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13 Years Since Loss of Officer Tonn



Galt Police Chief Brian Kalinowski raises his hand in salute along with honor guard during Officer Kevin Tonn's 13th wreath-laying ceremony on Jan. 15.

*Story and photos
by Idaly Valencia*

GALT, CA (MPG) - Law enforcement officials from Galt and neighboring agencies gathered outside City Hall Thursday, Jan. 15 alongside community members and the family of fallen Galt Police Officer Kevin Tonn for a wreath-laying ceremony.

Thirteen years ago, on Jan. 15, 2013, Tonn was shot and fatally wounded while responding to an emergency call reporting a burglary at an apartment complex off F Street. He was 35 and had served with the Galt Police

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Mary Ann Tonn, mother of Officer Kevin Tonn, accompanied by his father, Will, shares reflections on her son's service and sacrifice at the annual ceremony honoring the fallen officer 13 years after his death.

Galt Saturday Market Series Returning March 7



The city announced in its latest newsletter that the Saturday Market Series will return March through November, running the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

City of Galt News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - Get ready, Galt! The Saturday Market Series is back for 2026, starting Saturday, March 7 and running every first Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through November along the 4th Street Promenade.

Each month brings fresh themes, local vendors and a lively, family-friendly atmosphere perfect for shopping, strolling and connecting with the community.

We're also seeking vendors to join the 2026 season! If you're a maker, small business or creative, this is your chance to showcase your

products in a vibrant community setting. Spaces are limited and vendors are selected to ensure a diverse market each month.

Apply now or learn more by visiting bit.ly/3NusPpW (case sensitive). Mark your calendars and be part of a year filled with creativity and connection. ★

Supervisors Elect Rodriguez Chair, Hume Vice Chair



Pictured are Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Chair Rosario Rodriguez, District 4; and Vice Chair Pat Hume, District 5. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

**Sacramento County
News Release**

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The annual vote to elect a new a new chair and vice chair of the Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, Jan. 13. This year's elected chair is Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez of District 4, and Supervisor Pat Hume of District 5 was elected vice chair.

"It is an honor to serve as chair of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors in 2026," said Supervisor Rodriguez.

"I step into this role with a clear focus on results, respect and responsibility. Many of our residents are struggling, and they deserve a county government that acts with urgency and delivers measurable outcomes. As chair, I will run disciplined, productive meetings and demand results, accountability and follow-through on every commitment we make," she added.

Rodriguez continued by stating, "Respect begins with listening to the people and the communities we serve and ensuring their voices are reflected in our decisions. Responsibility means turning those voices into action. Working with my fellow supervisors, county staff, and community partners, I will advance solutions that strengthen neighborhoods and ensure Sacramento County operates transparently, effectively and with real impact for the public."

Board chair responsibilities include the following:
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Girl Scouts of Northern California Kicks off Cookie Season

Welcomed Exploremores to Cookie Lineup, Bay Area's Adobe a National Sponsor

Girl Scouts of Northern California News Release

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, CA (MPG) - Girl Scouts of Northern California kicked off their 2026 Girl Scout Cookie season on Jan. 12. Girl Scouts throughout all 19 counties from Gilroy to the Oregon Border will embark on the highly anticipated cookie season, exploring more possibilities through the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world.

From Jan. 12, consumers can support their local girl entrepreneurs by ordering from the iconic cookie lineup online at ilovecookies.org. Local shoppers can also locate cookie booths starting Feb. 4 for in-person cookie sales. The 2026 Girl Scouts of Northern California cookie season runs through March 15, and all cookie flavors are \$7 a box (shipping fees additional).

"Exploremores", a rocky road ice cream-inspired sandwich cookie, will join the legendary lineup for the 2026 cookie season. Filled with delicious flavors of chocolate, marshmallow and toasted almond-flavored crème, Exploremores reflect the spirit of exploration at the heart of every Girl Scout.

The new flavor will be the 9th cookie flavor to join Northern California customer favorites such as Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, and Trefoils. Exploremores will be available for purchase online and in-person during booth sales. Visit www.ilovecookies.org for more information.

"What better way to kick off the new year than with a new cookie for the 2026 cookie season," said Mary-Jane Strom, CEO of Girl Scouts of Northern California. "Behind every cookie sale is a Girl Scout learning essential life skills far beyond just selling cookies. Buying or donating cookies is a delicious and easy way to help cultivate



As this year's national sponsor of the cookie program, Bay Area-based Adobe will encourage girls to express their individuality and think creatively as they pursue their goals this cookie season. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts of Northern California

future leaders, innovators, and change-makers. It is a win-win for all."

The Girl Scout Cookie Program provides invaluable entrepreneurial skills for Girl Scouts across the country and funds a variety of experiences. Each cookie season, Girl Scouts develop important life skills like goal-setting, decision-making, money management, people skills and business ethics through the Cookie Program.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the cookie program are used locally and provide critical funds for girls' access to affordable programming, the outdoors, camp and program centers, STEM, financial aid and volunteer support services. Girl Scouts and their troops depend on these funds to support their community service efforts.

This year, over 14,000 Girl Scouts in Northern California will



"Exploremores", a rocky road ice cream-inspired sandwich cookie, will join the legendary lineup for the 2026 cookie season. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts of Northern California

participate in the cookie entrepreneurship program with the goal of selling over 3 million packages of cookies.

As this year's national sponsor of the cookie program, Bay Area-based Adobe will encourage girls to express their individuality and think creatively as they pursue their

goals this cookie season. Through a national educational video featured on the Digital Cookie platform, Adobe will equip Girl Scouts with essential skills in online communication and responsible digital design. By sharing these creative tools, Adobe is supporting Girl Scouts to become confident digital

creators and entrepreneurs.

Girl Scouts of Northern California serves over 46,000 youth and adult volunteers across 19 counties from Gilroy to the Oregon border. Girl Scouts bring their dreams to life and work together to build a better world. Through programs from coast to coast, Girl Scouts of all backgrounds and abilities can be unapologetically themselves as they discover their strengths and rise to meet new challenges — whether they want to climb to the top of a tree or the top of their class, lace up their boots for a hike, advocate for climate justice, or make their first best friends.

Backed by trusted adult volunteers, mentors and millions of alums, Girl Scouts lead the way as they find their voices and create change on the issues that matter most to them. To learn more about Girl Scouts of Northern California, visit www.gsnorcal.org. ★

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Police Arrest Father in Infant Death Investigation

California State Fair to Move to Fall Beginning in 2027

Galt Police Department News Release



GALT, CA (MPG) - On Jan. 13, at 6:55 a.m., 33-year-old Edgar Allan Bonifacio, of Galt, was arrested by Galt police officers in connection with the death of his infant daughter. He was arrested on charges of homicide and felony child abuse resulting in death.

and contacted the infant's parents at the hospital.

In August 2025, the Galt Police Department was notified by UC Davis Medical Center regarding suspected child abuse involving a 7-month-old infant who was being treated for severe head injuries.

During the initial investigation, Bonifacio reported that he had been home alone with his daughter when she slipped from his arms and fell backward onto the floor, after which she became unresponsive. Bonifacio contacted the child's mother, who returned home shortly thereafter, and the parents transported the infant to a

local hospital for medical care.

As the investigation progressed, medical findings determined the infant sustained injuries that were inconsistent with the explanation provided by Bonifacio.

Sadly, after 49 days of hospitalization and extensive medical treatment, the infant died as a result of her injuries.

Bonifacio was transported to the Sacramento County Main Jail, where he was booked on charges of homicide and felony child abuse resulting in death.

The Galt Police Department extends its deepest condolences to the child's family and loved ones as they mourn this tragic loss. ★



Fairgoers ride a carnival attraction during the California State Fair this past summer in Sacramento. Fair officials announced the event will move to fall dates beginning in 2027. Photo by Shamaya Sutton

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California State Fair will shift from its traditional summer schedule to a fall timeframe beginning in 2027, fair officials announced.

The change is intended to address increasingly extreme summer temperatures in the Sacramento region and improve

conditions for fairgoers, staff and vendors. The 2027 fair is scheduled to run from Sept. 17 through Oct. 3.

Officials said the 2026 California State Fair, set for July 17 through Aug. 2, will be the final fair held during the summer months.

