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'Thinking Day' Inspires Girl Scouts



From left, Elk Grove Girl Scouts Kyrene Hart, Parker Kutcher, Oswin Kutcher, Betty Perez and Megan Jauregui sit in front of a station showcasing Greece during the April 10 World Thinking Day at McCaffrey Middle School in Galt.

Story and photos by Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - Girl Scout Troop 980 transformed the gymnasium at McCaffrey Middle School into a celebration of global culture April 10 during its "World Thinking Day," marking the event's 100th anniversary.

Observed by Girl Scouts in more than 150 countries, World Thinking Day focuses on learning about different cultures through research and presentations. Scouts also share a traditional treat from each country,

adding a hands-on element to the experience.

The event brought together troops from elementary through high school across Elk Grove/Galt Service Unit 144. Participants explored customs of fellow Girl Scouts from around the world and highlighted their cultural traditions through interactive card-board displays.

Countries that were represented at the April 10 event included the Central African Republic, France, Greece, Colombia, the Philippines, Japan, Portugal and Spain. Younger scouts wore lanyards with paper

"passports," visiting each country's display to collect stamps, while older troops led activities including games and a coloring station.

The celebration also coincides with the birthday of Olave Baden-Powell, a key figure in the original Girl Guide movement in England. Girl Guides is the sister organization to the Girl Scouts under the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, with Girl Scouts being primarily based in the United States and Canada.

Service Unit Coordinator Kara Joseph of Elk Grove/Galt Service

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Help Save the Teen Center

Nonprofit in Danger of Closing, Seeking Volunteers



The Galt Teen Center, 550 C St., is seeking adult volunteers to serve as chaperones and fill vacancies on its board of directors as current members transition out. Without community support, the nonprofit, which offers an after-school space where teens can safely gather, risks closing. Photo by Idaly Valencia

Galt Teen Center News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Teen Center is currently in critical need of volunteers, specifically to fill vacancies on the board of directors.

Most importantly, the center is seeking a new board president to continue its mission. Sarah McFadyen is available to provide comprehensive

training to anyone interested in this leadership role.

Without new board members and volunteers, this local nonprofit is at risk of dissolving.

If members of the community are interested in serving as a board member or chaperone, they are encouraged to complete the volunteer form at galtteencenter.org/general-6.

The Galt Teen Center was formed in early 2019 by a grassroots group of local teens and adults. Since its opening, the center has served more than 500 teenagers, with daily attendance currently averaging 15 participants.

The Galt Teen Center's mission is to provide a safe, enjoyable environment where teenagers can engage

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A Special Visit at Galt Head Start

USDA Leaders Connect Through Food, Learning and Heart



Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services Patrick A. Penn shares a laugh with a child during his April 22 visit to Galt Head Start. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA)

Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA) News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - It was one of those days that truly remind you why this work matters.

On April 22, the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA) welcomed Patrick A. Penn, deputy under secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services (FNCS) at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), along with his team and State of California partners from the Department of Social Services Family Engagement and Empowerment Division including to our Galt Head Start location.

Also in attendance was Muzafar Makhdoomi, Ph.D. regional administrator for the USDA, which supports nutrition and food programs across the western United States.

Appointed in May 2025 by Secretary Brooke Rollins, Penn brings with him a powerful background as a former Kansas State representative and a decorated Army officer, but what stood out most during his visit wasn't just his title; it was how he showed up.

And here in Sacramento County, known as the Farm-to-Fork Capital, this visit couldn't have been more meaningful.

The Galt Head Start site is something special. Just one block away, there's the Barbara Payne community garden, where our kids don't just learn about vegetables, they grow them: tomatoes, fresh produce and even an orchard. They get their hands in the soil; they learn patience and they see firsthand where their food comes from. But the experience doesn't stop at harvesting.

