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Connor Lopez's mother Allison Lyman and stepfather John Lyman speak to local media on Dec. 15 outside Sacramento Superior Court, with friends and family nearby.

**Story and photo
by Idaly Valencia**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Family members seeking justice for Connor Lopez, a beloved piano teacher and musician from Galt, gathered at the county courthouse Dec. 15 for the first hearing in eight months related to his death. Lopez, 23 at the time of his passing, was killed in

a crash in April 2025. He was riding his motorcycle eastbound on Sheldon Road in Elk Grove when an oncoming SUV made a left turn and collided with him.

The driver, Harjit Kaur, is charged with misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter in connection with the crash. In court, Judge Jerome Price outlined the charge,

alleging that Kaur caused Lopez's death while driving unlawfully but without gross negligence.

Members of the Lopez-Lyman family attended Kaur's arraignment, which was brief and focused on setting a future court date. Kaur did not appear in person and was represented by her attorney, Hendrick Crowell, drawing frustration from family and

supporters.

During the hearing, a deputy district attorney requested, at the family's urging, that Kaur be required to appear in person at the next court date scheduled for Feb. 25. Price said that because Kaur faces a misdemeanor charge, she is not required to appear unless future proceedings warrant it.

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New Laws Aim to Improve Road Safety Across State



A new law requires electric bicycles to have a red reflector or a solid or flashing red rear light with a built-in reflector during all hours of operation. Photo by u_d7hddm5o via Pixabay

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - New public safety laws approved during the 2025 legislative session will take effect Jan. 1, the California Highway Patrol announced in a Dec. 26 news release. The changes address school zone and highway speed limits, electric-powered bicycles and motorcycles, vehicle storage and crime prevention.

According to the California Highway Patrol, the update aims to inform drivers, promote safer decision-making and improve roadway safety as transportation technologies continue to evolve.

Several of the new laws focus on pedestrian and traffic safety, particularly speed limits.

Assembly Bill 382 allows local authorities to lower school zone speed limits from 25 to 20 miles per hour through Jan. 1, 2031. After that date, 20 miles per hour will become the standard in school zones where signs are posted.

Another traffic safety measure, Assembly Bill 1014, authorizes the Department of Transportation to reduce highway speed limits by five miles per hour and requires warning citations during the first 30 days after a reduction.

Assembly Bill 390 expands California's "slow down and move over" law to include highway maintenance vehicles and any stationary vehicle using flashing hazard lights, cones or flares. Drivers must change lanes when possible or slow to a safe speed when approaching such vehicles.

Several new laws address electric bicycles and electric motorcycles. Assembly Bill 544 requires

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From Hot Spots to High Speed

Broadband Internet Access Boosts Galt's Connectivity



"Galt's city officials have expressed real interest in working with us to boost broadband, so we are working with them on a potential fiber market in that city," said Mark Peterson, strategic projects manager at unWired Broadband. Photo by USA-Reiseblogger via Pixabay

**By Sharmarke Holif
and Andrew Brown**

Editor's note: This story was produced as part of a collaboration between Sacramento State University's journalism program and Messenger Publishing Group. Journalism majors used U.S. Census Bureau figures and other large datasets to report on trends occurring

throughout the region.

GALT, CA (MPG) - Access to high-speed internet has grown quickly in recent years across much of rural Sacramento County, the latest census figures show.

Broadband refers to internet access at high speeds. The expansion of broadband enables faster web services and quicker loading times for homes, schools, and businesses.

Rural cities in Sacramento County such as Galt have seen an influx in broadband access in the past eight years.

Galt broadband coverage jumped from about 85% in the period covering 2013 to 2017 to about 92% in the period covering 2019 to 2023, the latest census data show.

"Having the internet, whether it is

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Multiple Arrests Made in Statewide Retail Theft Investigation, CHP Says

California Highway Patrol News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Thirteen suspects were arrested, and more than \$800,000 in stolen merchandise was recovered following a coordinated, multi-agency operation targeting an organized retail theft network operating across Northern California.

In September, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Valley Division Organized Retail Crime Task Force (ORCTF) was alerted to a pair of retail theft suspects who stole merchandise in Placer County and at multiple other locations throughout the state. The Valley Division ORCTF includes investigators from the CHP, Sacramento Police Department and the Placer County District Attorney's



Office.

On Oct. 1, the Rocklin Police Department conducted a traffic stop involving the suspects and requested assistance from the Valley Division ORCTF. During the investigation, the suspects provided information identifying individuals who were purchasing stolen merchandise from them and reselling it for profit. Investigators also learned the stolen goods were being distributed and sold at flea markets in Oakland, San Jose, Galt, Modesto and Stockton.

Based on this information, ORCTF investigators conducted surveillance operations that corroborated the suspects' statements and established links among the theft suspects, those purchasing and reselling the stolen merchandise, and the flea-market distribution locations. Investigators subsequently obtained multiple search warrants covering six residences, three storage lockers and one storage lot.

On Dec. 11, a coordinated multi-agency enforcement effort,

Operation Silent Night, was executed in Oakland, Richmond, San Leandro and Galt. The operation resulted in the arrest of 13 suspects. Investigators seized two firearms, more than \$10,000 in cash, five vans, two passenger vehicles and two trailers.

More than 400 boxes and 200 bags of stolen merchandise were recovered, including cosmetics, household goods, clothing, power tools, toys, alcohol and diapers. All suspects were transported to the Placer County Jail for booking.

On Dec. 12, Cal Expo provided an exposition hall to assist with the processing and cataloging of the recovered merchandise.

In partnership with affected retailers, investigators documented a total of 44,140 stolen

items valued in excess of \$800,000.

The following are those who were taken into custody: Isaid Garcia Chapas, 41, Oakland; Irene Cruz Barragan, 35, Oakland; Daniela Cruz Barragan, 33, Oakland; Robert Lorenzo Luna-Varela, 34, Oakland; Jefferson Isaid Garcia-Rivera, 22, Oakland; Jennifer Garcia Cruz, 19, Oakland; Elan Rosales Montes, 35, Oakland; Claudia Ivet Cruz Barragan, 42, Oakland; Yolanda Carrillo Martinez, 45, Oakland; Ivan Miranda Espinoza, 33, Oakland; Bach Ngoc Thi Bui, 53, El Sobrante; Yuridia Sandoval Ramirez, 35, Oakland; and Eryn Wilfred Corea Guevara, 29, Oakland.

"Organized retail theft is not a victimless crime. It impacts businesses, workers and communities

across California. This investigation highlights the strength of collaboration between law enforcement and our retail partners, and our commitment to holding organized theft networks accountable," said California Highway Patrol Valley Division Chief Tyler Eccles.

Since the ORCTF's inception in 2019, the California Highway Patrol has been involved in over 4,200 investigations, leading to the arrest of more than 4,700 suspects and the recovery of nearly 1.5 million stolen goods valued at more than \$68.7 million statewide as of Nov. 30.

The California Highway Patrol extends its appreciation to all participating law enforcement agencies, task force members, Cal Expo and retail partners whose collaboration led to the success of this investigation. The case remains ongoing.

