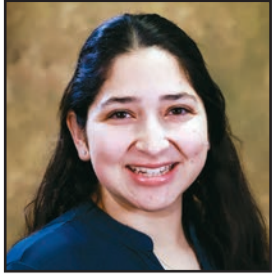




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From Imagination to Publication

Local Teen Author Debuts Sci-Fi Novel



Pictured from left are "Midtown: The Forsaken Virus of the Black Realm" co-authors Isaak Uriarte and Karsten De Bolt holding a copy of their novel at a local event. Courtesy photos

By Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - At just 15 years old, Karsten De Bolt has transformed a childhood idea into a fully realized novel, marking the first installment in a planned series and placing Galt on the map in the world of sci-fi and dark

fantasy fiction. Beyond the literary milestone, Karsten is also redefining what is possible for young people on the autism spectrum. Co-written with Isaak Uriarte, the novel "Midtown: The Forsaken Virus of the Black Realm" follows 17-year-old Nikki

Sinclair as she discovers she has powerful abilities while balancing everyday teenage life and facing an entity threatening her city. A lifelong Galt resident who attends school virtually, Karsten said he first imagined the story at age 7. He told The Galt Herald that his love of video

games has long fueled his creativity, shaping the novel's world-building and character development. Now a published author through Black Brim Publishing, the publishing company he founded with Uriarte, Karsten said seeing his story come to life

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Egg Hunt, Kite-Flying and More at 'Eggstravaganza'



The Galt Area Historical Society will host its annual Eggstravaganza and Kite Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4 at McFarland Ranch, 8899 Orr Road, featuring 15,000 eggs hidden around the ranch for youth to find and keep. Herald file photo

By Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - For nearly a decade, the Eggstravaganza event debuting the start of Spring has been a cherished tradition in Galt. In recent years, when other organizations were unable to continue hosting the event, the Galt Area Historical Society stepped in to ensure families could keep enjoying the annual celebration at McFarland Living History Ranch. This year, the tradition continues, with residents invited to join their neighbors for a day of family fun at

the Eggstravaganza and Kite Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4 at McFarland Ranch, 8899 Orr Road. "We welcome new families to join us for this incredibly fun event and to start a new family tradition that takes one back to the good old-fashioned community events of yesteryear," said Galt Area Historical Society representatives and lead event organizers Lisa Haug and Darlene Alden. Families can also learn about Galt's history by touring the McFarland Ranch house from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

seeing how ancestors lived in the late 1800s compared with life today. Admission to the event is \$5 per car. With 15,000 eggs hidden around the ranch, organizers ask that children limit themselves to 20 eggs each so others can enjoy the hunt. This year's festivities promise a full day of fun for all ages. Attendees can explore vendors, food trucks, kite flying and a pie-eating contest at noon sponsored by the Galt Sunrise Rotary Club. At 1 p.m., children ages 5 to 12 can participate in

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Police Issue Safety Reminder for E-Bikes, E-Scooters, Electric Cycles



The Galt Police Department recently issued a public safety reminder through its social media and the city newsletter, outlining state and local laws for operating e-bikes, e-scooters and electric motorcycles. Photo courtesy of Galt Police Department

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Police Department is reminding parents and riders of e-bikes, e-scooters and electric motorcycles about the rules designed to keep everyone safe and legal on city streets. Under California state law, e-bikes are classified into three categories. Classes 1 and 2 have a maximum speed of 20 miles per hour, while Class 3 can reach 28 miles per hour for riders 16 and older. Helmets are required for riders under 18 on all Class 3 bikes, and lights and reflectors must be used when riding at night (CVC §312.5). E-scooters have additional restrictions under CVC §407.5. Riders must be 16 or older or have a valid driver's license, the maximum speed is 15 mph, helmets are required for those under 18, passengers are prohibited, and sidewalk riding is not allowed. Electric motorcycles must be fully registered, operated by a rider with a Class M license, and helmets are mandatory. They are not allowed on public roads. Locally, Galt Municipal Code 10.44 and the 2025 Urgency Ordinance Updates further regulate electric mobility devices. The citywide speed limit is 20 mph, and all riders must wear helmets and use lights and reflectors. Reckless riding, wheelies, swerving or ignoring traffic signs and signals is prohibited. Education is a focus for juveniles and their parents. Violations carry fines starting at \$100, with higher penalties for repeat offenses and possible vehicle impoundment. The Galt Police Department urges residents to ride responsibly, always wear a helmet and obey all laws. For questions or clarification, residents can call 209-366-7000 or visit galtpd.com. ★

Turn Clutter into Cash at Community Garage Sale



The city announced in its latest newsletter that residents are invited to be part of the Community Garage Sale taking place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Galt Market to help get started on Spring cleaning. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

City of Galt News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - Spring cleaning just got a lot more rewarding! If you've been clearing out your home, here's your chance to give your gently used items a new life and earn a little extra cash.

The Galt Market is hosting a Community Garage Sale for sellers. Bring your household goods, clothing, décor and other secondhand treasures to share with the community. New merchandise is not allowed.

The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18 at the Galt Flea Market Grounds.

For those interested in having a booth, there is a fee of \$25.

Spaces are limited, so reserve your booth today and make your spring cleaning both fun and profitable!

Reserve your spot by calling 209-366-7168 or via email at vlesley@city-ofgalt.org. ★

Galt Youth Commission Applications Open

City of Galt News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - Local students have an opportunity to step into leadership and help shape their community by joining the Galt Youth Commission.

The commission is made up of 12 high school students in grades 9 to 12 who are appointed by the City Council to represent the voice of youth in Galt.

Members promote community service, encourage youth participation and work together on projects that strengthen civic engagement and connection throughout the city.

Students currently in eighth through eleventh grade who live within the Galt

High School District boundaries are eligible to apply.

Serving on the commission offers valuable experience in leadership, teamwork and public service while providing a chance to make a positive impact in the community.

Applications are due at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 16 and must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office.

Community members and interested students are also welcome to attend a Galt Youth Commission meeting, held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at City Hall, to see the commission in action.

Those interested may apply at bit.ly/3PIJve4 (case sensitive). ★

Egg Hunt, Kite-Flying and More at 'Eggstravaganza'



The Galt Sunrise Rotary Club will host the popular pie-eating contest at the Galt Area Historical Society's Eggstravaganza and Kite Day on April 4. Herald file photos

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the highly anticipated egg drop contest, for which registration is available online at galhistory.com/egg-drop-registration.

Additional activities include pictures with the Easter Bunny, a kid zone filled with crafts and cookie decorating. Returning visitors will also notice new additions to the kid zone, including bubbles, Play-Doh, scratch pad decorating and corn hole.

Animal lovers can meet cats from Purrfectly Pawsible and dogs from Wilton Animal Rescue, while the Cowabunga Ice Cream truck will offer a variety of sweet treats. Guests can also get their faces painted by a professional artist.

The Galt Area Historical Society emphasizes that Eggstravaganza is more than just an Easter celebration. From hunting for eggs



This year's Eggstravaganza and Kite Day at McFarland Ranch on April 4 offers a full day of family fun, featuring activities like kite flying and an egg drop contest.

to flying kites, the event combines community, history and excitement.

"The event is a way to enjoy family and friends, see history and just be a kid," Haug and Alden said.

Organizers also thanked their many volunteers, noting that without their dedication, the event would not be possible. For more information, visit galhistory.com. ★

Help the family of a local hero

"Chief Warrant Officer 3 Robert Marzan. A Husband, Father, brother, Son and most importantly Hero. He lost his life while serving and protecting his country he loved. He was a lifelong member of the military, a family man and loving father.



His unexpected and unfortunate passing left many of his family, friends and fellow service members at a loss. This heartbreaking loss is not something the people Robert has touched and left his mark on will ever forget. He lost his life far too young and leaves behind his wonderful wife, and two wonderful children.



The hope for this fund is to help relieve some of the travel and housing expenses associated with this unforeseen tragedy. All funds and donations raised will go directly to the Marzan family. Rest in power Robert and may we meet again."



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City Brings Back Free Compost Pickup

City of Galt News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - The City of Galt is excited to announce that free compost is back! After a successful 2025, when more than 1,200 tons of compost were delivered to residents, the city is ready for another season of sustainable gardening.

Pickup guidelines go as follows: First-come, first-serve basis; Manual loading only (no equipment allowed); Bring gloves, shovels and containers.

Compost pickup is available from 8 a.m. to dusk Thursday through Monday at the

parking lot on Caroline Avenue, behind the Littleton Center (410 Civic Drive).

Pickup for compost will not be available on Galt Flea Market days, which are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Compost is made from local yard trimmings and food waste, enriching soil, improving water retention, controlling pests naturally and helping your plants thrive, all while supporting organics recycling in our community.

For more information, contact the City of Galt Public Works at 209-366-7260 or email publicworks@cityofgalt.org. ★



The city announced that free compost for residents is available again this year, with pickup from 8 a.m. to dusk Thursday through Monday at the Caroline Avenue parking lot behind the Littleton Center, 410 Civic Drive. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

County Invites Residents to Celebrate National Day of Play

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County Regional Parks is inviting residents to step outside, unplug and enjoy the outdoors in celebration of National Day of Play, observed this year on Saturday, March 21.

