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Santa Strolls, Streets Sparkle

Galt Kicks Off Holiday Season Celebrations



Galt Santa Claus Don Butler poses with a present on the porch of the McFarland Ranch house. Photo by Idaly Valencia

By Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt community ushered in the winter season Dec. 6 with its biggest annual celebration, the Lighting of the Night Parade, which once again filled the heart of downtown with residents, music and holiday cheer.

The parade was joined by other seasonal favorites, including the Holiday Market, Christmas caroling at the Littleton Center and the official tree-lighting outside city hall, creating a full weekend of festivities. Residents had no shortage of activities to enjoy as Santa made multiple stops

across town.

In addition to riding along the parade route, he visited historic sites such as the Rae Museum and McFarland Ranch, where families gathered for cookies, hot chocolate, photos and holiday memories.

This year's parade followed a familiar path as

it returned to C Street, a route modified in recent years due to road construction. Community members began setting up their seats along Fourth and C streets before sunset, and several businesses welcomed spectators with warm drinks and food.

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Council Approves Sheffield Subdivision Project



By John McCallum

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt City Council approved five measures at its Dec. 2 meeting that enable another residential project to move toward construction, but not before expressing concerns about aspects of the project and adding an additional condition.

By a 3-1 vote, Councilman Tim Reed voting no and Vice Mayor Paul Sandhu recusing himself due to his family's proximity to the project site, council approved the Sheffield Subdivision Project located in the city's Northeast Area Specific Plan (NEASP) along East Stockton Boulevard. The project, slated to include 65 new single-family residences, is situated on 9.5 acres of land northeast of Ashboro Lane, east of Stockton Boulevard, south of Deadman's Gulch and west of Canyon Creek Park.

To authorize the project, council passed resolutions changing the site's dwelling unit density in the city's General Plan and the NEASP along with holding the first reading of an ordinance rezoning the site. Also approved were the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project and the Tentative Subdivision Map.

Like the adjacent residential subdivisions, Sheffield is currently designated low-density under the General Plan and allowed six dwelling units per acre under the NEASP. Council's actions changed the site to medium density under the General Plan and increased the dwelling units per acre to eight in the NEASP, with the ordinance changing the site's zoning from Low-Density Single-Family Residential (RIA) to Medium-Density Residential Planned Development (R2-PD).

"This allows single-family units but also duplexes," Community Development Department principal planner Kristyn Bitz told the council during her presentation.

"This project, however,

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Chamber Cuts Ribbon for Luxury Salon



Galt Chamber of Commerce Director Kat Seabolt, far left, celebrates luxury hairstylist Krystal Mason, center, on Dec. 2 after cutting the ribbon for her salon, Krystaldoeskolor, located at 232 N. Lincoln Way Suite 20.

Story and photos by Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Dec. 2 for local luxury hairstylist Krystal Mason to celebrate the opening of her new salon, Krystaldoeskolor, on North Lincoln Way across from Galt High School.

The salon, located in Suite 20, was filled with friends, family and longtime clients who gathered to

support Mason and her business. Krystaldoeskolor offers a range of hairstyling services including hair extensions, highlights, haircuts and Japanese head spa treatments.

Chamber Director Kat Seabolt and chamber board president Kari Markel attended to help facilitate the ribbon-cutting. For Markel, the ceremony marked her final day serving as board president, and she shared a few words not only in her official role but also as one of Mason's clients.

Markel noted that she first heard about Mason through her sister and has been going to her ever since.

"I just absolutely loved her, and I think her and her family are so deserving of it," Markel said. "Krystal does a lot for the community."

Mason told guests that her first day of cosmetology school was Sept. 8, 2020, and she graduated in less than a year. She expressed her appreciation

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Police Investigate Gunshots on Partridge Drive



Galt Police Department News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - On Sunday, Nov. 30, around 3:10 p.m., Galt Police Department officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Partridge Drive regarding an argument with possible shots

fired. As officers arrived on scene, they were directed to a vehicle that was leaving the area. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle, and it was found to be involved in the original call. At this time in the investigation, it has been

determined that a family was having a gathering, and an argument broke out. Soon after, one of the family members retrieved a firearm and fired several shots into the air as he was leaving the location. The vehicle stopped had been at the residence but did not contain the

family member that fired the shots. After officers canvassed the involved residence, they recovered several spent shell casings from the scene. There are no known injuries as a result of the shooting. The Galt Police Department Investigations Unit is actively

investigating this incident and will update the community as more information becomes available. If you witnessed the incident or have any related information, the police department urges you to contact its investigations tip-line at 209-366-7010. ★

Council Approves Sheffield Subdivision Project

Rodriguez Appointed as City's Next Mayor

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - At its Dec. 2 meeting, the Galt City Council appointed its next mayor and vice mayor, selecting Mayor Bonnie Rodriguez and Vice Mayor Tim Reed to lead the city into 2026.

The council voted 3-2 for both appointments after considering fellow councilmembers Mathew Pratton and Paul Sandhu as candidates for the new leadership roles. Rodriguez has served on the council for a year, having been



Mayor Bonnie Rodriguez. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

appointed in December 2024, and will now step into her first term as mayor alongside Reed as vice mayor. ★

Continued from page 1 will not be building duplexes," she added.

In unanimously approving the project, the Galt Planning Commission added two conditions: one prohibiting duplexes and the other prohibiting two-story houses on Lots 1-11, limiting these to single-story housing only. Lots 1-26 run west to east along the subdivision's northern boundary.

The Planning Commission also modified the R2-PD development standards by increasing the maximum lot coverage from 50% to 60%, decreasing the minimum lot size from 5,500 square feet to 3,825 square feet, the minimum street frontage from 55 feet to 45 feet, and decreasing front setbacks from 20 feet to 12.5 feet and side setbacks 5 feet to 3 feet, the latter for houses built under one of the two housing plans.

The density changes allow the development a gross density of 6.84 dwelling units per acre. Project developer FDC

Nor-Cal Corporation of Sacramento is proposing lot sizes ranging from 3,825 square feet to 7,170 square feet.

Access to the site from East Stockton is via Saner Street, a new, 48-foot-wide roadway running west-east the length of the development's northern portion before turning south to connect with Lyonia Drive. An interior roadway, Sobey Street, connects both directions of Saner Street.

The project also includes construction of a missing portion of Lyonia Drive east of Trellis Lane, providing a through connection on Lyonia between East Stockton Boulevard via Ashboro Lane to Cedar Flat Avenue. The nearby South Deadman's Gulch Trail will also be extended along Sheffield's northern and eastern boundaries.

Public comment at the meeting revolved around the increasing housing density and traffic issues arising from adding 65 new homes to the area. Craig and Cindy Yuhas, who live in Park Ridge

north of Sheffield, urged the council to keep the site low density while also limiting lots 1-16 to one-story construction.

Area resident Karen Valencia expressed concern with impacts to traffic on East Stockton Boulevard and Highway 99 from the development, which she said was already "horrible," and expressed concern about the proposal to remove protected oak trees on the site.

In written comment on the project, resident William Flaherty urged limiting houses on the north near Need Court to single-story construction as well as keeping the site zoned low density, expressing concern about the impacts from what he termed "low-cost housing" would have on nearby property values.

"Not only would there be lower valued homes; the proposal is to add up to 65 homes which the current surrounding roads and infrastructure cannot handle," Flaherty wrote.

Project applicant Aaron

Ross-Swain addressed Valencia's concerns about trees, noting of the 27 onsite, 18 would be removed while nine, including an oak tree near Valencia's home, would be retained.

"As lot plans develop, there might be enough space to save additional trees," he added.

Council members also had concerns about tree removal as well as traffic impacts, not only outside the development but inside as well, voicing frustration at times that more information wasn't presented to address both issues prior to seeking council approval.

Council also sought more information on lot sizes and the developer's commitment to building only single-family units in the subdivision, a requirement they suggested adding as a condition for any future sale of the project but were told by Interim City Attorney Frank Spedorio was not legally feasible.

In council comments, Mayor Shawn Farmer

agreed it would be preferable to keep the area zoned for low-density housing, but he acknowledged "the reality is, that's not being built these days."

In expressing his support for the application, Farmer noted a review of the real estate site Zillow indicated houses in the area were being advertised from \$800,000-\$900,000 and more, putting housing out

of reach for many people.