The children have the opportunity to sell the

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A Special Visit at Galt Head Start



Patrick A. Penn, deputy secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, is shown seated with children on April 22, sampling a fresh snack made with ingredients from the Galt Head Start community garden. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA)

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tomatoes they grow to a local restaurant, and then enjoy a meal like a burger made with the very tomatoes they helped to grow. It's a full-circle experience from planting, to selling to eating what they grow. And it doesn't stop there.

They're doing yoga in the garden. They're learning about nutrition in ways that actually stick. It's not just a lesson; it's a lifestyle being introduced at such a young age.

What made this visit unforgettable was how Penn connected with the kids.

He didn't just observe; he engaged. He sat in their tiny chairs, shared a meal and made it a point to acknowledge every single child in the room, making each one feel seen and important.

And just as important, he made sure to recognize the teachers. Penn spoke directly to how none of this work happens without them. In a simple but powerful moment, he encouraged the children to give their teachers a big thank you, and it was one of those moments you don't forget.

This visit also reflects a broader national focus on strengthening food systems, improving nutrition and ensuring food safety for families across the country.

Through ongoing federal initiatives around food safety and nutrition, leaders such as Penn are working to ensure that children not only have access to healthy meals but also understand the value of where that food comes from.

What's happening at Galt Head Start is a real-life example of that vision in action. It's one thing to talk about food systems and nutrition policy but it's another to see children planting seeds, caring for a garden, learning healthy habits and building that connection early on.

"Yesterday was a powerful reminder of why we do this work. Seeing our children fully engaged from growing food to understanding where it comes from was incredible. Having Penn and Regional Administrator Muzafar Makhdoomi take the time to truly connect with them made the experience even more meaningful and showed our kids that they matter," said SETA's Children and Family Services (CFS) Deputy Director Karen Griffith.

"This visit reflects what's possible when community, education and leadership come together. Our children are learning beyond the classroom building healthy habits, confidence and real-world connections. We're grateful to our partners for recognizing and supporting this work," added SETA's Executive Director Anita Maldonado, Ph.D.

Moments like this remind us that what we're building isn't just a program; it's a foundation for healthy, confident and empowered children.

The Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA) serves Sacramento County by providing workforce development, education and early childhood programs that support children and families every day. ★

'Thinking Day' Inspires Girl Scouts



Girl Scouts from Elk Grove/Galt Service Unit 144 pose for a photo in front of a display celebrating Girl Scouts in Colombia, wearing lanyards with paper "passports" used to collect stamps at each country station they visited during World Thinking Day on April 10.

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Unit 144 said the day was created to unite scouts and guides worldwide as the organization expanded.

"As it grew, they wanted us to take a day to stop and think about each other... wish each other well, and sort of connect with the larger movement," Joseph said.

Joseph added that troops select a country to study, researching how Girl Scouts or Girl Guides in that nation operate, from uniforms and patches to school systems and whether they sell cookies or other treats.

"It's just an opportunity for them to start to understand that they're part of an international organization and sisterhood..." Joseph said. "That there are girl scouts and girl guides around the world who are doing similar things, have similar experiences."

The event also featured a guest speaker who offered words of encouragement aimed at uplifting young girls as they consider their future paths.

Guest speaker Anngela Schroeder, a published author of modern-day Jane Austen fan fiction and an

Amazon bestselling writer, addressed attendees as a former scout and shared how her experience shaped her personal and professional growth.

Schroeder, who is also an English teacher at Liberty Ranch High School, said that being part of the organization growing up helped her to develop practical skills and resilience.

"You will always be able to reflect back on being a Girl Scout and what Girl Scouts has done for you, even if it's just learning how to tie a square knot..." Schroeder said during her speech.

She added that the perseverance she developed through Girl Scouts played a key role in her journey as a writer and said speaking at the event held special meaning as a former scout.

"It was a nice full circle moment because Girl Scouts has given me so much," she said.

Schroeder also said that World Thinking Day gives girls an opportunity to build their leadership skills.

