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Fairsite Elementary preschool and transitional kindergarten pupils pose with local news reporter and award-winning author Leticia Ordaz on Wednesday, Jan. 7, holding copies of her book, "The Carousel King and the Space Mission."

Story and photos by Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - Fairsite Elementary welcomed back one of its own Wednesday, Jan. 7, as former student Leticia Ordaz returned to read and gift her space-adventure themed children's book, "The Carousel King and

the Space Mission," to students. Preschool and transitional kindergartners gathered in the cafeteria as Ordaz shared stories from her career as a television reporter, reflected on her journey as an author and engaged children through her reading, encouraging them to dream big. A Galt native and Galt High

School alumna, Ordaz is an Emmy Award-winning news anchor for Sacramento's KCRA station, where she has covered major national events and reports on local stories. Outside the newsroom, Ordaz writes bilingual children's books that highlight Latino and Hispanic

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Lippi Ranch Project Gets Two-Year Extension



Pictured is the proposed Lippi Ranch development encompassing 8.9 acres on the west side of town, just south of F Street at the end of Third Street, west of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and near multi-family housing, a local preschool and a senior mobile home community. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

By Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Planning Commission addressed leadership changes and updated the timeline for a long-planned residential development during its Jan. 8 meeting. Commissioners opened the meeting by electing new officers. Michaela Johnson was unanimously chosen as chair, replacing Dan Denier, while Keith Jones was unanimously reappointed as vice chair.

Johnson will take on the role at the commission's next meeting. Focus then shifted to the Lippi Ranch development, where commissioners considered a request to extend the expiration date of the project's subdivision map. Lippi Ranch encompasses 8.9 acres on the west side of town, just south of F Street at the end of Third Street, west of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. The proposed development includes 94 single-family

homes in an alley-loaded style. City staff highlighted the project as an infill development near Old Town Galt. Plans also include an internal trail system that would be open to the public. The northern portion of the property is already developed with two single-family homes, an apartment building, a barn and a groundwater pumphouse. Plans for the Lippi Ranch Subdivision Project include

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Police Arrest Suspect Following Party Shooting



Galt Police Department News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - On Jan. 9, at approximately 4:46 p.m., Galt Police officers responded to the 100 block of 2nd Street following multiple 9-1-1 calls reporting a large party and several gunshots heard in the area.

Upon arrival, officers observed a large crowd gathered outside the residence. Although no victims with gunshot wounds were located, officers discovered evidence at the scene confirming that a shooting had occurred.

During the initial response, patrol officers worked diligently to secure the scene, gather information and develop investigative leads. Their efforts quickly led to the identification of a suspect. Patrol officers identified 22-year-old Isaac Avalos, a resident of Galt, as one of the individuals involved in the shooting.

Based on evidence collected at the scene, officers determined that two suspects exchanged gunfire: one firing from a vehicle and the other while standing in a residential intersection.

At this time, it is unknown whether the suspects were known to one another.

Patrol officers later contacted and detained Avalos, who was transported to the Galt Police Department for questioning. Officers were also able to locate and recover the firearm used in the incident. Detectives interviewed Avalos, who admitted to discharging his Glock handgun, which was legally registered to him.

Avalos was arrested and booked at Sacramento County Main Jail on the following charges: 246.3(a) PC, Discharging a Firearm in a Grossly Negligent Manner; 32310(c) PC, Possession of a Large Capacity Magazine; and 25400(a)(2) PC, Carrying a Concealed Weapon on their person.

Avalos was released from custody eight hours after being booked into jail. ★

Lippi Ranch Project Gets Two-Year Extension

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the demolition of current on-site buildings and the removal of 60 trees.

The subdivision map was originally approved in December 2023 and expired Dec. 18, 2025. The applicant, residential developer True Life Companies, requested a three-year extension, pushing the expiration date to July 28, 2029.

During public comment, Aidan Barry of True Life Companies told commissioners the final map process is nearly complete and could be ready within two months.

He said the extension would allow time to complete transactions with homebuilders and cited market conditions and the complexity of city-required improvement plans as the primary causes of delay.

“If I have an opportunity to get a time extension for three years, I take it because that’s just the reality of the world we live in and the development business,” Barry said. “Things change and we need more time.”

Barry said that he anticipates the project breaking ground by the second quarter of 2026.

Representatives from Nunez Brothers, construction contractor interested in the project, also spoke in support of moving the development forward.

“It is certainly important to us,” one of the Nunez brothers said. “It’s extremely important to our family, the legacy of the Lippi Ranch and really what that means to the community of Galt.”

Several commissioners questioned whether the full three-year extension was necessary, suggesting the remaining steps should not take that long.

“Not something that



The northern portion of the Lippi Ranch development site at the end of Third Street is already developed with residential units, a barn and a groundwater pumphouse. Photo by Idaly Valencia

should take three years to have happen, I would hope,” Denier said.

Barry was asked to further explain the request by commissioners.

He said the final map for the residential parcels has been secured but completing the required improvements has extended the timeline.

“So, it’s our dance to

complete the technical work and then close our transaction with the builder that then perfects their ability to get started,” Barry said.

Commissioners noted that the work likely would not require the full three years, which Barry acknowledged could be the case given the current stage of the process.

The planning commission ultimately decided to approve a two-year extension, instead of three years, to Jan. 8, 2028.

The next planning commission meeting, covering the new Galt Ranch Retail Center at the A Street and Simmerhorn Road off-ramps, is scheduled for 6 p.m., Feb. 12 at 380 Civic Drive. ★

Matsui Issues Statement on Passing of LaMalfa

Office of Rep. Doris Matsui News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On Jan. 6, U.S. Rep. Doris Matsui (CA-07) issued the following statement on the passing of U.S. Rep. Doug LaMalfa (CA-01).

“Doug LaMalfa was a force for Northern California, in his work ethic, in his deep commitment to the region, and in his steadfast belief in public service,” said Matsui.

“He brought expertise to some of the most important issues facing our communities, especially forestry and water, and he never stopped pushing for solutions. While we often disagreed, we never



U.S. Rep. Doug LaMalfa, who represented Northern California's 1st Congressional District, including Colusa County, died Jan. 6 at age 65. Photo courtesy of the Office of Rep. Doug LaMalfa

disagreed on the core principle that we are here to serve our constituents. He

was genuine, straightforward, and always himself. I will miss him as a colleague and a friend. My loving sympathies go out to his wife Jill and family.”

Rep. Doris Matsui has represented the city of Sacramento and its surrounding areas since 2005. She currently serves California's Seventh Congressional District, nestled between the Sierra Nevada Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, which is centered in Sacramento, and includes the communities of Elk Grove, Galt, West Sacramento, Wilton, Rancho Murietta, Vineyard, Isleton, Walnut Grove, Herald, Clay and the California Delta. ★

Man Arrested on Felony Minor Sexual Abuse Charges

Galt Police Department News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - On Jan. 6, the Galt Police Department Investigations Unit arrested 78-year-old Henry Balliet, of Galt, on multiple felony charges related to the sexual abuse of minors.

The investigation began after the victims’ mother reported that a family member had sexually abused her three daughters over a period of several years and across multiple jurisdictions. Galt Police

Department detectives conducted a thorough and extensive investigation, which included victim interviews and the collection of corroborating evidence.

During the investigation, each victim provided statements describing separate incidents of sexual abuse occurring over multiple years.

Based on the totality of the evidence, detectives established probable cause for Balliet’s arrest.

As a result of the investigation, the Sacramento

County Superior Court issued a \$1.6 million felony warrant for the following charges: Penal Code 288(a), six counts of lewd or lascivious acts with a child under 14 years old, and Penal Code 288.7(b), sex act with a child under 10 years old.

Balliet was booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail where he remains in custody. Due to the age of the victims and the ongoing nature of the investigation, no additional details are being released at this time. ★



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Republican Lawmakers React To 'Running in Place' Budget

Office of Sen. Roger Niello
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Jan. 9, Senate Budget Vice Chair Roger Niello (R-Fair Oaks) and Senate Minority Leader Brian W. Jones (R-San Diego) responded to Gov. Gavin Newsom's 2026-2027 budget release:

"This budget proposal feels as though the state is running in place," said Sen. Niello. "The state is spending more without achieving meaningful progress. Instead of setting clear priorities or making strategic investments to address the huge deficit, it perpetuates the status quo,

leaving critical needs unmet. Californians are tired of running in place and never feeling like they can catch up."

The budget faces what is known as a structural deficit, which means the state is spending more each year than it takes in. That is a problem that must be confronted, not ignored.

"This is more of the same from a lame-duck governor content on leaving the rest of us to pick up the financial pieces when he leaves office," said Sen. Jones.