According to fair leadership, the decision follows several years of evaluation and planning, including

consideration of public safety, attendance patterns and operational impacts related to prolonged heat. Many other state fairs across the country already operate during fall months.

Fair organizers said the schedule change is a long-term shift and part of broader efforts to adapt the event to changing climate conditions while preserving its traditions. ★

Police Investigate Additional Shooting on 2nd Street

Galt Police Department News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - On Saturday, Jan. 10, at approximately 9:38 p.m., officers responded to a reported shooting in the area of 2nd Street and Guild Street. This incident occurred nearly 24 hours after an initial shooting was reported in the same general area.

Preliminary findings from the investigation indicate: A targeted residential drive-by shooting occurred, with the residence struck multiple times; A bystander vehicle was struck and subsequently towed as evidence to recover a bullet fragment; A nearby apartment unit was also struck, the bullet was safely extracted for evidentiary purposes; and no individuals were injured as a result of the gunfire.

Witnesses reported a suspect vehicle traveling along 2nd Street, from which multiple rounds were fired toward a residence. Officers arrived on scene and confirmed that no injuries were sustained.

Detectives are actively investigating both incidents, which are believed to be related. This remains an ongoing investigation, and additional information will be released as it becomes available. ★

13 Years Since Loss of Officer Tonn

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Department for about three and a half years.

At Tonn's memorial, honor guards presented a wreath as a bugle played "Taps" in tribute. Afterwards, Police Chief Brian Kalinowski noted that this year's ceremony would be different in that Tonn's parents were invited to the podium to share a few words.

Will and Mary Ann Tonn thanked the Galt community and the law enforcement officers in attendance, including police who had traveled from Lincoln, where they reside.

Mary Ann Tonn shared reflections on her son's life, highlighting his character through stories and his dedication to service.



A new street honoring Officer Kevin Tonn was dedicated along Carillion Boulevard at the Elliott Ranch residential development. The sign for Officer Tonn Parkway was unveiled before the Jan. 15 wreath-laying ceremony.

She noted that Kevin had earned a bachelor's degree in criminology just six months before his death.

"Kevin's last act of service is the reason why

we are here today," Mary Ann Tonn said. "I believe people are alive in Galt today because Kevin was murdered."

"Being a police officer is



Pictured is the wreath placed Jan. 15 at the Officer Kevin Tonn Fallen Heroes Memorial at City Hall. The memorial honors Tonn and others who died in the line of duty, including Sacramento County Animal Control Officer Roy Macrum and Galt Police Officer Harminder Grewal.

a dangerous job, even more so today than 13 years ago," she added.

"A big thank you to all the men and women here today who put on the

uniform every day and serve."

Following her remarks, Will Tonn encouraged law enforcement personnel present to ensure their

departmental paperwork is properly in order to better support their loved ones in the event of a tragedy, drawing on his family's experience. ★

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Fire Department Offering Free CPR Classes

Cosumnes Fire Department News Release

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - According to the American Heart Association, nearly seven out of every 10 U.S. adults wouldn't feel confident to

act during a cardiac emergency. Yet, it takes just 10 minutes to learn how to help keep someone alive until paramedics arrive.

The Cosumnes Fire Department is offering free, drop-in Hands-Only CPR clinics at local fire

stations. The training focuses on those first few critical minutes following a cardiac arrest when quick action can truly make the difference between life and death.

The sessions are open to the public, require no prior experience

and are a great way to learn an essential life-saving skill.

Classes are offered on the last Saturday of the month, January through May, at rotating fire stations. Find details at CosumnesCSD.gov/CPR. ★

County Opens Grant Applications for Nonprofits

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - The city announced in its latest newsletter that eligible local nonprofits can apply for funding through Sacramento County's Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Grant Program.

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors is continuing to support local nonprofit organizations through the program for Fiscal Year 2026-27, with a total of \$1 million in grant funding available.

Nonprofits offer-

ing community-based programs or services in economic and workforce development, arts and culture, community development, or health and human services are encouraged to apply.

Funding will be awarded through a competitive process, and applicants must meet established eligibility requirements.

Applications are being accepted online through Feb. 6. Learn more about the grant program at bit.ly/3NmIesl (case sensitive). ★



Eligible nonprofits operating in Sacramento County can apply for funding through the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Grant Program. Applications are open through Feb. 6. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

ABOUT TOWN

Continuing 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.

Saturday, Jan. 24

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. Interstate 5 and Eight Mile Road, Stockton.

Thursday, Jan. 29

Senior Wetlands Tour, Galt Winter Bird Festival - 10 a.m. at the Cosumnes River Preserve. Enjoy a gentle, senior-friendly walk through the wetlands. This guided experience includes an approximately half-mile walk to the boardwalk, where participants will explore the

wetlands on foot with knowledgeable naturalist guides. Bus transportation to and from the Preserve will be provided. Use the link to register at cityofgalt.org. 600 Chabolla Ave.

Friday, Jan. 30

Coffee & Community - 11 a.m. to noon at the Coffee Shop Bakery. Join the Galt Chamber for a meaningful morning with a special guest speaker, Sen. Roger Niello. This is a great opportunity for our community and Chamber members to come together, enjoy a cup of coffee, and hear updates and insights that matter to our local businesses and residents. Information at 209-429-1341. 239 Fourth St.

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.

City of Stockton Animal Shelter Surf and Turf Dinner - 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Stockton Elks Lodge. This event raises funds in partnership with Hard Luck Animal Welfare Advocates, bringing together animal lovers, supporters and local businesses for one powerful

purpose: to give every animal in need a chance at a healthy life and the family it deserves. Tickets and more information at visitstockton.org. 8900 Thornton Road, Stockton.

20th Annual Jerry Burns Crab Feed - 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. in Chardonnay Hall at the Grape Festival Grounds. Your generous support goes to benefit youth sports in Lodi. Tickets available at lodibobs.net. 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

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.

Thursday, Feb. 5

Artists' and Authors' Education Expo - 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Galt Adventist School. Enjoy a student art exhibit and writing presentations along with a silent auction and hors d'oeuvres.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Galt Sunshine Food Pantry, with remaining funds supporting learning opportunities,

classroom equipment and educational resources. 619 Myrtle Ave.

Friday, Feb. 6

Cosumnes Uncorked - 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Cosumnes River Preserve. Enjoy delicious wines while supporting vital efforts to protect bird habitats along the Pacific Flyway. All proceeds go to the Friends of the Cosumnes River Preserve to help conserve and restore critical wetlands for our feathered friends. Tickets available at Eventbrite.com. 23319 N. Staten Island Road.

Saturday, Feb. 7

19th Annual Galt Winter Bird Festival - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., McCaffery Middle School. Choose from a variety of tours and activities both live and online across our area. More information and registration for specific events at cityofgalt.org. 997 Park Terrace Drive.

Ongoing Events

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

Wilton Bingo - First Saturday each month. The next bingo will be on Saturday, Feb. 7 in the Wilton Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale and bingo starts at 6 p.m. All proceeds go to two nonprofits: the local Park Council and the Wilton History Group. 9717 Colony Road at Dillard Road, Wilton.

Veterans Meetings

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

American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 - fourth Thursdays each month at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Dinner at 6 p.m.

Post 233 Family Breakfast - first Saturday each month at 9 a.m., Mimi's Café, corner of Laguna Boulevard and West Stockton Boulevard, Elk Grove. For more information, call Henry at

916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H.

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

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

VFW Post 2073 - second Thursday. 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.

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. 23: English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Tuesday, Jan. 27: Family story time, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. (WG)

Wednesday, Jan. 28: English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Friday, Jan. 30: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (G) English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

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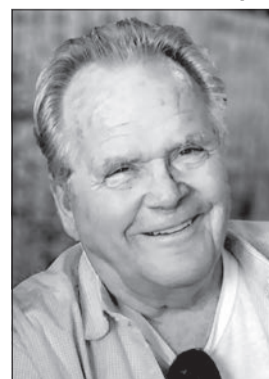
THURMAN ALLEN "SKIP" ROBERTS • 03/10/1941 - 01/13/2026

Thurman Allen Roberts, lovingly known as "Skip," passed away peacefully on January 13, 2026, in Sacramento, California, surrounded by his family. He was 84 years old.

A devoted husband, father, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend, and mentor, Skip lived a life rooted in faith, family, and service to others.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Virgil and Buena Roberts, and by his beloved wife of 47 years, Wanda Roberts.