The mission of the California Highway Patrol is to provide the highest level of "Safety, Service and Security." ★

New Laws Aim to Improve Road Safety Across State

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electric bicycles to have a red reflector or a solid or flashing red rear light with a built-in reflector during all hours of operation.

The bill also allows the California Highway Patrol's online electric bicycle safety and training program to satisfy safety course requirements for minors cited for helmet violations.

Senate Bill 586 defines an off-highway electric motorcycle, known as an eMoto, as a vehicle designed primarily for off-highway use that is powered by an electric motor, has handlebars, a straddle seat and two wheels and does not have pedals.

The bill classifies eMotos as

off-highway motor vehicles, subjecting them to existing regulations including helmet requirements and DMV-issued identification plates.

Vehicle storage and removal provisions are addressed in Assembly Bill 875. The law allows officers to impound a vehicle for at least 48 hours if it has fewer than four wheels, does not meet the definition of an electric bicycle, can exceed 20 miles per hour and is operated by an unlicensed driver. It also applies to class 3 electric bicycles operated by riders under 16. A safety course may be required before release when a child is involved.

Assembly Bill 289 establishes the State Highway Work Zone Speed Safety Program, authorizing a pilot program

that uses radar or laser systems to detect speeding in work zones. The system will photograph license plates and issue citations to registered owners, with procedures for review and appeal.

The California Highway Patrol also highlighted laws approved during the 2024 legislative session that take effect this year.

Beginning Jan. 1, Senate Bill 1271 strengthens safety standards for electric bicycles, powered mobility devices and lithium-ion batteries. The law requires testing by accredited laboratories, compliance labeling and prohibits the sale or lease of noncompliant devices. Starting Jan. 1, 2028, renting noncompliant devices will also be prohibited.

Self-driving cars, autonomous vehicles (Avs), oversight expands under Assembly Bill 1777.

Once Department of Motor Vehicles regulations are adopted, officers may issue notices of autonomous vehicle non-compliance to manufacturers for traffic violations. Beginning July 1, self-driving cars operating without a human driver must also include two-way communication devices for first responders.

Crime prevention measures include Assembly Bill 486, which makes it a misdemeanor to possess key programming devices, key duplicating devices or signal extenders with intent to commit burglary. Penalties include up to six months in county jail, a \$1,000 fine or both. ★

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Winter Bird Festival Soars Back to Town



Senate Republicans Unveil Priorities

Office of Sen. Roger Niello
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Californians are paying more and getting less. Even as the state is on track to collect more taxpayer money in the near future, the return on investment for core services continues to decline.

The problem is not a lack of money, but years of bad spending priorities. With an \$18 billion deficit on the horizon, California Senate Republicans unveiled their budget priorities to get back to basics, ensure results and improve the quality of life for all.

“If financial literacy will soon be a requirement for high schoolers, perhaps it should be a requirement for legislators too,” said Vice Chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee Sen. Roger Niello. “Essentially, our budget is a house of cards. One wrong move and the whole thing comes down. In addition to putting the basics first, the state needs to look at the programs it’s already funding and make sure they’re an effective and sustainable use of tax dollars.”

“The world’s fourth-largest economy should not feel like a third-world country,”

said Senate Republican Leader Brian Jones. “But year after year, Governor (Gavin) Newsom and the progressive legislature continue to lose the plot. It’s not their job to waste your money on whatever feel-good cause-of-the-day they deem worthy. It’s their job to fund public safety, support essential services, and hold government accountable.”

In their letter, Senate Republicans called for the budget to focus on lowering housing costs for renters and helping more Californians buy homes; Keeping Californians safe from crime and wildfires; Supporting hospitals and access to care for rural Californians; Eliminating fraud in Medi-Cal and other assistance programs; Investing in water and emergency services for disasters and droughts; Funding for UC and CSU so students can afford to stay and learn in California; and supporting job creators by reducing the Unemployment Insurance debt burden placed on them.

Read the full budget priority letter at bit.ly/4p5Yhb9 (case sensitive).

State Sen. Roger Niello represents District 6, which includes the cities of Galt and Herald in Sacramento County and Roseville in Placer County. ★



In its latest newsletter, the city announced that the 19th Annual Galt Winter Bird Festival will return from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 7 at McCaffrey Middle School. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

City of Galt News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - The 19th Annual Galt Winter Bird Festival returns on Saturday, Feb. 7, inviting residents and visitors to enjoy a full day celebrating nature, wildlife and community. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at McCaffrey Middle School (997 Park Terrace Drive).

The festival showcases the region’s rich birdlife through engaging experiences for all ages.

Attendees can join guided birding tours,

participate in educational workshops focused on local habitats and conservation, and explore wildlife photography and photo art exhibits featuring stunning nature imagery.

Families are encouraged to attend and enjoy kid-friendly activities, browse local vendors, and grab a bite from a variety of food trucks throughout the day.

Registration is now open for guided tours, activities and the photo art exhibit. For more information or to register, visit bit.ly/3NmKzTN (case sensitive). ★

Family Seeks Accountability for Lopez

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Lopez’s mother, Allison Lyman, told The Galt Herald outside the courthouse that she and her family were discouraged by the driver’s absence.

“It’s been a long time,” Lyman said. “We thought she’d be here... it’s just another layer of hurt and pain, and honestly, disgust.”

She said appearing in court, facing just a “little discomfort” as a way of holding Kaur accountable, was what the family had hoped for, especially as they prepare for the possibility that Kaur could avoid jail time through a diversion program.

“I don’t have any hope or optimism. We have to be prepared for a diversion

program,” Lyman said. Under Assembly Bill 3234, passed in 2020, drivers charged with misdemeanor offenses such as driving under the influence or vehicular manslaughter can have charges dismissed if they complete certain program requirements.

The Lopez-Lyman family maintains that a fatality caused by unlawful driving

should not be wiped from a driver’s record, especially, they said, with evidence such as witness testimonies that prove reckless driving.

“She turned onto oncoming traffic, right in front of everyone,” said John Lyman, Lopez’s stepfather.

Although this was the first court hearing since the crash, the family has been actively raising awareness

about diversion laws. Their advocacy led them to the Capitol for World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims on Nov. 16, 2025, and to receiving more than 10,000 signatures for their petition “Keep Killers Off Our Roads.”

Lyman said she has also reached out to local elected representatives to push for changes to the law but has seen little action so far.

“We really feel that this is an issue on our roads, as well as others,” she said.

“And they nod and they sympathize, and many of them acknowledge the problem, but not one has agreed to make a bill to change the law.”

“You know, driving is a privilege, not a right. And if you take a life due to negligence and recklessness, there should be consequences,” Lyman added.

Read The Galt Herald’s earlier coverage, “Life of Kindness, Call for Change,” at bit.ly/3Yh24HC (case sensitive). ★

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Fire Prevention Council Calls on Community to Tackle Risk

By LaCharles James
Herald Fire Prevention Council

HERALD, CA (MPG) - In Herald, residents know the beauty of eucalyptus trees with their tall silhouettes lining roads and properties. But we also know their danger. Eucalyptus bark and leaves are highly flammable, and when wild-fires ignite, these trees can act like torches, spreading flames quickly across neighborhoods.

We've seen it close to home. A few local fires have already reminded us how vulnerable our community can be. Across California, from northern towns to southern hillsides, eucalyptus-fueled fires have destroyed homes, threatened lives and strained emergency services. These aren't distant headlines; they're warnings for Herald.