"This is a man who has demonstrated recklessness and irresponsibility in every year in his budgeting practices and I'm disappointed, but not surprised, to see that

continued today. We'll be fighting this proposal and working to advance an alternative that puts the people first, prioritizes Prop. 36 funding, education, essential services and avoids the fiscal ruin he's so dead set on saddling us with."

This will be Newsom's final budget. Since he has been in office, state general fund spending has increased by 77%.

"Governor Newsom has treated this budget like his personal gift bag: giving away hard-earned taxpayer dollars without a thought to the consequences or structure of where it's going," Jones concluded. "Yet I would ask every Californian: Has your life improved in this same time?"

In December, Senate Republicans outlined key budget priorities as all 10 members called for 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. ★

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culture, filling a gap in representation she said she rarely saw growing up. During the visit, she read an excerpt from her autobiographical book, "That Girl on TV Could Be Me," which follows her journey to becoming a news anchor and includes a nod to her hometown of Galt.

An award-winning author recognized by the International Latino Book Awards and founder of her publishing company, Cielito Lindo Books, Ordaz said her return to Fairsite was driven by her passion to promote literacy and inspire young readers.

"I really wanted to inspire kids because growing up I never had an author visit and so I never knew that being an author was a possibility," she said.

Ordaz told The Galt Herald that she personally reached out to the district superintendent to make the reading possible. Drawing on her experience growing up in a small town, she said she wanted to encourage students to embrace their roots as a springboard for achieving their dreams.

"I thought, how special would it be to come not only share my career on the news, but to also tell them about my career as an author and hopefully inspire them to keep reading, to keep writing," Ordaz said. "...and to show that even if you come from a small town, you can still do big things and have the support of a small community."

The story read to students, also titled in Spanish "El Rey Del Carrusel Y La Misión Espacial," follows a young boy named Maxton, who overcomes his fear of riding a carousel at the zoo and embarks on a space-themed adventure

to become the "carousel king."

Ordaz told students her book was inspired by real events involving her son, also named Maxton. At just 9 years old, fueled by his love for the Sacramento Zoo carousel, he successfully campaigned for a carousel in Old Town Sacramento by writing to city officials.

Her hope, Ordaz said, is that students walk away from the reading believing in themselves and begin thinking about pursuing higher education.

"I hope this journey presents them with many opportunities to see someone that looks like them that went to college first generation..." Ordaz said. "I hope this inspires them to think beyond."

Principal Laura Marquez said Ordaz's visit gave students an opportunity to learn from a strong role model, highlighting Ordaz's dedication to bilingual storytelling.

"She's a great role model for the youth of Galt, and for the youth who are bilingual and bicultural," Marquez said.

"Leticia did an excellent job of making two languages, English and Spanish, equally important as she read the books bilingually, and interacted with the children in the same way," she added.

The visit marked a full-circle moment, as a small-town native with big dreams returned to the school where her journey began, showing local students that they, too, can achieve great things. ★

"She's a great role model for the youth of Galt, and for the youth who are bilingual and bicultural," Fairsite Elementary School Principal Laura Marquez said of reporter and author Leticia Ordaz.



Award-winning author Leticia Ordaz reads to preschool and transitional kindergarten students at Fairsite Elementary on Wednesday, Jan. 7.



Leticia Ordaz engages students with questions throughout her reading of "The Carousel King and the Space Mission."



Preschool and transitional kindergarten students listen as Leticia Ordaz shares career stories and reads her book.





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California Homeowners Could Qualify for Grants for New Roofs and Fire Safety

By Levi Sumagaysay
CALMatters.org

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Some homeowners in areas of California with high wildfire risk could eventually get money for new roofs or to build fire-resistant zones around their properties under a new state law that went into effect Jan. 1.

The Safe Homes grant program is designed to help low- and middle-income homeowners with fire mitigation. People who qualify could use grants to create 5-foot ember-resistant zones around properties, also known as

Zone Zero, as required by law in some areas. The program will also contribute toward costs for fire-safe roofs.

The state's Insurance Department, which is responsible for implementing the program, is working out the details around eligibility, the amount of and the distribution of grants.

It is now developing an application portal that it hopes to have ready by March, said Michael Soller, spokesperson for the department.

The insurance department will be handling all the details of the grants,

said Mike Dayton, chief of staff of Assemblymember Lisa Calderon, the Los Angeles-area Democrat and chair of the Assembly Insurance Committee who wrote the law, and has so far secured \$3 million in the state budget to get the program started.

Soller said homeowners who have policies with admitted insurance carriers or the last-resort FAIR Plan and who live in high-risk areas will have to meet income limits set by the state housing department to be eligible for the grants, whose amounts have not been determined. Communities, cities and



The Safe Homes grant program is designed to help low- and middle-income homeowners with fire mitigation. Photo by Marko Tomic via Pixabay

counties with mitigation projects could also apply for grants.

He also said the insurance department plans to advocate for additional and ongoing funding for the program.

Another source of funding could be the federal

government, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Soller said. But Gov. Gavin Newsom recently tried to meet with FEMA to talk about disaster aid related to the Los Angeles County fires and was unsuccessful. The California Board

of Forestry and Fire Protection recently extended the finalization of rules regarding Zone Zero buffers around properties to the first half of next year.

The rules are expected to take effect for existing homes in 2029. ★

ABOUT TOWN

Friday, Jan. 16 through Sunday, Jan. 18

Lodi Home Improvement Show – at the Lodi Grape Festival Fairgrounds. Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You'll see the newest in landscaping, kitchens, baths, home furnishings, lighting, home security, spas and more. See lodihomeshow.com for tickets. 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

Friday, Jan. 16 through Sunday, Jan. 25

Stockton Restaurant Week – Explore over 30 restaurants across the city. Discover exciting, hand-picked dishes, popular favorites and new creations, all at a special fixed price. Curated menus, signature dishes, and tasty drinks await: Explore the list at visitstockton.org as menus are updated daily.

Friday, Jan. 16

Martin Luther King Celebration and Instrument of Peace – 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Atherton Auditorium at Delta Community College. Students from six Stockton Unified School District schools will present art, dance and music to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The free event features the "Instrument of Hope," a fully playable trumpet created from hundreds of spent bullet casings, and provided by Shine MSD, a non-profit founded by survivors of the Margery Stoneman Douglas High School Shooting in Parkland, Florida. 5151 Pacific Ave., Stockton.

Saturday, Jan. 17

Live Music by 4th Street Band – 1 to 4 p.m. at Barsetti Vineyards Tasting Room. The band plays '70s, '80s and '90s music. Members of the band feature some members of Phil & da Pinots Band as well as Galtonian Tony Keese. Wine and wine slushies will be available for purchase. For more information, visit barsettivineyards.com or

call 209-747-3861. 400 4th St. Ste. 150.

Lodi Lake Bird Walk – 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., meet at the Nature Area entrance of Lodi Lake Park. This family-friendly event is a wonderful way to connect with nature and the community. Bring comfortable walking shoes, water, binoculars and your sense of wonder. 1101 W. Turner Road, Lodi.

History Tour in Locke – noon to 2 p.m.; meet at the Locke Boarding House. Join us for a short, guided tour of this historic Chinese American community. Hear stories and learn about the history of the only remaining rural community built by and for Chinese Americans. Admission and participation are free. 13916 Main St., Walnut Grove.

Galt Lions Foundation Annual Crab & Shrimp Feed – 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at 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.

Sunday, Jan. 18

Line Dance and Karaoke Band Practice – noon to 4 p.m. at Barsetti Vineyards Tasting Room. 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. One-drink minimum. For more information call 209-744-6062 or email at ricjan@barsettivineyards.com. 400 4th St Ste 150.

Hospice of San Joaquin Lobster Boil – 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Stockton Ballroom. Join us for a silent auction, dessert and raffles. All proceeds support Hospice of San Joaquin's Hospice House. Call 209-957-3888 for more information or to purchase tickets. 9650 Thornton Road, Stockton.

Friday, Jan. 23

Live Music Phil & da Pinots – 6 to 9 p.m. Barsetti Vineyards Tasting

Room. Phil & da Pinots playing tunes from '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s. One-drink minimum. For more information call 209-744-6062 or email at ricjan@barsettivineyards.com. 400 4th St. Ste. 150.

Saturday, Jan. 24

Paint & Sip – at 1 p.m. Join artist Beth Bates and paint a tropical Valentine's Day scene. Cost is \$45 per person and includes all supplies and instruction. Wine and Slushies available for purchase. Tickets must be purchased in advance of day of class. Go to paintnite.com and search under Beth Bates. For more information call 209-744-6062 or email at ricjan@barsettivineyards.com. 400 4th St Ste 150.

Guided Sandhill Crane Tour – 3:45 p.m. at the Cosumnes River Preserve. Join experienced docents and members of the "Save our Sandhills" advocacy group on a 90-minute guided tour of the Sandhill Cranes. Registration and more information at Cosumnes.org. 13501 Franklin Blvd.