Skip is survived by his wife, Lana Roberts; his brother, Alvin Roberts (Shirley); his children: son Kevin Roberts (Tracy); daughters Alayne Coleman, Toni Roberts, and Jermane Roberts-Evans (Daniel). He leaves behind a



cherished legacy through his grandchildren: Raevan Hogue (Stephen), Britany Roberts, Reno Evans (Rachel), Jacob Roberts, Dean Lockley, David Lockley (Jamey), and Matthew Lockley (Mackenzie). He was also blessed with great-grandchildren: Midias Roberts;

Jack and Jameson Hogue; Edward and Anabelle Lockley; and Ryker, Rozlyn, Rowen, Rebel, and Riot Lockley.

Skip found joy in playing guitar, fishing, hunting, spending time with family and friends, attending church services, and participating in community activities. His warmth, wisdom, and sense of humor touched all who knew him, and his legacy will live on through the many lives he influenced.

A Celebration of Life will be held on January 31, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church, located at 653 A Street, Galt, California 95632.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Skip's honor to First Baptist Church.

Hume Highlights Projects, Achievements in Year Review

Office of Pat Hume News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -

The first newsletter of the year is always something of a bittersweet journey. It is a reflection of all the work we've done, the events we've attended and the milestones we've passed, but it's also the anxious anticipation of all that still lies before us. This year, the gravity of this new beginning is even more pronounced as it is the final year of my first term.

Coming into this position, I thought I had a pretty good handle on the work ahead and the rigors of the job. Little did I know. Certainly, serving four terms on the Elk Grove City Council helped prime me to the workings of local government, but the scope, breadth and scale of the issues as a County Supervisor are a much more pernicious beast. It is hard work, but it is good work, and it is meaningful work. I remain grateful and humbled to be given this momentous responsibility. I commit to leaning in even harder as I finish out this first term.

We hope you enjoy this reflective edition of the newsletter as much as we enjoyed compiling it. Day to day, it is easy to be caught up in the moment and lose sight of how many people we interact with and the relationships we strengthen through diligence and care. Truly, the communities I get to represent and all of the new friends I have made fuel me and inspire me.

Major Street Repair and Road Upgrades

Road maintenance remains one of my top priorities, as safe and reliable transportation infrastructure is essential to daily life across District 5's diverse urban and rural communities. In 2025, several important projects were completed across the district, including multiple pavement rehabilitations, streetlight upgrades and the major repair of the Clay Station Road Bridge in Herald.

Roads receiving a full pavement rehabilitation this past year included segments of Grant Line Road, River Road, Bradshaw Road, Isleton Road, Sargent Avenue and Twin Cities Road. While funding constraints remain a challenge, I will continue advocating for targeted investments to address long-standing maintenance needs and ensure our most critical roadway repairs are prioritized.

We're also making significant progress on the long-awaited Waterman Road connection, with staff advancing feasibility studies and CEQA clearances toward a potential construction start in 2027.

Construction is also underway on the South Watt Avenue Improvement Project, one of the largest projects SacDOT has ever undertaken, expanding this major corridor with



Pictured is Sacramento County District 5 Supervisor Pat Hume with the bridge crew responsible for getting the Clay Station Road bridge back open, led by the Sacramento Department of Transportation's Julio Melo. Photo courtesy of Office of Supervisor Pat Hume

additional lanes, Class IV bike lanes and separated sidewalks, with an anticipated completion date in the spring of 2027.

Fight Against Delta Conveyance Project

We continue to fight the fight against the proposed Delta tunnel project and welcomed the recent ruling by the Third District Court of Appeal, which upheld the lower court's ruling reaffirming that the State of California lacks the authority to issue bonds to finance this conveyance project without direct and explicit legislative approval.

All that means is that the court agreed with what I, Delta communities, stakeholders and other local agencies have been saying; the State exceeded its authority and cannot pursue a project of this financial magnitude (price tag of \$20+ billion) and with such far-reaching and lasting impacts without following proper and clear channels of legislative scrutiny and public accountability. While this ruling does not end the project, it does raise serious questions about its viability and the State's continued pursuit of the tunnel.

I want to reinforce again my basic tenants about this most precious resource, Delta water: I will continue to advocate for strengthening our levees, reinforcing and repairing existing infrastructure and working to educate users on the importance of self-reliance on local water supplies across the state. I will keep searching for ways to collaborate with all parties to find effective and lasting solutions to meet California's insatiable demand for water without causing permanent damage to our local flyways, farms, fisheries and fun-seekers.

Improvements in Emergency Care

Ambulance Patient Offload Time (APOT), which refer to the length of time it takes for ambulance crews and EMS workers to transition patients to the

care of hospital staff, continued to be a priority in 2025. I am very proud of the work we have done since I took office in 2023, reducing Sacramento County's Ambulance Patient Offload Time from 73 minutes to just under 30 minutes. We have gone from being among the worst in the state to now being able to boast about some of the most improved patient transfer times and having our system used as a statewide and national model.

All this took a lot of collaboration and a strong partnership between local fire agencies, EMS providers, hospitals, health plans, the Sacramento County Emergency Medical Services Agency, labor groups and local leaders. This truly is a shining example of what government is capable of when working cohesively, as it was intended, for the community it serves.

Another important healthcare related issue I worked on and funded in 2025 and that builds on this intertwining of our healthcare systems is the Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) Pilot Program. This impactful, innovative program dispatches high level care providers into the field where they can triage and treat on scene, saving patients the need of a costly and time-consuming hospital visit and freeing up EMS workers and hospital staff for more emergent patients thereby reducing wait-times in emergency rooms across the county. I was pleased to direct funding to the launch of this valuable program in both the Sac Metro Fire District and Cosumnes Fire District in 2024 and 2025 as they move towards new partnerships with local hospitals in 2026. These programs serve as a reminder of how truly interconnected we are and how working together can impact and protect us all.

Collaboratively Tackling Homelessness Crisis

Homelessness continues to be one of the most

complex, challenging and pressing matters plaguing local governments which is why Sacramento County, along with partners and stakeholders, have begun conversations to restructure how we move forward in a collaborative and substantive way to address this ongoing crisis.

Earlier this year, a summit was convened, bringing together stakeholders from throughout the county with representatives from the cities of Sacramento, Folsom, Galt, Elk Grove, Citrus Heights and Rancho Cordova to begin discussions around a more effective governance structure to approach the issues surrounding homelessness using a more collaborative approach.

Each jurisdiction within the county will now consider a recommendation for more direct involvement by elected officials, thereby consolidating homeless efforts into one governing board with greater fiscal accountability. This would allow local governments to position ourselves to more fully assess what outcomes we're realizing for our significant public investments. My hope is that these conversations will continue and people will come together to join us in this mission to enact real change in the fight against homelessness in our county. I know I am committed to working hand in glove with my colleagues from throughout the region to assure that this conversation continues, and that it is productive.

Expanding Affordable Pet Care Services

Over the past two years, I've focused on taking practical steps to address pet overpopulation and relieve pressure on our local shelters. With Bradshaw Animal Shelter frequently operating at or near capacity, expanding access to spay and neuter services has been a priority. Spaying and neutering remain one of the most effective ways to reduce shelter intake and improve long-term animal welfare. Sacramento County, like many communities nationwide, is facing growing challenges related to pet overpopulation, driven in part by a shortage of veterinarians and limited access to affordable spay and neuter services.

To help address this need, I helped fund two MASH clinics in 2024, one directly serving county residents and one in partnership with the City of Elk Grove, which helped to expand access to veterinarian services for hundreds

of animals. Building on that success, I helped fund two additional MASH clinics this past year, partnering with the cities of Rancho Cordova and Elk Grove, to further expand access for the residents in both the northern and southern unincorporated parts of District 5 to critical veterinary care such as spay and neuter services, vaccinations, microchipping and wellness exams for pets and community animals. I have also committed funding to the Community Spay Neuter Clinic to help increase their capacity for offering these essential services.

New Ordinance to Update Rooster Regulations

Agriculture and animal welfare are deeply important to me, and with that comes a responsibility to treat animals with care and respect. Unfortunately, Sacramento County continues to face issues with illegal cockfighting rings, which are not only cruel to animals but are often associated with other serious crimes, including drug activity and human trafficking. I have been working to combat these illegal operations while also protecting the rights of responsible poultry owners, including hobby farmers and educational programs that follow safe and humane practices.