National Day of Play is a community-driven effort that encourages people of all ages to put down their devices and spend time outside being active and connecting with others. The day highlights the importance of recreation, fresh air and shared

outdoor experiences for both physical and mental well-being.

With more than 15,000 acres of parks, trails and open space throughout the region, Sacramento County Regional Parks offers countless opportunities for residents to take part. Whether it's biking or walking along the American River Parkway, exploring nature trails, picnicking with family or simply relaxing outdoors, the park system provides spaces where the community can gather, play and recharge.

"National Day of Play is a wonderful reminder that

some of the most meaningful moments happen when we step away from our screens and spend time outdoors," said Director of Sacramento County Regional Parks Liz Bellas. "Our parks are here for everyone: from families looking for a place to play to individuals seeking fresh air and quiet time in nature. We encourage everyone to take advantage of the incredible outdoor spaces we have right here in Sacramento County."

Celebrating Community at Sailor Bar

As part of the

celebration, community members are invited to visit Sailor Bar along the American River Parkway, where the nonprofit Friends of Sailor Bar will host a special event recognizing recent park improvements.

The gathering will celebrate the dedication of 12 new benches and seven new picnic tables installed throughout the park area. Many of the benches and tables feature commemorative inscriptions honoring community members and supporters who have contributed to the preservation and enjoyment of the parkway.

The event will include

a short presentation with remarks from local elected officials, followed by an interactive nature tour highlighting the wildlife along the American River Parkway.

Participants will also be able to take part in a scavenger hunt to discover the inscriptions located on the benches and tables throughout the area.

"This iconic event will celebrate the collaboration inspired by our government leaders and the community that made the American River Parkway at Sailor Bar significantly more accessible with the installation of 12 benches

and seven tables along the pathways," said Jodi King with Friends of Sailor Bar.

Located along the scenic American River Parkway, Sailor Bar offers visitors access to trails, river views and open space that make it an ideal destination for a day outdoors.

Sacramento County Regional Parks encourages residents to celebrate National Day of Play by visiting their favorite park, exploring a new trail or simply taking time to enjoy nature with family and friends.

To learn more about places to play, visit regionalparks.saccounty.gov. ★

From Imagination to Publication

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has been both surprising and rewarding.

"It's shocking and very exciting because I thought it was just going to be stories that I'm going to be telling and not publishing anywhere," he said.

The publishing name, Black Brim, was inspired by both a character in the story and Karsten's personal style.

"It's mostly because of one of the characters in the book that also wears the black cowboy hat, and I just like black cowboy hats," Karsten said.

The collaboration began when Uriarte, a behavioral therapist who works with youth on the autism spectrum, connected with Karsten's family through respite care and learned about his ideas.

What first started as a short film project quickly grew into a movie script before ultimately developing into a novel over the course of about a year.

"He had so many ideas, so many characters; the



Karsten De Bolt and IsaaK Uriarte's novel "Midtown: The Forsaken Virus of the Black Realm" is a science fiction and dark fantasy story published last fall that follows 17-year-old Nikki Sinclair as she discovers powerful abilities while navigating everyday teenage life and confronting an entity threatening her city.

world is so big," Uriarte said. "So, I was like, 'Let's turn it into a full series of books.'"

For Uriarte, the project marked his first experience writing a novel after working in screenwriting for television and film in the past.

He described the process as difficult but said



Karsten De Bolt, center, pictured alongside co-author IsaaK Uriarte, left, at their booth during an event promoting their novel "Midtown: The Forsaken Virus of the Black Realm." Courtesy photos

was a fun one to embark on together.

"I think one of the biggest things is that it's a whole different medium that you have to learn," he said.

"As for collaborating: He had ideas, I had ideas. We had to bounce them off each other, see what didn't work or what didn't fit the vision."

Since publishing last fall, the focus for the co-authors has shifted to building

an audience. Uriarte said they have been working to get the book into readers' hands and generate interest as they continue to develop future installments.

"I saw that he had all this stuff inside of his head that I thought was a great idea to get out there and that people would love the story..." Uriarte said.

Karsten hopes his journey will inspire other young writers, especially those who may also be on

the spectrum, to pursue their passions.

"Try not to let that stop you in your path, and just keep doing what you do or what you love and something or someone might find you to help you and grow even bigger," Karsten said.

With additional books already planned, Karsten's debut marks the start of a series that brings a story born from his childhood imagination to readers in

his hometown and beyond.

"Midtown: The Forsaken Virus of the Black Realm" is available for purchase on Amazon at bit.ly/4drT1w0 (case sensitive), as well as through other online book retailers such as Barnes & Noble.

Copies can also be purchased in person at events attended by the authors, with additional details available on Instagram at [@black_brim_publishing_official](https://www.instagram.com/black_brim_publishing_official). ★

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California Ag Leadership Program Continues to Cultivate Future Leaders

Farm Credit proud to support the program, now in its 55th year, which is recognized as one of the top leadership development programs in the nation



The 24 members of this year's California Agricultural Leadership Program cohort. Applications are now being accepted for Class 56. The deadline for phase one of the three-phase application process must be completed by March 27. Photo courtesy of Farm Credit Alliance

Farm Credit Alliance News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Kevin Voorhees is a mid-career ag lending professional who felt ready for a next-level leadership development program at a time when California agriculture is facing significant economic, regulatory and generational challenges.

Out of nearly 40 programs he could choose from, it became clear that the best program for him would be the California Agricultural Leadership Program. Launched in 1970 by the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation (CALF), the program has now trained over 1,500 leaders in agriculture and related fields.

Voorhees, a vice president for AgWest Farm Credit in Paso Robles, said he was talking one day to a colleague who had participated in the program and was encouraged to look into it.

"I'd always heard of it, but I wasn't aware of the focus. So I researched it and talked to a ton of alums and everyone spoke highly of it – each person said it was a life-changing program. That was enough to make it my No. 1 choice," Voorhees said.

After an intense application process, he was accepted into Class 55 of the program and is immersed in the 17-month

program designed to provide leadership development to up-and-coming professionals in the state's agricultural sector.

"The goal is to build a powerful network to keep agriculture a viable and important part of the state's economy," said Lesa Eidman, a member of the Program's Class 49 who became CALF's president and CEO in February 2025 "We're one of the premier leadership development programs in the U.S. Our mission is 'growing leaders who make a difference' by providing sessions in leadership theory, communications, motivation and change management. But most importantly, it focuses on self-analysis and self-reflection to help participants learn about themselves."

CALF partners with Cal Poly Pomona, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Fresno State, Chico State and UC Davis to deliver an integrated curriculum throughout the program's seminars in collaboration with CALF's education team, led by the Director of Education Dane White. Participants learn from top educators, subject-matter experts and leaders from diverse fields who challenge them to think differently and grow as influential voices in agriculture.

AgWest Farm Credit California President Kevin Ralph said the program has made a major

difference since it was launched in 1970.

"Farm Credit is proud to support the program because participants become lifelong leaders who individually and collectively make a significant difference in the agricultural industry, their businesses, communities and families," Ralph said. "We're also pleased that while CALF focuses on up-and-coming leaders in the production side of agriculture, they also select participants who are ag-adjacent, like our own team member Kevin this year. Lenders, processors, advisors and suppliers play an important role in ag's future as well."

Farm Credit associations supporting CALF are AgWest Farm Credit, American AgCredit, CoBank, Golden State Farm Credit and Yosemite Farm Credit. These organizations are part of the nationwide Farm Credit System, the largest provider of credit to U.S. agriculture.

The foundation was created in 1962 by the Council of California Growers, and the program was launched after a group of Michigan farmers visited California in the late 1960s as part of an ag leadership program sponsored by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The CCG leaders and staff agreed a similar program would be tremendously

beneficial for the state's ag industry.

Applications open in January and program alums are very involved in the three-series application process. A total of 24 participants are selected each year out of more than 100 applicants. Multiple-day sessions are held at each of the five participating universities, where participants build enhanced critical thinking skills that will help graduates develop creative solutions.

Eidman added that participants engage in learning experiences grounded in the program's Diamond Model approach that expand their thinking and perspective. These experiences encourage openness to diverse viewpoints and strengthen participants' ability to listen and learn from others, while naturally building strong camaraderie within the cohort.

The program also includes a trip within the U.S. – this year to Chicago and Washington, DC – and an overseas visit to broaden their horizons. Last year's overseas trip was to southern Africa.

Jacob DeBoer, a senior regional marketing manager with American AgCredit said the program is unique because participants engage in situations and discussions focused on complex social and cultural issues.

"For example, key questions for the current class in their first seminar were 'Who are we?' and 'What does it mean to belong?' Outside-the-box thinking like this helps shape effective leadership and as importantly helps participants grow as individuals," DeBoer said.