Astronomy in the Park – 5:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. at Shumway Oak Grove Regional Park. Bring a blanket and chairs; Stockton Astronomical Society will bring telescopes. Weather permitting; free event; \$6 parking fee. I-5 and Eight Mile Road, Stockton.

Saturday, Jan. 31

St. Joseph's Fun Run/Walk for Wellness – 8:40 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. at the University Park Campus, near Dignity Health Medical Group Stockton. This Fun Run/Walk is a family-friendly community event. All proceeds stay local to benefit St. Joseph's Cancer Institute. Registration and more information at supportstjosephshospital.org. 782 E. Harding Way, Stockton.

Sunday, Feb. 1

Line Dance and Karaoke Band Practice – noon to 4 p.m. at Barsetti Vineyards Tasting Room. 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. One-drink minimum. For more information call 209-744-6062 or email at ricjan@barsettivineyards.com. 400 4th St. Ste. 150.

Monday, Feb. 2

Elk Grove Community Concert Band Valentine's Concert – 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Joseph Kerr Middle School Multi-Purpose Room. The program theme is "Hot Spanish Nights." 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.

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, Feb. 14. 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.

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. 16: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (G) English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G) Bad art night for adults, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Join us for a relaxed, judgment-free creative gathering where all supplies and mocktails are provided. Come make something wonderfully imperfect. (WG)

Monday, Jan. 19: Libraries closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

Tuesday, Jan. 20: Family story time, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. (WG)

Wednesday, Jan. 21: 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. 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 Mondays, 5:45 p.m., Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove.

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

VFW Post 2073 – second Thursdays. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District 56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove. For more information, call 916-684-3849. ★

MEMORIAL

LOUIE AZEVEDO • 4/28/1946-12/23/2025

Louie Joseph "Dukes" Azevedo, 79, passed away Dec. 23, 2025, surrounded by family.

He was born April 28, 1946, in Lodi to Joseph and Mary Azevedo. Louie shared 57 years of marriage with his wife, Karen. Together, they built a strong and loving family and created a lifetime of cherished memories. He was a devoted father to Raquel (Mark) Lemieux, Dana (Jim) Schultz, Lana (Kevin) Young, Brandon (Alison) Azevedo and Alise (Chris) Todd. His greatest pride

was his family. His legacy lives on through his five children, 14 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. He touched each of their lives with his strength, steady presence and generous heart.

Louie was also a devoted brother and shared a close bond with his brothers Bob, Bill, Manuel and Ben, and his sister, Sherry.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Jan. 23 at 1 p.m. at Champaign Ranch, 12174 Borden Road, Herald. Lunch will be served.

MEMORIAL

PAULA SHOCKLEY • 7/9/1953-10/22/2025

Paula Shockley, beloved wife, mother and friend, passed away peacefully on Oct. 22, 2025, after courageously facing ongoing health challenges. She was 72 years old.

Born in Amarillo, Texas, on July 9, 1953, Paula lived a life marked by resilience, compassion and devotion to her family. She married Dan Shockley, a proud veteran of the Navy, and together they built a home filled with love, laughter, and unwavering support. Their partnership was a testament to strength and commitment, weathering life's trials side by side.

Paula will be remembered for her warmth, her ability to find joy even in difficult times, and the kindness she extended to everyone she met. She cherished her family deeply and found fulfillment in her pets, gardening and cooking.

She is survived by husband Dan Shockley, daughters Petrice and Kimberly, sons Steven and Donald and eight grandchildren.



In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the Colon Cancer Prevention Project, an organization close to her heart, in honor of her courageous journey. Contributions may be directed to coloncancerpreventionproject.org/help-kick-butt/donate or mail to Colon Cancer Prevention Project P.O. Box 4039 Louisville, KY 40204.

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Hello Kings fans, and welcome to the land of misfit toys. Yes, Sacramento fans have had to endure a nauseating start to the 2025-26 season, and I can say with some certainty that fans are not satisfied with the lack of transparency coming from the organization.

General manager Scott Perry and owner Vivek Ranadive have not given the Sacramento fan base a true picture of what the future holds, and that makes for nervous and unhappy fans.

On a positive note, if you're a fan that believes staying away from attending games when the big ballers come into town is a good idea, you had better think again.

Your Sacramento Kings, largely shorthanded for most of the season, have registered wins against the Warriors, Nuggets, Bucks, Mavericks, Timberwolves, Heat, and the Houston Rockets twice!

Yes, the 22-13 Houston Rockets have suffered defeat at the hands of the Kings twice this season, and this should give every Kings fan a glimpse into the possible with this year's team.

Center piece and focal point of the team Domantas Sabonis has been relegated to the bench with injuries for the largest part of this season, and you can add to the list Keegan Murray, Zach Lavine, Malik Monk and many others.

That is not to say that other teams aren't suffering with the injury bug as well, but what every fan should find solace in is the fact that this team can defeat any team in the NBA on any given night.

So, will Scott Perry blow up this team, or take the conservative route, and take note of the upcoming draft and simply try to add key pieces where the team is weak? The vast majority believe this could turn into a complete blowup year that could see some of your favorite faces donning the uniform of a different team soon.

I for one, am not in favor of turning things upside down and starting from scratch. Not if Domantas Sabonis is being included in the new makeover. If building around this enigmatic big man is in the cards, count me in. Domantas adds a dimension that shows up in the scoring column and in rebounding too, and no one

has a bigger motor or a better attitude than the Sacramento Kings center. His double double prowess and even triple double capability is worth the price of admission and then some.

The real question is how attached are the Kings to 4th year man Keegan Murray? Like Sabonis, Keegan has been a fan favorite and so far, the Kings have been reluctant to include his name in trade talks. But is Keegan the next Kevin Martin? A 1st round draft choice that was always just this far from taking the next step but never quite being able to get there.

Stats show that Martin played six seasons for the Kings averaging 17.0 points per game, 3.2 rebounds and 1.9 assists.

Murray in 3 1/2 seasons has averaged 13.0 points per game, 5.6 rebounds and 1.4 assists. Neither player has played in an all-star game, and of the two, Keegan is a decidedly better defender. But have the Kings already seen the best of Keegan Murray? If that is the case, by all means pick up the phone when teams call with an interest, and at the very least get a draft pick instead of trading away our draft picks as former administrations have done.

Are we in uncertain times with this franchise? Yes, unequivocally yes! But at some juncture someone has to have the internal fortitude to make what are probably going to be unpopular decisions.

For this writer, I'm heartened that Scott Perry had nothing to do with trading away DeAaron Fox. I would like to think this general manager has real NBA brain power, and that positive changes are just around the corner.

On the flip side, if NBA teams are calling to make unreasonable demands that will only weaken an already weak franchise, then hold pat and wait for the draft!

OKC, Indiana, Detroit, and others have developed their teams via the draft and there's no reason the Kings can't do the same.

Don't lose heart Kings fans. Your Sacramento Kings just handed the Houston Rockets a double-digit defeat Sunday afternoon, and word has it Domantas Sabonis will be back before much longer!

All the best! ★

Urgent Issues Loom Over Newsom Campaign



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Political California cranked up for the New Year Monday.

The Legislature reconvened after a 114-day recess, Gov. Gavin Newsom renewed his nascent campaign for president and the dozen or so men and women who covet his job continued to seek ways to reach a so-far-uninterested electorate.

Newsom's interview Monday on MS NOW, the cable channel beloved by Democratic politicians and activist voters, implied anew that his final year as governor will be dominated by his all-but-certain bid for the White House in 2028. He spent much of it criticizing President Donald Trump for refusing aid to Los Angeles fire victims and cracking down on undocumented immigrants.

Newsom's preoccupation will color whatever he and the Legislature do about a deficit-ridden state budget and a half-dozen or so other stubborn issues that have emerged or become more acute since Newsom took office seven years ago.

In past years Newsom has been lackadaisical about delivering the annual State of the State message to the Legislature that the state constitution requires. But he'll perform the chore later this week, then unveil his response to the projections of semi-permanent, multi-billion-dollar deficits.

Gabe Petek, the Legislature's budget analyst, sees an immediate \$18 billion gap between income and outgo that could mushroom to \$35 billion if not closed. He's warned that Newsom and legislators can't count on a sluggish economy to solve their problem.

They have used a variety of gimmicks, including raids on emergency reserves, off-the-books loans and deceptive accounting gambits to stave off the day of fiscal reckoning, but the shortfall, born of overspending revenues, has continued.

"If our estimates hold, the Legislature will face a fourth consecutive year of budget problems — all during a period of overall revenue growth," Petek said in a November analysis. "As it stands — with larger forecasted deficits and many fewer tools available to address them — California's budget is undeniably less prepared for downturns."

