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Coffee Talk with Doris Matsui

Congresswoman Weighs Political Priorities, Reelection



U.S. Rep. Doris Matsui is pictured after an interview with The Galt Herald at Rescate Coffee on March 13, where she discussed the priorities shaping her reelection campaign as the midterm primary approaches.

Story and photo by Idaly Valencia

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - With a reelection campaign underway and a district shaped by recent redistricting, U.S. Rep. Doris Matsui said she is leaning on experience and long-standing public service as she prepares to again represent California's 7th Congressional District.

In a recent interview with the Elk Grove Citizen, Matsui reflected on

her work representing California's 7th Congressional District and outlined the priorities shaping her 2026 reelection campaign, including health care access, infrastructure investment, climate resilience and emerging technology policy.

She said her approach to governing is grounded in lived experience and a belief that effective representation comes from understanding the communities a lawmaker serves.

"It really means that you want to make a contribution," Matsui said.

"You want to help out; you want to be part of the community and not be separate from it and engage other people, so they feel the same way too. And so that's really the way I look at what I'm doing. It's about, 'How can I help?'"

Matsui has represented the Sacramento region in Congress since 2005, previously serving California's 5th and 6th Congressional Districts, before assuming her current seat in 2023.

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Lions Collect 1,000 Glasses for Visually Impaired



The Galt Lions Club announced it had collected more than 1,000 pairs of eyeglasses through its ongoing program supporting residents in need of services including eye exams, glasses, sports goggles and hearing aids. Photo courtesy of Galt Lions Club

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Lions Club recently announced that it collected 1,292 pairs of eyeglasses over the past year through community donations as part of its ongoing eyeglass collection program.

The club gathers used eyeglasses and sunglasses to support locals in need of vision services, including eye

exams, glasses, sports goggles and hearing aids. The Galt Lions Club typically hosts its annual Crab Feed in January to support its efforts, and it frequently offers volunteer support at community events throughout the year.

The organization credited several local partners for helping to make the eyeglass collection possible, including Galt Family Optometric,

L'Chayim of Galt Inc. and C-Galt Eyecare Optometry, which displayed collection boxes to help receive donated eyewear.

On March 14, the donated glasses were given to Lion Eyes California and the Folsom Project to help the visually impaired.

For more information about the Galt Lions Club, visit e-clubhouse.org/sites/galtca. ★

Barsetti Tasting Room Spring Events Highlighted



Join Barsetti Vineyards this spring for its variety of events scheduled throughout April and May, including live music, interactive classes and a creative paint session. Photo courtesy of Barsetti Vineyard Tasting Room

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - With spring in full swing, events at Barsetti Vineyard Tasting Room are set to bloom with live entertainment, art and, of course, wine.

Residents and visiting wine enthusiasts can look forward to a variety of events scheduled throughout April and May, including live music, interactive classes and a creative paint session.

Live Music

Live music remains a staple at the tasting room, with returning performances from local favorites. Phil & da Pinots, a regular dance band known for playing hits from the '60s through the '90s, will perform from 6 to 9 p.m. Fridays, including April 10, April 24, May 15 and May 30.

Another crowd favorite, 4th Street Band, performs music from the '70s through the '90s. Performances are scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, including April 18 and May 23.

Line Dance and Karaoke

For those looking to get involved, the tasting room will host line-dance classes followed by karaoke band practice on select Sundays. The line dance class begins at noon and is free with the purchase of wine. At 1 p.m., the band begins practice and karaoke, with attendees encouraged to participate by singing or playing an instrument.

Line Dance Class and Karaoke Band Practice will be held from noon to 4 p.m. on April 12, May 10 and May 24.

Paint & Sip

The Barsetti Vineyards Tasting Room will also offer a Paint & Sip event at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 30, led by artist Beth Bates. The cost is \$45 per person, which includes all materials and instruction. Reservations can be made by visiting Paintnite.com, selecting "Find events near me," and entering Beth Bates in the search bar.

For more information, visit barsettivineyards.com or call 209-747-3861. ★

Parks and Recreation Offers Spring Youth Activity Classes



Gymnastics, chess and self-defense classes are being offered through the city's Parks & Recreation Department for youth looking to pick up a new skill over the spring. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

City of Galt News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - This spring, the City of Galt Parks & Recreation Department is offering a variety of engaging classes designed to keep youth active, learning and having fun. From physical activity to strategic thinking and personal safety, there's something for every interest.

A Gymnastics and Tumbling class for ages 6 to 9 will focus on building strength, coordination and confidence through structured movement and foundational skills in a

supportive environment. The beginner-level class will run for 10 sessions from April 6 through June 8, meeting from 3:15 to 4 p.m. each Monday. The cost for all sessions included is \$108.

For older participants, a Youth Chess class is available for ages 9 to 17 and is open to players of all skill levels.

Students will learn game flow and strategies for the opening, middle and endgame, with practice tournaments incorporated into the sessions. Chess boards will be provided. The class also runs for 10 sessions from April 6

through June 8, meeting from 4:15 to 4:55 p.m. on Mondays. The cost for all sessions included is also \$108.

In addition, KIDSAFE USA Self-Defense classes will be offered for youth ages 5 to 17. The program focuses on teaching practical self-defense techniques while promoting confidence, awareness, discipline and self-esteem in a safe and supportive setting. The cost is \$108 per session.

To learn more details or to explore additional classes and activities, visit bit.ly/4dUB4GE (case sensitive). ★

City to Seek Input on Community Branding

City of Galt News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - It's our city's time to shine, and your voice matters.

The City of Galt invites everyone visiting the Saturday Market to take part in our City Branding Survey. This brief survey helps us to tell Galt's story through the voices of those who experience it, whether you live here, work here or are just visiting.

Our Community Engagement team will be at the Saturday Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 4, on the 4th Street Promenade. Stop by the city's booth to complete the survey and share your perspective.

As a thank you, participants will be entered for a chance to win some City of Galt swag.

Can't make it to the market? Those interested still have the opportunity to participate via an online survey, to be announced at a later time. ★

Film Grants Return to Boost Local Productions



The City of Sacramento recently announced that its Film and Media Department is accepting applications for grants available to local filmmakers and production companies, funded by the voter-approved half-cent sales tax, Measure U. Photo courtesy of City of Sacramento

City of Sacramento News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento filmmakers and production companies can now apply for grants that help offset production costs and support film and television projects shot in the city.

Administered by the Sacramento Film + Media office and funded by Measure U, the grant program is now in its fifth year supporting productions filmed in Sacramento.

"This program has helped Sacramento filmmakers bring their projects to life over the past several years," said Sacramento Film Commissioner Jennifer West. "Continuing to invest in local productions strengthens our creative economy, supports local crews and businesses, and keeps film activity growing in our

community." Applications close May 15. Up to six production grants of \$10,000 and up to two post-production grants of \$5,000 will be awarded across two grant rounds. Grant funds can be used to subsidize permit fees, offset the cost of safety personnel and reimburse qualified production expenses incurred in the city.

Launched in 2021, the film grant program has awarded more than \$302,500 across 38 projects filmed or produced in Sacramento. Supported productions have included a range of projects featuring diverse casts, crews and storylines.

To qualify, productions must film at least 50% of their project in the Sacramento region with at least two locations within the city of Sacramento. The program also supports

projects completing at least 75% of their post-production work in the city.

Eligible productions include feature-length films, short films, episodic television, television pilots, television movies and miniseries, documentaries, docuseries, commercials, music videos and unscripted television.

One recent recipient, Atrium 916, received grant support for the Sacramento-produced documentary series "Citizens of Planet Earth," which began airing March 14.

Applications will be reviewed and scored by a panel consisting of staff, film industry peers and economic development professionals.

To review eligibility guidelines and apply, visit the Sacramento Film + Media grants website, film-sac.com/rebate-program. ★

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Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and Kindergarten Birthdates:

- Enrollment in Kindergarten requires that a child be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2026.
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New Hope Road Bridge to Close Temporarily



The Sacramento County Department of Transportation announced the upcoming closure of the New Hope Road Bridge over Grizzly Slough through December 2026, advising residents to use detour routes during construction. Graphic Courtesy of Sacramento County Department of Transportation

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Department of Transportation announced that it is replacing the New Hope Road Bridge at Grizzly Slough. The project is expected to last until December 2026.

The construction will demolish and replace New Hope Road Bridge, including grading and paving of approach roadways approximately 400 feet on either side of New Hope Road Bridge.

The construction will also provide rock slope protection along with embankment and shoulder grading.