CALF invests around \$70,000 in each participant. The applicants pay a \$1,000 fee but money raised by foundations, alums and supporters, and organizations like Farm Credit provide the bulk of the funding

"The program is very well run. I don't think a minute of the sessions have been wasted," Voorhees said. "I'm going to get all the leadership skills you can think of, but the bigger aspect will be my growth as a person. I'm being forced out of my comfort zone but that's like on an airplane – you have to have your mask on before you can help someone else. I want to learn to be confident that I can lead and be authentic and give back and have an impact on people's lives."

Applications are now being accepted for Class 56. The deadline for phase one of the three-phase application process must be completed by March 27. Information and the application form are available at <https://www.agleaders.org/class56apply/> ★

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MEMORIAL

MARY LINEHAN REIDARSON • 2/11/1929 – 2/27/2026

Mary Linehan Reidarson, 97, of Herald, California, passed away peacefully on February 27, 2026.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, to an Irish immigrant family, Mary was proud of her heritage and carried its strength, faith, and values throughout her life. A devoted Catholic, her faith guided the way she lived and served others. In her earlier years, she worked as an Administrative Secretary for a Senator at the State Capitol in Sacramento.

Mary's greatest legacy was her service through Alcoholics Anonymous. Having recently received her 61-year chip, she spent decades helping others find hope and recovery. She sponsored countless women and was deeply committed to service work, where she and her husband shipped literature to hospitals, institutions and recovery homes throughout the United States. She was also a proud member of the Galt Fellowship.

Mary was known for her compassion, humor, honesty and quick wit.

She loved sports, cherished memories of attending Boston Red Sox games with her father, and adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She taught those around her that love is an action word.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Ellen; her father, Thomas Francis; her brothers, John and Thomas; and her husband, Roger.

She is survived by her daughter, Karen Chandler; granddaughter Nicole Gross and her husband, Brandon Gross; grandson John Chandler; and great-grandchildren Danny, Nickolas, Presley, Jordyn, Vance, Claire and Caitlin.

A Rosary will be held at 11 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 26, 2026, at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Lodi. A reception will follow at Champaign Ranch in Herald.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you do something for others, as service work will be the greatest work you will ever do.



Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Play to Win!

The Sacramento Kings surprised fans with startling wins, no less back-to-back over the Los Angeles Clippers and Sunday night over the Utah Jazz.

Not many saw this coming, and with a road win and home win on back-to-back nights, fans were treated to two wins that saw both veterans and the youth of the team come together and prove that there is reason for optimism.

DeMar DeRozan continues to defy age as he led the Kings in scoring, putting up 27 points against the Clippers and following it up with an eye popping 41 points against the Utah Jazz. DeRozan added 11 assists to go with his 41 points, and veteran teammate Russell Westbrook once again treated fans to another triple double.

Without question the veterans came to play but the Kings youngsters are making a definite contribution. Nique Clifford continues to develop as a rookie as does Maxime Raynaud, and surprisingly newcomer Killian Hayes added 16 points and eight assists in the win over the Utah Jazz. Hayes is making people wonder if there may be room on next year's team for him, and what the Kings garner in the upcoming draft will go a long way in determining his future.

Sadly, not all Kings fans are celebrating. Many, including several radio personalities, are actually criticizing the Kings for winning! At this point in the season everyone wants to talk about tanking, and it's a sad state of affairs if basketball fans can't depend on players giving it their best effort regardless of the standings.

Yes, everyone is acutely aware that the worst record has a better chance at getting the first pick in the draft, but that in no way means that players should be giving less than their best effort.

Fans buy tickets to see their champions hit the hardwood with full effort, and I'm proud that the Kings aren't buying into this nonsense of laying down on the job.

The draft will be what the draft will be, but let the gladiators of the hardwood compete, and compete with the goal of winning. If not, what's the point.

Season ticket holders will be in scarce

supply if teams take the low road, and it's my hope that the Sacramento Kings will hold their heads high and play with 100 percent effort every night.

With the best players on the team sidelined with injuries, the youngsters are getting every opportunity to show what they can do, and it gives coaches and fans alike a real opportunity to see what these first- and second-year players have to offer.

One conundrum continues to be Devin Carter who has not been given the same minutes and opportunity as Nique Clifford to show what he can do. Now is the time to give Carter all the minutes he wants so this staff can fully evaluate what Devin has to offer. With just over a dozen games to go, don't leave anything to wonder. Let the youngsters have the ball and minutes to go with it.

There is a great deal of talent on this team already, and with the development of Precious Achiuwa and Dylan Cardwell, the Kings are one noteworthy draft pick from forming a truly formidable front line.

A.J. Dybantsa from the BYU Cougars would look nice in a Kings uniform next season, and it remains a possibility that it might just happen.

So, I will continue to root for wins despite the noise in the background and know that the draft will work itself out.

Whether you're a Russell Westbrook, DeMar DeRozan fan or you've found one of our many youngsters to root for, this team is not nearly as far from a playoff team as many would think.

Build around Domantas Sabonis and they will come! The King of the double-double will be back at full strength next season and we need the fans to be back with him.

Basketball pundits can't stop talking about how deep the upcoming draft is going to be, and I can't help thinking the Kings are due for a game-changing pick that will have fans on their feet for years to come.

Let's keep lighting that beam, and with it smiles on the faces of Kings fans too!

All the best! ★

As Gas Prices Soar, California's New Carbon Emission Rules Prompt a War of Words



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

This week — as the conflict between the U.S. and Iran raged and gasoline prices soared due to disruption in the global oil trade — a political war erupted in California over proposed air pollution rules that could increase fuel prices even more.

The California Air Resources Board's new crackdown on greenhouse gas emissions, "risks driving production, and the associated emissions, out of state, ultimately undermining both California's economic base and global climate objectives," the California Manufacturers & Technology Association says.

Association President Lance Hastings added in a statement, "If these proposed regulations move forward, Californians should brace for higher costs across the board with no end in sight. There is still time to fix this. CARB and the Legislature must act before it's too late."

The proposed regulation "will cripple the survivability of the state's remaining refineries, which will result in California losing the entire industry to this misguided program," Andy Walz, a high-level Chevron executive, said in a statement. Two California refineries have announced plans to shut down and Chevron, which operates two of the remaining plants, has repeatedly implied

that California's regulatory climate might force it to flee the state as well.

However as business pressured the Air Resources Board to ease the limits, a coalition of environmental groups, including the Environmental Defense Fund, complained that the proposed rules don't go far enough.

"Last year, in the face of federal backtracking, California reinforced its leadership on fighting climate change by extending its cap-and-invest program while prioritizing reducing high electricity bills and saving households money," their letter read. "However, CARB's 2026 proposed C&I program amendments fall short of the near-term ambition needed for California to be on a consistent and affordable path to achieve its 2045 carbon neutrality goals."

Meanwhile, 15 Democratic legislators released a letter expressing concern that the new rules would raise fuel and energy costs that are already among the nation's highest.

"This crisis is not a fallacy nor a thinly veiled threat. It is a reality borne by consumers today, who are historically and empirically least able to afford it," the legislators said, adding, "California's climate leadership cannot come at the cost of destabilizing our energy markets and burdening those least able to bear it."

Interestingly — or ironically — all 15 signatories voted less than a year ago for the legislation that empowered the air board to draft the revisions, which were released in January and are due to be finalized in May.

The legislation behind this flurry of warnings and laments is Assembly Bill 1207, which emerged from

backroom negotiations last September. It quickly passed and Gov. Gavin Newsom signed it.

The measure renames the cap-and-trade program cap-and-invest and extends it 15 years from 2030, the current expiration date, coinciding with the state's declared intention to make California carbon neutral by 2045. It authorizes the Air Resources Board to adjust the emission limits accordingly.

Until now, the state's business community had fundamentally supported the auctioning of emission allowances as a market approach preferable to the direct regulation of emissions, which many environmental groups favored.

Capitol politicians also liked auctions because they generate large amounts of money — an estimated \$31 billion since 2013 — that are supposed to finance carbon emission reductions. One major recipient has been the state's much-troubled bullet train project. However, when the state incurs one of its periodic budget crises, the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund has also been tapped for expenses that have little, if any, connection to greenhouse gases.

The cost of living is now a top-drawer political concern, and with gasoline prices topping \$5 a gallon in many regions, anything that pushes consumer prices even higher is bound to become a political football.

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

Social Security Matters

When Will I Get Full Credit for Delaying my SS Retirement?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: The time is nearing that I want to move from my current Social Security survivor benefit to my own SS retirement benefit at 70 years of age. I have been looking more deeply into the application of Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs), and I have read that DRCs accumulated in the year that I turn 70 (September 2026) will not be effective when I actually turn 70. Rather, those DRCs won't be paid until the following year. Can you verify that this is correct? I presume that if the DRC's are not applied at age 70, that they will be applied sometime after the first of the year and any increase will be paid retroactively. **Signed: Retiring Soon**

Dear Retiring Soon: The Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) you speak of have accumulated at the rate of 8% per year

(.667% per month) since you reached your SS full retirement age (FRA), which means that at age 70 your monthly SS benefit will be about 129% of the amount you were entitled to at your FRA of 66 years plus 4 months.