That's why becoming a Firewise community matters. Firewise is a nationwide program focused on reducing wildfire risks through community-based prevention



and preparedness efforts. This effort isn't just about clearing brush or hardening homes, it's about neighbors protecting neighbors.

When one household trims eucalyptus branches, clears defensible space or removes ladder fuels, it does more than safeguard that property; it reduces risk for the entire block.

The strength of Firewise is collective action. No single homeowner can stop a wildfire, but together, we can slow its spread, protect our families and give firefighters a fighting chance.

Residents will have an opportunity Saturday,

Jan. 10 to take the next step toward Firewise recognition for Herald. The Firewise Community Launch meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. in the community room at Fire Station 87, 12746 Ivie Road.

This meeting isn't just about policy, it's about residents. It's about volunteers stepping forward to organize, plan and act so that Herald becomes a model of resilience.

Join the Herald Fire Prevention Council, protect your home, protect your neighbors and protect Herald.

The Herald Fire Prevention Council is a young, community-driven organization with a clear purpose: build wildfire resilience in Herald through practical action, inclusive planning and shared responsibility. Its tagline is, "The best way to fight fires is to prevent them." Volunteers are actively involved in being accepted and can reach out via email at heraldno-fires@gmail.com with any questions. ★

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MEETING MINDERS

Sunday, Jan. 4

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

Monday, Jan. 5

Lodi Parkinson's Support Group, 10 a.m., GracePoint Church, 801 Lower Sacramento Road (enter off Tokay Street), Lodi; 209-269-1080 or 209-329-1185.

Galt Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

Tuesday, Jan. 6

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

Wednesday, Jan. 7

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

Herald Community Club, 6:30 p.m., Hendrickson Hall, 12746 Ivie Road, Herald, 209-810-8390.

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

Friday, Jan. 9

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

Saturday, Jan. 10

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.

Thursday, Jan. 15

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

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. ★

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Saturday, Jan. 3

Stockton Kings vs. Wisconsin Herd: Collide – 5 p.m. at Golden 1 Center. Join us for this exciting game and grab discounted tickets from the link on the City of Galt's Facebook page. You'll help give our youth basketball players a memorable opportunity to step onto the court for a special game-day experience. This event supports the City of Galt Parks & Recreation in partnership with the Youth Basketball Program. A special thank you to Papas and Wings for supporting our programs and sponsoring tickets for our amazing volunteer coaches. For more information, contact Jewel Smith at 209-360-2228. 500 David J. Stern Walk, Sacramento.

Sunday, Jan. 4

Line Dance Class and Karaoke Band Practice – noon to 1 p.m. Take a line dance class; There is no charge for the class with purchase of wine. Then at 1 p.m., the band takes off with practice and karaoke. Attendees are also welcome to join in by singing or playing an instrument with the band. For more information call 209-744-6062 or email ricjan@barsettivineyards.com. 400 4th St. Suite 150.

Winter Wonder Walk – 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Shumway Oak Grove Regional Park. Meet at the Yokuts Trailhead for a walk through ancient oaks. Let's "wonder" what's going on with some of the plants and animals in winter. Free event; \$6 cash parking fee; no pets. Severe weather cancels. For more information, call the Oak Grove Nature Center at 209-953-8814. 4520 W. Eight Mile Road, Stockton.

Friday, Jan. 9 through Sunday, Jan. 11

Lodi Antique Show – at the Lodi Grape Pavilion at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. Friday, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$6 general admission, free parking, hourly door prize drawings. Whether you collect, curate or just love the thrill of the hunt, this is your chance to uncover a little piece of history right here in Lodi. More information at 408-394-3521. 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

Saturday, Jan. 10

Constitutional Speech Contest – 1 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall, District 56. This progressive contest for an oratorical scholarship 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. The public is welcome to join us to watch this first local step with our own high school students. For more information, contact Susan Mason, chair, Post 233 Oratorical, at freedom9115@1791.com. 8230 Civic Center Drive.

Guided Sandhill Crane Tour – 3:30 p.m. at the Cosumnes River Preserve. Join experienced docents and members of the "Save our Sandhill Cranes" advocacy group for a 90-minute guided tour. More information and registration at Cosumnes.

org. 13501 Franklin Blvd.

Saturday, Jan. 17

Galt Lions Foundation Annual Crab & Shrimp Feed – 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Littleton Center. All you can eat crab, shrimp, pasta, salad and rolls; \$75 per person. Tickets and more information on the Galt Lions Foundation Facebook page. 410 Civic Drive.

Ongoing Events

Galt Café & Cars – every second Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at Café Latte. Open to cars, trucks, bicycles, motorcycles and anything else with wheels. Next event is Saturday, Jan. 10. 1000 C St.

Galt Commission on Aging Bingo – Monday Jan. 5 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Chabolla Community Center. 610 Chabolla Ave.

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) Galt Marian O. Lawrence Library, 1000 Caroline Ave. and (WG) Walnut Grove, 14177 Market St.

Friday, Jan. 2: English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Tuesday, Jan. 6: Adult book group, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. This month, we'll be reading and discussing "The Many Daughters of Afong Moy" by Jamie Ford. (WG)

Wednesday, Jan. 7: English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Friday, Jan. 9: English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Veterans Meetings

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

American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 – fourth Thursdays: dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove.

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

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

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

VFW Post 2073 – second Thursdays: dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District 56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove. ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The holidays are almost behind us, but our beloved Sacramento Kings saw to it that Kings fans were treated to an early Christmas gift. Two unlikely wins in the past four games, thrilling the hometown fans with electric wins over the Houston Rockets and the Dallas Mavericks gave every Kings fan a gift to remember.

A closer look at the Mavericks game gave fans a chance to stare and wonder, who is that guy sinking 3 for 6 shots from the 3-point line and adding 9 big points to the win total. None other than all but forgotten Doug McDermott, who ignited the team and created havoc for the visiting Mavericks team.

As I have expressed, McDermott is a weapon and should be used as such. He presents an immediate problem for opposing defenses when he enters a game, and against Dallas he was exactly that.

The Kings lit the beam with a 113-107 win over the visiting Mavericks, and for once McDermott had a reason to shower after the game.

I was pleased to see that his insertion into the Dallas game was not an anomaly, as McDermott saw action in Sunday night's game against the Lakers as well. Despite the fact that McDermott was only 1 for 4 from 3-point land, just seeing a rotation that had him playing a part was gratifying for me, and I hope it marks a change in Doug Christie's approach to in-game rotations moving forward.

In spite of their record, the Kings have real talent on this team and were it not for injuries and the inability to put lineups on the floor that represent sense, the likelihood of Sacramento approaching a 500 record at this point in the season is not out of the question.

Are there moves that need to be made? Yes, and they will come, but in the meantime, let's use the talent we currently have and see more wins like the ones over Houston and Dallas.

Not to be overlooked is the sensational play of ageless wonder, Russell Westbrook. A pivotal piece in the win over Houston, Westbrook added 21 crucial points, sinking 5 shots from beyond the arc, while adding 13 rebounds and 4 assists. King's fans are watching a legend

in action, and as he thrives on both ends of the court each night, no one would believe he is 37 years old. If you haven't yet bought a ticket to see this future hall-of-famer play, I exhort you to do so as quickly as you can. He is worth the price of admission, and you will say you've seen one of the great basketball players of all time.