"I think this is a fantastic event because it helps the girls research different parts of the world...

and I think it will help them become better leaders because of the skills that it's giving them," Schroeder said.

Galt High School freshmen and local Girl Scouts Allison Miller and Crystal Lamb, who helped host the event, said it remains a tradition they remember from their younger years.

"It feels nice when you put something together, and you see everyone else enjoying it, and just putting the effort into building a great memory," Miller said. "Because a lot of my core memories are of World Thinking Day when it comes to Girl Scouts."

Crystal added, "...I haven't done it since I was little, but to see their curiosity and all the countries where there's Girl Scouts, it's just really cool."

Girl Scout leader for Troop 980 and Galt resident Lisa Miller said the event encourages younger scouts to reflect on their individuality while embracing others.

"The organization really provides opportunities for girls to not only be themselves, but to be a better version of themselves," Miller said. ★

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Galt Police Recover Illegal Firearm During Traffic Stop

Galt Police Department News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - At around 6:20 p.m. April 18, Galt Police officers conducted a traffic stop after observing a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed and making an unsafe pass on the right shoulder near a bicycle lane.

During the stop, dispatch advised of a separate report involving a vehicle matching the description that had allegedly brandished a firearm at a family in another car, which included three children.

Through the investigation, officers located a



booked on multiple felony charges, including several counts of assault with a deadly weapon. The passenger, identified as Jesus Valencia Jr. of Stockton, 22, was also taken into custody. Valencia was arrested for additional weapons violations.

This remains an active investigation, and no further details will be released at this time.

This incident is a reminder of how quickly dangerous situations can develop on our roadways. Thanks to proactive enforcement and quick response, a potentially violent encounter was safely brought to a resolution. ★

short-barreled rifle with multiple high-capacity magazines inside the vehicle. The firearm did not have a serial number and was loaded at the time it was recovered.

The driver was identified as Bunna Beth of Stockton, 22, and was arrested and

City Opens Community Branding Survey to Residents

City of Galt News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - The City of Galt is inviting the community to participate in a branding initiative designed to define and strengthen the city's identity.

A city's brand is more than a logo or slogan; it is a shared story that highlights what makes Galt unique, honors its history and supports how we grow together.

The city is asking for the input of residents to help shape that story. The branding survey is now open, and community participation is essential to this process.

Community feedback will help define how Galt is seen, understood and celebrated by residents and visitors.

The survey is open through May 11, and the city encourages residents to take a few minutes to participate.



A new survey is now open to residents interested in participating in a branding initiative aimed at defining and strengthening the city's identity. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

Share your input today and help shape the future identity of Galt. To take the survey in English, visit bit.ly/48sGnK2 (case sensitive).

For Spanish-speaking residents: Los residentes interesados en participar en la encuesta sobre la imagen de marca de la ciudad de Galt deben visitar el enlace bit.ly/42zS7XE (distingue mayúsculas y minúsculas). ★

Committee Rejects Bill Excluding Sex Offenders From Elderly Parole

Office of State Sen. Roger Niello News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In California, incarcerated people who are 50 years and older and who have served at least 20 years of their sentence are eligible for California's Elderly Parole Program. There are a few exceptions, but sexual offenses are not one of those exceptions.

Senator Roger Niello (R-Fair Oaks) presented Senate Bill 1278 in the Senate

Public Safety Committee on April 21 to exclude criminals convicted of rape, sodomy, lewd and lascivious acts, and sex offenses from being eligible for elderly parole. His effort to protect victims from reliving their worst nightmare by keeping sexual offenders behind bars did not advance out of the Senate Public Safety Committee.

Niello expressed his disappointment after the vote when he said, "I am incredibly disheartened that my bill to provide

victims protection and keep sex offenders in prison and serving their sentence did not receive the votes needed to pass the Senate Public Safety Committee."