Traffic will be directed to



use alternate routes during the closure period, and access will be maintained for local traffic only.

New Hope Road will close from Orr Road to W. New Hope Road between April 10 and Nov. 30. Access will be maintained for residents during construction. The reconstruction cost for New Hope Road bridge is \$4,536,070 and is funded by the Federal Highway

Bridge Program (HBP) and Sacramento County Road Fund.

Travelers are asked to follow all posted signs during the detour. The Sacramento County Department of Transportation appreciates the public's patience as we work to complete this important project.

Eastbound traffic will be rerouted north on North Thornton Road, then Franklin Boulevard, east on Twin Cities Road, south on Christensen Road and west on New Hope Road. Westbound traffic will be rerouted north on Christensen Road, west on Twin Cities Road, south on Franklin Boulevard, North Thornton Road and east on New Hope Road. ★

Seniors Invited to Participate in Low-Cost Water Aerobics



The city announced in its recent newsletter that local seniors are encouraged to participate in a water aerobics program offered at a reduced rate of \$5 per class during April and May at the Gora Aquatic Center. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - Local seniors have an upcoming opportunity to stay active this spring with a discounted aquatic fitness program being currently offered in the community.

Residents ages 55 and older are invited to participate in a water aerobics program offered at a reduced rate of \$5 per class during April and May, supported by local real estate company Chandler Gross Group.

The low-impact classes are designed to improve strength, flexibility and overall wellness, with an emphasis on cardiovascular fitness and building strength through water resistance.

Sessions will be held in a heated pool maintained at 80 degrees.

Classes take place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Monday at the Gora Aquatic Center, 630 Chabolla Ave.

Those interested can register at bit.ly/412kPzU (case sensitive) or call 209-366-7165. ★

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A Sit-Down with Doris Matsui

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Today, the 7th Congressional District spans Sacramento's urban core and extends into suburban communities such as Elk Grove and rural areas including Galt and Rancho Murieta, as well as portions of San Joaquin and El Dorado counties following recent redistricting.

Matsui noted her upbringing in Dinuba, a small Central Valley community near Fresno, as foundational to her political outlook. She explained how she grew up in a farming family and said those early experiences shaped her understanding of community responsibility and mutual support.

"In a small town, everybody knows you," Matsui said. "People take care of each other, help each other out... and those values really stuck with me."

Matsui said that perspective continues to inform how she approaches her work in Congress, particularly as she represents both rural and urban communities with differing needs.

Among her top priorities, Matsui said, is access to health care. Her legislative work in the area includes having advocated for the Affordable Care Act and ongoing efforts to expand access and reduce costs.

She described health care affordability as one of the most pressing concerns facing constituents.

"We all know health care is too expensive," she said. "When you have an unexpected medical bill, it can throw your whole household budget off."

Matsui said those challenges are felt across the district, including rural communities where residents often face longer travel times to hospitals and fewer medical providers compared to urban centers such as Sacramento.

Beyond health care, Matsui said infrastructure and climate-related challenges remain central to her work, particularly flood control, wildfire risk and the state's water supply reliability. She told The Galt Herald that shifting weather patterns and more extreme conditions underscore the need for continued investment rather than one-time solutions.

"We can't just build infrastructure and think it's done," she said. "You still have to maintain it, make it better and all of that."

During her two decades in Washington, Matsui has helped to secure funding for regional efforts, including more than \$3 billion for flood control and management

projects.

In agricultural areas such as Galt and surrounding parts of the county, Matsui addressed concern over rising costs and market pressures continue to affect farmers.

"Farming is really a big economic driver in California, and we have probably the most quality farming here in Sacramento County," Matsui said. "And the cost of living is really hurting them (farmers) a great deal; I hear about that an awful lot."

Matsui, who serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said one of the most pressing emerging issues facing Congress is the rapid development of artificial intelligence (AI). She said AI has the potential to improve health care, research and administrative systems but also raises concerns about privacy, safety and regulation.

"It could be really helpful or really harmful," she said. "You still need certain guardrails, and you don't want to say you can't do whatever, but you need to protect people."

She added that lawmakers face a challenge in balancing innovation with oversight, particularly as federal debate continues over how aggressively to regulate the technology.

With challengers competing for the seat in the upcoming election cycle, Matsui said her message to voters in the June

primary centers on experience and commitment to public service. She said her campaign is focused on offering stability given her background during what she described as a particularly uncertain time in governance.

"What is shaping my campaign is that I think this is not an ordinary time at all in this country," she said. "And I really believe you need, at this moment, is a person with the experience."

She added that her focus is not about political power but effectiveness in addressing urgent issues.

"This is not about wanting power," Matsui said. "It's about trying to do the best thing and the most effective thing."

Across the interview, Matsui returned repeatedly to the idea of public service as the foundation of her work in Congress. She said her perspective is shaped by both her upbringing and her long experience in public office, where she said helping constituents remains the central motivation.

Looking ahead, Matsui said her focus remains on representing the diverse needs of Sacramento-area communities using the same tools that have yielded results for progress in the region while continuing work on national policy challenges.

"The work I do is really for the benefit of my constituents," she said. "It's about making sure people have a better life." ★

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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

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 non-perishable 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.

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Look to the Draft!

With a total of six games to go, the Sacramento Kings have only three teams in the NBA with a worse winning record. That would be the Indiana Pacers and the Washington Wizards with 17 wins apiece, and the team that beat them Sunday, the Philadelphia Nets.

So, what does that mean for the Sactown boys exactly? It means that barring some unforeseen event, the Sacramento Kings are likely poised to qualify for one of the top selections in the upcoming NBA draft. And thankfully, we can finally put a stop to the conversation of tanking!

A professional and storied organization such as the NBA should never have to resort to finding a remedial method to combatting something as pernicious and utterly distasteful as actually trying to lose a contest.

I can't imagine what commissioner Adam Silver must be thinking, and David Stern must be turning over in his grave. Already significant fines have been metered out to teams that have shown evidence of intentionally losing games, and this needs to come to a stop once and for all.

No fan or season ticket holder ever buys a ticket to see his/her hometown team try to lose a game, and if this isn't stamped out now, the NBA will surely be in a world of hurt.

I was gratified to see the Philadelphia Nets put their best effort forward in Sunday night's game with nothing to play for but the gratification of a win.

Sacramento, with eight healthy players to suit up had an abysmal shooting night, scoring just 99 points while shooting 36/84 from the field.

With 19 wins for the season and only six games remaining, one thing is abundantly obvious. The Sacramento Kings will in all likelihood garnish one of the cherished high draft picks in the upcoming lottery.

Nothing is ever cast in stone, but the handwriting is on the wall, and it remains to be seen what acumen Scott Perry really has when it comes to assessing talent. Critical doesn't even begin to describe the importance of having the ability to pick players with the talent to succeed in the NBA, but soon we will see what this relatively new Sacramento GM is going to bring to the table.

Whether big man A.J. Dybantsa becomes available or possibly Cameron Boozer, either of these talented big men could change the landscape of the Kings team.

Yes, we know Rome wasn't built in a day, and I'm not expecting miracles, but sometimes the ping pong balls bounce your way, and just maybe this is the year.

Without a doubt this year's draft will take on monumental interest with the fan base in Sacramento, so let's continue watching the rookies perform and put this season of hurt in the rear-view mirror.

The question is, did we learn anything this year, because I certainly did.

The Kings problems are not relegated to the players alone, and serious question marks rest with regards to the coaching staff of the Sacramento organization. What if anything can be done will loom large as the Kings formulate their team, hopefully build around Domantas Sabonis, and present to the team and the fans a leadership base that has totally changed direction.

This can happen, whether it's getting better at what you do, or whether ownership has to step in and make sweeping changes, going into next season with a staff incapable of teaching players how to shoot free throws or play some semblance of defense, is simply unacceptable.

I would hesitate to guess what Vivek Ranadive is going to do, but the upcoming draft will probably determine which direction his decisions will take him.

So, what's the good news? Good news is the Kings are poised to add an impact player in the draft, and there is abundant talent on this team that has been utterly devastated by injuries all year.

If there is anything positive about a 19-win season, it has been giving the Kings an opportunity to overhaul their roster from top to bottom while picking up castoff former first-round draft picks and giving them a thorough look. Former No. 7 pick in the 2020 NBA Draft, Killian Hayes has already signed a two-year contract.

A good draft, a healthy team, and 2026 can be filled with optimism, and that relates to wins!

All the best Kings fans! ★

Newsom May Spend \$19 Million to Sugarcoat California's Stalled Economy



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

California hasn't had a truly balanced state budget for four or maybe five years, and the current one continues to overspend its revenues.