We saw these concerns heightened last year by bird flu, which devastated poultry populations both nationwide and locally, including the loss of more than 263,000 commercial birds in Sacramento County in 2024 alone. Unsanitary conditions, which often go hand-in-hand with the cockfighting rings, can attract pests and accelerate the spread of disease, posing risks to agriculture, public health and nearby residents. The proposed ordinance update is set to limit the number of roosters allowed on a property, with the intent to clearly distinguish legitimate farming activities from those exploiting farm protections for illicit purposes, while still preserving the county's right-to-farm traditions.

I fully respect those who raise roosters (and hens) responsibly, whether as a business, a hobby or for cultural significance, and this ordinance update seeks to protect animal welfare and support responsible agriculture, while still combating the specific raising of roosters for the purpose of cockfighting and allowing our neighbors on smaller, more residential type lots to enjoy peace and safety in

their own homes.

Harvest Water Project Final Stretch

Progress continues to be made on SacSewer's Harvest Water project and I'm happy to report that all 41.3 miles of recycled water pipeline have been installed! Once complete in 2027, the project will supply up to 50,000 acre-feet; approximately 16 billion gallons, of drought-resistant, recycled water annually, providing a reliable water source for agricultural use and delivering long-term benefits to southern Sacramento County.

Work to complete roadway restoration activities (with the help of \$5.5 million from Sacramento County's Department of Transportation for road reconstruction in the unincorporated south county area) is largely complete, reopening impacted streets to public use.

Final paving of the few remaining areas of Twin Cities Road, Bruceville Road and Lambert Road is planned for early 2026, and final resurfacing and striping of Franklin Boulevard and Willard Parkway within the City of Elk Grove will also be completed in early 2026, as soon as weather conditions allow. Construction of the Harvest Water Pump Station is expected to be complete in early 2027, followed by testing and commissioning of the full system later that year.

Environmental impacts of the project continue to be monitored as the project nears completion and include planning efforts such as the installation of groundwater monitoring wells to track Harvest Water's benefit to groundwater levels and pilot projects focused on protecting the sandhill crane and vernal pool habitats while supporting sustainable land management practices.

Harvest Water represents a long-term investment in water reliability, groundwater sustainability, and environmental stewardship for our region, and we will continue to actively seek additional funding from state and federal agencies in support of this impactful project.

Sacramento County Supervisor Pat Hume represents District 5, which includes Elk Grove, Galt, Isleton, Rancho Cordova and southern rural communities in the county and Delta region. Hume is vice chair of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors.

Supervisors Elect Rodriguez Chair, Hume Vice Chair

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presides over the board meetings; the vice chair assumes the role in the chair's absence or inability to act. If the chair and vice chair are absent or unable to preside, the members present will select a member present to act as temporary chairperson; acts on procedural

matters or questions; recognizes a member of the board desiring to speak on an item; is entitled to vote on all matters before the board, participates in discussion relating to any matter, makes motions without relinquishing the chair, and seconds any motion without relinquishing the chair; sits on

other boards/commissions as a representative of the County of Sacramento and is the point of contact for questions from the public regarding the meetings (i.e., coordination of resolutions/presentations and general questions not specific to a district, etc.).

The chair and vice chair serve annual terms. ★

MEETING MINDERS

Monday, Feb. 2

Lodi Parkinson's Support Group, 10 a.m., GracePoint Church, 801 Lower Sacramento Road (enter off Tokay Street), Lodi; 209-269-1080 or 209-329-1185.
Galt Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

Tuesday, Feb. 3

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

Wednesday, Feb. 4

Cosumnes CSD, 5 p.m., Elk Grove CSD boardroom, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove.
Herald Community Club, 6:30 p.m., Hendrickson Hall, 12746 Ivie Road, Herald, 209-810-8390.

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

Friday, Feb. 6

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

Sunday, Feb. 8

Galt 4-H Club meeting, 3 p.m., at either Barbara Payne Community Garden or Grange Hall (depending on weather); see Facebook page GALT 4-H or email galt4h@gmail.com.

Thursday, Feb. 12

Lockeford Community Services District Board of Directors meets at 9 a.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Old

School House, 19456 N. Jack Tone Road.

Friday, Feb. 13

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

Saturday, Feb. 14

Kiwanis Club of Galt meets at 8:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month at the Comfort Inn, 10380 Twin Cities Road. For more information, visit k13878.site.kiwanis.org/contact.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

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

Wednesday, Feb. 18

Cosumnes CSD, 5 p.m., Elk Grove CSD

boardroom, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove.

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

Thursday, Feb. 19

Galt Beautification Committee, 10 a.m., Community Development Dept., 495 Industrial Drive, 209-366-7130.
Galt High School Board, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

Herald Fire Protection District, 6 p.m., Station 87, 12746 Ivie Road, 209-748-2322.

Friday, Feb. 20

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

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
Publish: January 16, 23, 30, 2026
STEELE 1-30-26

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: Agustín 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 1, 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 GALTHERALD 1-30-26

shier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. The property described heretofore is being sold "as is". The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth why The Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor(s): LAZARO DIOSDADO LANDIN AND ELIA ALEJANDRA DIOSDADO AKA ELISA LUNA RODRIGUEZ, A MARRIES COUPLE Duly Appointed Trustee: Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid and Crane LLP DEED OF TRUST Recorded on February 26, 2021 at Instrument No 202102260672 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California Sale Date: 2/17/2026 Sale Time: 9:00 AM Sale Location: East Main Entrance at Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$204,600.28 (Estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1007 TUDOR ST GALT, CA 95632. See Legal Description - Exhibit "A" attached here to and made a part hereto. LEGAL DESCRIPTION - EXHIBIT A THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN IS SITUATED IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, CITY OF GALT AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 111, AS SHOWN ON THE "PLAT OF MEADOWVIEW SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 3", RECORDED IN BOOK 97 OF MAPS, MAP NO. 19, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. 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. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDER(S): 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 be-

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Routine Maintenance of Stream Channels and Drainage Facilities

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The City of Galt proposes to establish a Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA) with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to authorize the City to perform routine maintenance activities, qualifying capital improvement projects, and vegetation restoration activities along the stream channels and drainage systems throughout the City. The completed RMA will streamline permitting and environmental clearance for routine maintenance tasks within the City for the 12-year term of the RMA.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the City of Galt has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. An Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND) has been prepared to summarize the environmental impacts of implementing the RMA and disclose those impacts to the public. This notice is to inform you that the ISMND has been completed and is available for public review and comment. The document is available for review between the dates of **January 23, 2026** and **February 24, 2026**. If you have questions or comments regarding the findings of the Initial Study, please submit a written comment to the City before the deadline of **February 24, 2026**.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The ISMND is available through the City's website at: <https://www.cityofgalt.org/government/public-works-department/bid-cip-construction-projects>

WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

Do you have any questions or comments about the proposed RMA or the findings included in the ISMND? Do you disagree with the findings of the ISMND? Do you want to make any comments on the proposed RMA program? Please submit your comments via postal mail no later than **February 24, 2026** to:

City of Galt Public Works Department
ATTN: Alejandra Ricci
495 Industrial Drive, Galt, CA 95632
or via email to: aricci@cityofgalt.org.

Comments will be accepted from **January 23, 2026** to **February 24, 2026** and incorporated into the final ISMND. If there are no major comments, the City will proceed as planned with the RMA program.

The Galt Herald 1-23-2026

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Senior Bingo Weekly at Chabolla

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

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

Library Offers Older Adults Computer Time

In cooperation with the Galt Commission on Aging, the Galt-Marian O. Lawrence Library will schedule a set time for older adults to use its computers, upon request.

Those 65 and older who want computer time can call the library at 916-264-2920. Staff will help set up the computer or tablet.

The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at 1000 Caroline Ave.

Meals on Wheels Cafe Accepting Older Adults

Meals on Wheels is accepting new participants in its Galt All Seasons Café

located in the Chabolla Community Center, 600 Chabolla Ave.

The cafe is open at 11:30 a.m. Mondays through Fridays for adults age 60 and older.

Those interested can apply at the Chabolla Center when meals are being served or they can call 916-444-9533.

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.

'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.