He continued, "What makes this even more difficult is that this week is the annual observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. I would ask the legislators who stopped this elderly parole reform bill from moving forward to reflect on whether uplifting survivors and honoring victims is ever their priority."

Established in 1981 by presidential proclamation, this annual observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week emerged from the victims' rights movement to ensure that individuals who are affected by crime are treated with dignity, respect and compassion within the justice system.

Elected in 2022, State Sen. Roger Niello represents District 6, which includes the cities of Galt and Herald in Sacramento County and Roseville in Placer County. ★

Help Save the Teen Center

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in constructive, educational and leisure activities to enrich the skills, prospects and spirit of Galt area youth.

The center's foundational framework is described as free, safe, supportive, service-oriented and inclusive.

In August 2021, Galt Teen Center officially opened its doors at 550 C St. This ideal location in downtown Galt is "by the Water Tower," one of Galt's most iconic landmarks. We are grateful to the Galt Historical Society and Dr. Steven S. Sanford, DDS, for working with the nonprofit to arrange a physical location for the teen center!

The center provides teenagers with a variety of resources and engagement opportunities, including snacks, games, crafts and educational classes, all of which



Pictured are some of the more than 500 teens served by the local nonprofit Galt Teen Center.

are provided entirely free of charge.

For more information, visit galtteencenter.org or follow them @galtteencenter on both Instagram and Facebook. ★



A look inside the Galt Teen Center during peak after-school hours, where daily attendance currently averages about 15 participants. Courtesy photos

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of April 21 to April 27, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in eight arrests.

April 21

10:46 a.m., Burglary reported, Hunan House on C Street: Back door breached, cash register taken.

April 22

9:54 a.m., Vandalism reported, Lake Park Circle: The slider door window was damaged with a rock.

12:23 p.m., Fraud reported, Silver Cypress Court: Reporting party was scammed out of money online.

9:31 p.m., Attempt Theft/Tamper-In-Progress reported, Caroline Avenue: Catalytic converter stolen.

11:16 p.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, H Street.

April 23

2:04 p.m., Theft reported, Southwest Products on Enterprise Court: Pallets taken.

2:50 p.m., Hit and Run/Non-Injury reported, Ace Hardware

on C Street.

April 24

12:59 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, C Street/Fairway Drive.

3:30 a.m., Burglary reported, Barsetti Winery on 4th Street.

1 p.m., Vandalism reported, Corporation Yard on Elm Avenue: Fence cut.

April 25

2:02 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, East Stockton Boulevard/Twin Cities Road.

12:21 p.m., Fraud reported,

Hogan Road.

4:57 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, East Stockton Boulevard/Walnut Avenue.

8:40 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, CVS Pharmacy, C Street.

April 26

11:57 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Camellia Way/Terrace Lane.

11:57 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Fairway Drive/Glendale Avenue.

April 27

5:24 a.m., Stolen Vehicle reported, Trailridge Apartments on North Lincoln Way:

Motorcycle taken.

8:21 a.m., Fraud reported, Heritage Senior Village on 2nd Street: Amazon account was hacked.

10:47 a.m., Fraud reported, Blackwell Way.

2:05 p.m., Theft reported, East Stockton Boulevard/Walnut Avenue: Backflow device stolen.

2:22 p.m., Hit and Run/Non-Injury reported, Twin Cities Road/Cherokee Lane.

11:59 p.m., Robbery reported, AM/PM Store on East Stockton Boulevard: Subjects attempted to take reporting party's phone. ★

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MEETING MINDERS

Friday, May 1

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

Sunday, May 3

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, May 4

Lodi Parkinson's

Support Group: education, resources, social connections and building community/support - 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, May 5

Galt City Council, 6 p.m., Council Chambers,

380 Civic Drive.

Wednesday, May 6

Cosumnes CSD, 5:30 p.m., Elk Grove CSD boardroom, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove.