Nevertheless, Gov. Gavin Newsom wants to spend \$19 million on a marketing campaign to portray California as having a vibrant economy, to counter "myths driven by misinformation and political rhetoric."

"California and its business climate have been falsely and maliciously maligned for years, and the state has a right to tell the true story — California is a great place to live, work, invest and visit," Newsom spokesperson Tara Gallegos told the Los Angeles Times. "Setting the record straight will benefit every business, worker and resident of this state."

The solicitation of contractors for the campaign quotes a passage from Newsom's State of the State speech: "California has never been about perfection. It's about persistence. The courage of our convictions and the strength to embody them. That's the California Way."

It appears to be a \$19 million contribution from California taxpayers to Newsom's forthcoming campaign for the presidency. The state is

a target of ceaseless social media and internet criticism, some of it far-fetched but, unfortunately, much of it is deserved, such as its seemingly intractable homelessness crisis. Being from California would be one of the hurdles Newsom faces if he seeks the presidency.

The marketing campaign will attempt to put a positive spin on California's economy and business climate, echoing how Newsom typically responds when interviewers ask about corporate migrations and loss of population to other states. He cites California's having the globe's 4th largest economy were it a nation.

The hard fact, however, is that California's economy isn't doing so well these days, and it cannot be dismissed, as Newsom often does, as something dreamed up by political foes.

Take, for instance, a report that the Legislature's budget analyst, Gabe Petek, issued in 2024, describing California's economy as "sluggish."

"California's economy has been in an extended slowdown for the better part of two years, characterized by a soft labor market and weak consumer spending," Petek said, adding, "Outside of government and health care, the state has added no jobs in a year and a half. Similarly, the number of Californians who are unemployed is 25 percent higher than during the strong labor markets of 2019 and 2022. Consumer spending (measured by inflation-adjusted retail sales and taxable sales) has continued to decline throughout 2024."

This week, the California Center for Jobs & the Economy, an offshoot of the California Business

Roundtable, issued a report that mirrors and builds on what Petek said.

"California's economy in 2025 presents a troubling paradox," the detailed report declares. "While the state continues to rank among the largest economies in the world, the underlying data reveals an economy that is no longer delivering broad-based growth, opportunity, or stability."

"Rather than expanding," the report continues, "California's economy is increasingly defined by stagnation in job creation, erosion in its private sector base, and mounting structural challenges tied to affordability and competitiveness. Many of the state's headline strengths — particularly in technology — are masking deeper weaknesses across the broader economy. The data show an economy that has largely stalled since the pandemic recovery, with employment barely returning to pre-2020 levels, private sector job losses accelerating, and consumer activity weakening in real terms."

Newsom obviously wants to bury these sobering facts, but doing so undercuts his duty — as governor for another nine months — to be straight with Californians, not just conjure up taxpayer-financed propaganda.

He'll have plenty of time to spin fables after he's out of office and on the presidential campaign trail.

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

Social Security Matters

I'll be 70 on New Year's Day.

When Should I Apply for Social Security?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I was born on January 1st, 1958, so I believe Social Security considers me to be 70 as of December 2027. I'm planning on filing when I turn 70 to maximize the payment. I'm not sure if I should start in December, with the first payment in January 2028. Or should I start in January with the first payment in February 2028? I know I can start anytime, however I don't want to file before the maximum payment, even by one month. **Signed: Wanting Maximum Benefit**

Dear Wanting: You are correct that if your birth date is January 1, 1958, you are entitled to your full age 70 benefit in December 2027. So, if you claim your SS benefit

to start in December 2027 you will get your maximum benefit amount and you will receive that payment in January 2028 (on the 2nd Wednesday). Basically, anyone born on the first of any month is considered to have been born in the previous month for SS benefit purposes.

You can apply for your benefits up to 4 months prior to your birthday month, and SS usually suggests applying about 3 months in advance to give them time to process your application. When you complete the application, you will specify the month you wish your benefits to start, so applying early does not present a problem. You can either call SSA at 1.800.772.1213 to make an appointment to apply over the phone, or you can apply online at www.ssa.gov/apply.

The one thing you might want to do is put the following in the "Remarks" section of your application for SS benefits: "I do not wish to receive any retroactive Social Security benefits. I want my benefits

to become effective with the first month of my age 70 eligibility (December 2027 because I was born on the first of January)."

Including that remark will ensure that your benefit will be the full maximum amount you are entitled to at 70 years of age, without any reduction. And I congratulate you on choosing a strategy which maximizes your monthly benefit and will likely provide you with the most in cumulative lifetime Social Security benefits.

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The Israel Hoax

we've heard now suggests anything other than that he genuinely relishes killing Iran's leaders and destroying its weapons.

Temperamentally, Trump loves exercising power, always wants to do it on his own authority and seeks to preserve his options. It shouldn't be surprising, then, that as commander in chief of the world's most proficient military, he's been drawn to using and threatening force.

Israel didn't talk Trump into conducting his Venezuela raid, or menacing Denmark over Greenland, or looking to Cuba as his next potential target.

One argument, based on a distortion of remarks made by Secretary of State Marco Rubio, is that Israel forced Trump's hand; it was going to attack Iran no matter what, and we knew U.S. personnel would be hit by Iran in response and would be particularly vulnerable if we didn't hit Iran as well.

Check and mate, Bibi Netanyahu.

The idea, though, that Trump was too sheepish to stay Netanyahu's hand if the Israeli prime minister was about to launch a military operation that Trump opposed and was going to jeopardize American lives is preposterous.

Trump has been happy to say "no" to Netanyahu before. He pressured the Israeli leader into turning back planes at the end of the 12 Day War last June.

By alleging that Israel forced the U.S. into war, the isolationists think they are making a harsh criti-

cism of the Jewish state, but they are really damning Trump. What worse offense can a president of the United States commit than subjugating his own nation to a foreign power? It's a treasonous act that deserves impeachment and removal.

This is exactly why the Russian obsessives so delighted in believing that Trump was a tool of the Kremlin.

Most of the right-wing dissenters blanch at following their own logic. An alternative tack -- seen in intelligence official Joe Kent's resignation letter -- is to argue that Trump was fooled. Kent said there was "a misinformation campaign" that created an echo chamber "to deceive" the president.

This argument is still a stinging condemnation. It paints Trump as an easily manipulated naif, and on a consequential matter of war and peace. In reality, there was no broad-ranging media drumbeat for war and no wave of popular support. This, again, emphasizes how the decision was Trump's, and his alone.

The Russian hoax was, in part, driven by the left's shock at Trump's victory in 2016. Likewise, the isolationists are having trouble processing the fact that the president whom they invested so much in launched a major Middle Eastern war. But Trump was not owned by this faction of the right, any more than he is owned by Israel.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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CAREER 4-3-26

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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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02199
Daniel R Moreno, 788 Buttercup Circle, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Data Linx Solutions" 788 Buttercup Circle, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 19, 2026
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DATA 4-17-26

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Martin Padilla, P.O. Box 289,

Wilton, CA 95693 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Padilla Performance Prospects" 13020 Cherokee Lane, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 27, 2026
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PADILLA 4-17-26

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Field Latitude, LLC, 2108 N. Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Beutler Fine Art Photography/ Jonathan Beutler Photography" 2108 N. Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 2, 2026

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BEUTLER 4-24-26

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-en-

titled 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



NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given by Galt Joint Union Elementary School District ("District") that it will receive up to, but no later than the Due Date and Time stated below, sealed Proposals for Preconstruction Services and Lease-Leaseback Services (LLB) for the Project(s) generally described as: Valley Oaks Elementary School MPR RR and Admin Building Additions.

Project Description

The proposed project consists of two (2) increments, as follows:
INCREMENT 01: Addition of a gender-neutral, single occupant, student (ages 5-8yo) restroom to the existing MPR building (Building F) as well as the reconfiguration of the existing staff parking lot (Lot 02); this will include general site improvements including, but not limited to, new fencing, bike parking, seating, and planting. Inc 01 site work will include, but not be limited to, regrading, utilities, asphalt and concrete paving, and one (1) new EV parking stall. The restroom addition to Building F will be located off the East-South entrance, and will include the creation of a vestibule, demolition of the existing front door, and addition of a new entry to the MPR Building at the same location. Scope of work for this restroom will include alterations to the perimeter of the building, roof overhangs, grading, and fire protection system.