"If somebody can't find a place to live in Galt, that's a quality-of-life problem for me," Farmer said.

In the end, council approved the project with the added condition requiring the developer to install traffic-calming measures on Saner Street, selecting the appropriate measure from a city-approved list. ★

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Board Highlights Emergency Services Improvements

By Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Cosumnes Community Services District board held its regular meeting on Dec. 3, recognizing progress with the county's emergency medical services response times.

Directors received an update on the Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) program, which launched five months ago. Assistant Chief of Emergency Medical Services Robert Kasparian reported measurable improvements in patient outcomes, strengthened partnerships with local hospitals and a reduction in low-acuity 911 transports.

Launched Aug. 5 by the Cosumnes Fire Department, the pilot covers the Cosumnes Fire Department's 157-square-mile service area, which includes more than 214,000 residents in Elk Grove, Galt and unincorporated areas of south Sacramento County.

"Our MIH model is connecting patients to the right care, at the right time and the right place," said Kasparian.

Kasparian credited Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume, who attended the meeting, for



Cosumnes Fire Department Chief Felipe Rodriguez, left, shakes hands with Supervisor Pat Hume as he accepts an additional \$20,000 that will go toward funding the Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) program.

helping to fund the pilot program through an initial American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant and for making an additional \$20,000 contribution that evening.

"His leadership has helped drive meaningful reductions in ambulance off-load times through improved emergency medical services, hospital and county coordination," Kasparian said of Hume.

"His support has been instrumental in moving these initiatives forward, not only for the Cosumnes Fire Department but for all of Sacramento County."

Hume addressed the board to share why he supports the program, explaining that shortly after taking office he learned Sacramento County had one of the worst average patient off-load times in



Pictured from left are Cosumnes Fire Department Chief Felipe Rodriguez, General Manager Tim Odgen, Vice President Peter Sakaris, Director Rich Lozano, President Angela Spease, Supervisor Pat Hume, Director Daniella Zehnder, Director Reina Tarango and Assistant Chief of Emergency Medical Services Robert Kasparian. Photos courtesy of Cosumnes Community Services District

the state, with an average of more than 72 minutes.

"That's over an hour that patient is laying in a gurney in a hallway, not getting any better, hopefully not getting any worse," Hume said, also noting the cost of equipment and emergency personnel required to remain with patients during long waits.

He said the Mobile Integrated Health pilot program has helped to bring that average down to 26 to 29 minutes, below the state standard of 30 minutes, and added that the county is aiming to reduce

the time to 20 minutes.

The purpose of the Mobile Integrated Health model, Hume said, is to help "adjust the apertures of the funnel," referring to emergency rooms, by directing patients to the medical services they need when alternatives to the emergency room are available.

Hume added that Sacramento County is gaining national attention for its emerging approach to emergency care.

He said his donation that night is a stopgap measure until sustainable revenue is

found to keep the program going.

Board of Directors Vice President Peter Sakaris thanked Hume for his support in this effort, acknowledging he was among those that brought the issue up to Hume, stating it had been an ongoing issue for 10 years and Hume was the first to take on the challenge in his position.

He noted that his part of the board will support allocating funding to continue the program, a sentiment echoed by fellow directors.

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for the steady support she has received since beginning her hairstylist journey. "I've always had this dream, ever since I was in high school... I just felt like that was what I was meant to be," she said. "I know that there's a hairstylist on every corner, but people continually choose me over and over, and it just means a lot to me and my family."

Mason cut the ribbon with her husband, three children and mother by her side. A representative from the office of Sen. Roger Niello, Mika Klinsmann, presented Mason with a certificate recognizing the salon's grand opening.

"It is such an honor to be here today to witness your milestone for you, your family and for the entire community," Klinsmann said.

Mason's mother, Heidi Cheary, told The Galt Herald she was proud to see how far her daughter has come since starting cosmetology school five years ago.

"She's got a lot of



Mika Klinsmann, left, a representative from the office of Sen. Roger Niello, poses for a picture with Krystal Mason holding her certificate of recognition Dec. 2.

cliente; everybody loves her in Galt," Cheary said. "Everybody sticks together in this town."

Mason echoed that sentiment, noting that she and her family have lived in Galt for 20 years and that the amount of support shown at the ceremony meant a great deal. She

explained she began doing hair four years ago and has been grateful for the community that has helped her grow in a short time.

"Like these people, I see them at cheer practice, I see them at school drop-offs and they've all chosen me," she said.

Mason also credited

the chamber for helping her build connections and expand her business, saying that joining was "probably one of the best things I've done."

As a mother, she said she is intentional about creating a welcoming space for other mothers.

"I know as a mom



This is the Japanese head spa treatment room located in the Krystaldoeskolor salon.



"No bad hair days," reads the illuminated sign displayed above a shampoo bowl inside Krystaldoeskolor salon.

myself I think it's nice to come get your hair done; there's a couch for you if you need to bring your child and I only work one-on-one with one client at a time," Mason said. "It's just a great place for people

to come and get multiple services done and knock them all out with their favorite hairstylist."

To book an appointment, contact Mason through Instagram on her account @Krystaldoeskolor. ★

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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.

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. ★

SAFE to Combine with Boeing Credit Union

SAFE Credit Union News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Boeing Employees' Credit Union (BECU) and SAFE Credit Union announced they have signed a definitive agreement to combine, uniting two purpose-driven credit unions with a shared commitment to the financial well-being of their members and the communities they serve.

Upon completion, the combined credit union will serve 1.8 million members and operate more than 80 locations under BECU's charter, with more than \$33 billion in assets, making it the fourth largest credit union by asset size in the U.S.

Together, the combined organization will further the cooperative principle of "people helping people" by continuing to strengthen its investments to deliver enhanced products, services and experiences for all members and communities.

In addition to bringing enhanced value to members, the proposed

combination will significantly deepen both organizations' ability to make meaningful community investments and extend BECU's community-focused banking to new markets across a broader geographic footprint.

"This is an exciting opportunity for both credit unions, made possible by our shared values of putting our members first and making deep connections with our communities, as well as a strong commitment to sound operations and financial management, which are the hallmarks of BECU and SAFE," said Beverly Anderson, BECU's president and chief executive officer.

"At BECU, we've always believed that the strength of our cooperative comes from our unwavering focus on people – our members, our employees and the communities we serve. This combination will accelerate our ability to extend our reach and impact to new members and markets, delivering state-of-the-art products and services fueled by BECU and SAFE's

dedicated teams. It is inspiring what this combination enables us to do and I look forward to working closely with Faye Nabhani and the dedicated SAFE team as we begin this journey together."

"This partnership is a powerful alignment of purpose and potential that leverages our strengths and recognizes our shared values," said Faye Nabhani, president and chief executive officer of SAFE Credit Union. "As the needs of our members and communities continue to evolve, combining credit unions builds on our strong foundation, ensures we deliver additional value and maintains the best of what has made SAFE a successful and trusted financial partner for over 80 years."

The proposed combination, which has been unanimously approved by the Boards of Directors of both BECU and SAFE, is subject to regulatory approvals and a vote by SAFE's membership. The combination is expected to close by early 2027.

Find more information at becuandsafe.org. ★

MEMORIAL


LEANN MATCHKE • 12/28/1969-11/28/2025

Loving daughter to Joyce Menees, Galt. Sister to Ray & Donna Center, Susanville; David Menees & Steve, Sacramento; Susan Menees, Sacramento; and numerous nieces & nephews & cousins.

A memorial will be on December 14, 2025 @ 3PM at Oakview School.

Leann worked at Oakview School for 20 years as teacher's aid and loved every minute of it.

She cared about her coworkers and all the children she helped teach. She was loved by everyone and she loved them right back.



MEMORIAL

GAIL DARLENE WINTERS GODWIN • 12/16/1944 – 11/25/2025

Gail Darlene Winters Godwin, 80, of Galt, passed away peacefully in her sleep, surrounded by family, on November 25.

Gail was born in Turlock, California, on December 16, 1944, to John and Nadine Winters. She moved to Galt in the 1950s and graduated from Galt High School in 1962. Gail went on to attend Delta College, earning an AA degree in Computer Science.


She met the love of her life, David Godwin, and the two married in 1964. Gail was a devoted wife and a loving mother. She was a stay at home mom while her daughters were young, and later worked for 10 years as a secretary at Brookside Christian High School.