Friday, May 8

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

Saturday, May 9

Kiwanis Club of Galt, 8:30 a.m., Comfort Inn,

10380 Twin Cities Road. For more information, visit k13878.site.kiwanis.org/contact.

Thursday, May 14

Lockeford Community Services District Board of Directors, 9 a.m., Old School House, 19456 N. Jack Tone Road.

Galt Beautification Committee, 10 a.m., Community Development Dept., 495 Industrial Drive, 209-366-7130.

Galt Planning

Commission, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

Friday, May 15

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

Tuesday, May 19

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

Wednesday, May 20

Cosumnes CSD, 5 p.m.,

Elk Grove CSD boardroom, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove.

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

Thursday, May 21

Galt High School Board, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. ★

MEMORIAL

JOSEPH HENRY STAMP • 2/9/1946 — 3/9/2026

Joseph Henry Stamp of Galt peacefully went to be with God on March 9, 2026, at Lodi Memorial Hospital. Joseph was born February 9, 1946, in Lodi. He was the son of Norbert and Lola Stamp, who lived in Galt and preceded him in death. Joseph had a brother named John Stamp and he married Gail; they had two children, John Lee Stamp and Andy Gayle Stamp, Joseph's nephews. John and Gail have both passed away.



first! As Joseph Boyd, Shavonna Christine and Norbert Edward grew older, Joseph and Sharyn added to their household. He has had many blessings and those came in many different ways, and those blessings are John, Shannon, Steven, Rachelle,

Angel, Donnie, Keenan, Oscar, Bobby, Lisa, Jamie and Chrissy!

Joseph graduated from Galt High School in 1964 and joined the National Guard right after he graduated from high school. He served four years in the National Guard and two years in the Reserves.

In May 1965, Joseph met Sharyn Meenach at her grandmother's farm and they were inseparable after that meeting.

Joseph and Sharyn were married December 4, 1965. He went to work for the Sacramento Army Depot in 1966. After they were married, they settled in Galt, where they had one daughter Shavonia Christine, and two sons, Norbert Edward and Joseph Boyd.

Joseph's family started growing when his children started bringing him grandbabies, which he looked forward to, each and every one. Shavonia, his daughter, has a son named Christopher and two daughters, Natalia and Victoria. Norbert, his son, had one son, Norbert Edward Stamp, and Joseph, his second son, had two sons, Joseph Jakob Stamp and Venchenzo Raymond Stamp.

Joseph was very active with his children. He coached little league and his pride and joy was watching his children Joseph and Norbert participate in sports. His daughter Shavonna was the light of his life. Everybody said every man wants a boy first, and this man wanted a girl

long a child was with him there would be changes made in their life regarding their future, and he was so right! Some stayed in our life a little and a lot stayed forever, and Joseph claimed each and every one of them no matter how long they spent with us, and he was very proud of every one of them. From this group, he has been blessed with many grandchildren and a couple of great grandkids!

Surviving are his wife Sharyn of 60 years, son Joseph Boyd Stamp, and daughters, Shavonia Koga, Bobby Berigantes, Shannon Chess, John Stout and Steven Eades. Joseph is preceded in death by his daughter Rachelle Dennis and son Norbert Edward Stamp. He has many grandsons and granddaughters: Joseph, Vincenzo, Christopher, Brennan, Victoria, Natilia, Gianna, Eddie, Hailey, Sarah, Devon, Brady, John, Andy, Hollie and Jessie.

Joseph, we know where you're at. We know you're dancing with the angels and family that went before you. We also talked about what job would God give you in heaven because of your love of animals? I have no doubt you're working with them as I speak!

Joseph just know you are greatly missed and loved, so sweetheart, until we meet again, when we will start our journey together with God and his band of angels and our families in Heaven! We love and miss you.

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 You who have made me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideals, you who have given me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and you who are in all instances of my life with me, I thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you, no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Thank you for your love towards me and my loved ones. Amen. L.B.
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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



A Top Five Pick?