INCREMENT 02: Expansion of the existing 1965 Administration Building (Building B) to the West, as well as site improvements at the front of the building. The project's scope of work for Building B includes alterations to the building envelope, roof structure, and existing MPE and FA systems, as well as demo of interior partitions and exterior finishes, with the exception of the existing electrical and fire alarm panels, and mechanical units. The expansion will include a staff break room, kitchenette, a staff work room, and a new lobby. Site work will include but not be limited regrading, utilities, concrete paving, landscaping, and site furnishings (bike parking and seat walls).

Proposal Due Date and Time

2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 29th, 2026 at Galt Joint Union Elementary School District, 1018 C Street Suite 210, Galt, CA 95632

Request for Proposal Documents Available

On the District's website:
<https://www.galt.k12.ca.us/Our-District/Facilities-and-Planning/Formal-Bids/index.html>

Submittal of Proposals

All Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the District. Proposals must conform with, and be responsive to, the Request for Proposal Requirements. Only Proposals submitted to the District prior to the date and time set forth above shall be considered. Proposals will be opened privately.

Pre-Qualification of Contractors

In order to submit a Proposal, contractors must possess a current and active B license and be prequalified by the District by April 17th, 2026. There are additional Lease-Leaseback (LLB) contractor qualifications, such as LLB experience as identified in the Prequalification Questionnaire. Documents can be found at: <https://www.galt.k12.ca.us/Our-District/Facilities-and-Planning/index.html>

Anticipated Project Requirements

Contracts will require a 100% performance bond, a 100% labor and materials bond. All projects are subject to the State Labor Code and the District's Labor Compliance Program requirements, including all Department of Industrial Relations requirements. For questions regarding the State Labor Code refer to Sections 1735, Discrimination of Employment and 1770, 1773, 1773.11 Prevailing Rates of Wages. Contractors who have been pre-qualified may be required to submit certifications of compliance with the procedures for implementation of the Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise Contracting Goals. Contractors are allowed according to PCC sec. 22300 to submit "securities of lieu of retention".

Waiver of Irregularities

The District reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Proposal or in the Request for Proposal process.

DVBE Participation Goal

The District has established a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Participation Goal of 3%. All Proposers will be required to submit DVBE Worksheets that confirm outreach efforts to meet this goal.

Award of Contract

A Contract for Preconstruction Services and Lease-Leaseback Construction Services, if awarded, will be by action of the District's Board of Education to the responsive Proposer providing the Best Value to the District. The District reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals or to waive any irregularities in any Proposal or in the Request for Proposal process.

Bid Advertisement Dates

April 3, 2026 and April 10, 2026

Mandatory Pre-Submittal Conference/Job Walk

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., Valley Oaks Elementary School, 21 C Street, Galt, CA 95632

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Galt, California, will receive sealed Bids as follows:

BID DATE / TIME: May 7, 2026
Until 2:00 P.M. (Local Time)

SUBMIT BIDS TO: City Clerk
City of Galt
380 Civic Drive
Galt, CA 95632

FOR: Old Town Water Main and Replacement Project, CIP 53AN

TOTAL CONTRACT TIME: 115 Working Days

CONTRACTOR'S CALIFORNIA LICENSE AND/OR CLASS REQUIRED A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The scope of work consists of replacing and upsize a number of existing pipes and add mains to enhance the water distribution connectivity.

Notice is hereby further given that the Project is a public works project within the requirements of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1 of the California Labor Code, and that each Bidder and all Subcontractors are required to be registered pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 at the time of bidding. **Failure of the Bidder to be registered at the time of bidding shall render the Bid non-responsive and unavailable for award. A Subcontractor who is unregistered will not be permitted to work on the Project. If any Subcontractor required to be listed in the Bid is unregistered, that Subcontractor will be required to be substituted with a registered Subcontractor at no additional cost to the City and/or the listing of an unregistered Subcontractor may render the bid nonresponsive. Bidders shall provide the registration numbers for all listed Subcontractors with bid opening and registration numbers of all Subcontractors who are not required to be listed not later than 24 hours before they are to start work on the Project.**

City affirmatively identifies this project as a "public work" as that term is defined by Labor Code Section 1720, and the project is, therefore, subject to prevailing wages under Labor Code Section 1771. Contractor and its Subcontractors shall fully comply with all the provisions of the California Labor Code governing the performance of public works contracts including, but not limited to, payment of prevailing wages, limitations on time worked, compliance with apprentice requirements, maintenance of payroll records, posting of wages at the job site and prohibitions against discrimination. Prevailing wage determinations are available at www.dir.ca.gov. Those prevailing wage rates hereby are incorporated in this Contract and made a part hereof. (See General Provisions, Chapter 6.)

Submit Bids (original/no copies) and bid security in a sealed envelope, marked "OLD TOWN WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT" and include the company name and address on the envelope.

City Clerk's Office is located in the City Administration Building, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, CA 95632, telephone (209) 366-7130 Monday -Thursday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. The contractor may view/print the project Contract Documents, Supplemental Information available to Bidders, and check for addenda at the link below. **The contractor should call the Clerk's office (209-366-7130 or clerk@cityofgalt.org) and request to be included on the Plan Holder's List for addenda.** The City of Galt will not provide printed hardcopies for purchase of the Notice to Contractors. Visit the webpage and select the applicable project:

<https://www.cityofgalt.org/government/public-works-department/bid-cip-construction-projects>

Complete sets of Contract Documents must be used in preparing Bids. The City does not assume responsibility for errors or misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of Contract Documents. The City, in making copies of the Contract Documents available on the above terms, does so only for the purpose of obtaining Bids for the Work and does not confer license or grant for any other use.

Written questions regarding this Invitation for Bids should be directed to **Alejandra Ricci** by email at aricci@cityofgalt.org no later than ten (10) calendar days before the time specified for opening Bids. The City will issue addenda seven (7) calendar days, or as deemed appropriate, prior to the time specified for opening Bids. All emails shall require verification of receipt by sender in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Bidders shall develop and submit Bids at their own expense. The City will not reimburse any costs associated with the development and submittal of Bids.

Each Bid must be submitted on the Bid Forms provided in the Contract Documents. The Bid must be submitted and received by the City Clerk no later than the time and date prescribed. The clock located in the City Clerk's office is considered the official local time. Bid submissions received after the designated time will not be opened and will be returned to the Bidder unopened. Telephones will not be available to Bidders at the City's offices for the preparation of Bids.

Each Bid must also be accompanied by security in the form of a Bidder's Bond issued by a corporate surety, a certified check, or cashier's check payable to the City of Galt, or cash. The amount of the bid security must be not less than ten percent (10%) of the Total Bid Price, consisting of the total base bid plus the total additive bid alternates. The successful Bidder shall be required to execute a Material and Labor Payment Bond and Performance Bond, issued by a corporate surety, in conformance with the requirements set forth in the Contract Documents, each for not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

If the lowest responsive, responsible bidder fails or refuses to execute any Contract for the Project, the City may, in its discretion, award the Contract to the second lowest, responsive responsible bidder. If the second lowest responsible, responsible bidder fails or refuses to execute any Contract for the Project, the City may, in its discretion, award that and all other Contracts for the Project to the third lowest, responsive responsible bidder. Any Bidder to whom any Contract for the Project is awarded who fails to execute the Contract and file acceptable bonds and insurance certificates as required in the Contract Documents will have its Bid Guarantee forfeited.

Pursuant to California Public Contracts Code, any contract awarded pursuant to this Notice to Contractors shall obtain a provision permitting, at the Contractors' sole expense, the substitution of securities for any moneys withheld to ensure performance under the Contract. The terms of such provisions shall be according to the requirements of the Public Contracts Code Section 22300.

No Bid received and read aloud may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid opening date, except pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 5101 et seq.

The City reserves the right to award the Contract, to reject any or all Bids, to waive non-material and inconsequential irregularities in any Bid, and to reject nonconforming, nonresponsive, non-responsible, or conditional Bids.

Trung Trinh, P.E.
Interim Public Works Director
City of Galt

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POLICE LOGS

During the time period of March 24 to March 29, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in six arrests.

March 24

7:04 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Saint James Court.

10:07 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Sirak Workneh Cosmetic Dentistry on Pine Street.

11:44 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Carillion Corners, Twin Cities Road.

2:16 p.m., Identity Theft reported, Aparicio Way: Unknown subject obtained credit card and closed cell phone accounts.

2:19 Identity Theft reported, Aparicio

Way: Unknown subject opened accounts in reporting party's name.

March 26

12:29 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Galt Family & Specialty Care Adventist, Civic Drive.

March 28

6:46 p.m., Battery/Adult Arrest, Galt Sports Complex on Caroline Avenue.