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TOPS, Taking Off Pounds Sensibly, holds meetings every Wednesday at Grace Presbyterian

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8:27 a.m., Identity Theft reported, Ellis Circle.

12 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, East Stockton Boulevard/Walnut Avenue.

3:16 p.m., Vandalism reported, Galt Dance Center on B Street: Bullet hole in the window.

8:22 p.m., Court Order Violation/Adult Arrest, Polar Bear Circle.

Jan. 14

7:09 a.m., Burglary-Auto-in-Progress/Adult Arrest, Ripken Avenue.

6:13 p.m., Identity Theft reported, Walmart, Twin Cities Road.

16:21 Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, E Street/Fourth Street.

Jan. 15

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Can You Write 'National Pie Day' in Cursive?



According to checkiday.com, handwriting has been an important history being used to craft documents of war and peace, independence and principles of government.

People have also long put pens or pencils to paper to write notes, letters, poems, journal entries, stories and songs. In addition, there is an artistic and personal element that handwriting has that sets it apart from typing, making it a noble craft to celebrate.

In 1977, the Writing Instrument Manufacturers Association established National Handwriting Day on John Hancock's birthday. It is a day to acknowledge and bring to the public's awareness the history and importance of handwriting, and a day to explore the magic of writing and to encourage people to do it more legibly.

Handwriting has been around for centuries. The romans developed an early script, which by the fifth century looked similar to modern cursive. After the fall of the Roman Empire, handwriting was mainly relegated to European monasteries, where manuscripts of religious and classical text were copied. In the late eighth century, an English monk came

up with Carolingian minuscule, a legible, standardized text with lowercase letters, punctuation and spaces between words. In the following centuries, a thicker and bolder gothic print became widespread; it was further popularized by Gutenberg's printing press in the fifteenth century. Italic was invented Renaissance Italy as a reaction to this script.

In the mid-nineteenth century, Platt Rogers Spencer put in motion the democratization of handwriting when he came up with a type of cursive handwriting. Called the Spencerian method, it was taught in schools and began being adopted in professional settings.

The script is famously used in the Coca-Cola logo. In early twentieth century, Austin Norman Palmer's simplified version of the Spencerian method, know as the Palmer method, became the norm learned in schools and used in

handwriting. From that came D'Nealian script in the 1970s, which was used to help children make transition between print and cursive.

By the 1980s, with the rise of typewriters and then word processors on computers, penmanship classes in schools were waning in the United States. Learning cursive was replaced by learning computer skills, which is unfortunate because a written signature is still required on most documents. And the sad part: young people cannot read cursive of their parents or grandparents. So much for reading their family handwritten memoirs.

Today is also National Rhubarb Pie Day. Yes, Rhubarb. No, it is not red celery and do not wrinkle your nose. Rhubarb is harvested between mid-May and early June; the day is celebrated in January to get people to start thinking about spring, which is only a few months away. Rhubarb pies are popular in the United Kingdom and Canada, where rhubarb can grow as it survives in cooler climate. Rhubarb pies contain diced rhubarb and usually have a lot of sugar to balance the rhubarb's tartness.

Rhubarb originated in Western China, Tibet, Mongolia and Siberia, and was likely introduced to Europe by Marco Polo. In the 1730s, John Bartram planted the first rhubarb seeds in the American colonies. Fittingly, another name for rhubarb is the "pie plant."

My grandmother had rhubarb in her garden, so I grew up eating it. Rhubarb is one of my favorite pies, but sadly, no one in my family shares my taste. However, I do get the entire pie to myself.

The three-day weekend was sure nice. Got to watch some football, eat some chicken wings and chips and dip. Our granddaughter finally made it out of the snow from Reno to visit and celebrate a late Christmas. It was a good visit, especially her news, which is that she will be graduating from University of Nevada, Reno, in May with a business degree. Finally got all our Christmas decorations put away for another year. Ground Hog Day is next. Let's hope that furry rodent doesn't see his shadow, or we will have six more weeks of winter weather.

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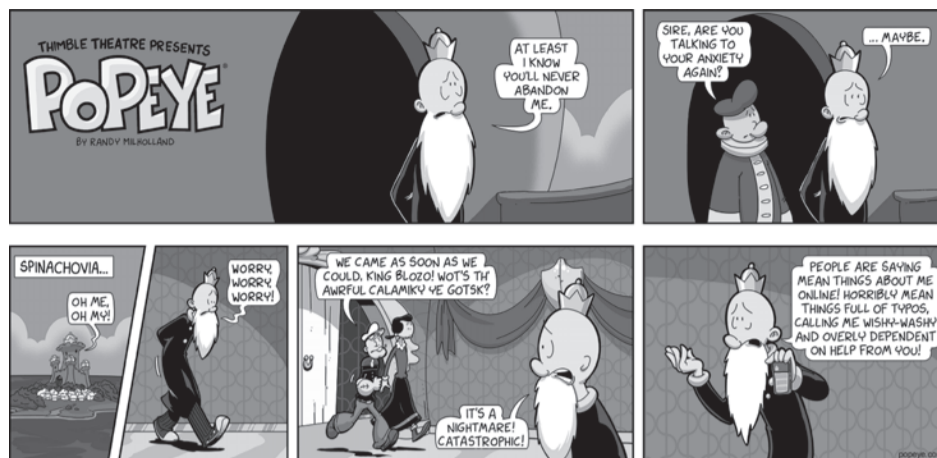
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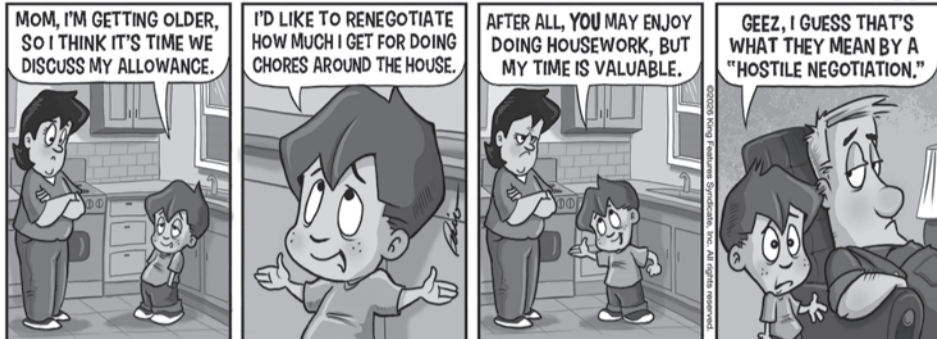
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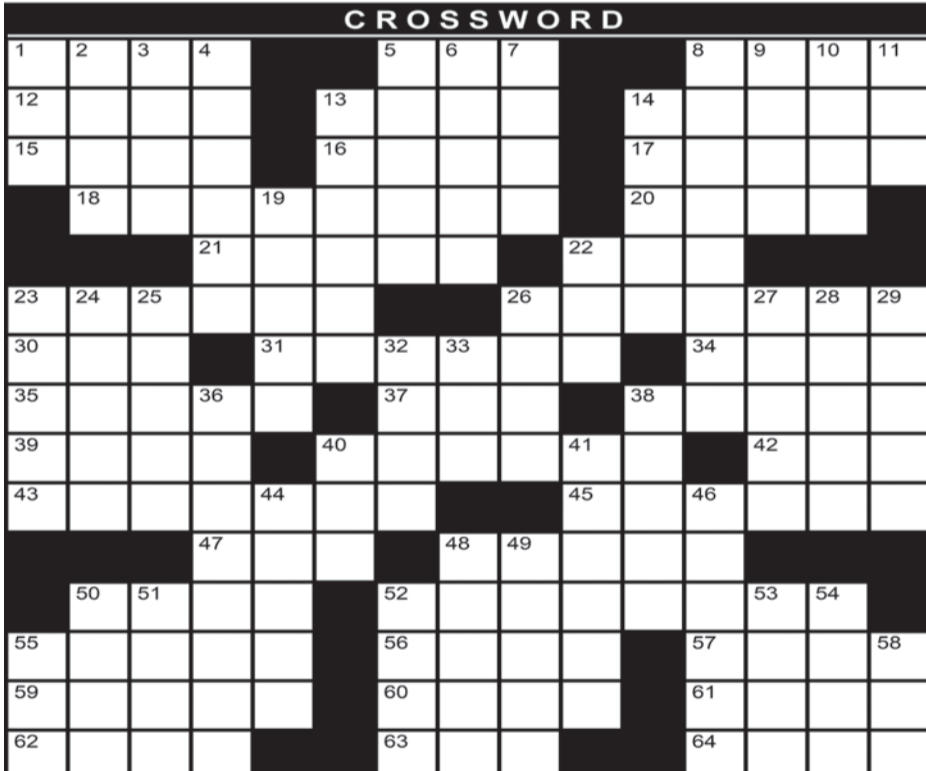
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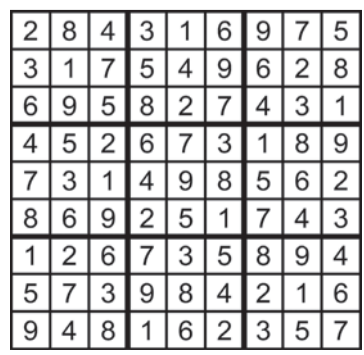


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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



What a difference a week makes!

