've said in the past that most people recoup their SS contributions within five years of starting benefits, thus Social Security "is an exceptionally good deal." Your calculation is correct but misleading; if it were not, SS would have been insolvent long ago. I will, in fact, get "my" contributions back in about five years, but my employer's contributions will take another five years, and that is money that my employer could have been paying me, so they are really "my" contributions. But even that ignores the time value of money. I did a calculation as if my contributions, along with those of my employer, were invested in an account earning 5% per year. That would provide me the equivalent of SS income for 24 years, approximately what my life expectancy was when I retired. So, it's not a bad deal, but it is hardly exceptional. It is roughly the equivalent of me investing that money throughout my career and using the total to buy an annuity.

Of course, Social Security does have the advantage of certainty, at least until it goes broke. My portfolio

would not earn a steady 5% every year, though that is at the low end of what financial managers would expect over a long period. And it does force people to save, many of whom would otherwise make no provision for retirement. **Signed: Realistic Senior**

**Dear Realistic:** Thanks very much for your feedback on my previous article. I think it's important to draw a distinction for SS contributions made by an employer, because that is not money the individual personally pays, but rather an obligation for employers to help fund the Social Security program. Without that federal obligation, it is doubtful that employers would, instead, provide employees with equivalent additional compensation, so the thought that these are really your contributions is not a fair assessment. Indeed, they are contributions which happen to be tied to your earnings level (to a cap), for which employers receive relief on their corporate income tax, and likely would not make if not required by law.

As you have noted, Social Security has the advantage of certainty, something which is lacking when it comes to investing the equivalent amounts in the financial markets. And, as you have hinted, there exists a substantial failure by future American retirees to save adequately for their retirement, a problem well known in most financial circles. Thus, the certainty of Social Security makes it a crucial part of everyone's retirement planning — and it will be there! Despite all the

angst attributed to the current financial issues facing the program, there is little doubt that Social Security is here to stay. The question is - what reform is needed to make the program fully solvent for generations of future Americans? The Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) has developed a proposal to sensibly reform Social Security and avoid the currently projected 2033 date that the SS Trust Funds are expected to be depleted (which will necessitate an across-the-board cut for everyone). We have little doubt that the reform needed will happen (it would be political suicide for Congress if it did not), and hopefully soon. You can read about AMAC's proposed solution at this link: [www.amac.us/social-security-guarantee](http://www.amac.us/social-security-guarantee).

Again, thank you for your feedback and commentary. Please know that we very much appreciate your thoughts and are always willing to discuss these issues.

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## The Epstein Conspiracy in Plain Sight

Regardless, populists have a different narrative at hand that is consistent with the known record. Namely, that some of the most privileged members of our society -- at the very top of the financial, academic, political, media and social worlds -- had no standards or ethics, and embraced Epstein as a friend and consigliere.

Epstein knew influential people, so influential people felt that they should know him. They considered him fun, and useful -- for advice, for banter, for introductions, for information and for donations. The emails suggest that Epstein missed his calling as a high-level, seamy advice columnist to the rich and powerful.

Want to know more about the reputation of the woman you are having an affair with? Seeking advice on how to gain political influence in Europe? Wondering how you're handling your interactions with a potential mistress? Looking for insights about Donald Trump? Trying to survive sexual harassment allegations? Need a reference for a gastroenterologist? Well, then, ask Jeffrey Epstein.

He emailed with former Harvard president Larry Summers, the linguist Noam Chomsky, venture capitalist Boris Nikolic, Emirati businessman Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem, Trump activist Steve Bannon, the journalist Michael Wolff, the artist Andres Serrano, the department store scion Jonathan Farkas and former White House counsel Kathrwn

Ruemmler, among others. It's not as though Epstein was particularly insightful, but if he knew so many important people, he must know something, right?

As for his scrape with the law, clearly all had been forgiven and forgotten. If he was in the good graces of the social wrangler Peggy Siegal, whose job was to get bold-faced names to accept invitations, he must be OK. For some of Epstein's correspondents, it was part of his appeal that he was disreputable. Larry Summers, who leaned on Epstein for romantic advice, asked him at one point: "How is life among the lucrative and louche?"

Epstein's social currency is one reason that he got off so easily the first time he was prosecuted -- he hired the best, most connected defense attorneys, who outclassed and intimidated his prosecutors.