10:24 p.m., Theft reported, Pestana Drive: Bike stolen.

March 29

8:12 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, 7th Street/D Street.

11:52 p.m., Assault w/Deadly Weapon reported, East Stockton Boulevard. ★

MEETING MINDERS

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. ★

ABOUT TOWN

Saturday, April 4 and Sunday, April 5 Stockton Gamer Festival

– 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds. Level up your weekend where gaming, collecting and pop culture collide. We're filling the building with top-tier local and regional vendors, bringing everything from the hottest new releases to hard-to-find treasures. Tickets available at gamerfestivals.com; enjoy unlimited re-entry all weekend. 1658 S. Airport Way, Stockton.

Saturday, April 4

Easter Parade Cat Show – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds. This exhibition and competition, brought to you by Crow Canyon Cat Club, is open to all of the Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) registered breeds as well as household pet cats. This show will feature over 100 cats in six different judging rings throughout the day. You can sit and watch cats on the judging table or walk around and visit with the cats between judging. There will be a cat costume contest, Nor-Cal Freedom for Paws cat rescue will be here with adoptable cats, and there's lots of shopping for cat accessories. Tickets sold at the door. 1658 S. Airport Way, Stockton.

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. This month, the Market will include a "Touch-a-Truck & Safety Expo." From construction equipment and utility vehicles to classic cars, tractors, and service vehicles: Kids can see them all up close. This will also be a great chance to discover more about local safety services. Markets are the first Saturday each month through November. More information at 209-366-7115. 4th and C streets.

Eggstravaganza and Kite Day

– 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the McFarland Living History Ranch. Presented by the Galt Area Historical Society, \$5 per car gets you in for craft and food vendors, kite flying, Easter egg

hunt and pictures with the Easter Bunny, a pie eating contest and more. 8899 Orr Road.

Lodi Arbor Day Tree Planting – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Legion Park. Celebrate Arbor Day by helping grow the community's urban forest. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to participate in this hands-on event that helps to keep Lodi green and thriving. To sign up or learn more, email sdutra1967@gmail.com. 835 S. Hutchins St., Lodi.

April Kids Corner: Dream Catcher Workshop – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lodi Community Art Center. During this free session, young artists will learn simple weaving techniques while creating a dream catcher to take home. 110 W. Pine St., Lodi.

Wilton Animal Rescue Crab Feed – 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Galt Community Center. Join us for a fun-filled evening and make a real difference for dogs in need. Every ticket purchased helps fund lifesaving rescues, medical care, spay and neuter services, food and shelter for dogs waiting for their forever homes. Enjoy a fresh crab dinner, no-host bar, and live and silent auctions, with all proceeds benefiting rescue dogs. Tickets available online at zeffy.com/en-us/ticketing/wilton-animal-rescues-first-crab-feed. 410 Civic Drive.

Sunday, April 5 and Friday, April 10

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.

Sunday, April 5

Central Valley Classics and Customs Cars and Coffee – 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Park West Casino. Bring your ride, bring your friends and let's enjoy another incredible season of community, classics, customs and coffee. First

Sunday each month. 1800 S. Cherokee Lane, Lodi.

Monday, April 6

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

Thursday, April 9 through Monday, April 13

Sacramento Kennel Club AKC Dog Show – doors open at 7 a.m.; events begin at 8 a.m. daily at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. The event features conformation, obedience, rally trials and Fast CAT (Coursing Ability Test) competitions hosted by Dog Sports America. Northern California Sporting Group will be holding two trials each day on April 9 and 10, Fast CAT will be April 11 through 13. 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

Friday, April 10 through Monday, April 13

Paranormal Cirque Voodoo – at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds. This one-of-a-kind show blends jaw-dropping acrobatics, mind-bending illusions, eerie characters and dark humor into a performance that will leave audiences shocked, thrilled and wanting more. No one under age 13 admitted. Tickets and full schedule at visitstockton.org. 1658 S. Airport Way, Stockton.

Saturday, April 11

Shred Event – 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Galt Market grounds. Protect your personal information: Don't toss it; shred it. Residents may bring up to three standard storage boxes or one garbage bag of documents for shredding. Must be a City of Galt resident (within city limits); bring proof of residency or a utility statement. For more information, call 209-366-7130. 610 Chabolla Ave.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 10k/5k/2k Run/

Walk – Registration opens at 7:30 a.m.; walks begin at 9 a.m. at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza. Join us as we honor his life and legacy through movement, unity and purpose. Proceeds directly support NAACP Stockton Branch Health Disparity and Mental Health Advocacy programs, along with essential Branch operations. Registration and more information at visitstockton.org. 2 E. Oak St., Stockton.

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Widowed Persons Social Club – April 3, 10 a.m.: Pinochle at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact is Jim at 916-768-1923.

April 6, 10:30 a.m.: WPC Board Meeting at Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Open to all members.

April 6, Noon: Lunch at Chasons, 8839 Sheldon Road, Elk Grove. Contact is Merrylyn, 916-549-4264

April 8, Noon: No-host Lunch followed by Beginners' Pinochle at Original Mike's, 9139 E. Stockton Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

April 10, 10 a.m.: Hand and Foot card game at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact is Gerri at 916-698-1940

April 11, 10:30 a.m.: Coffee Gathering at Peets Coffee, 7127 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact is Evelyn at 916-685-9669.

A widowed person may attend up to three events while deciding if they wish to join WPC. Contact Bonnie at 916-422-1522 if you are interested in membership.

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Tuesday, April 7: Family story time, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. (WG) Adult book group, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. This month we'll be reading and discussing "The Wilderness" by Angela Flournoy. (WG)

Wednesday, April 8: English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Friday, April 10: 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.

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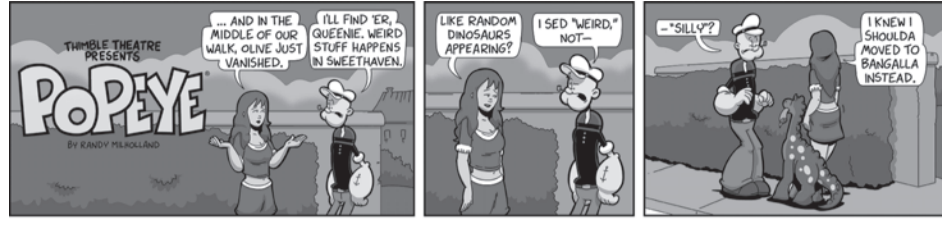
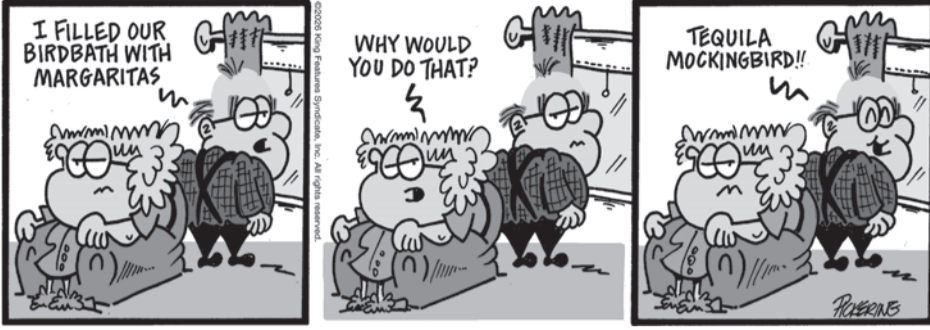
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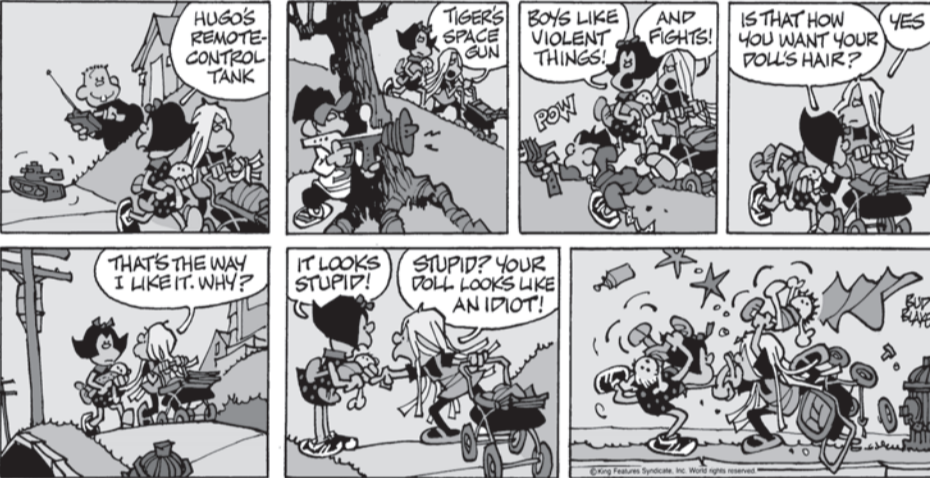