The Legislature's leaders, pressed by a powerful progressive contingent, don't want to reduce the health care and income support services they so willingly enacted after Newsom declared, erroneously, that the state had a \$97.5 billion surplus three years ago.

Progressives and their allies in public employee unions and other left-of-center groups want to close the budget gap with new taxes and are sponsoring two ballot measures, one to extend a surtax on the highest-income taxpayers that's due to expire and a second to impose a new wealth tax on the state's billionaires.

Newsom has steadfastly rejected tax increases to deal with the deficit, unwilling, obviously, to become a pro-tax presidential candidate. But neither has he offered, so

far, anything other than gimmicks to solve the problem his wildly off-base 2022 surplus declaration created.

The state's stubborn budget deficit is just one of the issues that continue to defy resolution as Newsom's final year begins. Other issues include high levels of homelessness and poverty, a housing shortage that's just as acute as when he took office in 2019, an insurance crisis born of chronic wildfires, a woebegone bullet train project, soaring costs of living, persistent water supply uncertainties and a looming shortage of gasoline as refineries close due to hostile state regulation.

On top of everything, California's \$4 trillion economy is more or less stuck in neutral, with the nation's highest unemployment rate, no net job growth since the COVID-19 pandemic and severe employment cutbacks in signature sectors, such as film and TV production technology.

The stark existence of such issues during Newsom's final year as governor is not only a potential drag on his presidential campaign, but it colors the cast-of-thousands campaigns to elect a successor.

Will the would-be Democratic governors be willing to point out Newsom's leftover issues — especially the budget deficit — and tell voters how they would approach the challenge? Or would they merely joust over who can be the loudest?

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

Why Didn't My Friend's Wife Get All Her Social Security Immediately?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: A friend told me about what he believes is a strange thing in the Social Security system. His wife reached her full retirement age (FRA) of 66 several years ago. She delayed filing for Social Security past her FRA and claimed on her 68th birthday in June of that year, exactly 2 years after her FRA. When she filed, she was told she would receive approximately \$300/month, which, of course, was more than she would have received at her FRA. She was told however that she would only receive \$300/month as of January 1 of the following year. Between June of the year she turned 68 and filed for SS until the end of that year, she would receive an amount less than \$300. This lower amount was the amount she would have received if she had filed in December, the year she turned 67. She said she was told that was how SS works. She would never receive the difference in benefits she lost from June through December of the year she filed. If the above is true, can you explain? **Signed: Astounded Friend**

handles benefit payments for those who choose to wait beyond their full retirement age (FRA) to claim SS benefits. To understand it, let me first describe how Social Security retirement benefits are calculated.

At full retirement age, a person is entitled to 100% of the SS benefit they have earned from a lifetime of working. That FRA benefit amount is known as the person's "Primary Insurance Amount" (PIA) and is based upon the highest earning 35 years over the individual's lifetime. From those past years, average lifetime monthly earnings are computed, known as the person's "Average Indexed Monthly Earnings" (AIME). Their AIME is subjected to a formula which yields their Primary Insurance Amount — the benefit the person is entitled to in the month they attain their full retirement age — typically about 40% of the person's average monthly lifetime earnings. However, if the person chooses to do so, they can wait beyond their FRA to claim Social Security to get a monthly benefit even higher than their PIA, by earning Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs).

DRCs are applied to the person's PIA when they claim Social Security. For each month after FRA the person claims, they will have .667% added to their PIA. That means that for each full year of delay, that person will get an extra 8% added to their PIA. For someone (like your friend's wife) who claimed 24 months after her FRA, she would receive a benefit 16% higher than her FRA amount. However, Social Security

normally only applies DRCs in January of each year.

So, even though your friend's wife claimed her SS benefits in June, 24 months after her FRA, she would initially only get the DRCs she had accumulated through the end of the previous year — in this case, about 18 months' worth of DRCs, or an SS payment about 12% higher than her PIA (her FRA amount). She would not get her remaining earned DRCs (another 4%) until January of the following year. So, in effect, the wife's initial benefit didn't reflect all her earned DRCs until her later January benefit payment. Thus, the wife essentially lost that extra benefit money for the period between June and December of the year she claimed Social Security. In other words, she wouldn't get the full 16% amount until SS applied the additional 4% DRCs to her benefit payment the following January. And that is why your friend's wife initially received a payment a bit less than the \$300 Social Security said she was entitled to by waiting 2 years after her FRA to claim.

This surprises many who choose to wait beyond their full retirement age to claim Social Security. But, curiously, this process doesn't apply to those who wait until age 70 to claim their SS benefits. For those who wait until age 70 to claim, Social Security will immediately apply all DRCs that they have accumulated and provide them with their maximum SS benefit immediately.

To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. ★



Don't Annex Greenland

digious reserves of critical minerals, and maybe fossil fuels, as well.

If it fell into our lap, it'd be an excellent addition to our territorial holdings. There's a reason that American statesmen have long coveted the island.

The problem is that it's not currently available. What are other options? A lightly armed contingent of U.S. crossing guards could probably take it over in a couple of days. The challenge, though, is political and diplomatic, not military.

A NATO ally seizing the territory of another NATO ally would obviously be a grave threat to the integrity of the alliance. Would Denmark invoke Article 5 against the United States? It has the makings of a good spoof musical, but it's not something anyone should want to experience in reality.

Although Trump has said in the past that he doesn't take military force off the table — an amazing statement in and of itself — he's also talked of buying Greenland. The Danes, though, say it's not for sale, and the Greenlanders don't want to be bought.

If Trump really pushes the issue and forces Denmark and NATO into a corner with the 82nd Airborne ready to go on an airstrip somewhere, he could probably compel a sale, but it'd be courting a diplomatic crisis and damage the reputation of the United States without enough upside.

We can almost certainly get whatever we need from Greenland without violating a friendly country's

sovereignty or straining a world-historical alliance to the breaking point. We already have a missile-defense base there. The 1951 Greenland Defense Agreement between Denmark and the U.S. allowing us to keep bases could presumably be updated and extended. Given the national security importance of rare earths to the U.S. and NATO, it should be possible to unlock Greenland's minerals.

Instead of clapping back at Trump, Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen should be reaching out for a steak dinner at Mar-a-Lago and offering a deal. While public pressure gets Trump's back up, private persuasion — and a warm relationship — goes a long way. The Panamanians managed to get Trump to stop talking about taking back the Canal (for now) with prudent concessions.

For his part, Trump should realize that making everyone in a friendly nation hate him doesn't help his cause. His talk of annexing Canada last year helped Justin Trudeau's party survive a national election that it should have lost. His Greenland saber-rattling is presumably making it harder for Denmark to work with him on sensible cooperation.

If Nicolas Maduro got what he deserved, Denmark is a different matter. Even the unsentimental, results-oriented Trump foreign policy needs to distinguish between friend and foe.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2026 by King Features Synd., Inc. ★

Become a Volunteer at Cosumnes River Preserve

Cosumnes River Preserve News Release



GALT, CA (MPG) - Become a Volunteer Naturalist at the Cosumnes River Preserve and help connect people

to one of California's last free-flowing rivers from Feb. 28 to March 1, 9

a.m. to 1 p.m., at 13501 Franklin Blvd. Volunteer Naturalists

play a vital role in education and interpretation, welcoming visitors, leading walks, supporting school programs and sharing the stories of the preserve's wildlife, wetlands and seasonal

changes. Whether you enjoy teaching, learning or simply spending time outdoors, this role offers meaningful ways to engage with the community while deepening your own

natural history knowledge. Volunteers receive training, ongoing support and the opportunity to work alongside knowledgeable staff and fellow naturalists. Details at cosumnes.org/homepage-2/volunteer. ★

Students in California Struggling Most with Math

Find a Super Tutor News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - While the Christmas break is upon us, many students will be studying at home over the festive period and may be wondering how to receive a little extra support for the subject they find the hardest.

that California was struggling with the most, with a monthly average of 18,256 Google searches inquiring about help with the subject. Ranking as the subject with second-highest number of inquiries was Programming, with an average of 7,473 searches per month.

average of 6,857 monthly searches, whereas Japanese completed the top 10, averaging 6,718 monthly searches.

programming and IT demand not only technical knowledge but also the ability to think algorithmically and troubleshoot complex problems. Students who struggle in STEM often benefit from interactive tools like coding simulators, virtual labs, and personalized tutoring platforms, which allow for a more hands-on and tailored learning experience.

student's native language." "Japanese, for example, has multiple writing systems and a syntax that significantly differs from English, while ASL relies on spatial reasoning and visual cues that are not intuitive for everyone. Even English, often assumed to be straightforward for native speakers, contains complex grammar rules and idiomatic expressions that can confuse learners.

offering real-time feedback and personalized practice routines.