In the Kings' recent win over Dallas, Westbrook passed Magic Johnson on the all time assists list, moving into 7th place. It remains to be seen if this will be Westbrook's last season, but if he continues to play at the pace he is now, there's every reason to believe that Kings fans may be in for one more season.

Domantas Sabonis is sorely missed, yet Sacramento finds ways to win in spite of their focal piece missing, and in the win over the Mavericks the Kings did not have the services of either Zach Lavine or Keegan Murray.

What that should tell Kings fans is that not only is there talent on this team, but team chemistry and rotations matter. I am hopeful that the appearance of Doug McDermott is just one small step in the right direction.

What will this team resemble with a healthy Domantas Sabonis in the paint, and Christie making rotations that make sense?

If there is anything good about an injury, in the case of Domantas, it forced Christie into playing 7' rookie Max Renaud, and he has responded in a big way.

Renaud had 12 points and 14 rebounds in the win over the Rockets and added 19 points in the win over Dallas.

Can Domantas and Renaud play side by side? Only time will tell, but I have long wondered if Sabonis could thrive as a number 4, and with Renaud in the lineup there is a chance we could witness just that.

Stay tuned Kings fans, because a move is in the offing, and it's my prayer that this next move is auspicious.

All the best for a happy and prosperous New Year!

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

Very Odd Election Year Starts with Republicans Possibly Leading the Governor's Race



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The 2026 campaigns for governor, a raft of other statewide offices, 52 congressional seats and 100 slots in the state Legislature officially begin today with the onset of candidate filing. It could be one of the oddest election cycles in California's 175 years as a state, albeit one that puts the state's convoluted politics in the national spotlight.

There are so many Democrats running for governor that it's theoretically possible for a Republican to win the office, despite the state's deeply blue political profile, especially with the possibility of even more Democratic hopefuls jumping into the mob -- as a herd of kangaroos is dubbed in Australia.

Meanwhile, both incumbent members of Congress and aspirants will be running in districts that have been radically gerrymandered to shrink Republicans' tiny delegation even more, as Democrats seek to regain control of Congress.

The possibility of a Republican governor, although very scant, stems from the state's top-two primary election system. All candidates, regardless of party, will appear on the same June 2 primary election ballot, and the two with

the highest percentages of the vote -- no matter how small those shares may be -- will face each other in the November election.

With upwards of a dozen Democrats now running and the possibility of others, it's possible the two Democrats in the mix so far -- Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco and former television commentator Steve Hilton -- could theoretically finish one and two with perhaps as few as 10-15% of the votes each.

It's not likely if the Democratic cohort shrinks in the next few months as the weakest contenders drop out, lacking enough money or poll support to continue. However, the lack of a natural Democratic frontrunner and the seeming lack of party leadership strong enough to cull the herd bolster the mathematical possibility of a GOP upset.

Had former Vice President Kamala Harris or U.S. Sen. Alex Padilla decided to run, either would have been the immediate frontrunner. But by opting out, they left a vacuum.

At the moment, former Congresswoman Katie Porter is leading the Democratic pack, albeit with scarcely double-digit support in the polls. She and former Controller Betty Yee are the only two women now running with Harris. Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis and former state Sen. Toni Atkins out. Porter also gained recognition during her unsuccessful bid for a U.S. Senate seat last year.

Billionaire Tom Steyer is currently the most visible contender, spending some of his immense

wealth on television and internet ads to depict himself as a populist who rails against "Sacramento politicians" and promises to reduce electric bills -- not unlike how Donald Trump achieved success.

Beyond Porter, former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and former Attorney General and Biden cabinet member Xavier Becerra appear to be the strongest Democratic strivers. However, everyone is still waiting to see whether Attorney General Rob Bonta or Los Angeles businessman Rick Caruso will opt in.

Having so much uncertainty this late in the game is very unusual. However, at some point, perhaps around February or March, when the Democratic field finally begins to shrink, it will be possible to sort out the truly viable candidates from the wannabes and do some realistic handicapping.

Until then, as Willie Brown, the former state Assembly speaker and San Francisco Mayor and one of the state's most astute politicians, put it to Politico:

"The field is not considered of a quality that you as a Democrat would expect in California. We're still pretty much carried away with stardom, with individuals who have some impact ... We don't have any candidates like that at the moment."

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

Social Security Matters

I'm on SS Disability; Should I Switch to Regular Social Security?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: Should I take my Social Security now at age 62, or wait till I am 65? I've been collecting SS disability due to health issues and was curious if I should wait or claim my regular Social Security retirement benefits now. **Signed: Disabled but Wondering**

Dear Disabled but Wondering: If you are now collecting Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits and you are still disabled, it would be a disadvantage to claim your SS retirement benefits at this time (age

62), or even at age 65. That's because your SSDI benefit is the same as your full retirement age (FRA) amount, as calculated for you at the point you became disabled. Born after 1959, your FRA is age 67, but you are already receiving your FRA benefit while on SS disability even though you have not yet reached your full retirement age. That full SSDI benefit will automatically convert to become your SS retirement benefit when you reach your full retirement age.

If you were to claim your normal SS retirement benefit any earlier than your SS full retirement age of 67, the amount you get would be reduced for claiming early. At your current age, you would likely get between 75% and 80% of what you are now receiving on SSDI (depending on your exact age in the month you claim), and at age 65 you would get about 87% of what you are now receiving on Social

Security disability.

In other words, as long as your disability continues and you remain eligible for Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, you should not switch to your normal SS retirement benefit, because you would get less money. And the resulting benefit reduction would be permanent.

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The Bondi Beach attack in Australia was shocking, but not at all surprising. Some of the details were distinctive -- an idyllic spot on the Pacific Ocean instantly turned into a killing field, a father-son terror squad -- but the basic picture of a radicalized Muslim immigrant targeting a gathering of Jews was dreadfully familiar.

These events follow the same pattern because the fundamentalist version of Islam is, at its root, hostile to Jews. Let's say that there was a refugee flow of Unitarians, and some portion of those Unitarians was antagonistic to traditional Christians, such that they vandalized their businesses, harassed them in the streets and launched massive protests in favor of overseas Unitarian terror groups. In that case, we'd obviously cast a skeptical eye on Unitarian immigration.

Yet, this hasn't been true of Muslim immigration. Mainstream political parties across the West that have championed this open-handed policy are, understandably, losing ground to restriction parties that are more clear-eyed about the realities of immigration.

Antisemitism comes in all sorts of varieties, whether Christian, Muslim or secular. Still, it'd startle us to learn that someone attending a fundamentalist Christian church went and shot up a Jewish event, whereas it's not that unusual in an adherent of

Australia's Dangerous Naivete

fundamentalist Islam.

Now, there are different interpretations of Islam, and it's not the role of an outsider to say which is correct. The key point is that important Muslim authorities and countless millions of the faithful embrace a fundamentalist version influential in war-torn areas of the broader Middle East that have sent so many refugees to the West.

The fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood -- Hamas is the Palestinian branch -- was markedly antisemitic well before the establishment of the state of Israel. As one analyst has noted, its anti-Jewish agitation included "boycotts, graffiti and physical violence."

Sound familiar? A rancid paranoia about the Jews runs through this worldview. The 20th century Muslim Brotherhood ideologue Sayyid Qutb referred to "the tricks played by world Jewry so that the Jews may penetrate into body politic of the whole world and then may be free to perpetuate their evil designs."

The original 1988 Hamas charter reads like a transcript of the Candace Owens podcast, except with an armed wing attached. It avers that the Jews "strived to amass great and substantive material wealth," and used it to take "control of the world media." They are responsible for the French and Bolshevik revolutions, indeed, "most of the revolutions we heard and hear about." They founded "secret societies, such as Freemasons, Rotary Clubs, the Lions and others in differ-

ent parts of the world for the purpose of sabotaging societies."

They started World War I and World War II -- indeed, "there is no war going on anywhere, without having their finger in it." The document pronounced its support for Muhammad's prediction: "The Day of Judgment will not come about until Muslims fight the Jews (killing the Jews), when the Jew will hide behind stones and trees. The stones and trees will say O Muslims, O Abdulla, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him."

On top of all of this, it is believed that any territory once ruled by Muslims (i.e., all of Israel) must be retaken for Islam, and there is a feeling of bitter resentment at the power and success that the Jewish state has been able to amass while Muslim countries in the region have been torn apart by civil strife and stifled by catastrophically poor governance.

All of this is a toxic brew, and yet a swathe of the Muslim world is beholden to these beliefs. It is foolish to think that some element of Muslim immigrants to the West won't share this worldview and act on it -- to our great regret.

Australia welcomed a large influx of Muslim immigrants over the last several decades and accommodated a surge of antisemitism after Oct. 7. The resulting atrocity at Bondi Beach was heartrending and all too predictable.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Free Car Seat Program Protects Children

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), has awarded Sacramento County Public Health a \$137,039 grant to continue and expand the reach of the car seat safety program in partnership with Dignity Health, Mercy San Juan Medical Center. The grant program runs through Sept. 30, 2026. This is the fifth consecutive year Sacramento County Public Health has received grant funding for its car seat safety program.

“Car seat safety saves lives but only when families have the knowledge and resources to use them correctly,” said Dr. Kasiry, Sacramento County public health officer. “With funding from the Office of Traffic Safety and our partnership with Dignity Health, Mercy San Juan Medical Center, we’re doing our part to make sure every child can travel safely.”

Car crashes are one of the leading causes of deaths and injuries for children and many of these injuries are easily prevented using child safety seats and seat belts. Using a properly fitted child safety seat can reduce the risk of car crash deaths by 71 percent for infants and 54 percent for toddlers ages 1-4, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The goal of the car seat program is to give every child in Sacramento County access to the safest possible travel environment. The program provides child safety seat inspection and education classes; child passenger safety technician and recertification courses; no-cost child safety seats for families in need and community outreach efforts in underserved communities.

In 2025, the car seat safety program distributed more than 400 car seats to families in need. Over 1,300 parents, grandparents and caregivers learned about correct car seat use and installation through online workshops, in-person classes, community health fairs and school resource fairs, among other events.

“The value and importance of car seats cannot be overstated, as they are directly tied to the safety



“Car seat safety saves lives but only when families have the knowledge and resources to use them correctly,” said Dr. Kasiry, Sacramento County public health officer. Photo courtesy Freepik

and lives of children. Many of our clients come from countries such as Afghanistan and various Arab nations, where car seats are not commonly used, and where their importance is not fully recognized,” said Zalmi Ahadi, a caseworker at Al-Misbaah – a faith-based nonprofit that partners with Dignity Health to distribute car seats and educate parents.

“The collaboration and educational programs offered by Mercy San Juan Car Seat Program have a vital and life-saving impact for immigrant families.”

The program hosts workshops specifically targeting underserved and refugee communities, offering resources in multiple languages to make certain families, regardless of background or ability to afford a car seat, are equipped to protect their children on the roads.

According to Loran Abassi, program manager with the Refugee Enrichment & Development Association (REDA), one client arrived in

Sacramento in April 2025 with his five-month-old twins and was struggling to navigate life in a new country while learning how to be a first-time father. Unfamiliar with U.S. car seat laws and without the financial means to purchase car seats, he faced a critical safety gap for his children.

The Dignity Health Mercy San Juan Car Seat Program provided him with hands-on education about car seat safety and two car seats for his twins. He walked away with knowledge and tools to transport his children safely as he began a new chapter for his family in Sacramento County.

The program’s success hinges on community involvement. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPSTs) are an integral part of the program and offer hands-on assistance at car seat inspection events. They’ve helped install over 600 car seats properly for families to make sure their children are safe.

“It has been a great privilege to do my part in ensuring that underserved and low-income

families in our community have access to appropriate child safety seats, regardless of their socioeconomic status,” said Allison Boltz, a community injury prevention educator at Mercy San Juan Medical Center. “Caregivers often share their gratitude and the sense of relief that comes with knowing that they are really doing their best to keep their children safe in their car.”

Iris Austin, the First Lady at Higher Heights Community Church, shared the story of a mother who attended one of the workshops with her mother-in-law, who recalled that her own son had been in a serious car crash as a child and still carries the scar today. During the training, the grandmother became emotional, reliving the fear and trauma of that experience.

A technician with the Dignity Health, Mercy San Juan Car Seat Program took time to walk with her to her vehicle and check the car seat installation, which was found to be incorrect. When it was gently corrected, the grandmother expressed

overwhelming gratitude, saying she never wanted her grandson to go through what her son had endured.

The Child Passenger Safety Program is designed to meet families where they are, whether that’s a workshop at their church or local health center, so they can receive a free car seat or learn about the importance of safe travel for their children.

Interested participants are encouraged to make a car seat safety check appointment at Methodist Hospital or Mercy San Juan Medical Center, and can call the Car Seat Hotline at (916) 864-5779 with any questions.

For more information about the program, visit Sacramento County Childhood Illness and Injury Prevention or contact Riley Stoltenburg at (916) 875-6094 or StoltenburgR@sac-county.gov.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). ★

First Flu-Related Death of the Season Confirmed

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County Department of Health Services, Public Health Division (SCPH) is reporting the first influenza-related death of the 2025-26 flu season.

The individual, who was a child, had no underlying medical conditions and died of complications of influenza (also known as the flu). At this time, vaccination status is unknown.

Some people are at high risk of developing serious influenza-related complications. This includes people 65 years and older, people of any age with certain chronic medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease), pregnant women, and young children under 5 years old.

Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The flu is different from a cold. The flu comes on suddenly. People who have the flu often feel some or all of these symptoms: fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches, fatigue



Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. Photo courtesy Freepik

(tiredness), or vomiting and diarrhea.

Most people who get the flu recover in a few days to less than two weeks, but some people will develop complications (such as pneumonia) as a result of the flu, some of which can be life-threatening and result in death.

According to the California Department of Public Health, everyone over 6 months of age should receive the flu vaccine each year.