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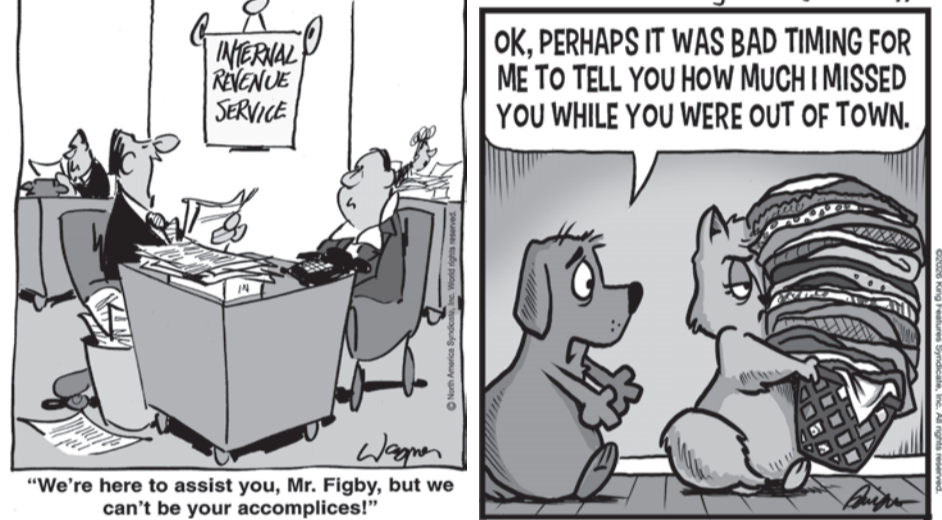


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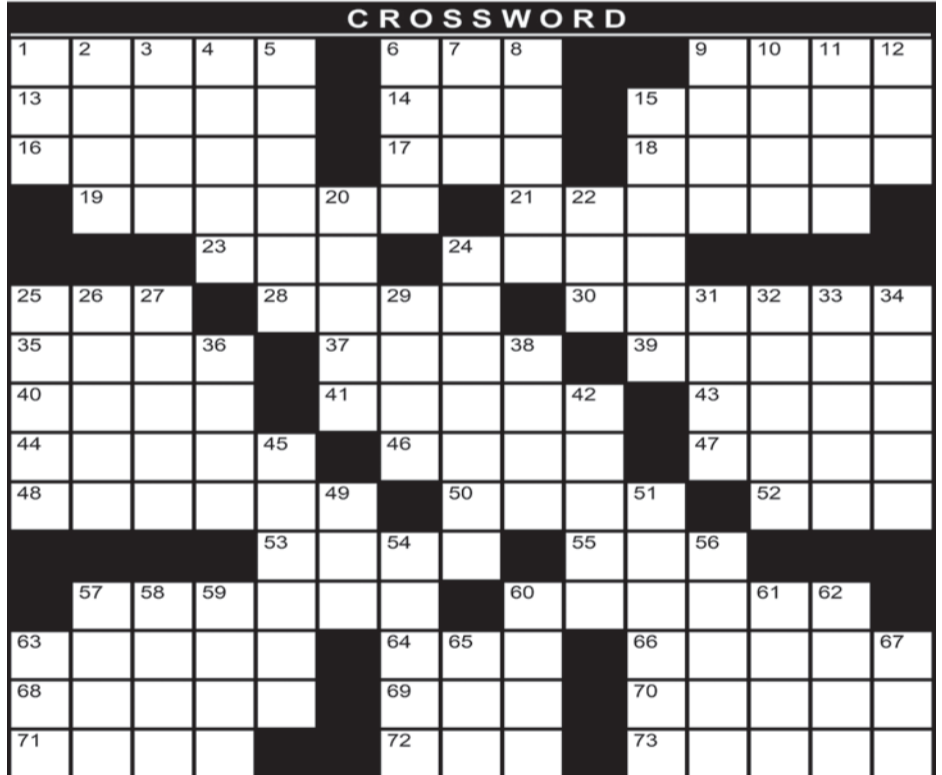
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It's Good Friday!



According to daysoftheyear.com website, Good Friday is observed in remembrance of Jesus; this significant event is usually marked by church services and solemn reflections. Let's dive into the fascinating story of Good Friday, a day that's all about remembering, reflecting and a bit of solemnity.

Good Friday falls on the Friday just before Easter Sunday. This day is special because it commemorates a key event in Christianity: the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Think of it as a moment in history that's both tragic and transformative. This makes it a pivotal day for many around the world. Good Friday is a day to ponder the sacrifices made by Jesus, who Christians believe died on the cross to offer humanity redemption and eternal life. It's a mix of mourning the death of Jesus and looking forward to the hope his resurrection brings.

Christians spend the day in prayer, fasting and attending church services, which often include reenactments of Jesus' final hours. The observance isn't just about looking back. It's also about finding hope

in what's to come, symbolizing new beginnings and the powerful love that the narrative of Jesus crucifixion and resurrection brings to the forefront. Good Friday is a day steeped in deep meaning, observed with both solemn rituals and hopeful reflections. It's a moment when time seems to pause, inviting everyone to reflect on profound themes of life, death and what comes after. Whether you're deeply religious or just curious about the traditions, there's something about Good Friday that incites introspection and offers a glimpse into the heart of human longing for redemption and new beginnings.

Good Friday embodies the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus, who died on the cross for humanity's sins, paving the way for salvation and eternal life; this act of love and sacrifice is the cornerstone of Good

Friday's observance. This leads to its name, which reflects the good that came from Jesus' sacrifice despite the sorrow of his death.

Traditions and rituals on Good Friday vary widely among different Christian denominations and cultures. However, common practices include fasting, prayer and attending church services. These services often recount Jesus' hours on the cross, from noon to 3 p.m. Those hours reflect the hours of Jesus's agony. In many places, the day is also marked by the veneration of the cross.

It represents Jesus' crucifixion and meditations on the "Stations of the Cross," which depict the final hours of Jesus' life. The historical and spiritual depth of Good Friday underscores its importance in Christianity. It's a day of reflection on Jesus' sacrifice and the profound love that led to humans' redemption.

To celebrate Good Friday: Embrace the day with prayer, carve out some moments for silent reflection, read scripture, or maybe engage in acts of kindness and charity; attend Good Friday church service.

Spend time in quiet contemplation. This practice can help you internalize the day's significance and find personal meaning in the observance.

With Good Friday being today, it means Easter is this Sunday. Don and I will attend church; hopefully our family will join us and then we will enjoy the day visiting with our family and dining on a ham dinner with scalloped potatoes, fruit salad, green salad, rolls and maybe baclava and Easter sugar cookies for dessert.

Of course, there will be an Easter basket hunt. Got to find your basket if you want that Easter candy and a special gift the Easter Bunny left you. And maybe we will fly a couple of kites, if the wind is right, or hit a few old golf balls into the pond. Very simple and relaxing. Or maybe we will just sit on the deck, drink iced tea or lemonade and just chat.

From my family to yours: Happy Easter! May you and your family be blessed with good health and safe travels.

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Liberty Ranch Golf Off to Impressive Season Start



Matthew Bowling follows on the same hole, driving the ball down the middle of the fairway.

Hunter Rohner tees off while Matthew Bowling watches his shot track toward the green. Courtesy photos

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch High School golf team has opened its 2026 season in strong form, showing early depth and consistency as it builds momentum for another competitive year.

Under Head Coach Brian Bowling and Assistant Coach Andy Petersen, the Hawks have leaned on preparation, accountability and steady improvement to establish an early rhythm. The program's current success also builds on the foundation left by former head coach Mike Turpin, who retired after guiding Liberty Ranch to a league championship last season.

With a roster of 11

student-athletes representing all four grade levels, the Hawks golf team features a balance of experience.

Senior Aaron Sulamo anchors the group, while the junior class includes Hunter Rohner, Noah Garcia, Bryton Gibson, Ernie Lujan and Christian Maciel.

Sophomores Ryder Mort and Cason Welch are joined by freshmen Matthew Bowling, Brenner Dennis and Mason Montgomery, all of whom have contributed throughout the early season.