With this in mind, education recruitment agency Find a Super Tutor investigated the subjects that students in the US are struggling with the most.

Following in third was Spanish, with an average monthly search count of 7,228, whereas English Language followed in fourth with an average of 7,083 searches per month. Rounding out the top five was Calculus, with a monthly average of 1,995 searches.

Commenting on the findings, Joshua James, director of Find a Super Tutor, said,

"Language subjects also pose challenges, but of a different nature. English and foreign languages such as Spanish, Japanese, and American Sign Language require mastery of vocabulary, grammar, and cultural context, all of which can vary widely from a

"Online support for language learning has become highly sophisticated, with resources like language exchange communities, immersive audio-visual content, and AI-powered apps such as Duolingo

These tools can significantly enhance engagement and retention, helping students overcome the hurdles these subjects often present.

The research analyzed the total number of Google searches for 118 subjects, applying 13 different search combinations for each, such as "help with mathematics" and "chemistry tutoring". Then, the ranking was calculated based on the subjects with the most to least average Google searches per month across the nation and in each state.

Mathematics was revealed to be the subject that students were struggling with the most across the US, with a monthly average of 125,929 Google searches inquiring about help with the subject.

"There are strong patterns among the subjects that students are struggling with the most. Most of the subjects fall under either the STEM or languages category. Some of the hardest school subjects to learn include mathematics and other scientific disciplines such as programming, information technology, chemistry and calculus. These subjects can be challenging for students because they involve abstract concepts, logical reasoning, and require learners to memorize large amounts of information.

"For instance, calculus requires a solid foundation in algebra and trigonometry, and without this, students can quickly fall behind. Similarly,

offer support available. If you need help beyond what online resources may be able to offer, hiring a part-time tutor can be the perfect solution. Tutors are typically experts in their chosen area and can provide specialized, high-quality support to improve grades and understanding of the subject." ★

subject you or your child is struggling with, there is always support available.

MEETING MINDERS

Tuesday, Jan. 20

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

Wednesday, Jan. 21

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

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08340 Debra E. Meixner and Thomas E. Meixner, 661 Crow Creek Drive, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Eagle RV" 661 Crow Creek Drive, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 10, 2025 Publish: Dec 26, Jan 2, 9, 16, 2026 EAGLE 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-00193 TAI Healthcare, 2411 8th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95818 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ten Acres Infusion" 9412 Big Horn Boulevard Suite 5, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 7, 2026 Publish: Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 2026 TEN 2-6-26

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

#25CV030472 Tamiko Hendrix Abbott has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Tamiko Hendrix Abbott to Tamiko May Hendrix. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 18, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 25, 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: December 17, 2025 Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026 ABBOTT 1-30-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RAYNETTE ROSE STEELE CASE NO. 25PR004248 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Raynette Rose Steele.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Constance Jean Spence, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Constance Jean Spence be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows February 4, 2026, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy

to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Constance Jean Spence, 347 Crescent Drive, Galt, CA 95632; 908-892-5783

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TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 25-30665-BA-CA Title No. 250520776-CA-VOI APN. 150-0042-069-0000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/14/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check(s) drawn on a state or national bank must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of

the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Agustin Granados and Elodia Granados, husband and wife as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 06/20/2006 as Instrument No. Book 20060620 Page 1737 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Sacramento County, California. Date of Sale: 02/19/2026 at 1:30 PM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$444,748.36 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 13480 Steiner Rd, Galt, CA 95632-8503 A.P.N.: 150-0042-069-0000 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. 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 website www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 25-30665-BA-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are 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 25-30665-BA-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 31, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 01/02/2026 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 800-758-8052; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Deandre Garland, Trustee Sales Representative A-4862359 01/16/2026, 01/23/2026, 01/30/2026 GALT HERALD 1-30-26

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND READOPTING CHAPTER 15.28 OF THE GALT MUNICIPAL CODE (FIRE CODE) AND ADOPTING THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.

Notice is hereby given that the Galt City Council will hold a Public Hearing on the date and time indicated below, or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard, to receive and consider all evidence and reports relative to the project described herein.

The City Council is being requested to hold a public hearing and adopt an ordinance repealing and readopting chapter 15.28 of the Galt Municipal Code (Fire Code) and adopting the 2025 edition of the California Fire Code.

PROJECT TITLE: 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE PROJECT LOCATION: City of Galt PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The general purpose of this ordinance is intended to update and codify the new edition of the California Fire Code which reference the latest edition of the model code, which will become effective on January 1, 2026.

The California Building Standards Commission voted to adopt the 2025 California Building Standards, collectively known as Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations. The 2025 California Codes are based on the 2024 International Codes. The California building codes were published in July 2025, allowing a 180-day review period prior to their effective date of January 1, 2026. If a local agency does not adopt the California building codes by reference in a local ordinance prior to January 1, 2026, the local agency must enforce the base code as adopted by the state.

OWNER/APPLICANT: City of Galt / Cosumnes Community Service District – Fire CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING:

DATE AND TIME: On Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard – the Galt City Council will hold a public hearing, hold a second reading and approve an Ordinance repealing and readopting Chapter 15.28 of the Galt Municipal Code (Fire Code) and adopting the 2026 edition of the California Fire Code, with local amendments.

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

Pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation, California Government Sections 65009, 66020, and/or California Public Resources Code Section 21177, if you wish to challenge in court any of the above decisions (regarding planning, zoning and/or environmental decisions), you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing(s) described in this notice/agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the city at, or prior to, this public hearing.

Dated: January 3, 2026

ls\ Jenny Carloni Jenny Carloni, Community Development Director

ls\ Tina Hubert Tina Hubert, City Clerk



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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.

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.

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.

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.

Nominate Your Neighbor

The Galt Beautification Committee wants you to "nominate your neighbor." Has your neighbor recently completed a yard project? Does your neighbor have the best flowers in town or the best-looking yard? The Galt Beautification Committee wants to know.

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

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

Senior Bingo Weekly at Chabolla

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

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

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Jan. 6 to Jan. 11, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in eight arrests.

Jan. 6

8:59 a.m., Fraud reported, Starbrook Drive.

12:28 p.m., Hit and Run/Non-Injury reported, CVS on C Street.

Jan. 7

2:40 p.m., Fraud reported, Lupine Court: Credit card was used to make fraudulent charges.

5:26 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Fairway Drive/Glendale Avenue.

Jan. 8

7:38a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, McFarland Street/Trudy Way.

11:18 a.m., Fraud reported, Extreme RV: Reporting party paid for RV and now seller not responding or returning money. Reporting party believes was scammed out of money.

12:13 p.m., Vandalism reported, Twin Cities Road.

3:19 p.m., Stolen Vehicle reported, Simmerhorn Road: 34-foot, light gray Trailrunner travel trailer taken.

Jan. 9

1:49 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Galt Police Department on

Industrial Drive.

3:24 p.m., Identity Theft reported, Third Street.

4:56 p.m., Weapon-Discharge/Adult Arrest, B Street.

6:12 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Quik Stop, Fourth Street.

Jan. 10

9:47 p.m., Traffic Stop/Adult Arrest, Wristen Way/Allport Drive.

Jan. 11

1:53 a.m., Domestic Violence/Adult Arrest, Wallington Drive.

6:06 a.m., Vandalism reported, McDonald's on Pine Street. ★

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Eat Spicy and Read a Book on Nothing Day



What do hot and spicy foods, book publishers, and doing absolutely nothing have in common? TODAY! According to checkiday.com, today we are to celebrate National Hot and Spicy Food Day, National Book Publishers Day and National Nothing Day.

Quite an eclectic group, so let's get started with hot and spicy food. Some hot foods include wasabi and horseradish, and some spicy foods are made with peppers that have high capsaicin content. Some cultures believe high contents of capsaicin are good for your health. That would be me.

I think it helps us clear our sinuses, makes us perspire and cleans the pores, and in some cases warms our temperature. Just my opinion. The hotter the pepper is, the more capsaicin it contains.

To celebrate hot and spicy day, start by eating some hot and spicy food, like Indian, Thai, Caribbean, and Creole, Mexican, Asia etc. I do enjoy wasabi (sushi), horseradish (beef and ham), and spicy peppers (tacos and chili rellenos). It makes me hungry just thinking about it. I know some people do not like any

food that is hot and spicy; I think they may have had a bad experience and can't or won't get past it. Spices are meant to enhance the taste of food and if a little heat can be added, the better it is, in my opinion.

Moving on to National Book Publishers Day, it gives recognition to book publishers, whose work allows us to access books, and thus information, sources of learning and knowledge. A "publisher" may refer to a publishing company or organization, or to the person who leads it.