As for Trump, he is guilty of enjoying Epstein's company a couple of decades ago, presumably for the same reason so many others did. But he had a falling out with Epstein long ago. Trump didn't have anything to do with him at the time that so many others in these emails were socializing with Epstein, confiding in him and asking him for insight on Trump. That's a disgrace, and it's always been in plain sight. In the Epstein story, it's not so much follow the money -- although that's important and still mysterious -- as follow the social network.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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## ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#25CV027785

Cristina Olga Noble Lockie has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Cristina Olga Noble Lockie to Cristina Cheyenne Lockie.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: November 17, 2025  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
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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 may 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.affiniasdefault.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

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A.P.N.: 128-0350-016-0000 Trustee Sale No.:2010-2844  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER 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.superiorde-

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T.S. No.: 25-35594 A.P.N.: 148-0280-077-0000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/8/2020. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor: Daniel Sanchez Tellez and Monica Reyes Ochoa, husband and wife as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: Vylla Solutions, LLC Recorded 4/10/2020 as Instrument No. 202004101282 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California , Described as follows: As more fully described in the Deed of Trust Date of Sale: 12/30/2025 at 2:00 PM Place of Sale: At the Main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$289,309.33 (Estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1100 TUDOR ST GALT, CA 95632 A.P.N.: 148-0280-077-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. 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) 758-8052 or visit this Internet Web site www.xome.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-35594. 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. For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: 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 may 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) 758-8052, or visit this internet website www.xome.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-35594 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 11/26/2025 Vylla Solutions, LLC 1600 South Douglas Road, Suite 140 Anaheim, CA 92806 Automated Sale Information: (800) 758-8052 or www.Xome.com for NON-SALE information: 888-313-1969 LaTedran Franklin, Trustee Sale Specialist PPP #25-008930  
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## 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.

The Galt Herald 11-28, 12-5-2025

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to California Government Code Section 53322, the Board will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at the meeting place of the Board, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove, California, to consider:

A. A summary of the text of Resolution 2025-32 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DECLARING INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF THE SPECIAL TAX THEREIN is as follows:

The Board has conducted proceedings to establish Community Facilities District No. 1 (Elk Grove Fire Protection) (the "CFD") pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as amended (the "Act"), Chapter 2.5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5, commencing at Section 53311, of the California Government Code and The Board hereby finds and determines that public convenience and necessity require that territory be added to the CFD. The name of the existing CFD is "Cosumnes Community Services District Community Facilities District No. 1 (Elk Grove Fire Protection)." The territory included in the existing CFD is set forth in the map of the CFD recorded in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Sacramento in Book 116 at Page 1580 of Maps of Assessment and Community Facilities Districts, to which map reference is hereby made. The territory now proposed to be annexed to the CFD is as shown on Annexation Map No. 59 to the CFD, on file with the Clerk of the Board ("Board Clerk"). The services and facilities to be financed by the CFD (the "Services and Facilities") and pursuant to the Act are described in Exhibit A of Resolution No. 2012-25 of the District, adopted on June 6, 2012 (the "Resolution of Formation") which is incorporated herein by reference. The Resolution, Description of Facilities, Rate, and Method of Apportionment of Special Tax, and the proposed boundaries of the Community Facilities District No. 1 Annexation No. 59 are on file with Nou Vang, Cosumnes Community Services District, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, California, and are available for review there during business hours by any interested persons.

On Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at the meeting place of the Board, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, California, this Board, as the legislative body for the CFD, will conduct a public hearing on the annexation of the territory to the CFD and consider and finally determine whether the public interest, convenience, and necessity require the annexation of the Property to the CFD and the levy of the Special Tax thereon.

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

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# Happy Sacher-Torte Day on National Blue Jean Day!



desserts on the planet. Sacher eventually settled in his hometown of Vienna and continued his culinary endeavors there. A well-deserved THANK YOU, Herr Sacher!

And guess what? You can enjoy the torte while also celebrating National Blue Jean Day today. National Blue Jean Day lights up our calendars on Dec. 5 every year. This special day honors the timeless appeal of blue jeans, a staple in wardrobes worldwide. From rugged workwear to a fashionable favorite, jeans have truly seen it all. Their durability and versatility make them a go-to choice for any occasion, easily paired with casual or semi-formal attire.