Losers of seven straight games and looking like cellar dwellers, the Kings went to a youth movement that saw the hometown boys win four consecutive games and nearly made it five straight as they fell to the Portland Trailblazers for the third time this season.

The mini winning streak had a cold water in the face effect for many pundits and fans, as the Kings easily handled the Rockets, Lakers, Knicks and the Washington Wizards.

Even more surprising was the way the Kings put away the competition, as they won by double digits in each of the 4 wins.

A shot in the arm? You bet it was, and it should give the organization a moment of pause as they reassess what they have regarding talent that resides on this team.

Right in the middle of this euphoric 4-game run was none other than 6'11" big man Dylan Cardwell, that has come out of nowhere to become a fan favorite. Just 24 years old, the Kings have stumbled onto a diamond in the rough, and no one on this team plays with greater enthusiasm than Cardwell. Comparisons are being made of Dennis Rodman, as Cardwell bounces down the court with arms uplifted, energizing the crowd and getting fans on their feet.

Not known for his scoring, Cardwell went undrafted a year ago, and the Kings signed him to a 2-way contract for this season. Smart move and one that's already paying off.

Cardwell might not get 20 points per game, but his affection for blocking shots and playing ferocious defense is just what the Kings needed to get them back.

The question will be as the trade deadline approaches, will the Kings realize what they have in Cardwell and value him to the point of not including him in a trade. Don't do it! And by the same token, do not trade Precious Achiuwa!

For the first time in many years the Kings can put a big lineup on the floor and it's showing results.

As the center piece of the Kings Domantas Sabonis was sidelined with a knee injury, coach Christie had no choice but to use both Achiuwa and Cardwell side

by side, and the results were astounding.

Not to be forgotten is rookie Maxime Raynaud who although not as impressive, is coming along, and I'm hopeful the Kings hang onto Raynaud as well.

The idea of blowing up this team in my opinion was never a good one, and I am in favor of the Kings either finding a trade that will add a holdflight scorer, or worst case scenario, top down the fort, work with the existing squad, and make your move in the next draft.

OKC and others have proven that the draft can be your friend. If the Kings can begin to assess talent, there is a real possibility that the upcoming draft, that is predicted to be a talent laden one, can produce another player of DeAaron Fox quality.

Every reason to start getting excited Kings fans.

Domantas Sabonis is back, and will Christie have the wherewithal to play Cardwell and Sabonis at the same time. Is it just a pipe dream to have Achiuwa, Cardwell, and Sabonis all playing on the court at the same time? Wow, what a rebounding trio, and with scorers like Murray, DeRozan, and Lavine to compliment the big men, what might this team look like.

Say your prayers for coach Christie that the talent fairy will tap him on the shoulder and give him good common sense to see what he has right before him.

As I have said many times before, look no further than your bench to find talent, and stop sending quality players away where they make teams better.

The Sacramento Kings really are better than their 12-31 record reports, and the second half of the season really does matter.

Scott Perry, don't make hasty decisions, and let this team continue to gel while giving the youth of the team a chance to show what they're made of.

If you haven't gotten out to a game there is no better time than right now. These guys will get you on your feet over and over again!

Go Kings and let's tweak things and by all means not blow it up!

All the best! ★

Homelessness Crisis Remains One of Newsom's Biggest Political Liabilities



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

While delivering his final State of the State address and proposing his final state budget last week, Gov. Gavin Newsom clearly sought to neutralize an issue that has haunted his political career for more than two decades and could torpedo his hopes of becoming president: homelessness.

First, a bit of history.

Just months after being elected mayor of San Francisco in 2004, Newsom unveiled a plan he said would clear city streets of homeless people in 10 years. Fourteen years later, while running for governor, Newsom declared that homelessness in San Francisco had "never been worse."

He said eradicating homelessness would be a high priority and promised to appoint a homeless "czar" who could cut through red tape and intergovernmental friction to get the job done. Later, when pressed by reporters over the czar pledge, he snapped, "You want to know who's the homeless czar? I'm the homeless czar in the state of California."

Despite that self-appointment and devoting almost all of his 2020 State of the State address to homelessness, the number of unsheltered Californians continued to rise to record levels. As it did, Newsom began blaming local governments for not spending

state homelessness grants effectively and threatened to withhold annual funding.

However, in 2024 State Auditor Grant Parks excoriated Newsom's own California Interagency Council on Homelessness for failing to effectively monitor and coordinate homelessness programs — even though the state had spent more than \$20 billion during Newsom's governorship.

He later reorganized the council and last year it issued a glossy "Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness." Newsom hailed it as "not just a report of our investments, but a directive for continued accountability and action towards specific quantifiable goals."

It listed multiple things that should be done to alleviate the homelessness crisis, but never mentioned how its lofty goals should be achieved nor said anything about how the state's deficit-ridden budget would pay for them.

In last week's State of the State address, Newsom sang the political version of the World War II tune, "Ac-Cent-Tchu-Ate the Positive," cataloging his accomplishments during the last seven years, including progress toward eliminating homelessness.

"When I began as governor, there was no homeless plan, no mental health plan and certainly no housing plan," Newsom told legislators. "There was no accountability and little investment. The responsibility fell to cities and counties, with little interest from Sacramento."

Newsom ticked off the efforts he had made and bragged that, "Early data, just compiled, shows that the number of unsheltered

homeless people in California dropped 9% in 2025," while "the nation saw an 18.1% overall increase in homelessness. Our investments are paying off."

He could not, however, resist another jab at local officials, saying he is "providing counties what they've been asking for: the predictable funding for housing and substance abuse treatment. No more excuses — it's time to bring people off the streets, out of encampments, into housing, into treatment. Counties need to do their job."

County officials took umbrage. The California State Association of Counties, in a statement, complained that Newsom's budget shifts the financial burden for several health and welfare programs to county governments and fails to protect them from federal reductions.

The organization also cited the new budget's omission of an annual bloc grant for homeless programs, and the administration's stalling the delivery of cash from a past allocation, "which was approved by the Legislature 18 months ago."

While Newsom cites a 9% drop in homelessness, if true it would be from a base of nearly 200,000 Californians without homes. There are still plenty of squalid encampments to be videotaped and featured on ads attacking a potential presidential candidate named Newsom two years hence.

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Social Security Matters

I'm Divorced; Can I Get Benefits from my Ex-husband?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: After 16 years of marriage, we were divorced. I have never remarried, but he has. When he starts collecting Social Security (he is 64 now and still working), is it true that I can claim ex-spousal benefits or does that go to the current wife? How would I find this info? **Signed: A Divorced Spouse**

Dear Divorced Spouse: The fact that your ex-husband has remarried has no influence on your ability to collect benefits based on his record. If you are eligible for ex-spouse benefits (because you did not remarry), you can get those benefits regardless of whether his current wife collects benefits on his record. In other words, both you and his current wife can both collect spousal benefits from your ex-husband's earnings record.

Your eligibility for an ex-spouse benefit is determined by comparing your own SS retirement benefit amount at full retirement age (FRA) to his — if your

own SS benefit at your FRA is less than 50% of your ex's FRA benefit entitlement, and you were married to your ex for more than 10 years, are not currently married and are at least 62 years old, then you can get a "spousal boost" (an amount added to your own Social Security retirement amount). In fact, if you have been divorced for over two years, you can get an ex-spouse benefit even though he is not yet receiving his own SS retirement benefit.