In addition to vaccination, the public is encouraged to take the following steps to protect themselves and others against flu, COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses: wash hands thoroughly and frequently,

cover coughs and sneezes. stay home from work or school when sick, consider indoor masking in crowded places, improve ventilation by opening windows or moving events outdoors, and disinfect frequently used surfaces.

For those at higher risk who do get sick, get tested and talk with your healthcare provider about treatment options.

Flu vaccines can be accessed at your healthcare provider’s office and many local pharmacies.

For more information, visit Sacramento County Department of Health Services, Public Health Division’s list of flu and covid vaccination locations at www.sac-county.gov. ★

Volunteers Needed to Help Understand and Address Homelessness



This community effort will not only help to determine the number of people experiencing homelessness in the Sacramento region but will also help us to: understand why people in our community become homeless; create better policies, programs and services; track progress in reducing homelessness. Photo courtesy Freepik

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Want to help Sacramento better understand and address homelessness? You’re invited to volunteer for the 2026 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count.

This community effort will not only help to determine the number of people experiencing homelessness in the Sacramento region but will also help us to: understand why people in our community become homeless; create better policies, programs and services; track progress in reducing homelessness and secure federal funding which supports local shelters and services.

The Point-in-Time (PIT) count will be held 5–11 p.m. on Jan. 26 and 27. Registration is required by Jan. 15.

“While it captures only a snapshot in time, the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count offers valuable, community-wide participation and insight. It helps us better understand homelessness in our region and ensures our community can continue accessing funding that directly supports our neighbors who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness,” said Dr. Trenton Simmons, chief program officer of Sacramento Steps Forward. ★

No experience is required for volunteers, with mini training video segments and other materials provided ahead of the nights of the count to help volunteers know what to expect. Volunteers will meet at one central location before heading out to predetermined routes across the County.

Volunteers will use a mobile phone app to record the number of people they encounter who said they would be sleeping outdoors or in vehicles. They also will conduct a brief survey with those willing to participate to better understand who is experiencing homelessness in Sacramento, for how long and what kinds of services could best assist them.

While volunteers focus on people living unsheltered outdoors, the overall Point-in-Time (PIT) Count includes those staying in respite centers and shelters.

To canvass, a volunteer must be at least 18 years old, be willing to travel by foot and car to predetermined locations and be willing to use their personal smartphone and flashlight.

Ready to be part of resolving homelessness in our community? Register now at www.sacramentostepsforward.org/data-and-analytics/2026-sacramento-point-in-time-count/ ★

From Hot Spots to High Speed

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through fiber or our wireless services, has really become an essential service for both consumers and businesses.” said Mark Peterson, strategic projects manager of unWired Broadband.

Peterson said that unWired Broadband has spoken with city officials of Galt to expand broadband access. The company is hoping to bring even faster internet to the area.

“Galt’s city officials have expressed real interest in working with us to boost broadband, so we are working with them on a potential fiber market in that city.” Peterson said.

Fiber is a very efficient method of internet connection that allows users to stream videos, video chat

and more. It could aid businesses by offering more remote work opportunities and generally supply better internet access to everyone.

“unWired currently covers all of Galt,” said unWired Broadband marketing specialist Taylor Singleton.

Singleton also highlighted how unWired Broadband can deliver into homes.

“One of the most common obstacles to delivering Internet service is limited line-of-sight to our nearby towers. Our network operates through local towers within about 10 miles of the customer’s location but physical obstructions like trees or buildings can interfere with the signal and make service unavailable

at certain addresses,” Singleton said.

Singleton said that unWired uses advanced technology to maintain strong internet connections even in areas with many trees and other obstructions.

Valley Vision, a non-profit civic leadership organization, has worked for years to bring broadband to more areas in the Sacramento region.

“Fiber is generally the best option since it delivers high-speed internet directly to peoples’ homes,” said Valley Vision managing director Trish Kelly. “But wireless options are more popular and affordable and faster to distribute in rural places like Galt since they use radio signals from towers to reach houses.”

Liberty Ranch High School Principal Joseph Saramago works closely with students to make broadband more accessible. Fiber broadband has helped the Galt community by connecting people with high-speed internet, providing stronger services to the public and offering students access to online classes.

“It’s a good feeling to know we can help them. We want to have a level playing field for all students,” Saramago said. “I think we’ve been successful in being able to provide those in need with the tools necessary to access the curriculum, so that we’re working on a level playing field.”

During the pandemic, Saramago said that Liberty

Ranch went digital, applying a one-to-one system assigning a computer to each student.

“We went to one to one and that was eye opening as many students living in the country did not have internet access,” Saramago said. “We handed out hot spots to assist them with accessing the curriculum. Today, we still use the 1 to 1 and have far fewer students requiring a hot spot.”

With the expansion of broadband, hot spots for students are less necessary as connection to the internet becomes more accessible.

California Public Utilities Commission public information officer Taseen Shamim said that the utilities commission uses multiple programs to bridge this digital divide in California.

“For example, the CPUC administers the California

Advanced Services Fund (CASF) program to encourage deployment of high-quality advanced communications services to all Californians,” Shamim said.

Grants such as this one among others help the California Public Utilities Commission fund more broadband access to places such as Rio Linda and Galt.

Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) Executive Officer Jose Henriquez said that private companies lead the way in installing broadband to communities such as Rio Linda.

Companies that expand broadband access to these communities include Xfinity, HughesNet, Viasat, and T-Mobile. AT&T also plans to expand the fiber market to rural communities in the future. ★

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and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Raul L. Jara and Celia L. Jara, his wife, as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 03/20/2006 as Instrument No. Book 20060320 Page 1171 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Sacramento County, California. Date of Sale 01/29/2026 at 1:30 PM Place of Sale: At the east main entrance to the county courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$482,174.62 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1018 Tudor Street, Galt, CA 95632 A.P.N.: 148-0270-002-0000 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. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. 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.

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Civil Code. If you are a “representative of all eligible tenant buyers” you may be able to 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 888-264-4010, or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com. using the file number assigned to this case 25-01713-RM-CA 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 a “representative of all eligible tenant buyers” or “eligible bidder,” you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code, the potential rights described herein shall apply only to public auctions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 12/11/2025 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 714-730-2727; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Connie Hernandez, Trustee Sales Representative A-4860692 12/19/2025, 12/26/2025, 01/02/2026 GALTHERALD 01-02-2026

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No.: 2019-02711-CA A.P.N.:128-0200-032-0000 / 820-0901-369-0000 Property Address: 12866 Orange Road, WILTON, CA 95693 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/18/1998. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Trustor: ELIZABETH PERRY, An Unmarried Woman Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 08/31/1998 as Instrument No. 199808310219 in book --, page-- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale: 02/03/2026 at 09:00 AM Place of Sale: EAST MAIN ENTRANCE, GORDON D. SCHABER SACRAMENTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 720 9TH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814 Estimated amount of

unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 76,732.40 THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as: More fully described in said Deed of Trust. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 12866 Orange Road, WILTON, CA 95693 A.P.N.: 128-0200-032-0000 / 820-0901-369-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$ 76,732.40. Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt. 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. The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. 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 re-

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

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

FY26, Form 470 #260010184
Category 2: Internal Connections-Cabling
1 Site, Approximately 11 Fiber Runs

MANDATORY JOB WALK: January 9th, 2026, at 10:00 AM. Galt High School, 145 N. Lincoln Way, Galt, CA 95632-1720. Attendees must attend the full walk. Attendance will be taken at the beginning and the end of the meeting. Only vendors that attend the entirety of the walk will be qualified to submit a RFP response.