However, your understanding of how DRCs will work for you at age 70 is not correct. If you claim for your Social Security retirement benefits to begin in September 2026 (the month you turn 70) you will receive all DRCs, you have accumulated up to that point in time. In other words, you will get your full age 70 benefit amount immediately, including all DRCs earned until then, effective with your first SS retirement payment (which you will get in October 2026). What you have likely read about is that DRCs work a bit differently for those who claim SS after their full retirement age, but before their 70th birthday month.

For those who claim mid-year but before age 70, only DRCs earned through the end of the preceding year are initially applied, and DRCs earned during the current year are not paid until the following January. This results in a loss of some SS benefit between the

time benefits start and the following January, because only the amount earned as of the end of the previous year are first paid, and the full number of DRCs earned during the current year are applied in January. But, as is the case for you, when benefits are claimed to start in the month you reach 70 years of age, all DRCs earned up to the month of your 70th birthday are immediately applied.

Congratulations on selecting a strategy which will maximize your monthly Social Security benefit.

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Kristi Noem Rides Off into the Sunset

man, the border czar who supplanted her in Minneapolis, was on TV and sought to outpace him.

The Journal related that Lewandowski was desperate to get a federally issued gun and badge and exacted retribution against those who didn't cooperate (he failed to get the gun, but apparently got the badge).

DHS officials denied much of the Journal story, but even if a fraction of it was true, it was still damning.

The two were turf, sharp-elbowed bureaucratic players, not a new or unusual offense in Washington. But their enemies tended to be people who knew what they were doing, with Tom Homan high on the list.

Noem and Lewandowski raised eyebrows by taking an unusual amount of control over the department's spending. Self-dealing played a direct role in Noem's defenestration. The department approved a \$220 million contract -- funneled in part through firms run by Noem and Lewandowski allies -- for an ad campaign encouraging illegal immigrants to go home.

The ad starred -- who else? -- Kristi Noem. She was on horseback and in chaps. The implicit message was that if illegal immigrants didn't leave on their own, she'd immediately form a posse and run them over the border. It was a production worthy of a spaghetti western, or -- more to the point, given her political ambitions -- a commercial for a 2028 presidential campaign.

According to the Journal, Lewandowski fired a Coast Guard pilot who left Noem's blanket behind on another plane, and then, when they reached their destination, reinstated him because there wasn't anyone else to fly them home.

Reportedly, Noem tracked how often Tom Ho-

ing ad, or much of anything else, in brutal back-to-back House and Senate congressional hearings that precipitated her doom. She'd already been taken down a notch after the Minneapolis ICE operation went sideways. Not working with copious supplies of credibility to begin with, she tossed away whatever she had by instantly labeling both agitators shot by DHS agents "domestic terrorists."

All of this said, it was Trump who hired Noem despite her manifest deficiencies, including no notable experience in immigration enforcement. She was camera-ready and loyal, so why not? Her designated replacement, Oklahoma senator Markwayne Mullin, also doesn't have a background in immigration policy. One hopes, though, that he won't interfere with the professionals and will continue the Homan-backed approach of focusing on apprehending illegal immigrants who have committed other criminal offenses and received final orders of removal, and ramping up worksite enforcement.

The French World War I-era statesman Georges Clemenceau once said, "War is too important to be left to the generals." By the same token, immigration enforcement is too important to be left to self-serving glory hounds who are focused more on the main chance than the underlying mission.

Trump's first firing was the right one.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Robb Roberts, 14100 S Lincoln Way, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DCR Rentals" 215 4th Street, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 6, 2026
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DCR 3-27-26

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Magda Guerrero, 913 Lake Canyon Avenue, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Rosegate Real Estate" 913 Lake Canyon Avenue, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 23, 2026
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M Nunez Distributing LLC, 841 Bay Heights Court, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "M & N Transport" 841 Bay Heights Court, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 20, 2026
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Anita Radosevich, 140 Robin Court, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Career Ladders Resumes" 140 Robin Court, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 27, 2026
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Nathan Silveira Flores, 9786 Twin Cities Road, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Flores Club Lambs" 9786 Twin Cities Road, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 6, 2026
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FLORES 4-10-26

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV004350

Momona Hikosaka has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Momona Hikosaka to Mona Hikosaka.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on September 1, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, 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: February 23, 2026
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2026
HIKOSAKA 4-3-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV005822

Diane, Kathleen, Dolce has filed

a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Diane Kathleen Dolce to Kathleen Diane Dolce.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on September 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: March 9, 2026
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2026
DOLCE 4-10-26

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No.: **2025-19507-CA** APN: **150-0640-001-0000** Property Address: 1151 PADDINGTON CIR, GALT, CA 95632 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/10/2024. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: **BOBBY EUGENE VOCQUE II AND PHYLLIS VOCQUE, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS** Duly Appointed Trustee: **Nestor Solutions, LLC** Deed of Trust Recorded **5/13/2024 as Instrument No. 202405130718 in Book – Page – of Official Records** in the office of the Recorder of **Sacramento** County, California Date of Sale: **4/14/2026 at 1:00 PM** Place of Sale: **At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$756,286.46** Street Address or other common designation of real property: **1151 PADDINGTON CIR GALT, CA 95632** A.P.N.: **150-0640-001-0000** 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. **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. Please be advised that the Trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed upon sale will be issued for covered transfers. These federal regulations will require reporting if a trustee's deed is issued on or after March 1, 2026, even if the foreclosure sale is conducted prior to March 1, 2026. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers> and <https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#D.5>. **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 or (888) 902-3989 or visit these internet websites or www.nestortrustee.com, using the file number assigned to this case **2025-19507-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 Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANTS:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed

at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call or (888) 902-3989 or visit these internet websites or www.nestortrustee.com, using the file number assigned to this case **2025-19507-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 an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 2/26/2026
Nestor Solutions, LLC 214 5th Street, Suite 205 Huntington Beach, California 92648 Sale Line: (888) 902-3989 Amanda Guillen, Trustee Sale Officer This communication is from a debt collector. It is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you are a California resident, you may have additional rights under the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. You may request, in writing, detailed information about your debt, including the balance, interest, fees, assignment history, and date of delinquency, at no cost to you. If you are currently in bankruptcy or have received a discharge in bankruptcy, this communication is not an attempt to collect a debt. It is for informational purposes only. EPP 47053
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APN: 150-0440-016-0000 TS No.: 25-10671CA TSG Order No.: 250611442 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED DECEMBER 13, 2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded December 17, 2021 as Document No.: 202112171187 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by: **KEITH ROOK, AN UNMARRIED MAN**, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: April 3, 2026 Sale Time: 9:00 AM Sale Location: East Main Entrance Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 2 File No.: 25-10671CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 667 Germaine

Drive, Galt, CA 95632. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$274,917.66 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call, (800) 280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website, www.auction.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 25-10671CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (800) 280-2832, or visit this internet website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-10671CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must

send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. 3 File No.: 25-10671CA If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. For Pre Sale Information Log On To: www.auction.com or Call: (800) 280-2832. For Post Sale Results please visit www.affinidefault.com or Call (866) 932-0360 Dated: February 23, 2026 By: Carlos Quezada Foreclosure Associate Affinia Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 (833) 290-7452 NPP0485379 To: GALT HERALD 03/13/2026, 03/20/2026, 03/27/2026
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T.S. No.: 2025-01446-CA-REV A.P.N.: 150-0252-002-0000 Property Address: 418 E ST, GALT, CA 95632 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.** **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09/03/2020. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** Trustor: **KATHERINE O. COTE, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN** Duly Appointed Trustee: **Western Progressive, LLC** Deed of Trust Recorded 09/10/2020 as Instrument No. 202009100109 and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale: 04/07/2026 at 01:30 PM Place of Sale: **EAST MAIN ENTRANCE TO COUNTY COURTHOUSE 720 9TH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814** Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: **\$232,885.29** **THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE:** All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as: More fully described in said Deed of Trust. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 418 E ST, GALT, CA 95632 A.P.N.: 150-0252-002-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances,

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FROM COMMERCIAL TO HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, A REZONE FROM COMMERCIAL TO R4 HIGH DENSITY MULTIPLE FAMILY, A TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP, AND DESIGN REVIEW (PROJECT ARCHITECTURE) FOR THE DRY CREEK WEST PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that the Galt Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the date and time indicated below, or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard, to receive and consider all evidence, testimony, and reports relative to the application described herein. The Planning Commission will act on the design review application for the project.

PROJECT TITLE: Dry Creek West

PROJECT LOCATION: Dry Creek West is north of Dry Creek Ranch Golf Club; east of Crystal Way, west of S. Carillion Blvd and the Dry Creek Oaks Subdivision, and south of Boessow Rd (APNs 150-0092-034, -035, and -036).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed infill project includes a Commercial / Mixed Use development of approximately 2± acres fronting Boessow Road (commercial uses on the first floor and three apartments on the second floor); a row home development of approximately 15± acres of 160 row homes (single family dwellings attached in 4- and 5-unit buildings); a senior apartment (ages 55+) community of approximately 6.07± acres of 68 rental homes in primarily 3-unit single story buildings; and an assisted living facility designated parcel of approximately 4.20± acres (including a detention basin), to be sold and ultimately developed by an assisting living facility operator. A General Plan Amendment (GPA) is required to change a portion of the existing Commercial-designated parcel from Commercial to High Density Residential, and a Rezone is required to change portion of the Commercial-zoned parcel to R4 to accommodate the row homes. A Tentative Subdivision Map, and Design Review (Project Architecture) for the commercial, row homes, and senior apartments is also required.