The history of this day is closely tied to the very origins of blue jeans themselves, which date back to May 20, 1873. Jacob

Davis and Levi Strauss received a patent for adding metal rivets to men's work pants.

This innovation significantly enhanced the durability of these pants, paving the way for what we now recognize as blue jeans.

Over the years, blue jeans have become an integral part of fashion and culture, evolving from practical workwear to a symbol of style and rebellion against the norm. Cultural icons like Marlon Brando and James Dean popularized them as casual wear in the 1950s and 1960s, and they have become a wardrobe staple across the globe.

Their appeal lies in their versatility, durability and comfort, making them suitable for all ages and occasions.

National Blue Jean Day was established in the late 1990s to celebrate this iconic piece of clothing.

The day encourages people to wear their favorite jeans, reflect on the impact of denim in fashion and culture and recognize the timeless nature of jeans as a fashion statement. I love my jeans. In fact, I have five of the same style so that

when one pair gets old, I have a new pair to replace it.

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This Sunday, Dec. 7 is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Let us stop and take a moment to remember those brave military personnel who gave their lives for our country. And to those who survived, thank them for their service. Truly freedom is not free.

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Twenty, count them, 20 shopping days until Christmas. Have you been out in the malls, mingling with the crowds, looking for those special gifts? Or are your fingers flying over the keyboard, placing items in your "cart" and pressing "send"? Either way, you'd best get moving or you will be getting coal in your stocking for procrastinating.

It can't be a pretty sight to see your children holding an "IOU" or a note that their gift will arrive Dec. 27. The thought of that gives me the "heebee-jeebees." And that's not a good memory to have.

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

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# ABOUT TOWN

## Continuing through Dec. 31

**2025 Galt Community Toy Drive** – The Galt Police Department and Cosumnes Fire Department are proud to host this year's Toy Drive, and we're inviting our community to help make the season brighter for local children. Drop a new, unwrapped toy at any of our convenient donation stations, including the Police Department lobby, Fire Stations 45 and 46, and L'Chayim of Galt/Barsetti Vineyards tasting room. Hours may vary by location. Donation map at [toydrive.galtca.org](http://toydrive.galtca.org)

## Friday, Dec. 5 through Sunday, Dec. 7

**Lodi Community Art Center Holiday Boutique** – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. In addition to the art on display in the gallery, you can shop for gifts in our Robison Studio. 110 W. Pine Street, Lodi.

**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 [visit-odi.com](http://visit-odi.com); no tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, call 209-331-2055. 11793 Micke Grove Road, Lodi.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:jgarcia@cityofgalt.org)

## Galt Teen Center Open House

– 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the 4th Street Promenade (during Lighting of the Night parade). The center will open before, during and after the parade offering the best parade view. Food such as hot dogs and chili for sale. There will be activities such as video

games and pool available in the hangout space, as well as a mystery gift bag prize drawing.

## Tuesday, Dec. 9 Peanuts & Police: A Charlie Brown Holiday at Galt PD

– 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Join us for our annual holiday open house. Take a stroll through the police station, enjoy cookies and hot cocoa, and remember to snap a photo with Santa. 455 Industrial Drive.

## Saturday, Dec. 13 Mikey's Toy Drive

– 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Back Alley Brewhouse. Presented by Mi Sueño Car Club, this event features a "show & shine," food, music, raffle prizes, vendors, toy drop-off and community fun. Your support helps bring Christmas magic to children right here at home. 215 Fourth St.

## Christmas Sip & Shop

– 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Barsetti Vineyards. Local vendors include Beloved Barb, Bakes, Coco's Soy Wax Candles, Hearts of Shells, Fused Glass by BK Designs and more. Appetizers, complimentary tastes of our wines, special discounts at Barsetti's.

For more information, contact [ricjan@barsettiwinery.com](mailto:ricjan@barsettiwinery.com) or 209-744-6062. 400 4th St. Suite 150.

## Christmas on the Farm

– 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Lucero Organic Farms. Join us for a festive afternoon on the farm. Enjoy local craft vendors, s'mores, gingerbread house decorating, games and food. 12561 Hauschildt Road.

## Galt Community Dinner

– 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Littleton Center. The

# Meet Santa at the Rae Museum and the McFarland Ranch

By MPG Staff

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - The Galt Historical Society will welcome Santa and his elves for its annual Christmas event from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 at the Rae House Museum, 204 Oak Ave. Visitors can enjoy holiday activities including cookie decorating, ornament making, glow rings, glow sticks and hot chocolate.