Liberty Ranch opened play Feb. 9 and was quickly tested in a large early-season tournament. Despite limited preparation

time due to weather conditions, the Hawks finished in the top 10 out of 24 teams, an early sign of resilience following the departure of seven seniors from last year's roster.

Since then, the team has compiled a 4-1 match record against league opponents. Rohner and Bowling have emerged as consistent leaders, frequently finishing first and second overall and setting the pace for the lineup.

On Monday, March 23, Liberty Ranch competed in the first of two league tournaments at Haggin Oaks Golf Complex, facing all eight league opponents in a key event for postseason positioning. The Hawks delivered a dominant



This team photo features the six players of the Liberty Ranch boy's golf team, all of whom recorded season-low scores in their victory at the first of two full league tournaments. They earned a much-deserved rest after a very long day on the course and under the sun.

performance, finishing with a team score of 406; 37 strokes ahead of the field.

Rohner led the way with a round of 73, followed by Bowling at 78. Gibson, Lujan, Dennis and Welch also turned in their best rounds of the season, underscoring the team's growing depth.

While only six players compete in league matches, the program emphasizes

full-roster development.

All 11 athletes contribute through daily practices, internal competition and match preparation, reinforcing a team-first culture built on accountability and continuous improvement.

The Hawks practice and compete at Woodbridge Golf & Country Club, where the program continues to refine its skills in a competitive setting.

With a strong start, consistent improvement and contributions across the roster, Liberty Ranch appears poised for a promising season.

If early results are any indication, the Hawks have the talent and cohesion to make a postseason push while continuing the standard of excellence established under Turpin and carried forward by Bowling and Petersen. ★

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Liberty Ranch Girls Soccer Places Six on All-League Team; Romero Named League MVP

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - It was a season for the record books at Liberty Ranch High School. The Hawks girls' soccer team rolled through league play with a perfect 14-0 record, claimed the Sierra Valley League championship and sent six players to the all-league team: a fitting reward for a group that dominated from start to finish.

At the top of that list is junior forward/midfielder Juliana Romero, who was named League MVP after a season that left opponents and coaches alike searching for words. Hawks Head Coach Rob Huarte kept his description simple but fitting. "Electric," he said.

The numbers back it up. Romero led the team with 31 goals and 17 assists, accumulating 79 points on the season while averaging 1.3 goals per game and 0.7 assists per game. She also led the team with five shots on the season's statistical leaders board, a testament to her relentless offensive presence. It was the kind of campaign that earns hardware, and the SVC did not hesitate in recognizing her as the conference's best.

But Romero was far from alone. Freshman Emily Portillo turned in one of the most remarkable debut seasons in recent Liberty Ranch memory, leading the entire team in goals (39), points (95), and tying Romero for the team lead in shots.



Juliana Romero-Girls Soccer League MVP

Portillo averaged 1.6 goals per game – tops on the roster – and added 17 assists to finish as one of the most dangerous offensive players in the conference regardless of class. Earning all-league recognition as a freshman speaks volumes about the kind of talent Portillo brings to Hawk Stadium.

Fellow freshman Brooke Sparks was equally impressive in her first varsity season, contributing 21 goals, a team-leading 18 assists and 60 points while averaging



Emily Portillo All League, Faviola Vasquez All League, Bailey Alcoriza All League, Zia Ruppert All League, Kennie Thomas All League

0.8 goals per game and 0.6 assists per game. Sparks' vision and playmaking ability from the opening whistle made her an essential piece of the Hawks' high-powered attack.

The back line and goalkeeper corps were just as dominant. Junior goalkeeper Kennie Thomas earned all-league recognition after posting a jaw-dropping 0.201 goals against average – among the best marks in the region – while recording 12 shutouts and averaging 4.3 saves per game.

Senior goalkeeper Zia Ruppert complemented Thomas perfectly, stopping 125 shots on the season with 18 shutouts and a 0.559 GAA while averaging 4.6 saves per game. Together, the two-goalkeeper system gave Liberty Ranch one of the most suffocating defensive units in the SVC, and both earned the all-league recognition they deserved.

Rounding out the all-league selections were seniors Faviola Vasquez and Bailey Alcoriza, two veteran contributors

whose leadership and consistency helped to anchor the Hawks through a grueling league schedule and deep postseason run.

That postseason run came agonizingly close to a section championship. Liberty Ranch advanced to the section playoff final, where they met West Campus in a match that had everything: double overtime, relentless pressure on both ends and a final scoreline that could not be settled in regulation or extra time. It ultimately came down to penalty kicks, where West Campus edged the Hawks in the shootout, ending Liberty Ranch's season one win short of a title.

Despite the heartbreak, the Hawks finished with a legacy worth celebrating. A perfect league record, six all-league selections, a League MVP and a section finalist appearance make this one of the finest seasons in Liberty Ranch girls' soccer history. With Romero, Portillo, Sparks and Thomas all returning next year, the future at Hawk Stadium looks every bit as bright as this remarkable season. ★

Warriors and Hawks Open League Season at SVC Meet No. 1

By Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Hawk Stadium hosted the first Sierra Valley Conference league meet of the 2026 season on Tuesday, March 25, and both local programs delivered performances worth celebrating. Galt's boys' frosh/sophomore squad stole the show with a dominant team victory, while Liberty Ranch's varsity athletes made their presence felt across multiple events in a meet that set the tone for what promises to be an exciting league season.

"We have a very young team with about half the team being freshmen and sophomore athletes," said Galt Head Coach Bruce Peterson. "These young athletes are making big improvements in many events. It's fun to watch their growth as athletes and individuals."

Galt Men's Highlights

Sophomore MC Azubuike led the charge for the Warriors, winning the frosh/sophomore 100 meters with a personal best 11.80. Sophomore Amilio Gomez took first in the frosh/sophomore 200 meters at 25.42, while sophomore Mark Grammer won the frosh/sophomore 400 meters with a personal best 55.29. The frosh/sophomore relay teams were dominant, with the 4x100 squad of Grammer, Jayden Sirben, Azubuike and Gomez winning in 46.07, and the 4x400 group claiming first at 3:55.19.



The Galt boys hand off in the 4x100 relay.

The 4x800 team of David Espinoza, Christian Juarez, Isaac Rodriguez and Daniel Crownover added a third relay title at 9:44.36.

In distance, Crownover swept the frosh/sophomore distance events, winning the 1600 meters at 5:13.53 and the 3200 at 11:20.62, with Espinoza finishing second in both events. Varsity standout Alejandro Herrera opened his league season with a second-place finish in the 800 meters at 2:07.42 and third in the 1600 at 4:47.61. Azubuike also cleared 5-10 to win the frosh/sophomore high jump.

Liberty Ranch Men's Highlights

Liberty Ranch's senior-led varsity squad made a statement of its own. Michael Lamson won the 300-meter hurdles in 43.74 and placed second in the 400 meters at 53.76. The Hawks' 4x100 relay team of Lamson, Daniel Sosa, James Rangel and Francisco Ramos claimed first place in 45.04, while

the 4x400 squad won convincingly at 3:42.50. Francisco Ramos finished fifth in the varsity 100 meters at 11.77.

In the field, juniors Daniel Swearingner and Cutler Pérez went first and second in the shot put with personal bests of 38-08.50 and 36-07.50 respectively. Sophomore Kyvin Vang cleared 11-00 for fourth place in the pole vault.

Women's Highlights

Liberty Ranch dominated the women's sprints, with Kimberly Rodriguez finishing second in the varsity 100 meters at 13.70 and Kamrynn Blevins fourth at 13.87. Blevins placed fourth in the 200 at 28.70 and Rodriguez fifth at 28.96. The Hawks' 4x100 relay team of Keiser, Rodriguez, Faviola Vasquez and Marwa Yosra took second place at 52.38. In the field, Arianna Barnes placed third in shot put at 27-03 and Kylin Keeler third in discus at 77-04, with Keeler also taking fifth in shot put at



Galt and Liberty Ranch runners race on the track. Courtesy photos

24-02. For Galt's women, Morgan Jones delivered a standout performance, placing second in the 100-meter hurdles at 17.88, third in high jump at 4-08, and third in long jump at 16-01. Junior Emily Razo placed second in the 3200 at 13:09.31. Keegan Crownover contributed a fourth-place finish in the discus at 70-10, a personal best.