Be aware, however, if you claim any Social Security benefit (both your own SS retirement amount and your ex-spouse "spousal boost") before you reach your full retirement age, the monthly amount you get will be reduced according to how much before your full retirement age you claim. Spouse and ex-spouse benefits reach maximum at your full retirement age but are reduced if claimed earlier than your full retirement age. Claiming your benefits as an ex-spouse will also result in you receiving your own SS retirement benefit (reduced if you haven't yet reached FRA).

I suggest you contact Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 to make a telephone appointment to evaluate whether you are entitled benefits as an ex-spouse. If your own SS retirement benefit at your FRA is less

than half of your ex's FRA entitlement, you will be. To apply for those benefits you will need a copy of your divorce decree (and perhaps your marriage certificate), and your ex-husband's Social Security number (if you do not have his SSN, you can provide his date and place of birth and his parents' names, and SSA will likely be able to locate your ex's SS record).

SSA will be able to tell you what your total monthly benefit as an ex-spouse will be when you meet with them, at which point you can decide whether to claim your benefits early or wait until your FRA to achieve your maximum amount as an ex-spouse.

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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

Yes, We Need a \$1.5 Trillion Defense Budget

ly match the total annual spending of all non-U.S. NATO countries. The percentage increase would be the highest since the Korean War and double the biggest annual increases of the Reagan years.

"We still talk about the Reagan buildup," Secretary of War Pete Hegseth said in a speech last month, "and my kids and yours will someday talk about the Trump buildup."

The Trump proposal would not just be a down payment on that promise, but a big step toward fulfilling it.

If our military is highly proficient -- as demonstrated in the Venezuela raid -- it also doesn't have the materiel to wage a protracted major war.

Defense analyst Mackenzie Eaglin of the American Enterprise Institute has long been ringing the alarm. She recently noted that during the short Israel-Iran war, we fired 150, or one-quarter, of our THAAD missiles, exceeding our annual purchase rate by three times. In the Red Sea, the Navy fired more Tomahawks in January 2024 than it bought in all of 2023.

These shortfalls, as Eaglin points out, are especially disturbing when compared to the building capacity of our adversaries. Whereas the Russians make more than 300,000 artillery shells a month, we make only 40,000 155mm shells. "Beijing builds six naval combatant ships," she writes, "for every 1.8 ships the U.S. builds."

Even The New York Times -- not known for

beating the drums for more defense spending -- devoted a splashy editorial last month to the sorry state of our military-industrial base.

In his new book, "War and Power," scholar Phillips Payson O'Brien relates how wars between great powers are usually not won by brilliant battle plans, or by the commitment or proficiency of the troops. Rather, it is productive capacity -- and the ability to degrade that of the enemy while maintaining or increasing your own -- that makes the difference.

The Nazis weren't going to win the Battle of Britain when the Brits were producing twice as many aircraft as Hitler.

On top of this, a nation needs to make shrewd choices about what it is building (the Nazis also had the wrong planes for the Battle of Britain -- bombers with payloads that were too small and fighters with limited range).

The U.S. needs to make sure that it is not overinvesting in the weapons systems of the past, although a defense budget on the scale that Trump is discussing would relieve some pressure from these choices. We could very well have our traditional subs and jet fighters, and our cutting-edge drones, too.

Trump's taste for gilding everything can be over the top. It'd be a national service, though, if he manages to make the U.S. defense budget golden.

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PRESENTED BY THE GALT HERALD

Liberty Ranch Prevails 3-2 in Battle of League's Elite at Galt High



Hawk Kennedy Arechiga keeps the pressure on Warrior Kristine Meixner as she maneuvers the ball.

Story and photos
by Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Under the Friday night lights on Jan. 16, the Liberty Ranch Hawks and Galt High Warriors delivered a girls' soccer match worthy of the hype, with the visiting Hawks emerging victorious 3-2 in a back-and-forth thriller that had the packed crowd on its feet until the final whistle. The cross-town rivalry game, played simultaneously with the boys' match at Liberty Ranch, lived up to its billing as a clash between the league's two premier programs.

This was more than just another league contest. It was a meeting between Galt High, the defending league champions, and Liberty Ranch, the reigning section champions: two programs that have established themselves as the standard-bearers of girls' soccer in the area. What unfolded was a dramatic chess match between two evenly-matched squads, with momentum swinging back and forth like a pendulum before the Hawks finally seized control in the closing minutes.

The Warriors drew first blood, capitalizing on an early opportunity to take a 1-0 lead that they carried into halftime. Senior Bayley Miller found the back of the net for Galt, giving the home side the advantage and sending the Warriors into the break with confidence and momentum on their side. The Galt defense, anchored by its experienced back line, looked poised to protect its slim margin as the second half began.

But Liberty Ranch had other ideas. The Hawks' persistence paid off when they broke through to equalize, knotting the score and shifting the momentum in their favor. The goal breathed new life into the visitors and put Galt on its heels for the first time all evening.

Liberty Ranch wasn't content with just drawing level. The Hawks continued to attack, and their aggressive approach yielded dividends when they pushed ahead 2-1, taking their first lead of the match.

But champions don't

fold easily, and Galt proved why it won the league title last season. Junior Jennifer Arambula answered back for the Warriors, scoring the equalizer to make it 2-2 and sending the Galt faithful into a frenzy. The game was once again deadlocked, and with time running down, it appeared the two rivals might have to settle for splitting the points.

The decisive moment came from junior Juliana Romero, who delivered when her team needed it most. Romero, who had been a constant threat throughout the match, found the breakthrough with just minutes remaining on the clock, burying what would prove to be the game-winning goal. Her strike gave Liberty Ranch a 3-2 lead. Romero finished the night with a goal and an assist, tallying three points in the box score and proving to be the difference-maker in this crucial league showdown.

Freshman Brooke Sparks announced her arrival on the big stage with a goal and two points, showing poise beyond her years in the pressure-packed atmosphere of a rivalry game. Senior Faviola Vasquez also found the net for the Hawks, contributing a goal and two points while picking up a yellow card in the heated contest. Junior Gia Sandoval and senior Kennedy Arechiga each recorded assists.

For Galt, sophomore Brianna Romero was the playmaker, recording two assists and two points despite not finding the scoresheet herself. Her vision and passing created both of the Warriors' goals, keeping her team in the fight until the final whistle. Miller and Arambula provided the finishing touch on Romero's service, each scoring a goal.

The goalkeeping battle was a subplot worth noting, as both teams received solid performances between the posts. Liberty Ranch split time between junior Kennie Thomas and senior Zia Ruppert. Thomas was particularly sharp in her half, making seven saves on eight shots on goal for a .875 save percentage. Ruppert added four saves on five shots in her 40 minutes of work. Combined, the Hawks'



Hawk Gia Sandoval grapples Bayley Miller to try to steal the ball.

goalkeepers faced 13 shots on goal and turned away 11 of them, posting an .846 save percentage that proved crucial in preserving the narrow victory.

Galt desperately searched for an equalizer in the dying minutes, throwing numbers forward in an attempt to salvage a point from the match. The Warriors created chances and tested the Liberty Ranch defense, but the Hawks held firm, absorbing the pressure and protecting their slim advantage. When the final whistle blew, Liberty Ranch had secured a statement victory on its rival's home turf, a win that could prove pivotal in the league race.

This victory represents more than just three points in the standings for Liberty Ranch. It's a statement that the Hawks are ready to challenge for league supremacy, even against the defending champions. The win showcases the depth and resilience of a team that knows how to win close games, a quality that will serve them well as the season progresses and the stakes continue to rise.

For Galt, the loss is a setback but hardly a fatal blow. The Warriors proved they can go toe-to-toe with the best team in the league, and they'll have opportunities to avenge this defeat as the season unfolds. The fact that they fought back twice to equalize demonstrates the character and quality that made them league champions a year ago.

The Hawks will carry the momentum from this victory into their next match, knowing they've proven they can win the big games on the road. Galt will regroup and refocus, determined to reclaim their position atop the league standings. One thing is certain: When these two teams meet again, it will be must-see soccer. ★



Warrior Bayley Miller somehow manages to head in the ball and tie the score 2-2 for the Warriors vs. Hawks.



Liberty Ranch's Brooke Sparks and Galt's Maya Hernandez grapple over the ball.



In the last minutes of the game, Hawk Faviola Vasquez heads the ball in for the winning score.

GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Edgar Zavala, Galt High Soccer



Bayley Miller, Galt High Soccer



Cruz Gregorio, Liberty Ranch Basketball



Isaac Gonzalez, Liberty Ranch Basketball

Photos by Paige Lampson

Hawks Defend Their Home Turf in Intense Cross-Town Soccer Battle

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - While their female counterparts battled across town at Galt High, the Liberty Ranch Hawks boys' soccer team hosted its own chapter of the crosstown rivalry on Friday night, Jan. 16, emerging with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over the Galt Warriors. The win keeps the Hawks perfect in league play at 7-0 and maintains their grip on first place, while Galt falls to 6-1 and second in the standings.

This wasn't just another league match. This was a collision between the two programs that shared the league championship last year, with Liberty Ranch going on to capture the section title. It was a game circled on calendars since the schedule was released, a contest that both teams prepare for more intensely than any other. Despite the fact that many of these players compete together on club teams during the offseason and consider each other friends and colleagues, when they don the jerseys of their respective high schools for this rivalry matchup, all pleasantries are set aside.

The level of play on display Friday night was nothing short of spectacular. Both Division 4 programs have made names for themselves this season by defeating Division 1 opponents, earning respect throughout the region as teams that play above their classification. The skill, tactical awareness and technical ability showcased by both squads had spectators marveling at some of the most sophisticated passing sequences this town has witnessed. This was high-level soccer, played at a



Hawk Issac Flores puts the pressure on Galt goalie Adam Preciado.

frenetic pace with an edge of aggression that comes only when pride and bragging rights are on the line.

Liberty Ranch struck first from the penalty spot, with senior Danny Juarez stepping up to convert the crucial kick and give the Hawks a 1-0 advantage. They carried that slim lead into halftime, but both teams knew the match was far from decided.

The second half began with the same intensity, and Liberty Ranch extended its advantage when Juarez found the net again, his second goal of the evening giving the Hawks a commanding 2-0 lead. Juarez's brace was the offensive catalyst his team needed, and his four points in the box score reflected his dominant performance. The senior forward was a constant threat, using his speed and technical skill to torment the Galt defense throughout the match.

Junior Christian Maciel played the role of facilitator, recording an assist and a point while helping orchestrate the Hawks' attack. His vision and passing ability were key components in Liberty Ranch's offensive success,



Hawk goalie Abraham Flores, defender Aidan Rivera and Galt's Noah Stratten tangle it up.

and his ability to find Juarez in dangerous positions kept the Warriors' defense scrambling.

But Galt, co-champions from a year ago, refused to go quietly. Angel Munoz provided the spark the Warriors desperately needed, breaking through the Liberty Ranch defense to score and make it 2-1. Munoz's goal suddenly injected drama into the closing stages of the match, energizing the Galt side and its supporters. The Warriors pressed forward, desperately seeking an equalizer that would salvage a point from their trip across town.

What followed was a tense final stretch that tested Liberty Ranch's resolve. The Hawks had to

withstand wave after wave of Galt attacks, with the Warriors throwing numbers forward in search of the tying goal. This is where junior goalkeeper Abraham Flores proved his worth. Playing the full 80 minutes, Flores was called upon to make five saves, each one crucial in preserving his team's narrow advantage. His shot-stopping and command of his penalty area gave his defenders confidence, and his distribution helped Liberty Ranch relieve pressure when Galt threatened to overwhelm them.

At the other end of the field, Galt goalkeeper Adam Preciado kept his team in the contest with three saves of his own. Preciado's performance



Warrior Austin Loza performs a slide tackle on Liberty's Danny Juarez while Galt's Rafael Bertho looks to take the ball.



Hawk Abraham Flores jumps above the crowded goal to retrieve a corner kick.

prevented the scoreline from becoming more lopsided, as he made key stops to deny Liberty Ranch from putting the game out of reach.

The teamwork displayed by both sides was exceptional, a testament to the quality of coaching and the commitment of the players. Intricate passing combinations, intelligent movement off the ball, and tactical discipline were evident throughout the match. These weren't just two good teams going through the motions; these were two excellent teams pushing each other to their absolute limits, each trying to impose their style of play on the other.

The fast-paced nature of the contest never let up. From the opening whistle to the final seconds, both teams played with urgency and purpose. The aggression was controlled but palpable, with hard but fair challenges flying in from

both sides. The referees had their hands full managing a match that teetered on the edge between competitive intensity and boiling over, but the players, for the most part, channeled their emotions into their performance rather than letting frustration get the better of them.

The parallel nature of Friday night's action – with both the boys and girls teams engaged in cross-town rivalry matches simultaneously – created a unique atmosphere in the community.

Fans had to choose which game to attend, or frantically check their phones for updates from the other venue.

The fact that both Liberty Ranch teams emerged victorious made for a celebratory evening for the Hawks faithful, while Galt supporters were left to lament a tough night across both programs. ★

Hawks Soar Past El Dorado in Hard-Fought Home Victory

By Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - In a game that came down to the final possessions, the Liberty Ranch Hawks demonstrated the poise and determination of a first-place team, grinding out a 50-47 victory over El Dorado on Tuesday night at home. The win keeps the Hawks perfect in league play at 5-0 and firmly atop the standings.

This was far from a pretty offensive showcase, but it was exactly the kind of game that reveals championship character. The Hawks shot just 28% from the field and struggled mightily from beyond the arc, connecting on only two of 29 three-point attempts. Yet when the shots weren't falling, Liberty Ranch found other ways to win, dominating the glass with 35 rebounds and converting at the free-throw line when it mattered most.

Junior Ryan Ogas led the Hawks with 14 points on an efficient 6-of-13 shooting performance, providing the offensive spark his team desperately needed on a night when baskets were hard to come by. Ogas was particularly effective inside, making six of eight two-point attempts and adding two free throws. His ability



Daniel Wilks snags a rebound. Photos courtesy of Bill Nelson

to score in the paint proved crucial as Liberty Ranch's perimeter game went cold.

The Dixon brothers provided the muscle in the middle that ultimately made the difference. Sophomore Conrad Dixon was a force on the boards, pulling down a game-high 12 rebounds, including seven offensive rebounds that gave his team critical second-chance opportunities. He added nine points and two blocked shots, altering several other attempts around the rim.

Senior Everett Dixon contributed nine points and six rebounds while dishing out two assists and recording two steals.

Senior Daniel Wilks stuffed the stat sheet despite scoring just seven points, grabbing five rebounds, dishing out four assists and recording three steals. Wilks was also solid at the charity stripe, making five of six free throws.

Derek Nelson added six points and seven rebounds for the Hawks, while freshman Issac Gonzalez



A closely guarded Derek Nelson manages to dribble down the court.

chipped in three points in limited minutes, showing the depth that could prove valuable as the season progresses.

The game was a defensive struggle from start to finish, with both teams battling through offensive droughts and relying on their defensive principles to stay in contention. Liberty Ranch's ability to get to the free-throw line proved to be the difference, as the Hawks attempted 24 free throws compared to El Dorado's more limited

opportunities. The Hawks converted 14 of those attempts, a 58% clip that, while not spectacular, was good enough to provide the winning margin.

The three-point shooting woes were concerning for Liberty Ranch, as the team went 2-for-29 from deep, with Derek Nelson accounting for both makes. Senior guard Nelson was the only Hawk to find success from distance, hitting two of his 10 attempts. The rest of the team combined to go 0-for-19

from three-point range, a drought that could have been disastrous against a different opponent.

But the Hawks compensated for their perimeter struggles by attacking the basket and crashing the offensive glass.

Their 18 offensive rebounds led to numerous second-chance opportunities, and their 15-for-32 shooting on two-point attempts (47%) was respectable given the overall offensive struggles both teams experienced.

The victory was a testament to Liberty Ranch's maturity and resilience. In a game where nothing came easy, the Hawks executed when it mattered most, making enough plays on both ends of the floor to secure the victory.

The team's nine assists against eight turnovers showed solid ball movement and decision-making, while their seven steals and two blocks demonstrated the defensive intensity that has become a hallmark of this squad.

As Liberty Ranch improves to 5-0 in league play, the Hawks have established themselves as the team to beat. The combination of strong rebounding, solid free-throw shooting when it counts and tenacious defense gives this team multiple paths to victory. ★