While it's true that the interest in basketball has dropped a notch with the end of the 2025/2026 season there remains a vibrant group of Sacramento Kings fans that are still very much engaged.

That is perhaps the singular prevailing reason the Kings fought through the potential move of the team to Seattle Washington just a dozen years ago and not only remained in Sacramento but built a state-of-the-art arena to boot.

But exactly where are we today? Are the Kings going through another tepid off season waiting for the inevitable uninspiring beginning of a new season or is something of real substance in the air.

In less than 2 weeks, ping pong balls will once again determine the fate of organizations all over this country, and in truth the Kings stand a better than average chance of grasping one of the top prospects from the college ranks.

From my perspective, with the draft being as deep as has been prognosticated, I believe the Kings will garner one of the top five picks, and if that is the case, there will be players available that can make an immediate impact on this franchise.

At the very least the new arrival will put butts in the seats and provide renewed enthusiasm for what the upcoming season might become.

What the Kings want and what will be actually available are two different things, so be prepared to get a game changer but not necessarily a future all-star.

Assuming A.J. Dybantsa, Cameron Boozer, and Caleb Wilson are already gone, it's quite likely the Kings may have to take a player of smaller stature, and that could be one Darius Acuff Jr.

All that Darius did for the Arkansas Razorback's last season was put up 23.5 points per game, 3.1 rebounds and 6.4 assists with a field goal percentage of 48%.

Unlike experiments of the past, the Kings would be getting what experts and pundits believe is a legitimate blue chipper, a player that by himself can make the needle move in a positive direction.

Playoff teams rarely operate effectively without a true point guard, and since the departure of DeAaron Fox, the Kings have found themselves floundering in that category.

All the best Kings fans!

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California's Candidates for Governor Must Prioritize Schools' Education Deficits



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

For years, polls about California voter attitudes have found public schools a consistent concern.

In a very recent Public Policy Institute of California poll, responses were mixed about whether the public school system is moving in the right direction, but 89% said it needs to change.

That concern is well founded, given that California's students don't do very well in national tests of academic skills, vis-à-vis those in other states. It's one of California's most vexing — and most important — issues and should be commanding attention from those who hold public office.

Nevertheless, when the six leading candidates for governor responded to questions during a 90-minute televised debate Wednesday night, education came up only once in a question from a viewer, not the debate moderators, and was directed at Republican Steve Hilton.

Asked how he would improve schools, Hilton responded with "learn from what works in other states." It was actually a valid response, because California officials have generally resisted learning about learning from other states that have succeeded in raising test scores — Mississippi on reading, for instance.

Candidates' intentions

about the single largest item in the state's budget — \$81.3 billion this year — are particularly important because outgoing Gov. Gavin Newsom has proposed to downgrade the state school superintendent's position to that of an advisory role, while vesting primary responsibility for education in whoever succeeds him next January.

Moderators of future debates should make at least an effort to explore the candidates' approaches to education, particularly how they would raise academic achievement that now is mediocre at best.

On the positive side of the public school situation, California has finally embraced phonics as the most effective way of teaching elementary students to read, although it's not yet mandatory. And on Wednesday, a few hours before the televised debate snubbed education, the Senate Education Committee advanced legislation to do something about California's even lower ranking in math skills.

Just 37% of California students perform at grade level in math, and the state ranks 43rd nationally in fourth-grade math proficiency. Moreover, there are distinct gaps between kids from families that struggle to afford living in California and their more privileged classmates.

Senate Bill 1067 would establish a statewide math screening system for kids in kindergarten and 1st and 2nd grades, to identify those who struggle with numbers and need extra help. It's modeled after a similar system to gauge reading skills.

The bill is backed by

EdVoice, an education reform advocate, and carried by Sen. Akilah Weber Pierson, a San Diego Democrat and daughter of Secretary of State Shirley Weber, who tirelessly championed educational reform while a state legislator.