Gail was a dedicated member of Galt Bible Church, where she served as a youth leader for more than 20 years. She enjoyed decorating the church, helping with meals, and was always ready to lend a helping hand wherever she was needed.

She loved shopping and took the phrase "shop till you drop" literally and found joy in cooking, crafts, and sewing. Gail also loved traveling, dirt bike riding, and one of her favorite things to do was go on cruises with family or friends. She cherished camping with her family and enjoyed playing games with everyone. Creative, dependable, kind, and generous, Gail made everyone around her feel loved and welcomed.

Gail is survived by her husband, David Godwin; her daughters, Michelle Patterson and Lisa Caro del Castillo; and her grandchildren, Nick Patterson, Kate Patterson, Dario Caro del Castillo, and Marissa Caro del Castillo. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Nadine Winters, and her sister, Carol Nix.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 20th, at 11:00 a.m. at Galt Bible Church, 801 Church Street. Gail will be deeply missed by her family, church community, and all who were blessed to know her.



MEETING MINDERS

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.

Arcohe School Board, 6 p.m., Media Center (East Campus), 11715 Ivie Road, Herald, 209-748-2313.

Friday, Dec. 21

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

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District Reviews Student Progress, Major Grants

By Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Joint Union Elementary School District board met Nov. 19 for a packed agenda that featured student performances, academic updates and news of major grant funding.

The meeting opened with holiday music by students from Marengo Ranch and River Oaks elementary schools, followed by routine announcements and public comment. Speakers addressed library book access, student content concerns and district policy implementation before the board moved into reports.

Director of curriculum Stephanie Simonich presented beginning-of-year data from the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) and i-Ready assessments, reporting that several grade levels across multiple schools have already met or exceeded their winter growth targets.

Administrators from each school noted strong improvement in reading and ongoing intervention efforts designed to support struggling students. Simonich also reported to the board that the district



Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

has reviewed its latest state assessment results, which showed 2% growth in both English language arts and math compared to last year.

Next, Superintendent Lois Yount announced two major grants including a \$100,000 Career Technical Education Incentive Grant, paired with a \$200,000 district match already met through staffing and program costs, that will support the growth of the agriculture science pathway. A separate \$500,000 federal COPS School Violence Prevention Program award will be used over the next three years to upgrade campus safety, including classroom door hardware and security cameras.

Board members also heard updates on the new four-classroom building at Valley Oaks Elementary. A ribbon cutting was held Dec. 2, with students expected to move into the new space before winter break.

McCaffrey Middle School reported the launch of its new wrestling program, and several campuses highlighted family literacy nights and student award ceremonies.

The meeting concluded with brief reports on city-school collaboration, including updates on a new city ordinance regulating electric bike and scooter use, which Yount noted has already reduced safety issues near campuses. ★

Celebrate Holiday Cheer at Breakfast with Santa



The City of Galt invites residents to its returning holiday favorite, Breakfast with Santa, held from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 at the Chabolla Community Center. Tickets are \$10 per person. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

City of Galt News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - The city announced in the latest edition of its newsletter the much-anticipated return of Breakfast with Santa at the Chabolla Community Center.

Join the community for a morning filled with holiday cheer on Saturday, Dec. 20.

Families will enjoy a delicious breakfast featuring eggs, sausage and pancakes, all served with a side of holiday music.

In addition, attendees can participate in fun activities such as festive crafts and cookie decorating. Don't forget your camera; there will be an opportunity to capture a special photo with Santa himself.

Advance tickets are \$10 per person, and seating is limited. Be sure to secure your tickets early to guarantee your spot at this popular event.

The event will take place from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at 600 Chabolla Ave.

Those interested can purchase tickets at bit.ly/4oYBiic (case sensitive). ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



What a difference a day makes. As the Sacramento Kings began another depressing losing streak, this one reaching 3 games, fans are pleasantly surprised by an upset win over the Miami Heat in Miami Florida.

Sharpshooter Zach Lavine showed up for the intrepid scorer he is, posting 42 points that was more than the Heat were able to handle.

Sacramento favorite Davion Mitchell, now running the point for Miami, will have to wait to show off his defensive magic, as Davion was sidelined with a groin pull.

The 127-111 win over the Heat marked the first time this season that Sacramento has won a game by double digits, and it could not have come at a better time.

Talk shows throughout Sacramento, pundits and fans alike have been all but applauding the thought of blowing up the current team and starting from scratch.

I am a proponent of taking your medicine however difficult it is to swallow, and do not cave in to pressure.

Just one year ago, team management acted in haste and sent one of the greatest players Sacramento has ever seen packing. Now DeAaron Fox is getting standing ovations in San Antonio and will likely bring a championship to the state of Texas.

Knee jerk moves don't work. Ask Nico Harrison, formerly of the Dallas Mavericks if that's a good idea as he insanely traded superstar Luka Doncic and paid the price by losing his job.

Steady at the helm is what Sacramento needs and don't misjudge the talent currently on this team.

Davion Mitchell, Jonas Valanciunas, and Isaac Jones have taken up residence elsewhere, and other NBA teams are the better for it. We cannot fail to see the attributes in the players we have, and I was heartened to see that the Kings did something positive with last year's first round draft choice Devin Carter.

Carter, a talented and highly athletic young player has been sitting on the pines getting no playing time, but he was just sent down to Stockton where he will get much needed playing time in the G-league. Playing time is precisely what Carter needs, and I hope the Kings are not shortsighted when teams come calling, hoping to add

Carter to their roster.

When you draft a player #1 it says something, and Devin Carter needs to have every opportunity to show this franchise the value he brings.

The Kings have been able to produce a win without talented big man Domantas Sabonis, and it should give every Kings fan pause.

Are the Kings as bad as their 6-17 record would indicate, or are there plausible reasons for such a tepid and unenthusiastic start?

We have pointed out the horrific free throw shooting in nearly all of Sacramento's losses, and on the flip side, the precision free throw shooting when Sacramento posts a win.

Is this coaching staff capable of getting this group of NBA ballers to sink free throws at a clip of 80% or better? If they can, wins will come.

Of course, the Kings need to improve on the defensive end, and when they hit the court with energy and a passion for getting stops, good things invariably happen.

Way too early to say I know how this season is going to go, and every fan should wonder if just one or possibly two moves could completely turn things around.

The Kings need to get bigger and longer, on that point few people will argue. But don't give away talent like Isaac Jones that already has the physical prowess this team needs.

Judge talent better, and if this staff can't do that, find people that can. Whether it's trades or in the draft, we need better judgement and we can't afford to wait much longer.

The good news is Sabonis won't be out much longer, and even one smart move could move the needle in a positive direction for the Kings.

I take my hat off to a fan base in Sacramento that I find amazing. Nearly unconditional support is hard to find and that is what this team has the privilege of playing in front of every night. Coaches coach better, and players hit the court every night and bring the best you have.

Stay tuned Kings fans, because there really is light at the end of the tunnel!

Merry Christmas!

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

California's New Labor Law could have Unintended and Unwanted Consequences



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The California Legislature has a bad habit of writing new law in the moment and paying little or no attention to its potential consequences.

While legislative history contains many examples, the most spectacular occurred three decades ago when legislators and then-Gov. Pete Wilson massively overhauled how electricity is generated, distributed and priced, telling consumers it would make power more affordable and reliable.

The real world impact was just the opposite. Power became less reliable, prices skyrocketed and the state's investor-owned utilities were pushed into insolvency.

Other examples of unintended consequences in California include launching a bullet train project without comprehensive construction or financial plans, sharply increasing public employee pensions without considering costs and doing the same with unemployment insurance benefits.

One could also add the current practice of draining emergency reserves to cover budget deficits that result from overestimating revenues and underestimating spending, leaving the state's finances vulnerable to an inevitable economic downturn.

Then there is Assembly Bill 288, one of many measures the Legislature dominated by Democrats and Gov. Gavin

Newsom have passed in recent years to thwart — or so they hope — President Donald Trump.

AB 288, sponsored by California labor unions and carried by Assemblymember Tina McKinnor, an Inglewood Democrat, expands the authority of California's Public Employment Relations Board — which oversees union-management activities in state and local governments and school districts — to include private sector employment.

The bill aims for the Public Employee Relations Board, or PERB, to step into the role performed for many decades by the National Labor Relations Board because, McKinnor and other advocates maintain, the NLRB is frozen by a dispute over its membership.