Publishers may do any or all of the following: commissioning writing, copy editing, design, copywriting, typesetting, proofreading, correction cycles, indexing, final corrections, prepress, printing, post-press, distribution and

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And last but not least, National Nothing Day. First held in 1973, the day was thought up by San Francisco Examiner columnist Harold Pullman Coffin "to provide Americans with one National holiday

when they can just sit without celebrating, observing, or honoring anything."

It is ironic that it was created "to protest the proliferation of special days," as another holiday was started by its creation, although it is meant to be a day when people do nothing. Coffin also created a National Nothing Foundation, although it appears this no longer exists.

Coffin himself passed away in 1981, but his holiday of nothing has continued to be celebrated ... I think. It is a little hard to measure the popularity of a holiday where you do nothing. An interesting concept but a bit difficult to do, unless you sleep all day. And then you miss the day and a person is awake all night! Life is too short to just give up a day. Where are the memories in that!?

This is the Friday before a three-day weekend. Monday is Martin Luther King's Day. I hope you are having hot and spicy food and reading a book or maybe just doing nothing. The choice is yours.

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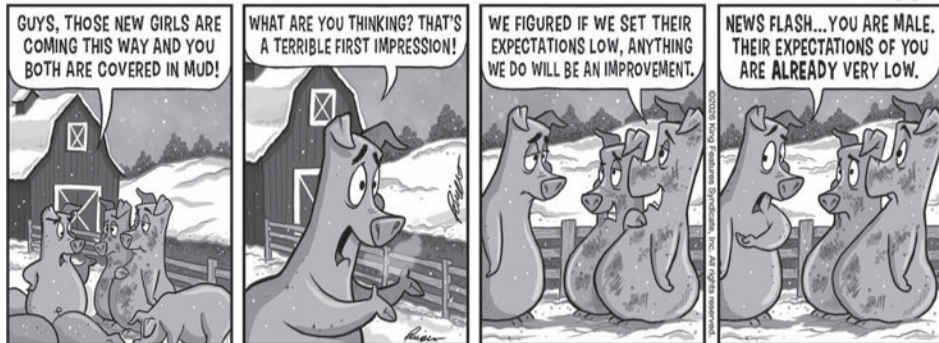
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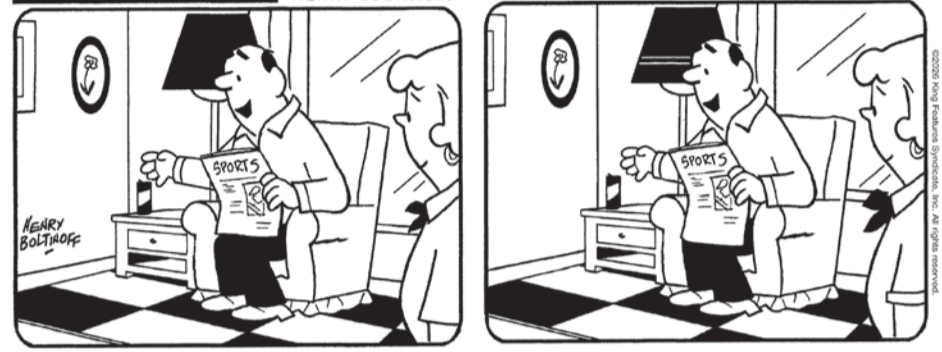
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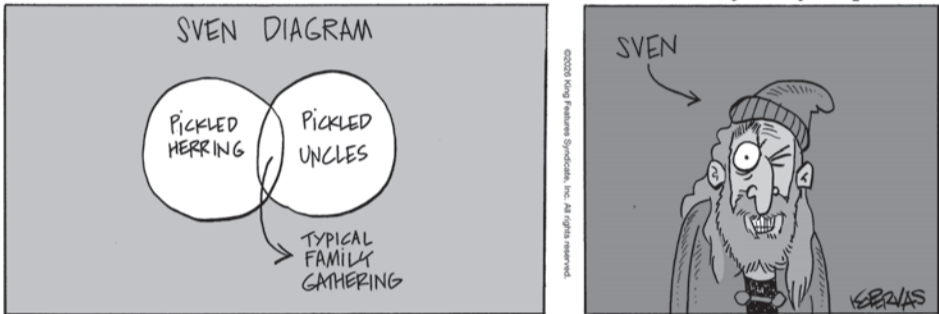


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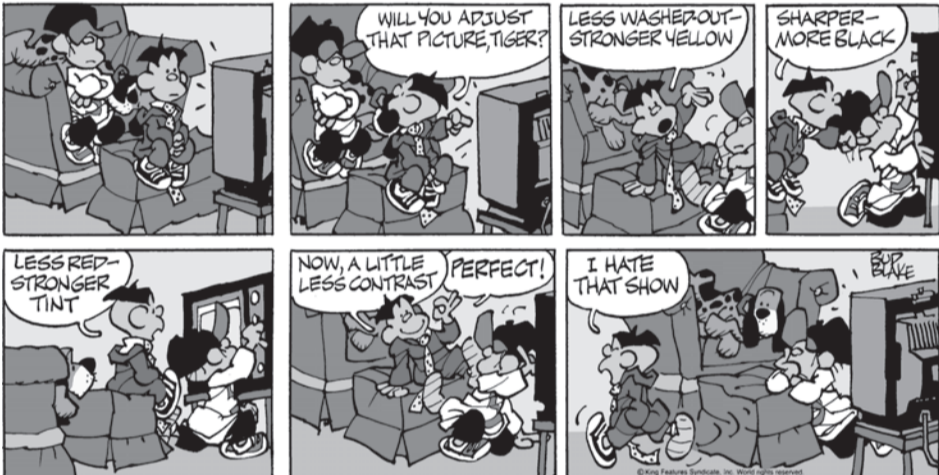
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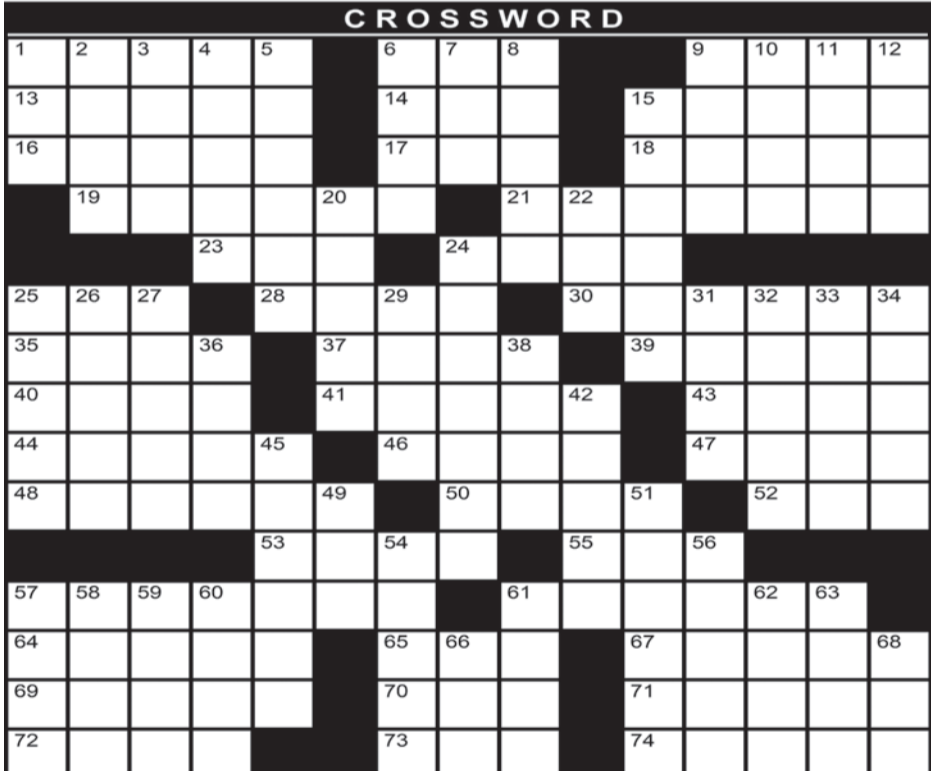
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Stingy Defense Helps Women's Basketball

Sacramento State News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Senior Benthe Versteeg and junior Keanna Salave'a each finished with double-doubles on the day and the Sacramento State defense limited visiting Weber State to just 13 second-half points on Jan. 3 as the Hornets won their first Big Sky Conference game of the year, 60-39, at Hornet Pavilion.

The victory snapped a three-game skid for the Hornets, who moved to 7-8 overall and 1-1 in league play. The 39 points allowed are tied for the fewest surrendered this year and the fewest given up to a Division I opponent since defeating San Jose State, 66-39, on Dec. 15 of last season.

Led by 15 points from Sydney White, the Wildcats fell to 6-9 overall and 0-2 in league play, limited to just 29 percent shooting overall for the game and just 20 percent (6-for-30) in the second half.