Both programs now turn their attention to the Delta Invitational at Delta Community College in Stockton on Saturday, April 4, where the Warriors and Hawks will test themselves against regional competition. ★



A Galt athlete throws the shot put. ★

GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Gabe Oneugby Liberty Ranch Tennis, Abby Lapp Liberty Ranch Tennis, Jennifer Arambula Galt High Tennis, Edgar Zavala Galt High Tennis

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Renteria Earns Third Career Honor; Miller Named Offensive MVP

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GALT, CA (MPG) - In just his second season leading the Galt High School girls soccer program, Alejandro Renteria has done what few coaches accomplish in such a short time: He has changed the culture. The Sierra Valley Conference recognized that transformation in a big way, naming Renteria the league's Coach of the Year for the third time in his coaching career. Four Warriors earned all-league recognition, with senior Bayley Miller receiving both the Offensive MVP award and an all-league selection, joined by Brianna Romero, Jennifer Arambula and Katy Dalton.



Alejandro Renteria-Coach of the Year. Photo by Paige Lampson



Bayley Miller-Offensive MVP. Photo by Paige Lampson



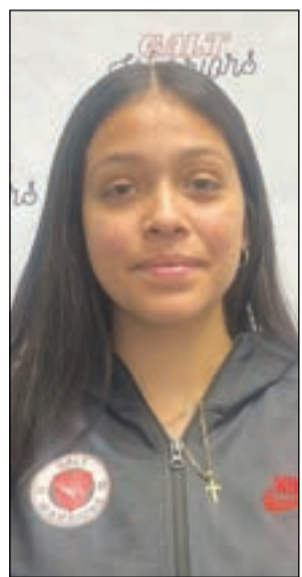
Katy Dalton-All League. Photo by Paige Lampson

The Warriors finished the season with a 9-3-2 record and third place in the SVC: a continued step forward for a program that Renteria has been rebuilding from the ground up since taking over two years ago.

for recognizing me and my ability to coach.”
The impact Renteria has made on the Warriors program goes far beyond the win-loss column. When he took over, he inherited a group of players who had come to expect defeat.

“This year, although we came up short, I felt like the team was more connected than before,” he said. “We were able to do more team bondings, more goal setting, and more heart to heart conversations. I hope this is something our ladies will carry on forever because soccer is more than just the memories we make on the field.”

effort.”
On the field, the Warriors were led by senior striker Bayley Miller, whose dominant season earned her both the Offensive MVP award and an all-league selection. Miller topped the roster with 21 goals, 5 assists and 47 points while averaging a team-best 1.6 goals per game. Her ability to find the net consistently made her one of the most dangerous forwards in the SVC and a worthy recipient of the league's top offensive honor.



Brianna Romero-All League. Photo by John Van den Raadt



Jennifer Arambula All League. Photo by John Van den Raadt

Renteria, who previously coached the Galt boys' program before transitioning to the girls team, was characteristically humble when learning of the honor.

“Before I took over the program, the same girls I'm coaching now would tell me they would expect to lose,” he said. “Nobody had an interest in wanting to continue. These past two years, several parents and players have thanked me for giving the team confidence. Although I know I'm not perfect, and I never will be, I truly try my hardest to make every player feel seen and confident in their ability. ‘The girls can do it, too’ was my saying.”

His vision for the program is clear and ambitious.

Sophomore Brianna Romero was equally impressive in a different way, functioning as the creative force behind the Galt attack. Romero led the team with a remarkable 22 assists and 38 points while averaging 1.3 assists per game: tops on the roster. She also contributed eight goals on the season, making her one of the most complete midfielders in the conference and a key reason Miller had the space and opportunities to thrive up front.

“I honestly was surprised winning coach of the year this season, just because to my own standards I only think I deserve it when we win a banner,” he said. “This is my third time winning the award now, and each time I'm left speechless. I still feel truly honored every single time. I put so much into coaching, into my craft, how I can become a better mentor for our next generation, tying in the community, and overall just making our team have a family feel. I believe in the saying, ‘Never stop being a student.’ If you're always willing to learn, then you're always willing to grow. I want to thank the other coaches in the league

Last season, that belief translated into history. The Warriors won the SVC league title for the first time ever: a milestone Renteria said he will carry with him forever. This year, while the banner proved elusive, he saw something just as meaningful take shape.

“My main goal now is to create a legacy with this girls team,” Renteria said. “I don't want to be one and done; I want to be a competitor. Maybe not a banner every year, but make this team known for the talent we have. Our boys' team has been dominant for over 10 years now, winning league pretty much every year. I want the next generations of girls to come to GHS and know that they'll have a coach who is trying to replicate that. We don't want to settle for less anymore. I will always give this team my heart and

Dalton rounded out the all-league honorees, averaging 0.4 assists per game and providing the kind of veteran forward play that keeps opposing defenses honest. Jennifer Arambula also earned all-league recognition, contributing the leadership and consistency that helped to anchor the Warriors through a competitive league schedule.

season, making 35 saves and averaging 2.5 saves per game to give Galt a reliable presence between the posts for years to come.

In goal, freshman Abigail Pantoja was a revelation in her first varsity

With Renteria at the helm, a proven MVP in Miller's departing footsteps, and young talent like Romero and Pantoja still developing, the future of Galt girls' soccer has never looked brighter.

As their coach likes to say: The girls can do it, too. ★

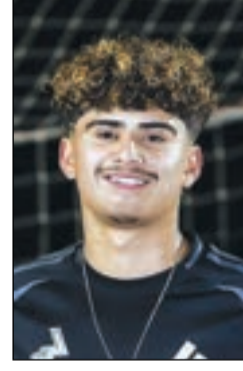
Liberty Ranch Boys Soccer Places Six on All-League Team; Program Reaches Deepest State Playoff Run in School History

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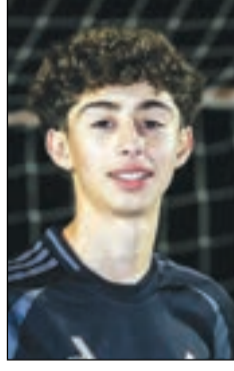
GALT, CA (MPG) - It was a season that will be talked about in Liberty Ranch hallways for years to come. The Hawks boys' soccer team finished second in the Sierra Valley Conference with a 12-1-1 record, then caught fire in the postseason, capturing a second consecutive section championship before making the deepest state playoff run in school history. Six Hawks were recognized for their outstanding contributions with all-league selections.



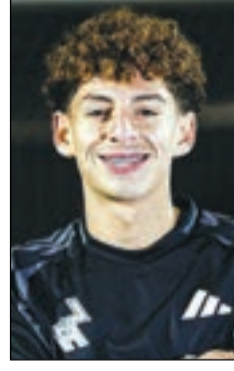
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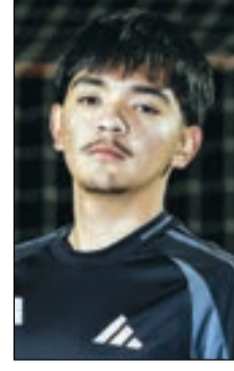
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of programs cannot say they've done. Then we went farther than any team in Liberty Ranch history in the state finals, and we could not have had the season we had without the support of our boosters, faculty and of course the parents.”

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the Hawks' historic postseason run possible.

in a match that needed a penalty shootout to decide, with Liberty Ranch advancing after a 2-2 draw. The Hawks' historic run finally came to an end in the regional final against Del Mar, but the result did nothing to diminish what this group accomplished.

Head Coach Garrett Arechiga reflected on what his team accomplished with a mixture of pride and gratitude.

Leading the charge offensively was senior Danny Juarez, who topped the roster with 21 goals and 45 points while averaging 1.0 goals per game. Juarez was a relentless force up front all season long, and his senior leadership proved invaluable as the Hawks navigated the pressure of defending their

Junior Isaac Flores was equally impactful, contributing 14 goals and seven assists for 35 points on the season while averaging 0.7 goals per game and 0.3 assists per game. Alongside him, junior Christian Maciel was the engine that made the offense run, pacing the team with 16 assists to go with 12 goals and 40 points – good for second on the team – while averaging a team-best 0.7 assists per game. The combination of Juarez, Flores and Maciel gave Liberty Ranch an attack that opposing defenses simply

Senior Aiden Rivera and junior Wesley Steinbaugh also earned all-league recognition, anchoring the backfield all season long and providing the defensive wall that protected both the goal and the goalkeeper. Their relentless work in the back line gave Liberty Ranch the defensive foundation that made

Relief goalie Alex Becerra gave Arechiga flexibility throughout a long and demanding campaign.

Back-to-back section champions. A state playoff run unlike anything in Liberty Ranch history. Six all-league honorees. For a program that continues to raise its standard year after year, this season was proof that the Hawks are no longer just competing; they are building something special in Galt. ★