Early this year, Trump removed Dwyne Wilcox, the NLRB's chair, leaving the board without a quorum and unable to decide pending cases. Trump's action is being fought in the courts.

"Well, I'll just say that if we have no board, no quorum, no board, no justice to state workers, for state workers," McKinnor told the state Senate Judiciary Committee just before AB 288 passed. "And so, we need to make sure that, you know, that PERB can hear these cases, because if there's no forum for workers to resolve unfair labor practices, then where do they stand?"

"What do we do for them? We can't just leave them out in the cold because the NLRB doesn't have a quorum. We also can have loss of union protections, like bargaining rights, organizing protections and reinstatement after retaliation. And so, we can't have our workers unprotected, because employers will take advantage of that."

Private employer groups opposed the measure,

contending the existence of the NLRB, even though it's stymied, preempts a state from usurping federal authority.

Generally, states can legislate on labor relations only in economic sectors not covered by federal law. That's why, a half-century ago, California could create the public employment board and the Agricultural Labor Relations Board to oversee employment on farms and in food processing plants.

The NLRB and interests that opposed AB 288 are suing in federal court, contending that the legislation is illegal under federal law.

AB 288 represents a potentially disruptive, even dangerous, precedent. Were it to survive the legal challenge, every state would be free to create its own set of laws governing unionization of workers.

Blue states such as California could virtually mandate unionization of private sector employees, as it already has for public employees and farm workers.

Meanwhile, red states could virtually prohibit unions from organizing workers, to make the states more attractive to industry and insulated from NLRB oversight even if Democrats regain the White House.

Balkanizing labor-management relations would create chaos in the national economy. It also could potentially work to the overall disadvantage of union organizing efforts. Do California's unions and their political allies really want to take that chance?

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. ★

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SacRT to Expand Low-Emission Bus Fleet

Sacramento Regional Transit News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) is proud to announce the award of a \$39.67 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Low or No Emission (Low-No) Grant Program. This critical funding will support the replacement of 49 aging compressed natural gas (CNG) buses with modern, low-emission vehicles and fund infrastructure upgrades that will improve service reliability, reduce emissions and enhance transit access in underserved communities.

This project builds on SacRT's momentum from the nearly \$77 million Low-No grant awarded in 2024, which is supporting the transformation of SacRT's McClellan facility into a state-of-the-art bus maintenance hub. Located at the former McClellan Air Force Base, SacRT's McClellan facility was originally acquired in 2005 to relieve overcrowding at the Downtown Bus Maintenance Facility. However, SacRT's McClellan facility has faced years of deferred maintenance.

A 2021 redesign enables the facility to house and maintain up to 270 buses, including the 49 new compressed natural gas buses funded through this grant and future clean-fuel vehicles. Together, these investments in



Federal Transit Administration funding will support replacing 49 Sacramento Regional Transit aging buses with modern, low-emission vehicles and fund infrastructure upgrades that will improve service reliability, reduce emissions and enhance transit access in underserved communities. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Regional Transit

fleet and facility will relieve pressure at the Downtown Bus Maintenance Facility and improve service reliability.

SacRT is facing an urgent need to modernize its bus fleet. By the end of Fiscal Year 2025, 78 buses will be due for retirement, with 129 reaching the end of their useful life by 2028. The 49 buses being replaced through this project, some dating back to 2008, average 510,000 miles and 16 years in service and operate at just 56 percent availability, due to frequent mechanical issues.

"This funding is another major step forward in our ongoing efforts to deliver cleaner, more efficient and more reliable transit for the Sacramento region," said SacRT General Manager/CEO Henry Li. "These new buses will improve the rider experience and help SacRT continue to operate frequent bus service through the region."

Said Representative Ami Bera, M.D. (CA-06), "Clean and reliable public transportation is essential to the health and economic vitality of our region. I'm pleased to see SacRT receive this critical

funding to replace aging buses and invest in infrastructure that supports underserved communities. These improvements will help reduce pollution, create good-paying jobs, and ensure that more residents have access to safe and efficient transit."

Said Congressman Kevin Kiley, "This federal investment in SacRT's bus fleet and maintenance infrastructure is a win for the Sacramento region. This project demonstrates that good things can happen when we work across party and geographic lines to get

things done for local communities and residents."

The new 2027 compressed natural gas buses will replace outdated models and are expected to significantly improve service reliability, reduce breakdowns and ensure compliance with the Federal Transit Administration's spare ratio guidelines.

The project will modernize 69 percent of SacRT's all-day bus routes, serving 26 percent of total riders, and is projected to cut lifetime emissions by more than 6 million kilograms of carbon dioxide (CO₂), which is equivalent to taking 1,300 passenger vehicles off the road for a year.

In addition to environmental and service improvements, the project will generate substantial operational savings. During the first two years of the manufacturer warranty, SacRT anticipates saving approximately \$1.19 million annually on spare parts, \$827,800 on non-preventive maintenance labor and \$463,097 per year in fuel costs due to reduced consumption of 154,882 gasoline gallon equivalents.

This funding is part of the Federal Transit Administration's broader effort to modernize transit systems nationwide. In 2025, the Federal Transit Administration awarded approximately \$2.1 billion to 167 projects across 47 states and territories through the Low-No and Buses and Bus Facilities programs. ★

Dr. Abdalla Recognized for Leadership in Opioid Treatment



Dr. Jacqueline Abdalla recently received an honor from the Western Association of Correctional Healthcare Services for her leadership in improving medical care within Sacramento County's correctional facilities. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County recognizes Dr. Jacqueline Abdalla for receiving a major honor from the Western Association of Correctional Healthcare Services (WACHSA) for her leadership in improving medical care within the county's correctional facilities, especially through the expansion of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT). "This award really represents the collective effort of our entire team. I

can get so focused on the next challenge, so this has been a nice opportunity to pause and reflect on progress we've made together in advancing patient care," Abdalla said.

A cornerstone of that progress is Sacramento County's robust Medication-Assisted Treatment program, which Abdalla describes as a "humane and outcomes-oriented" approach to opioid withdrawal and addiction.

Medication-Assisted Treatment medications not only treat the extremely uncomfortable symptoms of withdrawal but also stabilize cravings in the long term, allowing patients to feel "normal" again so they can begin the difficult work of recovery. Since the program rolled out, the jail has seen a significant decrease in overdoses and overdose deaths.

Abdalla's leadership has extended beyond addiction treatment. Less than two years ago, the jail faced a backlog that left patients waiting months for specialty care and off-site appointments. Today, thanks to major process improvements, urgent referrals are now scheduled within two weeks and routine referrals within three months.

Additionally, high-risk patients, including those needing cancer care, are closely tracked to ensure their care is coordinated quickly.

Abdalla said this work is especially important because incarcerated individuals are among the country's most medically vulnerable. Many enter custody with chronic medical or mental health conditions and face barriers such as unstable housing.

"Their time in jail can be a big opportunity for us to provide health care services that they may otherwise not have access to. I feel grateful to be a part of that. My hope is that they leave in a better place than they came in," Abdalla said.

Abdalla credits Sacramento County's strong on-the-ground collaboration between custody and medical leadership for creating the environment that allows these improvements to take shape and the county credits her leadership for guiding the team forward.

To learn more about adult/juvenile health, visit Sacramento County's Primary Health Services' online page at dhs.sac-county.gov/PRI/Pages/PRI-Home.aspx. ★

Sacramento County Maintains Class 2 FEMA Rating

Class 2 Rating Provides 40% Discount on Flood Insurance

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has renewed Sacramento County as a Class 2 in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS).

The rating allows residents and businesses within Special Flood Hazard Areas of unincorporated Sacramento County to receive a 40-percent discount on flood insurance for most National Flood Insurance Program policies issued or renewed on or after Oct. 1, 2026.

Through the Community Rating System program, the Federal Emergency Management Agency ranks communities based on a point system for activities implemented to reduce flood risk. This includes promoting mitigation measures to the public, implementing flood warning systems and promoting the purchase of flood insurance.

The ranking ranges from 10 (lowest) to 1 (highest). According to Federal Emergency Management Agency, there are 22,600 participating National Flood Insurance Program communities. Nationwide, there are 1,504 communities taking part in the Community Rating System program.