Santa will also make an appearance at the McFarland Ranch, 8899 Orr Road, during the same hours. Guests there can enjoy candy canes, cookies and hot chocolate while visiting with Santa.

For more information, contact Lisa at 209-712-5236 or Darlene at 209-747-9010. ★



Families can meet Santa and enjoy cookies, crafts and hot chocolate at Galt Historical Society's Christmas celebration on Dec. 7. Courtesy photo

Galt Rotary Club invites you to our 15th Annual Holiday Dinner with your friends and neighbors. Enjoy a complete turkey dinner, dessert and soft drink.

This is a free, family event; no ticket required. 410 Civic Drive.

## 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

located 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** – First Saturday each month. The next bingo will be on 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 the local Park Council and the Wilton History Group. 9717 Colony Road at Dillard Road, Wilton.

## Veterans Meetings

**American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units** – fourth Wednesdays; dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m. Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove. Breakfast: second

Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave., Elk Grove.

**American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233** – fourth Thursdays, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Dinner 6 p.m. Next meeting January 2026.

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

**Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 233** – first Mondays, 5:45 p.m., 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.

**VFW Post 2073** – second Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District 56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove. ★

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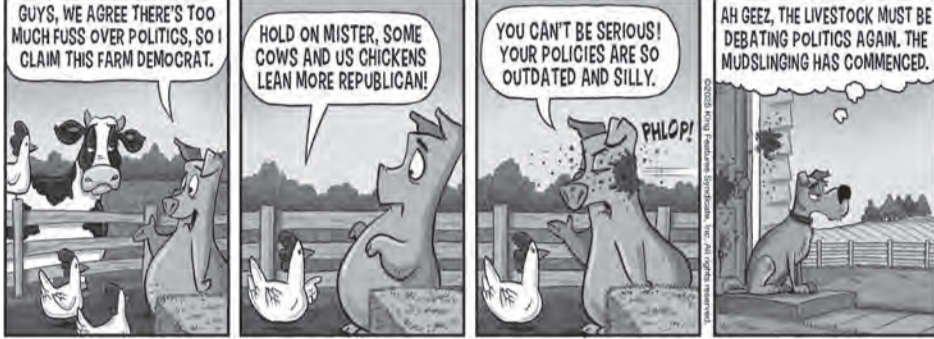
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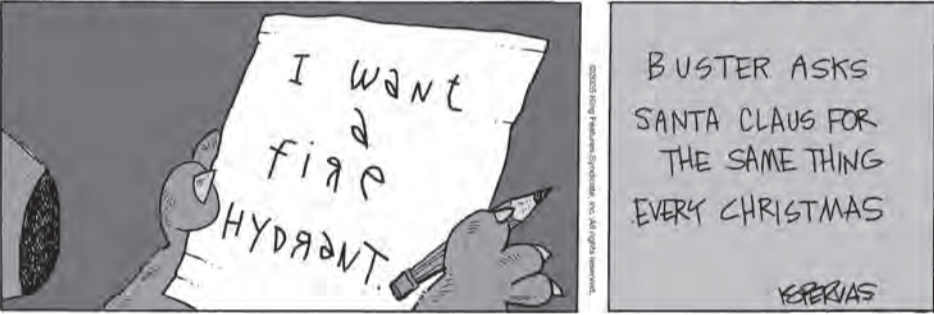
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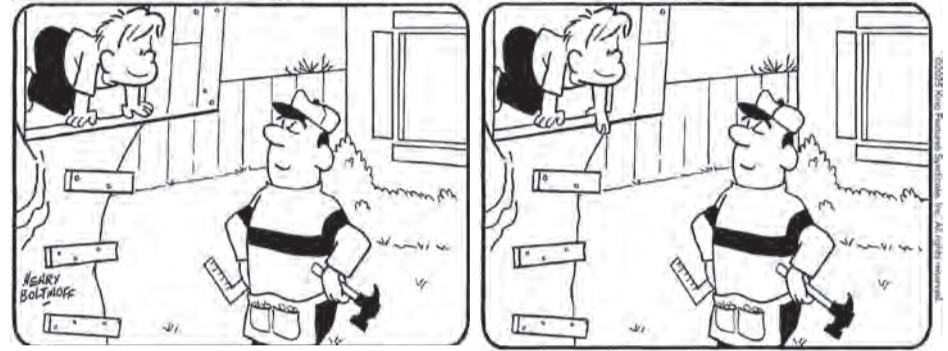