Versteeg and Salave'a each posted their second double-doubles of the year, while Salave'a accomplished the feat for

the second time in the team's last three games. The last time the Hornets finished with a pair of double-doubles was against Eastern Washington in last year's Big Sky Tournament when Versteeg and Jaydia Martin accomplished the feat.

Versteeg finished with a season-high 18 points to go with 10 rebounds for her 12th career double-double, adding five assists and a career-high six steals. The 18 points surpassed her previous high of 14 against Nevada, while the six steals were just one shy of the school single-game top five.

Salave'a finished with 13 points and 13 rebounds — both Sacramento State career highs — while the 13 rebounds were the most by a Hornet this year. Six of her 13

boards came on the offensive end while adding a pair of assists, two steals, and a block. Saturday marked her fourth double-digit performance in her last five games.

Junior guard Natalie Picton also finished in double figures, adding 12 points to go with three rebounds and a pair of steals.

Sacramento State which never trailed in the game, threw the first punch out of the gates, opening the contest with a 13-2 run, including the last nine straight while holding Weber State scoreless for four minutes.

The Wildcats answered by scoring seven of the final nine points of the first quarter, but still found themselves down eight after one.

After trading baskets to start the second

and trailing by as many as 10 points twice, Weber State got as close as four points with just under three to play in the quarter before Jaety Mandaquit drained a three-pointer and Salave'a scored inside to give the Hornets some breathing room and an eight-point advantage at the break.

The Hornets then owned the second half, doubling up the Wildcats in the final 20 minutes while holding Weber State to just three field goals in the third and fourth quarters.

Sacramento State scored the first seven points of the third period to rebuild the lead back to 15, then led by as many as 16 in the early part of the fourth before pulling away. The Hornets finished the game on a 12-3 run en route to the victory.

Aside from a 38-31 advantage on the glass, Sacramento State turned the Wildcats over 24 times, turning those into 25 points to the good, while outscoring Weber State in the paint, 34-18.

The Hornets have only one game next week, hosting travel partner Portland State at 1 p.m. Jan. 10 to close out a three-game homestand. ★



Jace Rodriguez Named to FCS ADA Academic All Star Team

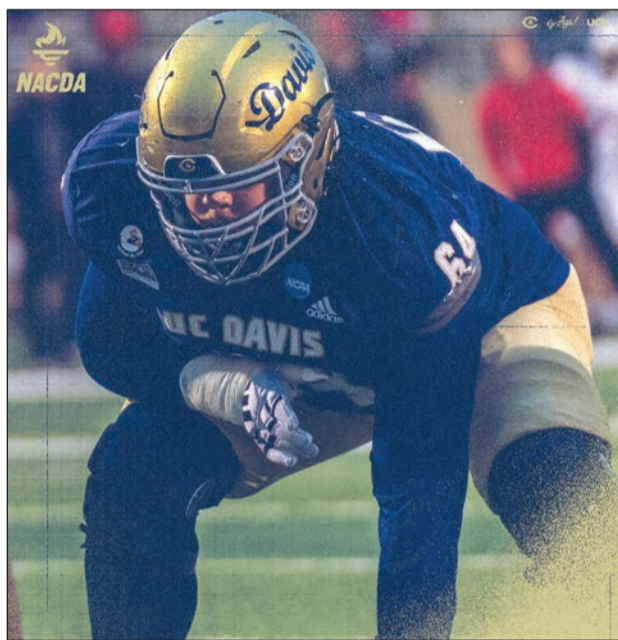
UC Davis Athletics News Release

CLEVELAND (MPG) - The Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association (FCS ADA) has named 57 student-athletes to the 28th Annual Academic All-Star Team, listing UC Davis football senior offensive lineman Jace Rodriguez as part of the collection of academic all stars.

Rodriguez was a key member of the Aggie offensive line during the 2025 season, making 12 starts while appearing in all 13 games for the Ags. He was an important interior piece of an Aggie front that opened holes for the 27th-best rushing attack in the nation and the 17th-best passing offense.

The Patriot League led the way with 10 student-athletes placed on the 2025 All-Star Team, along with the Coastal Athletic Association with nine student-athletes, the Big Sky Conference with eight student-athletes and the Missouri Valley Football Conference with seven recipients.

Current Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association (FCS ADA) President, Kurt McGuffin, director of athletics at University of Tennessee Martin, stated, "This year's honorees exemplify what it means to be complete student-athletes, excelling both in the classroom and in competition. It is always rewarding to recognize outstanding individuals who embody the values and standards of our division,



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and this year's selections are no exception. We extend our sincere congratulations to all nominees and especially to those receiving this well-deserved recognition."

To view the complete list of winners, visit: <https://nacda.com/documents/2026/1/3/2025FCS-Finalx3.pdf>

Football players from all Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) institutions are eligible for the award. Each of the nominees were required to have a minimum grade point average of 3.20 (on a 4.00 scale) in undergraduate or graduate study and have been a starter or key player with legitimate athletics credentials. They must have reached their second year of athletics and academic standing at the nominated institution and have completed a minimum of one full academic year at the nominated

institution. They also must have participated in 50 percent of the games played at their designated position.

Now in its 31st year, the Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association's mission is to enhance Football Championship Subdivision football. For more information on the Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association (FCS ADA), please visit www.fcsada.com. The Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association (FCS ADA) is administered by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), which is in its 61st year. For more information on National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and the 19 professional associations that fall under its umbrella, visit www.nacda.com. ★

Countdown to Kickoff

Republic FC Releases Action-Packed 2026 Schedule

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - USL Championship recently announced the full schedule for the upcoming 2026 season, including the group stage matches for the Prinx Tires USL Cup. For the third straight year, Republic FC will kick off the season at home when it hosts defending Western Conference Champion FC Tulsa on Saturday, March 7.

Twenty-two of Sacramento's 30 regular season matches will come against Western Conference opponents. The Indomitable Club will face off with each team twice with an additional game against FC Tulsa and Phoenix Rising FC. Interconference play will see Republic FC face off with six Eastern Conference teams, including league debutants Brooklyn FC (April 21) and Sporting Club Jacksonville (August 1).

Following the season opener, Republic FC heads out on the road to face Lexington SC on March 14 before returning home for a three game homestand against Monterey Bay FC, El Paso Locomotive FC, and Phoenix Rising FC. Additional marquee matches include a season series with NorCal rival Oakland Roots SC on July 25 and Oct. 24, and a road match against defending league champions

Pittsburgh Riverhounds on August 8, and a Sunday match against San Antonio FC on Sept. 20.

The league's announcement also included the group stage matches for the in-season 2026 Prinx Tires USL Cup. Republic FC will begin its quest to return to the Cup Final with a home tie against League One side Spokane Velocity



FC on April 25 followed by a road match against Oakland Roots SC on May 16. Play continues back at Heart Health Park against Monterey Bay FC on June 6 before closing out the group stage on the road against League One debutant Athletic Club Boise on July 11. USL Cup results will not count towards the regular season.

Additional details, including kickoff times, broadcast information, and theme nights will be announced in the coming weeks.

The only way to guarantee access to all 17 home games – as well as a pre-season friendly – is by becoming a 2026 Indomitable Member today. Season ticket memberships offer a range of benefits including discounts on merchandise and access to exclusive fan experiences, as well as priority seat selection in the new Republic Stadium at The Railyards. For more information, or to purchase a membership today, visit SacRepublicFC.com/Memberships. ★

River Cats, Giants to Meet at Exhibition Game

Sacramento River Cats News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The fifth battle between the Sacramento River Cats and their parent affiliate, the San Francisco Giants, is set to get the River Cats baseball season underway on Sunday, Mar. 22 at 5:07 p.m. Fans can now secure their seats as single-game tickets are now on sale.

"We're thrilled to once again host the San Francisco Giants at Sutter Health Park for what has become a highly anticipated way to start the River Cats season," said Sacramento River Cats President and COO Chip Maxson. "It's a chance for Sacramento fans to welcome rising Giants stars, reconnect with familiar faces who once wore the River Cats jersey, and matchup in a unique atmosphere against our big-league affiliate. Sacramento's love for baseball runs



Tickets are now on sale for the exhibition game between the Sacramento River Cats and the San Francisco Giants taking place on Sunday, Mar. 22. Courtesy photo Sacramento River Cats

deep and this game provides another opportunity to celebrate that passion."