Nationwide, there are two Class 1 Community Rating System communities and 10 Community Rating System Class 2 communities. California has 97 Community Rating System Communities with only one Class 1 community and one Class 2 community, which is Sacramento County.

"In the unincorporated parts of Sacramento County, we have 4,539 properties that purchase their flood insurance coverage through the National Flood

Insurance Program," said Department of Water Resources Director Matt Satow.

"The Class 2 rating we have achieved and corresponding 40% discount will save our residents over \$500,000 in 2026 on their flood insurance policies and on average, \$121 per policy," Satow said.

When Sacramento County joined the program in 1992, Federal Emergency Management Agency initially gave the County a Class 9 rating. Over the years, Sacramento County's Department of Water Resources has steadily worked to improve its rating by meeting the criteria set by Federal Emergency Management Agency to protect Special Flood Hazard Areas of unincorporated Sacramento County.

The first Class 2 was awarded in 2017. The renewal of the Class 2 rating comes as the county embarks on its update of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan is updated every five years to address the list of hazards and assessed risks that make the area vulnerable.

The updated plan will help improve the resilience of Sacramento County to weather future disasters. The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan allows agencies to apply for pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant funding and lessen the cost of flood insurance to the residents of Sacramento County, and the surrounding cities through Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program.

You can learn more about the Sacramento County's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan online at stormready.org and the county's Class 2 status at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Community Rating System visualization website at crsviz.com. ★

'The Ripple Effect' Project Wins Award

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County Department of Health Services' Behavioral Health Division is celebrating a major national win after its Safer Sacramento Team earned a 2025 Shorty Impact Award for "The Ripple Effect" documentary blog series.

The Shorty Awards honor the most influential and purpose-driven digital campaigns in the world, recognizing work that creates real social impact through storytelling, creativity and community engagement. Receiving

this award places Sacramento County's project among the top public-health campaigns nationwide.

"The Ripple Effect," a nine-part documentary blog series, was created in response to the alarming rise in fentanyl overdoses and poisonings. Safer Sacramento wanted to cut through the noise using short-form video format to shed light on the fentanyl crisis, the heartbreak of loss and the strength of community.

The county's research shows that the raw, honest storytelling and deep connection in "The Ripple Effect" helped reduce fentanyl-related deaths in Sacramento County by 27 percent. That number isn't just a statistic; it

represents lives saved, families kept intact and futures realized.

Every installment carried a call to action: links to resources for treatment and recovery and people responded. "The Ripple Effect" has more than 19,000 clicks to the county's support services page and more than 41,000 visits to educational content.

But the numbers only tell part of the story. More than 101,000 people engaged, not just with likes and shares, but with their hearts. They shared personal stories in the comments: those of grief, survival and hope. Some were heartbreaking. Some were healing. And through

it all, Safer Sacramento connected them with services: bereavement support, trauma care or someone to say, "I understand and want to help."

"This has been an exciting, passionate and heartfelt project," said Lori Miller, the Behavioral Health Services' Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Division division manager.

"It was an honor to be part of this meaningful and impactful work and the success of this documentary. A huge thank you to all the community partners and the family members who have lost loved ones and bravely shared their stories in hopes of saving lives. Congratulations to

Sacramento County," Miller said.

This is just one of the many efforts Sacramento County is working on to combat the fentanyl crisis. To watch "The Ripple Effect" series or to learn more, visit the Safer Sacramento page online at safersacramento.com/the-ripple-effect. To get involved in the Safer Sacramento Project or share your story, email Miller at Millerlori@sacounty.gov.

One call connects you to mental health and substance use treatment support. Sacramento County's Behavior Health Services-SAC Call Center is available to connect you with the services you need at 916-875-1055. ★

CHP Grant Funds Traffic Safety Campaign

California Highway Patrol News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol South Sacramento Area office will use grant funding to implement a regional traffic safety campaign in Sacramento County aimed at stopping drivers suspected of driving under the influence and reducing impaired driving-related crashes. This one-year project started on Oct. 1 and ends on Sept. 30, 2026. The CHP South Sacramento Area will deploy officers to conduct enforcement operations for impaired drivers on Interstate 5; United States 50, State Routes 99, 12, 51, 104= and 160; and unincorporated streets within



southern Sacramento County.

"We are taking a proactive approach to keep our roadways safe from impaired drivers," said CHP Capt. N. Hawkins, commander of the South Sacramento Area office. "This campaign will use a combination of education and enforcement to help make Sacramento County roadways a safer place to travel."

According to the CHP's Statewide Integrated

Traffic Records System, there were 21 people killed and 209 people injured in traffic crashes attributed to impaired drivers within the CHP South Sacramento Area's jurisdiction between Oct. 1, 2022, and Sept. 30, 2023.

This CHP traffic safety effort also includes a community-based task force and public awareness and education to help reinforce the dangers of driving while impaired.

The CHP would like to take this opportunity to remind the public, "DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze." Alcohol, cannabis, prescription medication, illegal drugs and some over-the-counter drugs can affect a person's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. ★

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Dec. 2 to Dec. 8, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 12 arrests.

Dec. 2

1:14 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Carillion Boulevard/Vauxhall Avenue.

10:47 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Galt Police Department on Industrial Drive.

11:49 a.m., Theft reported, Billorights Avenue.

11:50 a.m., Identity Theft reported, Crow Creek Circle.

2:40 p.m., Extortion reported, Compadres Market on C Street: Suspicious text messages demanding money.

2:51 p.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Boessow Road.

3:41 p.m., Burglary-Auto- n-Progress, Dry Creek U Save Liquors on C Street: Male adult, driving white Audi, pulled up; subject allegedly smashed window and attempted to grab merchandise before being scared off.

Dec. 3

3:12 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest,

Marian O Lawrence Library, Caroline Avenue.

4:22 p.m., Identity Theft reported, Sunshine Drive: Credit card accessed. Reporting party declined report.

Dec. 4

3:29 p.m., Theft reported, Ivywood Drive: Front license plate stolen.

4:49 p.m., Fraud reported, Hudson Bay Apartments on Lake Park Avenue: Stolen money via Western Union.

4:14 p.m., Theft reported, Ampm Store on East Stockton Boulevard: Male subject went into reporting party's car and allegedly took items while reporting party's daughter was in the car. Male subject last seen northbound on East Stockton Blvd in white Dodge Charger.

Dec. 5

6:19 a.m., Theft reported, Valley Oaks Senior Apartments on Oak Avenue: Mailboxes opened and mail gone.

10:55 a.m., Theft reported, Rossi Drive: Community mailbox broken into.

12:28 p.m., Theft reported, Round Table Pizza on C Street: Male with a baseball hat, around

350 lbs., and female adult, in a cream-colored shirt allegedly "dined and dashed" and left yelling at employee.

5:04 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Moose Creek Way.

11:35 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Monterey Park (Bark Park) on Monterey Bay Court.

Dec. 6

9:29 a.m., Stolen Vehicle reported, Cindy Lane/Kent Street: Attempted to contact reporting party; voicemail left.

7:44 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, New Hope Road/First Street.

Dec. 7

2:01 a.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, East Stockton Boulevard/Adare Way.

12:41 p.m., Battery/Adult Arrest, Bateman Court.

9:51 p.m., Battery/Adult Arrest, Ampm Store on East Stockton Boulevard.

Dec. 8

8:03 a.m., Theft reported, Vintage Antiques & Uniques on C Street: Generator taken.

3:02 p.m., Fraud reported, Lippi Street: Credit card fraud. ★

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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
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
LOCKIE 12-26-25

TRUSTEE SALE

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 11/8/2026 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

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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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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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 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) 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 LaTedral Franklin, Trustee Sale Specialist PPP #25-008930
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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 24

COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING INFORMAL BIDDING PROCEDURES UNDER THE CALIFORNIA UNIFORM PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION COST ACCOUNTING ACT (CUPCCAA)

The Cosumnes Community Services District ("District") adopted Ordinance No. 24 establishing informal bidding procedures pursuant to the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (Public Contract Code §22000 et seq.).

The ordinance authorizes the District to use informal bidding for public projects with estimated costs between \$75,000 and \$220,000, consistent with thresholds set by the State Controller. Notices inviting informal bids will be sent to construction trade journals in accordance with Public Contract Code §22034. If all bids exceed \$220,000, the Board of Directors may, by a four-fifths vote, award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder if the amount does not exceed \$235,000 and the cost estimate is reasonable.