A California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) addendum to the 2015 Dry Creek Oaks Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was prepared for this project.

OWNER/APPLICANT: CRV Investments, LLC 1800 Lone Oak Rd., Suite 8 Weatherford, TX 76086 Riverland Homes, Inc 4170 Douglas Blvd., #150 Granite Bay, CA 95746

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Date and Time: The Planning Commission for the City of Galt will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard. The meeting will be in person at the Galt City Council Chambers at City Hall, 380 Civic Drive, Galt.

The agenda packet will be published on April 2, 2026, and will be available for review on the City's website and in person at the Galt City Planning Department, 495 Industrial Drive, Galt, CA 95632. Please contact Stacy Schafer, Associate Planner at 209-366-7230 or sschafer@cityofgalt.org with questions.

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

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

Dated: March 20, 2026

Is\ Stacy Schafer
Stacy Schafer, Associate Planner

Is\ Tina Hubert
Tina Hubert, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DESIGN REVIEW (PROJECT ARCHITECTURE) FOR THE SHEFFIELD SUBDIVISION

Notice is hereby given that the Galt Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the date and time indicated below, or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard, to receive and consider all evidence, testimony, and reports relative to the application described herein. The Planning Commission will act on the design review application for the project.

PROJECT TITLE: Sheffield Subdivision

PROJECT LOCATION: Sheffield Subdivision is north of Ashboro Ln; east of Canyon Creek Way, west of SR 99 / E Stockton Blvd., and south of Parkridge Dr. (APNs 150-0012-026, -025, and -007).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project offers four (4) floor plans ranging in size from 1,554 square feet to 2,559 square feet. There will be six one-story floor plans and six two-story floor plans offered. Each floor plan will offer three (3) elevation options of Spanish, Farmhouse, and Prairie.

OWNER/APPLICANT: FDC Nor Cal Corp 555 Sacramento Avenue, Ste 116 Sacramento, CA 95826 OAG Architects 938 Tyler Street, #101 Benicia, CA 94510

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POLICE LOGS

MEETING MINDERS

During the time period of March 10 to March 15, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in four arrests.

March 10

11:51 a.m., Fraud reported, Galt Market on Meladee Lane: Receipt of a counterfeit bill.

March 11

1:48 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, McFarland Street/Elm Avenue.

March 12

2:36 p.m., Theft reported, Wildginger Court.
8:59 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Jiffy Lube on Twin Cities Road.

March 13
9:07 a.m., Hit and Run/Non-Injury, McDonald's on Pine Street.
12:27 p.m., Burglary reported, Carson's Coatings on Industrial Drive: Mobile home broken into.

March 14
8 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Chevron, Simmerhorn Road.

March 15
10:41 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, South Lincoln Way/Chabolla Avenue.
1:53 p.m., Theft reported, Raley's on Twin Cities Road: Black backpack with brown trim stolen. ★

Wednesday, April 1
Cosumnes CSD, 5 p.m., Elk Grove CSD boardroom, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove.
Sacramento LAFCo, 5:30 p.m., County Administration Center boardroom, 700 H St., Sacramento.
Herald Community Club, 6:30 p.m., Hendrickson Hall, 12746 Ivie Road, Herald, 209-810-8390.

Friday, April 3
Galt Sunrise Rotary, 7 a.m., Comfort Inn & Suites, 10380 Twin Cities Road, 209-745-6617.

Sunday, April 5
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.

Monday, April 6
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, April 7
Galt City Council, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

Thursday, April 9
Lockeford Community Services District Board of Directors, 9 a.m., Old School House, 19456 N. Jack Tone Road.
Galt Planning Commission, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

Friday, April 10
Galt Sunrise Rotary, 7 a.m., Comfort Inn & Suites, 10380 Twin Cities Road, 209-745-6617.

Saturday, April 11
Kiwanis Club of Galt, 8:30 a.m., Comfort Inn, 10380 Twin Cities Road. Details: k13878.site.kiwanis.org/contact. ★

ABOUT TOWN

Saturday, March 21

Bunco Bonanza Fundraiser – 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Women's Club of Lodi. Get ready for a lively afternoon of laughter, prizes and friendly competition. Enjoy a fun-filled day supporting a great cause in the Lodi community. Tickets are limited, so call Mary Luna at 209-747-3212 to secure your spot. 325 W. Pine St., Lodi.

Spaghetti Feed at the Sanctuary – 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harvest Home Animal Sanctuary. Enjoy a delicious vegan feed at the Sanctuary on the San Joaquin Delta. All proceeds benefit the care for rescued and rehabilitated animals at the Sanctuary. Tickets and donation information at harvesthomesanctuary.org. 14741 S. Wing Levee Road, Stockton.

Budbreak Festival – noon to 4 p.m. at Jeremy Wine Co. Connect with fellow garden enthusiasts, sip newly released wines and explore vendors dedicated to sustainable living and homegrown goodness.

Whether you're a seasoned grower or just starting your spring seedlings, this is the perfect way to welcome the season. In addition, you can share your extra seedlings with other gardeners and, in return, you can get some new ones to try out. Tickets and more information at jeremywineco.com. 16750 E. Highway 88, Lockeford.

Friday, March 27 and Sunday, March 29

Historical Walking Tour of Downtown Lodi – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., starting at the historic train depot. This walking tour provides a general history of Lodi and includes mention of many of our most interesting stories.

Tour participants will be required to sign a waiver before the tour begins. These tours are free, though donations to the Lodi Historical Society are welcome; ask your tour guide. 24 S. Sacramento St., Lodi.

Friday, March 27

Blood, Sweat and Gears Pizza and Pistons – 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Foothill Pizza. Join us for this cruise-in on the Fourth Friday every month. For more information, contact Dave at 209-570-0448 or Paul at 925-219-6057. 18970 N. Highway 88, Lockeford.

Saturday, March 28

Micke Grove Easter Egg Hunt – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join us for a morning full of family-friendly fun, festive activities and 25,000 candy- and toy-filled eggs waiting to be discovered. Bring your baskets and your best bunny spirit for this springtime favorite. Space is limited; must

pre-register at sjparks.com. 11793 Micke Grove Road, Lodi.

Hoppy Eggventure & Jamboree – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hutchins Street Square. Celebrate spring in Lodi with a family-friendly event, hosted in partnership with First Baptist Church and the Hutchins Street Square Foundation. This joyful community event is packed with festive fun for kids and parents alike. Interactive games and activities, fun prices, pictures with the Easter Bunny and an exciting Easter egg hunt. Remember to bring your baskets. 125 S. Hutchins St., Lodi.

Lodi Wine Festival – 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lodi Grape Festival Grape Pavilion. This festival features wine tasting from up to 40 wineries pouring over 200 varietals. This is a unique opportunity to explore what the Lodi wine region has to offer, all in one place. Tickets and more information at grapefestival.com. 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

Sunday, March 29

National Vietnam War Veterans Day Ceremony – 11 a.m. to noon at MLK Plaza, Vietnam Memorial. Let's honor the courage and dedication of those who served. VFW Post 52 invites our community to gather in solemn gratitude as we honor the men and women who served during the Vietnam War: heroes who answered the call of duty and upheld the highest traditions of our nation. Admission is free; open to the public. 2 E. Oak St., Stockton.

Impalas Magazine Stockton Lowrider Super Show – 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds. Enjoy a day with car collectors showing off their most prized possessions. Over 800 of the best lowrider, bombs, dubs, trucks, motorcycles and imports on display. Live music and entertainment. 1658 S. Airport Way, Stockton.

Tuesday, March 31 and Wednesday, April 1

Spring Break Carnival – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day at the Galt Flea Market west parking lot. Bring the whole family out for two days of springtime fun. Enjoy face painting, carnival rides, delicious food vendors, pony rides and free Easter Bunny photos. For more information, please call 209-366-7168. 905 Meladee Lane.

Thursday, April 2

Taste of San Joaquin – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Lodi Grape Festival Grape Pavilion. Guests will gather to enjoy tastings from local vendors while supporting the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Foundation for Agricultural Education. Proceeds from the event directly benefit their programs,

including scholarships, teacher resources and grants for local FFA and 4-H chapters. Link to buy tickets at grapefestival.com. 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

Saturday, April 4

Galt Saturday Market – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the 4th Street Promenade. Join us for a warm, family-friendly event filled with local vendors, fresh finds, tasty treats and a welcoming atmosphere for all ages. Bring the kids, invite friends and make it a Saturday tradition. Markets are the first Saturday each month through November. More information at 209-366-7115.