Each of the past two years has seen the River Cats leave the clash of affiliates as the victor, though it came in two very different fashions. While the Giants took an early 2-0 lead in 2025, the River Cats came back to win with four consecutive runs for a 4-3 victory. Meanwhile, the 2024 edition saw Sacramento

cruise to an 8-1 victory. Tickets for this matchup are now available online only on Ticketmaster. Fans interested in booking a suite or hospitality space, can contact the sales office at (916) 371-HITS (4487) or tickets@rivercats.com. The Sutter Health Park ticket office is closed for the offseason and will reopen in March. Updated ticket office hours can be found at www.milb.com/sacramento/tickets/ticket-office. ★



Sac State Announces Leadership Change



Pictured is Randy Dedini, former women's soccer coach. Courtesy photo Sacramento State

Sacramento State News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State Director of Athletics

Mark Orr announced a change in leadership for the Hornets' women's soccer program, parting ways with head coach Randy Dedini.

"I would like to thank Randy for his many years of distinguished service to Sacramento State athletics and the women's soccer program," Orr said. "We wish him the very best in his future endeavors."

Dedini wrapped up his 19th season as head

coach in 2025 and was also an assistant with the Hornets for three seasons from 2004-06 before taking over the top spot. During his time at the university, he finished with the most victories in program history (130), winning a regular season crown and three league tournament titles during his tenure.

A search for a new head coach will begin immediately. ★



LOCAL SPORTS → COVERAGE

PRESENTED BY THE GALT HERALD

Liberty Ranch Wrestling Teams Split Results in League Dual Meet

Story and photos
by Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawks wrestling teams traveled to Galt High School on Wednesday evening, Jan. 7 for a crucial league dual meet against Union Mine and El Dorado, with the boys' and girls' squads experiencing vastly different outcomes in their respective competitions.

While the boys' team struggled with roster depth issues in a challenging night against two league opponents, the Liberty Ranch girls' team soared to a perfect 2-0 start to its league campaign, dominating both Union Mine and El Dorado with impressive performances on the mat.

The Lady Hawks wrestling team opened its league season in spectacular fashion, posting shutout and near-shutout victories that have positioned the Hawks as early favorites for the league championship. Liberty Ranch defeated Union Mine 36-0 and El Dorado 33-3, showcasing the depth and talent that Head Coach Cesar Candido has been cultivating throughout the season.

Against Union Mine, the Lady Hawks received pin victories from Jordan Gold and Emma McLain, with the remainder of their points coming from forfeit wins. The team continued its dominant performance against El Dorado, where Amie Leah Muela secured a pin victory. Sofia San Juan battled hard but fell by decision in the only contested match the Lady Hawks lost on the evening, with additional forfeit wins padding the final score.

Coach Candido beamed with pride when discussing his team's performance and their championship aspirations.

"The girls did great to jump to a 2-0 start to league," Candido said. "They practice very hard and motivate each other every day, and they all have one goal and that's to be league champs. Being led by team captain Kaydince Silva, they really follow her lead and they all have high expectations from one another."

The Liberty Ranch boys' wrestling team faced a more difficult evening, splitting its dual meets with a tough loss to El Dorado and a hard-fought victory over Union Mine. The Hawks fell to El Dorado 70-12 in a match where roster limitations proved costly, as Liberty Ranch



Hawk Amie Leah Muela works her El Dorado opponent before she pins her.

was forced to forfeit multiple weight classes due to not having wrestlers available to fill those positions.

Despite the lopsided score, the Hawks showed heart in the matches they could contest. Braden Salbeck and Ethan Fluty both earned victories for Liberty Ranch, providing bright spots in an otherwise challenging dual meet against the deep El Dorado squad.

The Hawks bounced back with determination against Union Mine, grinding out a narrow 27-24 victory that showcased the team's resilience and competitive spirit. Jack Rowe, Anthony Maldonado and Salbeck all secured wins for Liberty Ranch in the closely contested match that came down to the final weight classes.

Boys Head Coach Jose Hernandez maintained a positive outlook despite the challenging circumstances his team faced.

"We have a young group with some holes left in the weight classes," Hernandez explained. "Props to El Dorado; they are a huge team now and unfortunately won a lot of matches by forfeit. Our guys gain skills every day and I am looking forward to the individual league meet."

Coach Hernandez's comments reflect the reality many smaller wrestling programs face when competing against schools with larger rosters.

The contrasting fortunes of the Liberty Ranch wrestling programs highlight both the challenges and successes that come with building competitive



Hawk Ethan Fluty prepares to pin his El Dorado opponent while the referee gets a good look.

teams. While the boys' squad works to develop depth and fill roster gaps, the girls' team has emerged as a force to be reckoned with in league competition.

For the Lady Hawks, the path forward looks promising as they continue their pursuit of a league championship. With strong leadership from captain Kaydince Silva and a roster full of motivated athletes, the team has established itself as the early favorite in league competition.

The boys' team, meanwhile, will focus on individual development and preparation for the league individual tournament, where wrestlers compete one on one rather than as part of team scoring. This format may prove more favorable for the Hawks, allowing their talented individuals like Salbeck, Fluty, Rowe and Maldonado to showcase



Sophia San Juan wrestles with a tough El Dorado opponent.

their skills without the burden of forfeited weight classes affecting the outcome.

Both Liberty Ranch wrestling programs will continue their league schedules in the coming

weeks, with the girls' team looking to maintain its undefeated record and the boys' team working to develop the depth and experience necessary to compete with larger programs. As the season

progresses toward league championships and potential section qualifiers, the Hawks will continue to represent their school with the determination and work ethic that defines Liberty Ranch athletics. ★



Liberty Ranch's Braden Salbeck makes quick work of tossing his Union Mine opponent.



Liberty Ranch's Jordan Gold looks to the referee during her match against Union Mine.

LOCAL SPORTS → COVERAGE



Warriors Celebrate Senior Night with Heartfelt Ceremony and Gritty Performances

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warriors wrestling program celebrated Senior Night last Wednesday, Jan. 7 with an emotional ceremony honoring nine graduating seniors, but the evening's competition proved challenging as the Warriors fell to both Union Mine and El Dorado in a home dual meet. Before the matches began, the Warriors' nine seniors – six boys and three girls – were recognized alongside their parents in a heartfelt ceremony that celebrated their dedication and contributions to the program. The sendoff provided a bittersweet backdrop to an evening where the undermanned Warriors battled through adversity against two formidable opponents.

The Warriors dropped a close 32-22 decision to Union Mine in a competitive matchup that came down to key matches throughout the evening. Despite the loss, the Warriors showed resilience and fought hard in several contested bouts.

The night proved more difficult against El Dorado, whose significantly larger roster overwhelmed the Warriors.

With Galt fielding only half of a full varsity lineup due to nagging injuries, the team was forced to forfeit multiple weight classes. El Dorado capitalized on the forfeits and its depth advantage to dominate the dual meet.

"With nagging injuries and half of a full varsity lineup last week, the focus was on fundamentals and execution of their game plans," said Head Coach EJ Smith, who guides both the boys' and girls' programs. "Our kids showed heart out there, especially our seniors on their special night."

Despite the challenging circumstances, several Warriors delivered stand-out performances. Senior Carson McEwen led the boys' team with a strong showing on the mat, demonstrating the technique and determination that has defined his career. On the girls' side, Madisen Gutierrez dominated her opponent with a first-period pin, showcasing the explosive power and technical skill that makes her one of the team's most dangerous competitors.

The significance of Senior Night resonated throughout the gymnasium as the Warriors program celebrated its nine



The Galt Warrior senior wrestlers are honored at their last home matchup on Wednesday, Jan. 7.



Warrior freshman Everett Maraspini uses the Union Mine wrestler's leg to toss him to the ground.



Warrior Senior Nikolette Gonzalez uses her hips to twist her Union Mine opponent to the ground.



Sadie Mejia gets close to pinning her Union Mine opponent.



Galt's Jayden Tacket breaks free from his opponent and goes back on the attack.

graduating seniors. These athletes have built a foundation of hard work and dedication that will continue to inspire future Warriors teams.

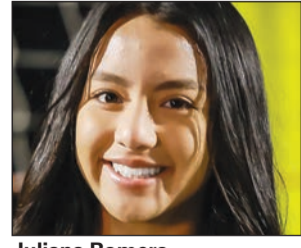
As the season moves forward, the Warriors will look to get healthy and return to full strength. With the focus remaining on fundamentals and execution,

Coach Smith and his staff are working to prepare the team for the challenges ahead while honoring the legacy left by this year's senior class. ★

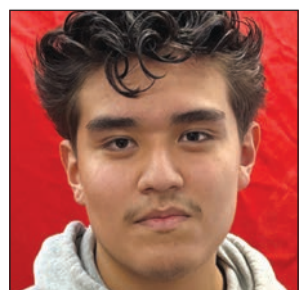
GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Humberto Dominguez Liberty Ranch Soccer



Juliana Romero Liberty Ranch Soccer



Bryan Villalobos Galt High Basketball



Jordyn Asuncion Galt High Wrestling

Photos by Paige Lampson



Carson McEwen puts his El Dorado opponent in an uncomfortable position.



Galt's Zoe Smith grapples with a Union Mine wrestler.