Ordinance No. 24 takes effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

Adopted by the Board of Directors on December 3, 2025.

AYES: Lozano, Sakaris, Spease, Tarango, Zehnder
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

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Ring in the Red Season: It's Poinsettia Day!

According to checkiday.com, Poinsettia Day celebrates the beautiful red flowering plant that has come to be associated with Christmas: the poinsettia.

The plant is native to Mexico, where it was used by the Aztecs. The flowers were used to produce red dye, and the sap was used to treat fevers. Franciscan missionaries in Mexico use it in the 17th century as part of nativity processions, the first time it became associated with Christianity.

A story has been passed down about a poor Mexican girl who didn't have anything to honor baby Jesus with at a procession. An angel told her any gift from the heart was a good gift, so she gathered weeds from the roadside. When she placed them around the manger they transformed into poinsettias.

In Mexico the flowers are called La Flores de la Nochebuena, or the Flowers of the Holy Night, and are displayed on Dec. 12, the Day of the Virgin of Guadalupe. This day marks the beginning of the Christmas season.

Poinsettias take their name from Joel Roberts Poinsett, a botanist and the first minister to Mexico, who sent cuttings of the plant back to his home in Charleston, South Carolina. In 1837,



William Hickling Prescott, a gardener and historian, was asked to rename the plant and named it after Poinsett because of his achievements in government and horticulture. By some odd coincidence, Poinsett died on Dec. 12, the same day as the Day of the Virgin Guadalupe, and the same date that would become National Poinsettia Day.

The poinsettia gained its modern-day popularity largely because of the work of the Ecke family. Albert Ecke came to the Hollywood, California, area in 1906 and was selling poinsettia within three years. His son, Paul Ecke Sr., came up with the idea that the red flowers would sell well around Christmas.

Success with the idea led Albert to buy five acres of land in nearby El Monte, and soon the plants were being shipped to customers across the country.

Paul Sr. looked over the family

business after his father's death, and in 1923, moved operations to forty acres in Encinitas. Paul Sr.'s son Paul Jr., came up with the idea of growing plants in greenhouses, and how to better market them.

He took the plants to "The Tonight Show," "The Dinah Shore Show" and to Bobo Hope's Christmas specials, and got them featured in magazines such as Ladies Home Journal and Better Homes & Gardens.

Today, poinsettias are the top selling potted plant in the United States. I love the Jingle Bell Poinsettia. It is deep red with white spots and splatters all over the red. And the white poinsettias are so elegant looking.

Do you remember Ambrosia salad? Ambrosia is a name for the food or drink of the gods in Greek mythology, which was said to bring immortality to those who consumed it. Although ambrosia salad probably won't bring immortality like the mythological ambrosia, it is what is also celebrated today.

Ambrosia is a fruit salad usually made of pineapple, oranges, miniature

marshmallows, maraschino cherries and coconut.

Various other fruits can be used to make it, as well as crushed pecans and creams such as whipped cream, sour cream or yogurt. After being made, it is chilled before served.

It is an American dish that is thought to have originated in the nineteenth century, although it was not first found in print until 1932, notably from the South.

I will confess: I really like Ambrosia salad. It doesn't only look good, it actually tastes good.

Thirteen days until Christmas. Is your home decorated? Do you have your tree trimmed and the lights hung outside? Nothing like the present to get started. Presents! Yes, presents: You may have purchased them, but are they wrapped? And food: Start shopping now for the non-perishables.

Oh, so much to do, but really, remember what Christmas is all about. Relax and thank God for all you have and have to do.

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 toy-drive.galtca.org.

American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program Applications Accepted – This contest started in 1938 to encourage high school students to develop a deeper knowledge of the U.S. Constitution. This is a progressive contest that starts at our local American Legion Post 233 level and winners advance to a national competition, where the first-place national winner receives more than \$25,000. Local high school counselors have been provided contest information and we encourage local high school students to consider this opportunity.

For more information, contact Susan Mason, chair, Post 233 Oratorical at freedom9115@1791.com.

Friday, Dec. 12 through Sunday, Dec. 14

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 St., Lodi.*

Friday, Dec. 12

Oak Farm Vineyards Christmas Holiday Stroll Family Night – 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. 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, take a wagon ride around the house and enjoy all the Christmas lights. Food and beverages available for purchase; no crafts at this event. *23627 N. DeVries Road, Lodi*

Saturday, Dec. 13

Delta Meadows State Park Property Birdwalk – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Delta Meadows River Park. Join parks interpreters for a light hike through the riparian oak woodlands and emergent wetlands of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta in search of the many bird species that call the Delta home. *Meadow Slough Trail, 13971 River Road, Walnut Grove.*

Christmas at the Castle – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Preston Castle. Join us for a historic stroll through this truly unique setting. Step back in time to the early 1900s and immerse yourself in the spirit of Christmas past. Enjoy your self-guided holiday tour and enjoy a variety of delicious treats and hand-crafted goods. Book online at prestoncastle.org. *900 Palm Drive, Ione.*

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 N' 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@barsettivineyards.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. Sip on festive drinks from Henhouse Coffee while listening to great live music by the "Working Class" band. *12561 Hauschildt Road.*

Galt Community Dinner – 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Littleton Center. The 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.*

Lodi Ballet Program presents "The Nutcracker" – 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Charlene Powers Lange Performing Arts Theatre. Please join us as the students of the

City of Lodi Ballet program perform this classic holiday tradition. Tickets available at lodi.gov. *125 S. Hutchins St., Lodi.*

Monday, Dec. 15

Elk Grove Community Concert Band – 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Joseph Kerr Middle School Multipurpose Room. The program theme is "Christmas Classics." Christopher J. Tootle leads the band, which includes professional, semi-professional and amateur adult musicians and talented Elk Grove Unified School District school musicians. The concert is free; donations are encouraged. Learn more at elkgrovecommunityband.org. *8865 Elk Grove Blvd.*

Thursday, Dec. 18

After Hours Shopping Night – 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Downtown Lodi. Take photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus in Santa's Village, enjoy live music and try the hot chocolate stand. Downtown businesses will be open late. Remember to vote for your favorite downtown business holiday decorations on downtownlodi.org (voting open until Thursday, Dec. 18).

Saturday, Dec. 20

Breakfast with Santa – 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Chabolla Community Center. Bring your little ones for a delightful morning filled with joy and wonder.

We are bringing delicious food, fun activities and a chance to meet Santa himself. \$10 tickets in advance at cityofgalt.org; seating is limited. *600 Chabolla Ave.*

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.*

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 drinking alcohol. *10420 Twin Cities Road.*

Wilton Bingo – First Saturday each month. The next bingo will be on Saturday, Jan. 3 in the Wilton Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale and bingo starts at 6 p.m. All proceeds go to two nonprofits: the local Park Council and the Wilton History Group. *9717 Colony Road at Dillard Road, Wilton.*

Library Events

Sacramento County Libraries have the following upcoming events at (G) Marian O. Lawrence Library, 1000 Caroline Ave. (WG) Walnut Grove, 14177 Market St., is currently closed.

Friday, Dec. 12: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday Dec. 17: English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 19: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Call 916-264-2920 or

800-561-4636 for more information on any of these events.

Veterans Meetings

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

American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 – general meetings the fourth Thursday each month at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Dinner at 6 p.m. Due to the holidays, the next meeting will be in January 2026, no meeting in December.

Post 233 Family Breakfast – first Saturday each month at 9 a.m., Mimi's Café, corner of Laguna Boulevard and West Stockton Boulevard (just off Highway 99) in Elk Grove. For more information, call Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H.

Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 233 – first Monday each month at 5:45 p.m. at the Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove.