Ongoing Events

Blood, Sweat and Gears Car Club, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Foothill Pizza in Lockeford. Fourth Friday each month, cruise-in pizza and pistons. All years, makes and models welcome. Next event, Friday, March 27. 18970 N. Highway 88, Lockeford.

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, April 11. 1000 C St.

Senior Bingo – most Mondays except holidays, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Chabolla Community Center. Free play for seniors. Come for the fun and socialization. Next date Monday, March 23. 600 Chabolla Ave.

Twin Cities Cruisers Cars and Coffee – last Sunday of every month, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at "Life's Grind" coffee house in the Raley's shopping center. All makes and models are welcome. 10420 Twin Cities Road.

Widowed Persons Social Club – March 20, 10 a.m.: Mixed variety game day at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Gerri at 916-698-1940.

March 25, 1 p.m.: Book club at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Merrylyn at 916-549-4264

March 26, Noon: No-host lunch and Bunco at Patty's Pizza, 8591 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Lois at 916-212-4196 or Susie at 916-798-0007.

March 27, 10 a.m.: Pinochle at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Jim at 916-768-1923.

March 31, 5 p.m.: Chevy's Restaurant, 7401 Laguna Blvd., Elk Grove. Contact Addie at 916-682-3609.

A widowed person may attend up to

three events while deciding if they wish to join WPSC. Contact Bonnie at 916-422-1522 if you are interested in membership.

Wilton Bingo – First Saturday each month. The next bingo will be on Saturday, April 4 in the Wilton Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale and bingo starts at 6 p.m. All proceeds go to two nonprofits: the local Park Council and the Wilton History Group. 9717 Colony Road at Dillard Road, Wilton.

Library Events

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

Friday, March 20: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (G) English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G) Bad art night for adults, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. All supplies are provided – just bring your sense of fun and adventure. (WG)

Tuesday March 24: Family story time, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. (WG)

Wednesday, March 25: English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Friday, March 27: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (G) English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Call 916-264-2920 or 800-561-4636 for more information on any of these events.

Veterans Meetings

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

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

Post 233 Family Breakfast – first Saturday each month at 9 a.m., Mimi's Café, 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., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove.

VFW Post 2073 – second Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove. For more information, call 916-684-3849. ★

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executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or

a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property. Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed upon sale will be issued for covered transfers. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers and

https://www.fincen.gov/tre-faqs#d_5NOTICE 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 (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx using the file number assigned to this case 2025-01446-CA-REV. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement

information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855)-976-3916, or visit this internet website https://tracker.auction.com/sb1079, using the file number assigned to this case 2025-01446-CA-REV to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the

trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 238 Ventura, CA 93003 Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx Date: March 3, 2026 Published 3/13/2026, 3/20/2026, 3/27/2026 THE GALT HERALD 3-27-26



Touch-A-Truck, Safety Expo at Saturday Market

City of Galt News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - Mark your calendars for a day of hands-on fun at the Saturday Market Touch-A-Truck & Safety Expo from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 4.

This interactive event gives children the chance to see emergency and service vehicles up close, climb aboard and learn how they support the community. It's also a great opportunity to meet the professionals who operate them and discover more about local safety services. Visitors can also enjoy the lively atmosphere of the Saturday Market, featuring live music, great food and local vendors throughout the morning and afternoon.

The Saturday Market takes place on the first Saturday of each month from

March through November at 4th and C Streets in Galt, bringing residents and visitors together to shop, eat, and connect with local vendors and organizations.

Vehicle Owners Wanted

Do you have a vehicle that people, especially kids, would love to explore? The event is currently seeking vehicles of all kinds to participate in the Touch-A-Truck experience.

From construction and service vehicles to unique specialty trucks, your vehicle could help create a memorable experience for local families.

For more information about the event or to register a vehicle, contact the City of Galt Special Event Division at 209-366-7165 or abarh@cityofgalt.org. ★



The city is seeking residents with vehicles to feature in its Touch-A-Truck experience at the Safety Expo, taking place at the Saturday Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 4. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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.

Volunteers Sought for Senior Resource Center

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

Volunteer slots are available in two-hour increments for up to four hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, excluding holidays.

Volunteers will be trained and can contact commission members with questions.

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

Sunshine Food Pantry Donations

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

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

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

AA 24-Hour Hotline

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

Nar-Anon Family Group Meetings

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

TOPS Weekly Meetings

TOPS, Taking Off Pounds Sensibly, meets every Wednesday at Grace Presbyterian Church, 10 N. Mills Ave., Lodi. Meeting time: 10-10:45 a.m. Weigh-ins: 9-9:50am. No charge for first meeting.

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.

Nominate Your Neighbor

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

yard? The Galt Beautification Committee wants to know.

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

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

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.

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. ★

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While many people probably have a certain idea of what ravioli is like, it can actually be any type of filled pasta that is filled and then sealed up. So, whether a person has a penchant for tortellini, the humble ravioli or the no-so-common agnolotti, they are all types of ravioli and deserve to be celebrated.

National Ravioli Day is the perfect day to enjoy and appreciate not only the classic dish that ravioli is, but also other tasty kinds of pasta, sauces and even the country of Italy, ravioli's native land!

According to daysoftheyear.com, this delicious stuffed pasta can be traced back to its first recorded mention in the 1300s by a merchant from Venice, Francesco di Marco. By the 16th century ravioli has made its way to Rome where it is mentioned as being made by Bartolomeo Cappi, who served them to a gathering

of cardinals from the Catholic Church. It was about this same time that ravioli began to be paired with tomato sauce. It then continues on its journey through other mentions and in in cookbooks when the dish was first prepared for the upper classes. Eventually, it trickled down to those of humbler means and became a national favorite.

While ravioli can contain meat, on certain religious holidays meat was often not eaten, so many ravioli recipes are prepared with vegetarian ingredients such as cheese, mushrooms, pumpkin or even almond (amaretto) biscuits.

Most people eat ravioli just after boiling, like most other kinds of pasta. However, in certain regions of Italy, ravioli is actually boiled first and then baked in a cream sauce for a richer texture and

flavor. Then there is the Toasted Ravioli. It is a more modern invention and seems to have happened by accident.

Legend has it that in the 1940s, in St. Louis, Missouri, some ravioli just happened to fall into the fryer at Oldani's restaurant. Instead of wasting the deep-fried pasta pillows, they were sprinkled with parmesan and served at the bar.

The people loved them even though, technically, they are not toasted at all. The name "toasted ravioli" just seemed a bit more attractive than "deep-fried ravioli." I really enjoy eating ravioli in sauce or toasted; they are yummy. Especially on the Spring Equinox.

That's correct, today is the Spring Equinox. It signals the beginning of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, welcoming brighter, longer days after the cold winter months.

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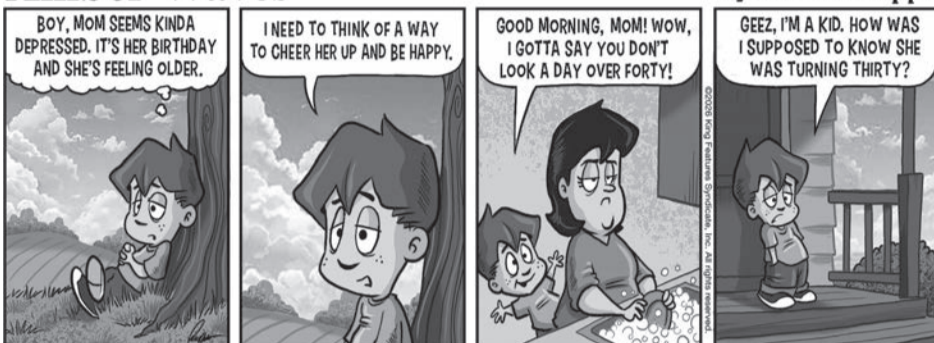
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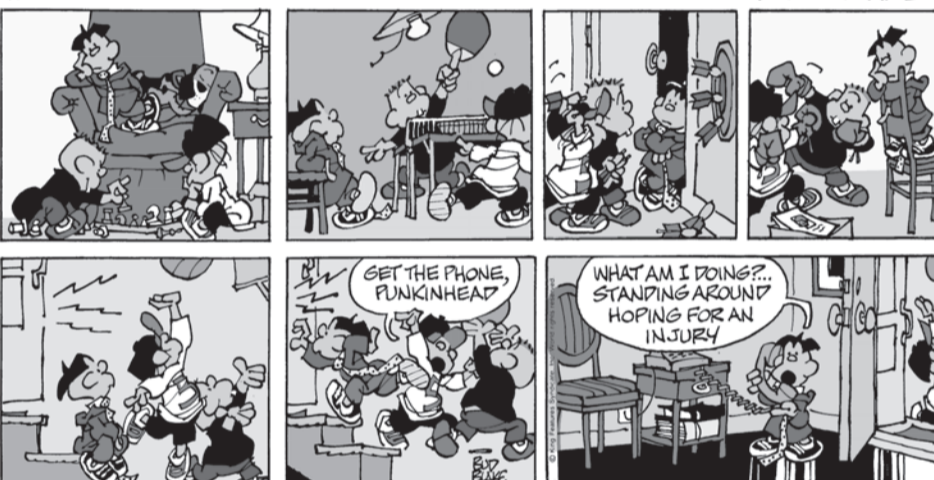