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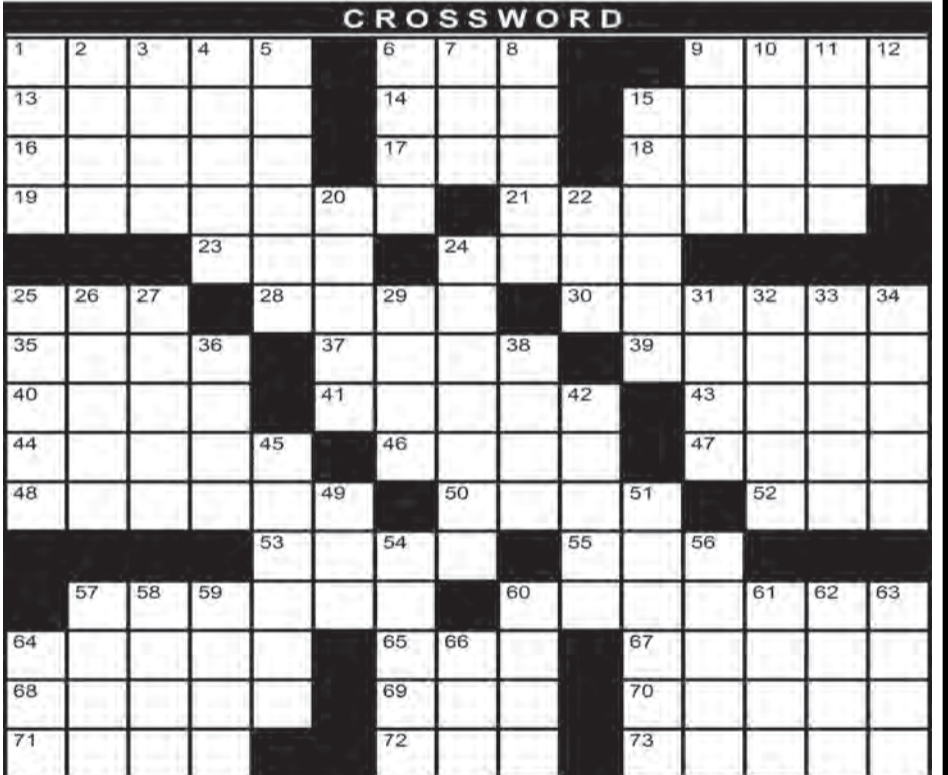
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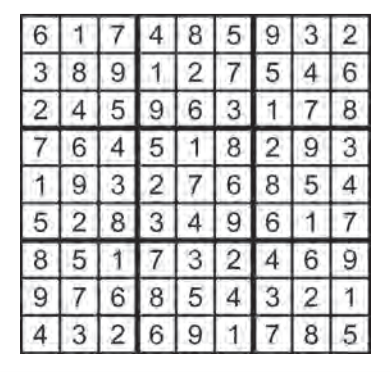
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## New Coach Brings Faith, Family Values to Galt High Girls' Basketball Program

Story and Photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

**GALT, CA (MPG)** - Jason Gaither doesn't shy away from challenges. As a father of 10 and a coach with over 15 years of experience, he's taking on what may be his biggest test yet: rebuilding Galt High School's struggling girls basketball program.

The Warriors have finished second-to-last in league standings the past two seasons, but Gaither sees opportunity where others might see obstacles.

"Galt High School has great potential," Gaither said. "I saw an opportunity to help reset the culture, build confidence and develop a long-term winning foundation."

### Building on Experience

Gaither brings substantial credentials to the position, including five years as a high school coach, experience as an athletic director and over a decade coaching at youth and Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) levels. His playing career included time at Argonaut High School and one year at American River College.

"Those experiences taught me discipline, teamwork and the importance of strong fundamentals, which guide how I coach today," he said.

### Faith and Family at the Core

For Gaither, coaching is more than strategy and statistics; it's a calling rooted in his Christian faith.

"The teachings of Jesus guide every part of my leadership: accountability, perseverance, service and respect," Gaither explained. "Having 10 children has shaped me into a patient teacher, a consistent leader and someone who understands the importance of structure, discipline, encouragement and unconditional support."