This is a Public Works project and will require Bonds and Insurance. Prevailing wage rates must be paid and Certified Payroll Records submitted at the conclusion of the projects. This project requires the services of contractors holding a valid California C7 or C10 contractor's license that will be current for the entire installation. Contractor must be familiar with SB854 and its requirements. This is an E-Rate funded project. Vendor must participate in the E-Rate Program and must provide a Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) and Federal Registration Number (FCC-FRN) with the proposal.

This RFP is pursuant to Public Contract Codes 20118.2, 20111, and 22000.

All public works projects shall be subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the department of industrial relations.

Pursuant to California Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 all public works contractors and subcontractors must be registered with the department of industrial relations.

FY26, Form 470 #260009013
Category 2: Internal Connections/Network Electronics/BMIC/MBIS

Electronic proposals for both Form 470 will be accepted up to but not later than February 12, 2026 10:00 AM PST. The RFP and all addendum(s), questions and answers will be posted to the E-Rate EPC website at https://portal.usac.org/suite/The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive informality in any proposals received, even with SLF funding approval. In addition, the district reserves the right to deny any or all proposals associated with this RFP, even with SLD funding approval. The district reserves the right to accept the pricing proposal solely dependent upon SLD approval.

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WE SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

'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.

Square Dance Classes Mondays

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

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

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

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.

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. ★

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Dec. 22 to Dec. 29, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 10 arrests.

Dec. 22

12:32 p.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Galt Sports Complex on Caroline Avenue.

2:48 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Galt Police Department on Industrial Drive.

6:23 p.m., Theft, Park Stream Drive: Tools stolen from work truck. Reporting party declined report.

Dec. 23

6:38 a.m., Theft reported, Galt Market on Meladee Lane: Cart key taken.

9:27 a.m., Shoplifting/Adult Arrest, Chevron on Simmerhorn Road.

10:01 a.m., Theft reported, Fawcett Court: Tools taken from work truck.

5:28 p.m., Vandalism, Oak Avenue: Wire to vehicle battery cut. Reporting party declined report.

Dec. 26

12:40 p.m., Theft reported, Marian O Lawrence Library on Caroline Avenue: Male adult, with a black beanie, goatee, wearing a white T-shirt and black pants; subject allegedly stole son's bike.

8:52 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Highway 99 Southbound/Fairway Drive.

Dec. 27

2:53 a.m., Vandalism reported, 7-Eleven on Pine Street.

9:33 a.m., Recovered Stolen Vehicle, Palin Avenue.

2:59 p.m., Attempt Theft/Tamper reported, Marichal Way: Reporting party's Chevy Traverse has a cut on the muffler.

Dec. 28

7:32 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, McDonald's, East Stockton Boulevard.

8:54 p.m., Vandalism reported, Walker Park on West Elm Avenue: Acura TSX had the windows broken; does not appear anything was taken.

11:16 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, 7-Eleven, Pine Street.

Dec. 29

12:24 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Highway 99 Southbound/Fairway Drive.

2:51 p.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, North Lincoln Way/Amador Avenue.

2:54 p.m., Theft reported, Golden Heights Drive: Truck exhaust stolen.

4:36 p.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Fourth Street-Fifth Street Alley/E Street. ★

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husband, Henry II. By the 19th century, profiteroles were being made in England and France. They began being eaten at elegant Victorian dinners and came in different shapes such as swans or pyramids, and often had a vanilla or chocolate filling. They were commonly eaten with wine, tea or coffee.

Cream puffs first appeared in a restaurant in the United States in 1851, where they made their debut at the Revere House Restaurant in Boston. Today, cream puffs can be purchased in bakeries, and frozen cream puffs can be bought at most supermarkets. Or you can make them yourself. For such a fancy dessert they are incredibly easy to make. It is one of the "go to" desserts in my family.

And when strawberries are ripe and sweet we add them on top. Now, does that

just make you want to blow off that diet resolution and tuck into a cream puff?

Need some motivation? Well, let me help you out. Today is also National Motivation and Inspiration Day. It was created in part as a reaction to the tragedies of Sept. 11, 2001, and the Congressional resolution similarly states that "a renewed focus on motivation and inspiration is particularly important in the wake of the tragedies of September 11, 2001." In this sense, the loss and sacrifice of those on that day motivates and inspires us in our own lives.

The primary goal of the day is to help people focus on maintaining motivation and inspiration in their lives.

According to the Congressional resolution, motivation and inspiration have played a role in the achievements of society, and both are needed by children and adults.

Inspiration is needed to define goals, and motivation is needed to achieve them, and with both of these things success and happiness can be achieved.

The beginning of the year was chosen as the time for the holiday because it is "often a time of reflection, planning and goal-setting." Observe the day by acknowledging the importance of motivation and inspiration in your daily life and renewing your focus on it. Plan and set goals and strategies for the year ahead, and work to be the best you can be and to reach your full potential as you go forward.

Today can also be used to reflect on the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001, and to be motivated and inspired by their lives in order to live your own life more fully. To quote a friend from Illinois, "Look up with trust (have faith in the Lord), look back with gratitude (remember the good), and look forward with hope (today is what you make it.)"

Words to live by.

I hope this brings you a new sense of joy for a blessed new year. Remember, life is short. Let your family and friends know you love them. Give them a hug just because you can.