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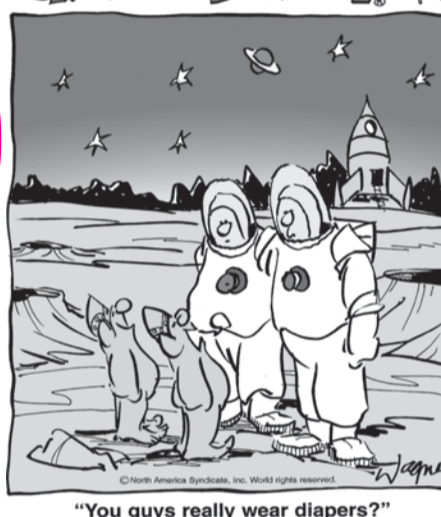
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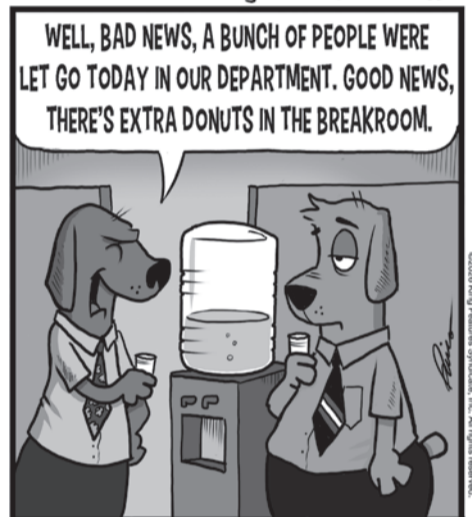


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Hawks Cheer Team Makes History with First-Ever CIF Section Title



The Liberty Ranch Hawk cheerleaders pose with their section title plaque. Courtesy photos

By Paige Lampson
with Roxanne Babcock

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawks competition cheer team has made history. Under the direction of head coach and Liberty Ranch alumna Kylie Valencia, the Hawks captured the program's first-ever CIF Traditional Competitive Cheer Section title at the CIF TCC Winter Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 24, capping an incredible season that saw the program return to competition for the first time since winning Nationals in 2019.

The championship was the culmination of a season that built steadily from one competition to the next. The Hawks opened their campaign on Nov. 1 at the NCA-UCA Northern California Regional in the Large Varsity Non-Tumbling division, earning an impressive third-place finish in their first regional competition. Just one week later, they returned to the floor at the USA Northern California Regional on Nov. 8 and improved their standing with a second-place finish. The momentum they carried into January proved unstoppable, as the Hawks delivered their best

performance of the season when it mattered most, claiming the section title and etching their names into Liberty Ranch history.

The victory carried special significance given the program's six-year absence from competition. To return from that hiatus, compete at the regional level and ultimately capture a section championship in the same season is a remarkable achievement that speaks to the talent, dedication and coaching excellence within this program.

Coach Valencia, herself a Liberty Ranch graduate, expressed deep pride in what her team accomplished.

"We had an amazing group of girls who deserved the opportunity to compete and bring home a win for both the school and themselves," Valencia said. "Our five seniors – Bailey Babcock, Bailey Burkett, Carlie Morgado, Mikina McCreery and Sofia Richardson – have worked incredibly hard over the past four years. Everyone on the team, including myself, wanted to see them finish their final season with a well-deserved win."

Valencia reserved special praise for her two captains,

Babcock and McCreery, whose leadership was instrumental in the team's success.

"This accomplishment wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of our two captains, Bailey Babcock and Mikina McCreery," Valencia said. "They played a crucial role in assisting me in developing routine sequences, counts and formation changes. They consistently went above and beyond, arriving early, staying late and even collaborating outside of practice to help elevate the team. I'm incredibly grateful for their leadership."

The five seniors – Babcock, Burkett, Morgado, McCreery, and Richardson – provided the veteran presence and emotional drive that guided the team throughout the season. For each of them, the section title represents the perfect ending to four years of dedication to the Liberty Ranch cheer program.

The entire roster that made history this season includes Abigail Johnson, Alana Gonzalez, Alany Collins, Alexis Gonzales, Bailey Babcock, Bailey Burkett, Brooklynn Woods, Calleigh Farnsworth, Carlie Morgado, Brenna



Bailey Babcock, Bailey Burkett, Carlie Morgado, Mikina McCreery and Sofia Richardson are the seniors that competed.



The Hawks are in formation during their competition cheer routine.

Frank, Jensen Perez, Joylee Whitford, Josalynn Gibson, Khali Barrantes, Madelyn Mutulo, Mikina McCreery, Riley Snider, Rylee Morrow, Sofia Richardson and Kiara Borrego.

Each athlete contributed to a performance worthy of the program's first section championship, and their collective effort reflects the culture of excellence that Valencia and cheer coordinator Roxanne Babcock have worked tirelessly to build.

For Valencia, coaching her alma mater's cheer program to a historic

championship is a full-circle moment that she won't soon forget.

"The girls on this team will always hold a special place in my heart," Valencia said. "I'm already looking forward to the 2026-27 cheer season and the opportunity to compete again."

The Hawks' section title adds another championship banner to what has been one of the most decorated years in Liberty Ranch athletics history. From soccer to basketball to wrestling and now competition cheer, the Hawks have consistently represented

their school and community with excellence, heart and determination.

For the Liberty Ranch cheer program, this is not just a championship, it's a statement of intent. Coach Valencia, coordinator Roxanne Babcock and a talented roster of athletes have reestablished the program as a competitive force, and with the hunger already building for next season, the Hawks' cheer team appears poised to compete for titles for years to come.

History has been made. The Liberty Ranch Hawks are section champions. ★

From Galt Gators to Warriors: Atkins Brings Passion and Purpose to Galt High Swim

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - There is something fitting about Erika Atkins standing on the pool deck for Galt High School. She grew up swimming for the Galt Gators, competed all four years in the same pool wearing the same Warrior colors, and now she's back, this time as head coach, ready to build something special for the next generation of Galt swimmers. A five-year math teacher at Galt High, Atkins took on the additional role of head swim coach this season, bringing with her a lifetime of love for the sport and a philosophy rooted in growth, positivity and personal development.

"I grew up swimming for the Galt Gators," Atkins said. "I also swam all four years in high school with Coach Potter. I still have my Galt High swim sweatshirts from my freshman and senior year." Those sweatshirts aren't just memorabilia, they represent a connection to this community and this program that runs deep.

As a competitive swimmer, Atkins specialized in the 500 freestyle and 100 butterfly, events that require both endurance and technical precision. She credits two coaches in particular for shaping her approach to the sport.

"Coach Potter and Coach Kalah were very influential. They strived to make us the best swimmers and it was up to us to follow through." Kalah now coaches at Liberty Ranch, and the relationship between the two continues to benefit both programs.

"It is nice practicing with Liberty Ranch

and working with Coach Kalah because she is a great and helpful person and has been a great resource for me," Atkins said.

This season, Atkins has also benefited from the volunteer assistance of Coach Denny, whose deep roots in Galt swimming have been invaluable.

"Coach Denny has coached for the Galt Gators and has known some of our swimmers for years. Coach Denny is a great addition to our team," she said.

While this is Atkins' first year coaching high school swimming, her background in aquatics runs deep. She began her career as a lifeguard at the Gora Aquatic Center, where she earned her water safety instructor certification and taught swim lessons across all age ranges through the Galt Parks and Recreation Department. Those early experiences teaching swimmers of all abilities gave her a foundation that translates directly to coaching.

"I believe that everyone can learn and should learn how to swim," Atkins said. "I believe in striving for continuous improvement and adaptability. It's important for our swimmers to put in the practice hours and focus on personal growth. Win or lose, I want our swimmers to feel like they have changed for the better throughout this season."

Building the roster from scratch required creativity. Atkins began recruiting directly from her math classes, spreading the word among students and their friends. Some swimmers started conditioning as early as January, working in the weight room, running the track and doing calisthenics.

"I was telling my classes that I was hired as the new swim coach and recruiting my

students and their friends to join swim," she said with characteristic enthusiasm.

That energy has already produced results. Sophomore Tiger Myrick shattered the school's all-time record in the 100 butterfly in the team's opening meet, posting a time of 59.24 seconds that also surpassed the Section qualifying standard. But Myrick's talents extend beyond the butterfly: He also holds school records in the 200 IM and 100 backstroke.

"Tiger is a very dedicated and self-motivated athlete," Atkins said. "He is also very versatile as a swimmer. He broke his own record in the 100 butterfly, but he also holds records in the 200 IM and 100 backstroke."

The same skills that make Atkins an effective math teacher have proven valuable on the pool deck.

"I learned, through teaching, how to differentiate my math lessons and can apply that to coaching swimmers of all levels," she said. That ability to meet each athlete where they are – from beginners learning basic strokes to record-breaking competitors – has created an inclusive and encouraging team environment. In her first meet, that culture was already evident.