That family-centered approach extends to how he views his players. Two of his own daughters are on the team, a dynamic he addresses head on.

"They are held to the highest standards," Gaither said of his daughters. "They understand they must work harder than anyone else. Fairness, transparency and team unity come first."



Coach Jason Gaither motivates the team during a timeout.

### Philosophy: Fundamentals First

Gaither's coaching philosophy centers on what he calls "faith, fundamentals and family." He's not looking for quick fixes or shortcuts in a program that needs significant rebuilding.

"Fundamentals, conditioning, defensive effort and team chemistry: We are building a strong foundation first," he said. "I believe in teaching athletes how to play smart basketball, not a rigid offense."

His approach emphasizes player development at all skill levels, with playing time earned through "effort, coachability, preparation and commitment to team standards."

### Measuring Success Beyond Wins

While the Warriors' recent record might tempt a new coach to promise immediate turnaround, Gaither is realistic about the timeline.

"This season, success is improved fundamentals, confidence and consistent effort," he said. For this first year, he's set specific goals: improving the team's league finish and tripling last season's assists and rebounds.

Long-term, Gaither envisions "a

respected program built on discipline, character and sustained competitiveness."

### Life Lessons on the Court

Beyond basketball skills, Gaither emphasizes the life lessons the sport can teach young women.

"Basketball teaches responsibility, resilience, leadership, communication and confidence: all skills that last far beyond the court," he said.

It's this focus on character development that drives Gaither's commitment to the program despite his significant family obligations.

"I am motivated by the opportunity to help these athletes believe in themselves, work together and grow not only as basketball players, but as confident, disciplined young women prepared for life beyond the court," he said.

### Building Culture Daily

Gaither acknowledges that changing a struggling program's culture won't happen overnight.

"Culture is built daily through habits, expectations and accountability," he said. "Confidence grows when players see real improvement in themselves and their



Jason Gaither is the new Galt High girls basketball coach.



Coach Jason Gaither coordinates some strategy during a game.

teammates."

The rebuilding process excites rather than intimidates him.

"Rebuilding allows us to establish the right habits from the start: fundamentals, discipline, effort and unity. We are focused on growth, not shortcuts."

### A Long-Term Commitment

As Gaither begins his first season at Galt High, he's clear about his intentions and timeline.

"This is a long-term project, and I am fully committed to building it the right way," he said. "We are changing the culture through consistency, fundamentals and faith-based leadership. My goal is to leave the program stronger than I found it and develop not only better players, but stronger young women and leaders."

For a program seeking direction after years of difficult seasons, Gaither offers something increasingly rare in high school athletics: a coach willing to invest in the patient, foundational work that sustainable success requires. ★

## Gaither Sees Learning Opportunities in Competitive Loss to Hilmar

Story and Photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

**GALT, CA(MPG)** - The Galt High girls basketball team stayed competitive through the first half before falling to Hilmar 29-19 in pre-season action, but Head Coach Jason Gaither is focused on the lessons learned rather than the final score.

The Warriors hung tough early, staying within a basket through the opening two quarters before Hilmar pulled away in the second half.

"We stuck with them until the end," Gaither said after the physical matchup. "We did another close, competitive loss. Preseason's about figuring these things out, and you can sometimes figure out more from a loss than you can from a win."

The Warriors were able to give significant playing time to nearly their entire roster as they continue to evaluate personnel and establish roles early in the season.

"Things weren't going our way," Gaither noted. "So we tweaked some things on the move again, which is hard to do."

The game's intensity level caught the first-year Galt coach somewhat off guard as Hilmar brought an aggressive style to the



Senior Alaya Gunter shoots.

game. "Hilmar was way more physical than I anticipated," Gaither said. "They were strong, scrappy, physical players. And some of our girls met it and some of them didn't. We will be working on that."

Seven different players scored for the Warriors, demonstrating the depth Gaither is working to develop. Paola Corral and Alex Landa each led the

team with four points, while Scarlett Gaither added three.

Skylar Moore, Emmy Pena, Alaya Gunter and Danah Godinez each contributed two points in the effort.

For Gaither, who is rebuilding a program that finished second-to-last in league the past two seasons, these preseason contests serve as valuable evaluation opportunities



Junior Paola Corral sidearms the basket.