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

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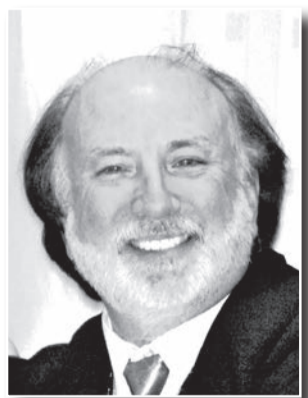
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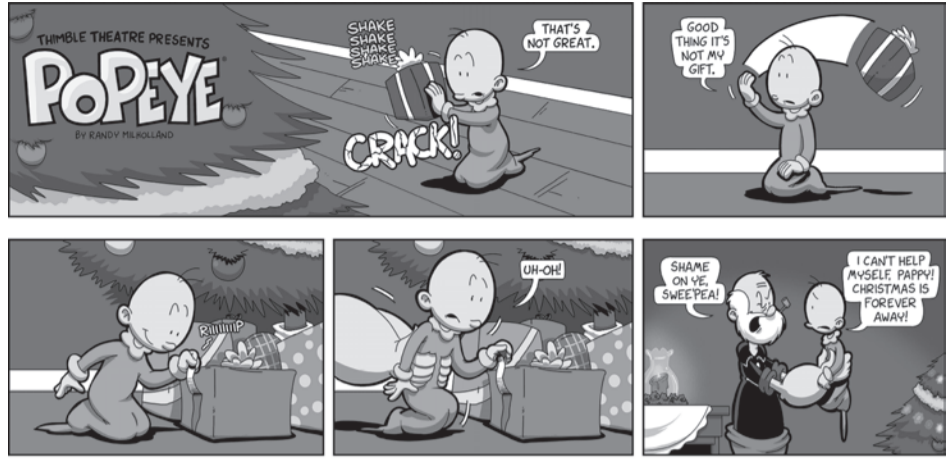
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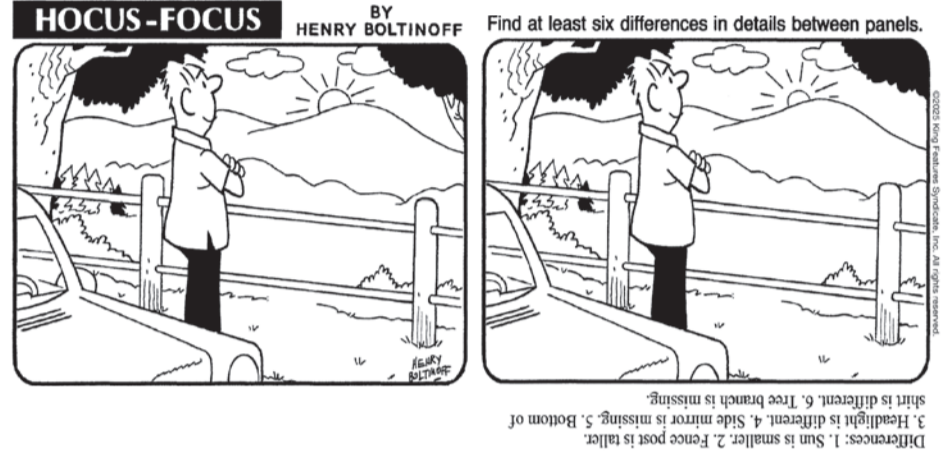
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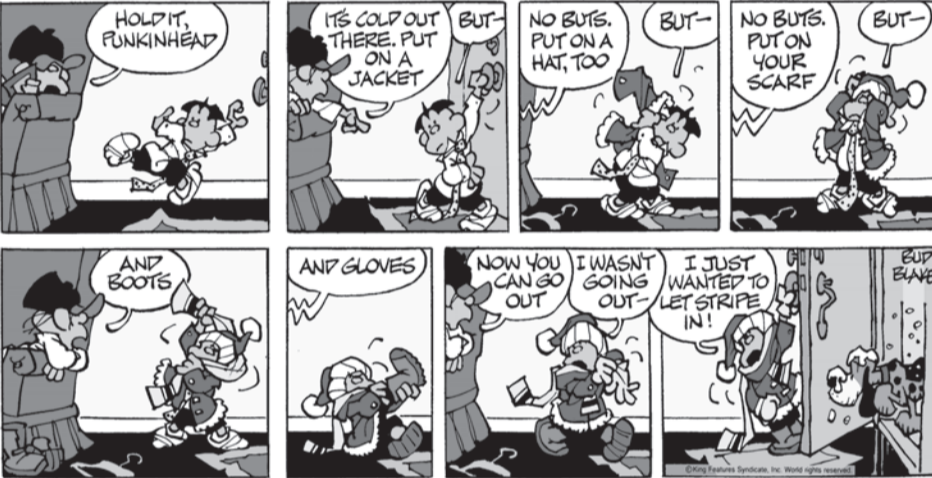
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- Nirvana's "Come as You ___"
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- A mixture or medley
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- *Opposite of pasture
- *Common varieties are yellow, red and white
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Liberty Ranch 2025 Highlights

Girls' Basketball Wins Sections at Golden 1

Liberty Ranch Girls' Soccer Wins Sections



In a thrilling showdown at the Golden 1 Center, the Liberty Ranch girls' basketball team etched their name into the history books by clinching their first-ever section title, defeating the Riverbank Bears 55-50 on Saturday, March 1. This monumental victory marked a significant milestone for the Hawks and their dedicated fans. Photo by Paige Lampson



On Feb. 10, the Lady Hawks of Liberty Ranch High School took down the Galt Warriors, ending their hopes for an undefeated season in league play with a narrow 1-0 victory. While the Warriors took home the league title, the Hawks' triumph signaled the start of an impressive four-game shutout streak that captivated fans and strengthened the team's resolve. Photo by Paige Lampson

Softball Went to Sections and Won League

Boys' Soccer Wins Sections



The Liberty Ranch Hawks softball team dominated the league with a perfect 14-0 record, earning the title of league champions for the first time since 2022, and the team held a formidable overall record of 20-5. The Hawks kicked off their playoff season on May 14 with an emphatic victory over 13th-seeded West Campus, winning decisively with a score of 13-0. The momentum carried them into the next round, where they faced Sutter at home and again emerged victorious with a commanding 13-3 win. Photo by Paige Lampson



In a spectacular display of grit and determination, the Liberty Hawks boys soccer team clinched the section title for the first time in three years, capping off a postseason filled with hard-fought victories. Photo by Paige Lampson

Football Team Wins League, Goes Two Rounds in Playoffs



In a game that had everything – momentum swings, big plays and lead changes – the Liberty Ranch Hawks' playoff run came to an end in dramatic fashion Nov. 21 when they fell 52-49 to Ripon Christian in a CIF semifinal thriller. The Hawks battled until the final seconds, even taking their first lead since the opening quarter with just 1:49 remaining, but couldn't hold on as Ripon Christian's Daniel Lambdin caught the game-winning touchdown pass with 44 seconds left. Photo by Paige Lampson

Galt High 2025 Sports Highlights

Girls Soccer Wins League for First Time in Decades



In a momentous achievement that resonates deeply within the community, the Galt Warrior girls' soccer team clinched the SVC league title, marking their first league championship in decades. While exact records remain elusive, conversations with former coaches reveal no recollection of a previous title, the only hint being a mention in a 1990s yearbook celebrating a league victory almost forgotten in history. Photo by Paige Lampson

Boys' Soccer Team Was League Co-Champion



In a spectacular showdown, the Galt Warriors took on the Liberty Ranch Hawks on Feb. 10, with the league title hanging in the balance. The stakes were high, as the Hawks arrived at Hawk Stadium with a perfect 13-0 record, having secured a league title no matter what the outcome, while the Warriors, sitting in second place at 12-1, yearned for revenge after their season's only loss to Liberty Ranch. In an astonishing turn of events, the Warriors clinched their victory without ever scoring themselves. A mishap by a Hawk defender led to one of the most bizarre goals of the season, as he inadvertently headed the ball into his own net, giving Galt a 1-0 victory and securing a share of the league championship. Photo by Paige Lampson

Gonzales Goes to State 3 Years in a Row for Cross Country

He is Now Running at UC Merced



Galt High School Class of 2025 graduate Kitto Gonzalez took his impressive running career to the next level, earning a scholarship to compete in cross country and track at UC Merced. Gonzalez made his mark as one of Galt's most accomplished distance runners, qualifying for the state meet an impressive three times during his high school career: a testament to his dedication and natural talent on the track and trails. Photo courtesy of UC Merced Athletic Department

Stratton Shines with Assists



As the final whistle blew on the soccer season, one name echoed through the campus of Galt High School: Ben Stratton. A four-year varsity player, Stratton not only left his mark with eight goals for the season but has ascended to the pinnacle of the sport as the number one playmaker in California and in a tie for the nation's lead in assists. Photos by Paige Lampson