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

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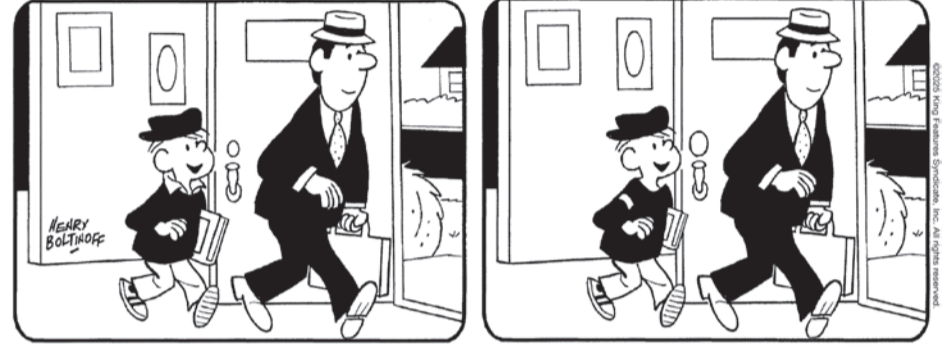


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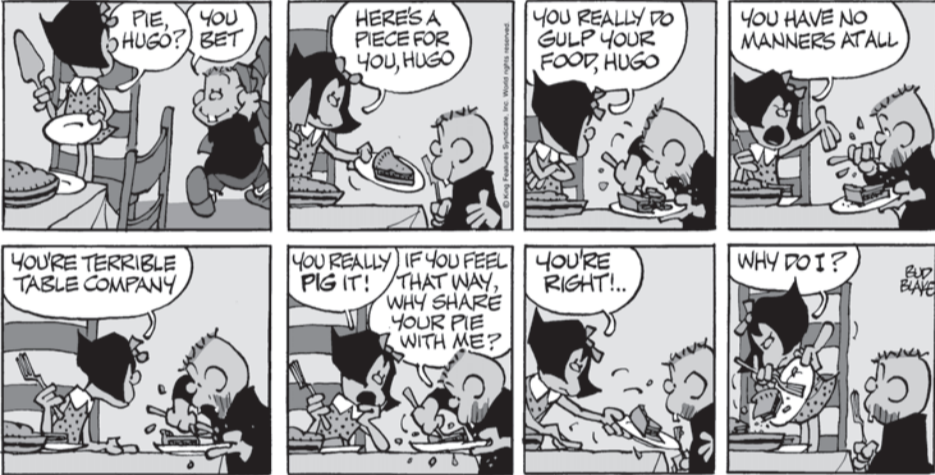


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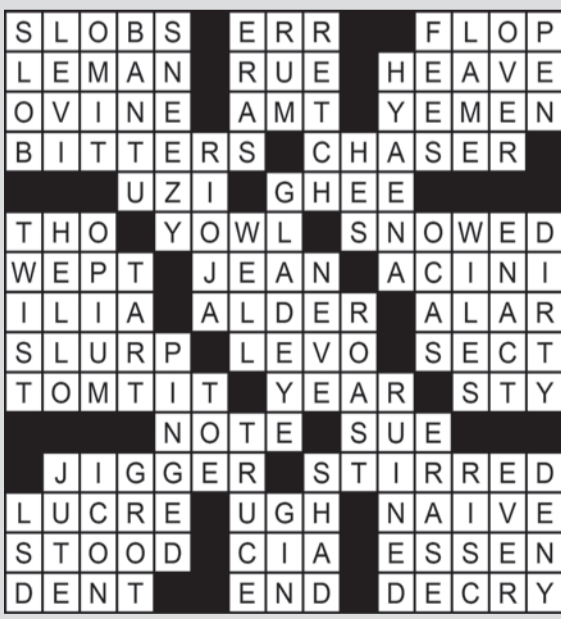
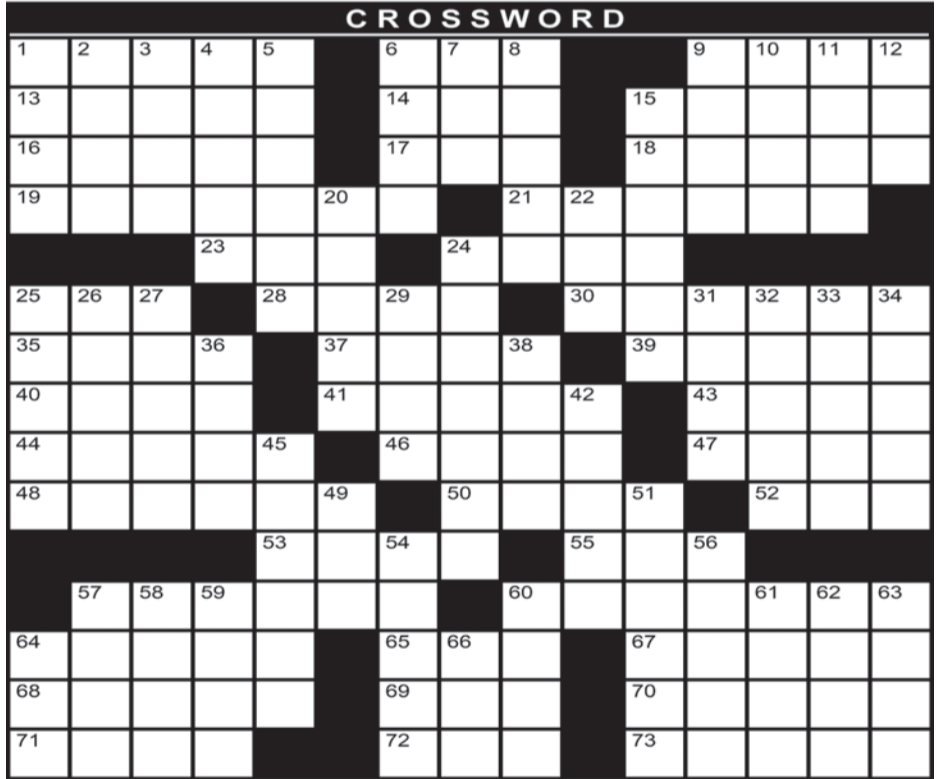
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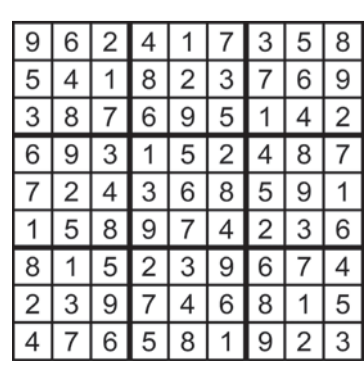


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Galt Boys' Soccer Dominates Home Opener, Extends Winning Streak

Story and photos by Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warriors boys soccer team continued its impressive start to the season with a commanding 5-1 victory over Cosumnes Oaks High School in its home opener on Dec. 5.

The Warriors wasted no time establishing dominance, scoring all five goals in the first half. The explosive offensive performance allowed Head Coach Julian Parra to substitute most of his bench in the second half, giving valuable playing time to his deep roster.

Noah Stratton led the scoring with two goals, while Angel Munoz, Leopoldo Garcia and Rafael Bertho each added one. The victory improved Galt's record to 3-0 after road wins against Burbank (4-1) and Elk Grove High School (4-1).

"This group is very cohesive, very united," said Coach Parra. "There's no ego left on this team. Everyone gets along with each other. They're friends outside of the program, and it makes my job easier, it makes Coach Patino's job easier, and Coach Carlos' job easier."

The Warriors' success

comes despite having just four seniors on the roster, with two freshmen already contributing at the varsity level. Rather than viewing this as a rebuilding year, Parra sees it as continued growth for the program.

"There was a lot of talk after last season about how we fell short (of the section title), but I mean, we're lucky to live in a town where we don't really have to rebuild," Parra explained. "The program's only growing and getting stronger, and obviously all I can credit is this group of boys and the parents they have at home."

Despite the early success, Parra believes his team hasn't reached its peak yet.

"We played decently, but we're not at our best yet," he said. "We've shown some successes early, but I know we can be better, and the boys know they can be better. That's why they don't really celebrate these wins; they know what the standard is and they hold themselves to a high standard."

The coach emphasized that the program's goals extend beyond the soccer field.

"We want these guys to be successful outside of the pitch, in the classroom and beyond, because



Noah Stratton outmaneuvers the Cosumnes Oaks defender.

obviously it's really hard to make it out with soccer," Parra said. "Our ultimate goal is to make sure these kids have careers ahead of them."

The Warriors will face their first league test on Wednesday, Dec. 10 (after deadline), when they take on Rosemont in their Sierra Valley Conference opener. ★



Rafael Bertho fights to control the ball.



Senior Leo Garcia does an excellent job as a defender.



Kevin Levario leaps over the Cosumnes Oaks goalie.

GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Kevin Levario
Galt Boys Soccer



Olivia Rodriguez
Galt Girls Basketball



Zia Ruppert
Liberty Ranch
Girls Soccer



Alan Montelongo
Liberty Ranch
Boys Soccer

Photos by Paige Lampson

Galt Warriors JV Girls Capture Winter Classic Championship

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warriors JV girls basketball team claimed first place in the Galt Winter Classic this weekend, sweeping through four games with impressive performances on both ends of the court.

The Warriors showcased their dominance early, defeating Rio Vista twice (58-16 and 51-12) and Linden (55-9) before securing the championship with a hard-fought 33-26 victory over Bear Creek in the finals.

The tournament run was anchored by the exceptional guard play of Olivia Rodriguez and the defensive prowess of Hailey Sutenfield, who earned All-Tournament MVP honors for her stellar performance.

"Olivia commanded the offense with

skill and precision, speeding up and slowing down the tempo as needed," said Head Coach Steven Gunter. "Jayde (LaGrone) played a huge presence in the middle offensively and defensively, playing sound defense, and Hailey led all scorers with her steals leading to layups."

Sutenfield's ability to create turnovers and convert them into easy baskets proved crucial throughout the tournament, while Rodriguez orchestrated the offense with poise and control.

The Warriors' balanced attack and suffocating defense proved too much for opponents, as they outscored their competition by an average of nearly 30 points per game.

The championship caps an impressive tournament performance for the young Warriors squad as it continues its season.

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The JV Warrior basketball players celebrate with their coaches. Courtesy photo

Liberty Ranch Hawks Wrestling Soars into Season with Dominant Early Performances

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawks wrestling program is off to an impressive start this season, with the Lady Hawks dominating their first two tournaments while the boys' squad shows encouraging signs despite a significant roster overhaul.

The Lady Hawks have been spectacular through the Galt Warrior Classic and Casa Roble Invite, posting results that suggest last year's league championship was just the beginning of something special.

Leading the charge is senior Kaydince Silva, who has maintained a perfect record with devastating performances. Silva pinned every opponent until her championship match at Casa Roble, where she still won by decision to remain undefeated. Her dominance has set the tone for the entire squad.

Jordan Gold has provided consistent firepower with first- and second-place

finishes in the opening tournaments, while Amie Leah Muela captured the Galt Warrior Classic before illness sidelined her at Casa Roble. Her return should only strengthen an already formidable lineup.

The most exciting development has been freshman Emma McLain's emergence. After winning her debut JV tournament, McLain jumped to varsity and promptly captured the Casa Roble Invite, announcing herself as an immediate impact player for the Lady Hawks.

On the boys' side, Liberty Ranch faces a different challenge. After losing 12 seniors from last year's squad, the Hawks are navigating a rebuilding year with only three seniors on the roster. At their lone tournament so far – the Rod Gaines Invite at Tokay High School – Braden Salbeck led the way with a fifth-place finish, while Vincent Hernandez took second on the consolation side.

"We lost 12 seniors last year, so this is kind of a rebuilding year for our squad that



Kaydince Silva wrestles her way to championship glory with pure domination on the mat. Courtesy Photos

has only three seniors," said Head Coach Brian Robinson. "The new and freshman class of wrestlers seem to have stepped in nicely, with all of them winning medals in their first two tournaments, so that is a plus."

The transition is particularly notable for the girls' program. Last year, Liberty Ranch fielded the league's largest girls' team with 11 wrestlers and captured the league title in its inaugural year. This season's roster has been trimmed to six athletes, but Robinson remains confident in their ability to defend the championship.

"This year we only have six, but they all are progressing well and should repeat last year's results," Robinson said.

The early results support that optimism. With Silva's undefeated run, Gold's consistency, McLain's breakthrough and Muela's championship experience, the Lady Hawks appear poised to prove that



quality can triumph over quantity.

As the season unfolds, Liberty Ranch will look to build on these foundations. The Lady Hawks aim to maintain their momentum and establish a dynasty, while the boys' squad focuses on development and building chemistry among their young core. With several tournaments ahead, the Hawks have positioned themselves well for what promises to be a compelling season. ★

Student Athletes Unite to Champion Sportsmanship and Healthy Competition

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - In a groundbreaking effort to strengthen bonds across rival schools and foster a culture of respect and unity, the Sierra Valley Conference held its first-ever Student Athlete Leadership Conference on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at Liberty Ranch High School.

Eighty student athletes, along with their athletic directors from all eight conference schools, gathered in the Liberty Ranch Library from 9 a.m. to noon for the historic event. Argonaut, Amador, Galt, Liberty Ranch, El Dorado, Union Mine, Rosemont and Bradshaw Christian each sent delegations to participate in this unprecedented gathering.

Liberty Ranch Athletic Director Samantha Vittoria spearheaded the initiative, bringing together



Eighty student athletes and their athletic directors fill the library at Liberty Ranch High School to participate in the inaugural Student Athlete Leadership Conference. Courtesy photo

schools that typically face each other as opponents to instead collaborate as allies in promoting positive athletic culture.

"We wanted to create something bigger than wins and losses," said Vittoria. "These young athletes represent the heart of our

communities, and when we empower them to lead with integrity and respect, we're not just building better teams, we're building better people. Today proved that our fiercest rivals can be our greatest supporters."

The conference featured interactive workshops,

team-building exercises and candid discussions about the challenges student athletes face. Throughout the morning, students who had previously only known each other as opponents discovered common ground. Athletes from mountain

schools like Amador and Argonaut connected with valley counterparts from Galt and Rosemont, while players from El Dorado and Union Mine worked alongside competitors from Liberty Ranch and Bradshaw Christian.

Workshop sessions

focused on three core pillars: unity across schools, maintaining healthy competition that elevates all participants, and demonstrating exemplary sportsmanship that younger athletes can emulate.

The bonding was evident as laughter and animated conversation filled the library. Students who arrived as strangers left exchanging contact information and making plans to support each other at future competitions.

The conference concluded with students excited to uphold the values discussed and to serve as ambassadors of positive sportsmanship throughout the season.

The success of the inaugural event has prompted leaders to make the Student Athlete Leadership Conference an annual tradition, with plans to expand participation in future years. ★



Newly appointed Mayor Bonnie Rodriguez rides in a gift-wrapped golf cart driven by her son, Zachary Rodriguez. Photo by Paige Lampson



A decorated parade float with hay bales and local youth aboard rolls down C Street. Photo by Paige Lampson



A "Hope for the Holidays" banner hangs from a trailer float as it turns toward City Hall. Photo by Paige Lampson



The Walling Family poses for a photo with Santa on Dec. 6. Photo by Paige Lampson



The County Line Soccer Club's "We Are Wolves" float features red garland and soccer ball décor. Photo by Paige Lampson

Santa Strolls, Streets Sparkle



Pictured is the Holiday Market hosted on the 4th Street Promenade on Dec. 6, a local seasonal favorite that accompanies the Lighting of the Night Parade celebrations. Photo by Idaly Valencia

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The Galt Teen Center was among the prime viewing spots on C Street. The center hosted an open house for teens to stop by, watch movies and meet volunteers.

Founder Sarah McFadyen said the event offered a chance to connect with residents who may not know about the center or the services it offers to high school students.

"We're really happy that we can invite the community to the teen center to see the teen center..." McFadyen said. "One woman put out her chairs this morning when we were setting up... she said, 'I have a couple of teenagers in my family, and I don't even know if they know about this.'"

She also noted that recent improvements along C Street have made

walking and biking safer for teens.

For community members, the new route this year was reminiscent of old times. Longtime resident David Najar said he has attended the parade for many years.

"I've attended the parade since the days when it used to go around town, I could even watch it from my front lawn," Najar said.

The parade has become a family tradition, one he said they look forward to each year. "My family and I look forward to it every year because of the beautiful displays and because my youngest daughter grew up watching it," he said. "At this point, it's become a special family tradition for us."

Najar added that his family especially enjoyed the live music this year and

said the return to C Street was a "wonderful touch."

Veronica Campos, born and raised in Galt, told The Galt Herald that the parade is a hallmark tradition her family looks forward to every holiday season.

"It's one of those hometown events that truly brings the community together and reminds us why Galt is such a special place to live," Campos said.

She added that it is also a treat to see all of the local organizations, schools and youth groups that participate.

"This year's highlight for us was simply the joy and excitement throughout the entire parade," Campos said. "The energy, the creativity of the floats and the smiles from families all along the route really captured what the holidays are all about... one of the best parades we've been to." ★