Senior Scarlett Gaither rebounds and turns.



Sophomore Allie Garcia tries for three.



Senior Emmy Pena passes the ball.

as he works to establish a new culture and identity for Galt basketball.

The Warriors will continue to prepare for league play, focusing on

fundamentals, physicality and competitive consistency. ★

# Liberty Ranch Hawks Cruise Past River Island in Home Opener

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawk girls soccer team wasted no time asserting dominance in its home opener Monday night, overwhelming River Island with five first-half goals en route to a 5-0 shutout victory.

The Hawks controlled possession from the opening whistle, building a commanding lead before halftime that allowed Head Coach Rob Huarte to shift focus in the second half.

Five different players found the back of the net for Liberty Ranch, showcasing the team's offensive balance. Freshman Emily Portillo led the scoring effort with one goal and three assists for five total points, earning a game-winner card in the process.

Junior Juliana Romero contributed a goal and an assist for three points, while freshmen Sarah Ayala and Brooke Sparks each scored their first varsity goals. Senior Faviola Vasquez rounded out the scoring with a goal of her own.

The Hawks registered four assists as a team, demonstrating unselfish play and strong chemistry in the attacking third.

Liberty Ranch's defensive unit continued its impressive early-season form, recording another clean sheet.

Senior goalkeeper Zia Ruppert made two saves on two shots on goal,



Freshman Emily Portillo looks toward the goal.

maintaining a perfect 1.0 save percentage and 0.000 goals-against average through 80 minutes of action.

The shutout marks the team's fifth consecutive game without conceding a

goal, dating back to their Golden State Invitational Championship where they blanked four opponents over 240 minutes.

The victory gave Huarte an opportunity to assess a roster that blends

experience with youth. The Hawks feature 10 varsity returners who provide leadership and continuity from last season's Division V Section championship team.

Liberty Ranch has also



There is no stopping the ball as freshman Brooke Sparks aims and scores.



Freshman Sarah Ayala battles a River Island player for the ball.

integrated five freshmen directly onto the varsity roster, along with eight players pulled up from the junior varsity squad. Monday's lopsided victory allowed many of those newcomers to

gain valuable varsity experience.

With offensive firepower, defensive solidity and growing roster depth, the Hawks appear poised to defend their section title as the season progresses. ★

## Hawks Girls Win Season-Opening Tourney

By Paige Lampson Sports Editor

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawks girls soccer team has picked up right where it left off last season, capturing the Golden State Invitational championship with a dominant performance.

The Hawks swept all four games without conceding a single goal over 240 minutes of play, mirroring the form that carried

them to a Division V Section Title last season.

"What an incredible feeling to start the season: just as we finished last year, with another Tournament Championship!" said Head Coach Rob Huarte. "The team worked tirelessly at both ends of the pitch."

The championship run showcased both offensive efficiency and defensive excellence. Liberty Ranch capitalized on scoring opportunities while their backline remained

impenetrable throughout the tournament.

"Our defense was rock solid over 240 minutes, limiting scoring chances, while we took our opportunities in the attacking third," Huarte said. "Winning all four games without conceding a goal this early in the season is remarkable."

For Huarte and his staff, the Golden State Invitational victory validated the team's preparation and cohesion.



The Hawk Soccer girls celebrate their tournament win. Courtesy photo

"The players showed tremendous effort, stayed disciplined and trusted one another every step of the way," he said. "We couldn't be prouder of this

team." The Hawks now look to build on their success as they continue with hopes of defending their section title. ★



Freshman Hayley Suttentfield battles through the Hilmar defense to score.

## Young Warriors Show Skill in 49-18 Rout



Freshman Jayde LaGrone scores despite the physical defense.



Freshman Olivia Rodriguez has no problem scoring on a layup.



Sophomore Tegan Hemenover shoots from the side.

Story and Photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt High JV girls basketball team delivered an impressive performance Tuesday night, routing Hilmar 49-18 in a

game that showcased the program's growing depth.

The Warriors controlled the contest from start to finish, demonstrating a level of fundamental basketball that has been absent from Galt JV teams in recent years.

The young Warriors excelled

on both ends of the court, creating turnovers with aggressive defense and converting them into easy baskets with crisp passing and accurate shooting.

The lopsided victory suggests that the future is bright for Warrior girls basketball. ★

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