"After our first meet, I learned that our team is very supportive of each other. The students were cheering their teammates and helping our new swimmers with the order of events."

Her vision for the program is clear and compelling.

"My goal is for our team to improve and feel proud to be a Warrior," Atkins said. "At the end of this year, I want to look back and see that each one of our



Galt High Swim Coach Erika Atkins: "Win or lose, I want our swimmers to feel like they have changed for the better throughout this season." Courtesy photo

swimmers has improved their own times, abilities and confidence as a swimmer." Looking further ahead, she envisions a program that grows both in numbers and in community visibility.

"I would love for everyone to see the fun and competitiveness of our program." Beyond the pool, Atkins' goals for her athletes are deeply personal.

"I want them to see that improvement and personal growth take work and dedication. I want them to persevere through challenges in life. Ultimately, I hope that they can feel that I was coaching them to reach their full potential in swimming and life."

Her advice to every swimmer in her program echoes the message she gives her own children daily. "Set goals for yourself and not compare yourself to others. Be your best self."

For a program finding its footing under new leadership, those words couldn't be more fitting. Erika Atkins is home, she's coaching and the Galt Warriors swim program will benefit greatly for it. ★

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Smith Named League MVP for Unprecedented Third Consecutive Year

Hawks Earn Three All-League Selections After Historic Season Reaches State Regional Semifinals



Haley Smith-Three-time League MVP

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - In a career defined by records and milestones, Haley Smith has done it again. The Liberty Ranch Hawks senior has been named SVC League MVP for the third consecutive year, an unprecedented achievement that has never been accomplished in the league's history. The honor caps a remarkable four-year career that has redefined what excellence looks like in SVC girls' basketball.

Smith's three consecutive MVP awards tell only part of the story. Over her four-year varsity career spanning 117 games, she has averaged 18.8 points, 9.0 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 2.7 steals per game: numbers that reflect a complete, dominant player who has elevated her program every season she has suited up. Most remarkably, Smith has surpassed 2,000 career points, a milestone that fewer players ever achieve and one that no player in league history has reached quite like this. Her progression from a 17.3-point-per-game freshman to an 18.3-point senior, with consistent dominance in rebounds, assists and steals throughout, represents the development of a truly special athlete.

This season alone, Smith averaged 18.3 points, 8.2 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 2.8 steals per game while shooting 35% from three-point range and 73 percent from the free-throw line. She led the team with 604 total points, 272 rebounds, 94 steals and a team-high 39 blocks. Her ability to impact the game in every statistical category made her virtually impossible to game-plan against and earned her the league's highest individual honor for the third time running.

Joining Smith on the All-League team were junior Kamrynn Blevins and senior Madisyn Robbins, completing a trio of selections that the CIF awarded to the league champions despite the league featuring eight teams. All three honorees were central figures in one of the most successful seasons in Liberty Ranch girls' basketball history.

Blevins was the Hawks' engine and playmaker, averaging 13.6 points and a team-leading 4.9 assists per game while recording a remarkable 106 steals and 166 assists on the season. Her 3.1 steals per game led the team and made her one of the most disruptive defensive players in the league. Blevins' 462 total points and 177 rebounds reflect a player who does everything asked of her and more. As Head Coach Karrin Blevins' daughter, her All-League selection adds a special family dimension to an already memorable season.

Robbins was a force at both ends of the floor, averaging 11.8 points and 8.2 rebounds per game while shooting a team-best 49% from the field. Her 280 total rebounds led the team, and her 99 steals ranked second. Robbins' 400 total points and 76 assists rounded out a complete statistical profile that made her one of the league's most impactful interior players.

The team's collective dominance was equally impressive. Liberty Ranch averaged 61.5 points per game while recording



Kamrynn Blevins-All-League



Madisyn Robbins-All-League

13.2 steals and 2.4 blocks per game on defense. The Hawks pulled down 38.1 rebounds per game – including 15.0 offensive boards – and dished out 14.7 assists per game, reflecting a team that played unselfish, purposeful basketball from start to finish.

The Hawks finished league play with a perfect 14-0 record before embarking on a postseason run that captured the imagination of the entire community. Though they fell one game short of a repeat appearance in the section title game at the Golden 1 Arena, the Hawks weren't finished making history. Liberty Ranch advanced to the Division 4 state playoffs and reached the regional semifinals, the farthest any Liberty Ranch girls basketball team has ever gone in state competition. They were eliminated in that game by just four points: a heartbreaking margin that nonetheless stands as a testament to the extraordinary talent and competitiveness of this program.

For Head Coach Karrin Blevins, the season represented the culmination of everything she has built at Liberty Ranch. A perfect league record, three All-League selections, a historic state playoff run and her junior daughter earning All-League honors: It was a year that will be remembered for a very long time.

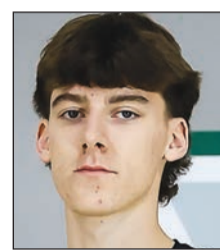
For Haley Smith, the third consecutive MVP award is the crowning achievement of a four-year career that has been nothing short of legendary. More than 2,000 career points, four years of varsity dominance and three straight MVP honors: Smith has set a standard in SVC girls' basketball that will stand for years, perhaps decades, to come. Did we mention that Smith also carries a GPA over 4.0 to boot?

What a year. What a career. What a team. ★

Ricci Named Coach of the Year as Hawks Dominate All League



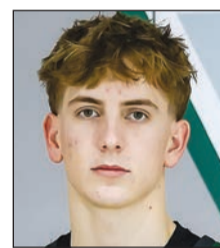
Philip Ricci-Coach of the Year



Conrad Dixon All League



Daniel Wilks All League



Derek Nelson All League



Everett Dixon All League

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GALT, CA (MPG) - The accolades continue to pour in for the Liberty Ranch Hawks boys basketball program. Following a perfect 14-0 league championship season, Head Coach Philip Ricci was voted SVC Coach of the Year by his peer coaches, while seniors Daniel Wilks, Derek Nelson and Everett Dixon, along with sophomore Conrad Dixon, earned All-League recognition.

Ricci's Coach of the Year selection comes as little surprise to anyone who has watched him work. A Galt High School graduate himself, Ricci has built Liberty Ranch basketball into the standard of excellence in the SVC, earning the respect of players, coaches and fans across the league. His background as a professional basketball player gives him credibility in the gym that resonates deeply with his players, but it's his ability to connect with young people – opposing players included – that truly sets him apart. When Coach Ricci offers a nod of respect or a pat on the back to an opposing player, you can see in their eyes how much it means. That is the mark of a man who transcends the game.

Ricci was characteristically humble in accepting the honor.

"I am very honored to be voted Coach of the Year by my peers in the SVC," Ricci said. "I would like to give credit to my staff, parents, the administration and all the volunteers that

help our program be great. Lastly, I want to give credit to my team for all the hard work they put in during the off-season and during our basketball season. When players are bought in and work as hard as they do in the classroom and on the court, it makes coaching easy."

On the court, the numbers tell the story of a dominant team. Liberty Ranch averaged 60.7 points per game while generating 9.1 steals and 3.1 blocks per game on defense. The Hawks averaged 33.6 rebounds and 13.1 assists per game: numbers that reflect a team playing unselfish, disciplined basketball at both ends of the floor.

Senior Daniel Wilks led the team with 326 total points and 11.2 points per game, while also pacing the squad with 95 assists and 46 steals. His 3.3 assists and 1.6 steals per game made him the heartbeat of everything Liberty Ranch did offensively and defensively. His All-League selection was a fitting reward for an outstanding senior campaign.

Senior point guard Derek Nelson was equally impressive, totaling 312 points at 11.1 per game while shooting a team-best 76 percent from the free throw line. Nelson's 73 assists and 117 rebounds reflected a complete player who impacted every aspect of the game.

His 40% field goal percentage and ability to distribute and rebound made him one of the most difficult players in the league to defend.

Senior forward Everett

Dixon rounded out the senior All-League trio with 256 points and 9.1 points per game. Dixon's 49% field goal percentage and 148 rebounds demonstrated his dominance in the paint, while his 13 blocks added a defensive dimension that made Liberty Ranch's interior nearly impossible to attack.

Sophomore Conrad Dixon was arguably the team's most dominant force, earning All-League honors despite being just a second-year player. Dixon led the Hawks with a remarkable 64 percent field goal percentage, 202 rebounds, and 45 blocks: numbers that signal Liberty Ranch's program will remain a powerhouse for years to come.

Junior Ryan Ogas contributed significantly with 65 assists and 41 steals, his playmaking and defensive energy proving invaluable to the Hawks' perfect season.

For Ricci, a Galt graduate who has made his hometown proud time and again, the Coach of the Year award is the latest chapter in a story that continues to inspire the entire community.

His professionalism, genuine care for young people and championship results have established him as one of the most respected coaches in the league.

For his players, the All-League honors are validation of countless hours invested in the gym. For the Liberty Ranch community, this season and these honors are something to be celebrated for years to come. ★

GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



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Trent Dozier Galt High Baseball



Mason Bussman Liberty Ranch Swim



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