"California has already taken an important step forward by identifying and addressing reading challenges early with K-2 universal screening for reading difficulties. SB 1067 applies that same common-sense approach to math," Marshall Tuck, CEO of EdVoice, said in a statement. "Students who struggle with foundational math skills in the early grades continue to fall further behind without timely, targeted intervention. This bill helps prepare students for future success in school, career, and life."

Mastering basic reading and math skills in the early years of school are not only important unto themselves, but they're vital for students to climb the educational ladder as high as their innate intelligences allow and to segue into productive and satisfying careers that support the larger economy.

While California has no shortage of existential issues, none is more vital than doing something about its education deficit. The Legislature at long last seems to be getting the message, but the next governor must get it too.

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

Should I Collect SS Now or Wait Two Years Until Age 70?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am 67 and 9 months old, collecting a modest SS survivor benefit with plans to collect my own much larger benefit at age 70. I was confident this plan was a good one; but recent turbulent events make me nervous that cuts could come to Social Security at any time without warning. Would it be prudent to file for my own Social Security as soon as possible so that my benefit might be "grandfathered" in before any sudden and drastic cuts occur? I do not generally panic, but these are unprecedented times. I would be quite comfortable with the benefit listed on my 2024 statement for my current age; I was just hoping to maximize the benefit by waiting.

When I go to the Social Security website to view my 2025 annual statement to see the personalized monthly retirement benefit estimates for ages 68, 69, and 70, that section no longer shows. This omission makes me uncomfortable. Can I find out what my current benefit estimate would be for ages 68, 69, and 70? Or should I just rely on the 2024 statement? **Signed: Nervous in Portland**

Dear Nervous: Please do not be nervous that recent "turbulent events" pose a threat to your future Social Security benefits. Those events do not, in any way, jeopardize your future Social Security benefits, because Social Security is completely separate from all other federal political issues and finances. The primary problem with Social Security became an issue long before the current administration took office.

The Trustees of Social Security have been warning Congress for decades that Social Security's finances

require Congressional attention. The fact is that Social Security revenue (as predicted decades ago) became insufficient to pay all benefit obligations in about 2021. Since that time, money from Social Security's reserved funds (Trust Funds) has been used to pay full benefits to all. In 2020, there was nearly \$3 trillion in SS reserved funds, but that has now dwindled to about \$2.5 trillion as reserves are used to supplement SS payments. And that problem continues. The Trustees of SS now predict that the reserves will be fully depleted in about 2032, at which time — lacking program reform by Congress — Social Security will be forced to pay out only what it receives in revenue. And that would mean an estimated cut of about 23% to everyone's monthly SS benefit. In the unlikely event that happens, wouldn't a 23% reduction to your larger age 70 benefit be better than a 23% cut to your lower age 68 benefit?

No one wants those cuts to happen — least of all politicians — because it would amount to political suicide (seniors are, after all, a very large voting bloc). Thus, we believe that Congress will act to reform Social Security to prevent any general benefit cuts from happening. It will, however, require Congressional bipartisanship because the reforms needed for Social Security are likely unsavory to some. Those reforms may include SS tax increases and changes to the basic structure of the SS program to align it with today's demographic reality. The program needs reform, which Congress has, unfortunately, neglected to provide for many years. And this neglect will likely also continue, at least through the forthcoming mid-term elections. It seems the nature of Congress is to wait until the last possible moment to offer corrective legislation.

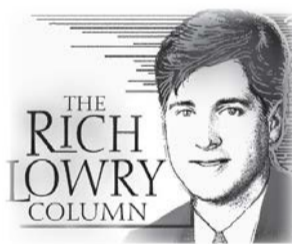
Here's what to keep in mind: Congress already knows how to reform Social Security to avoid any future benefit cuts

— they just lack the bipartisanship to accomplish that reform. For our part, the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) has offered to Congress a common-sense reform plan via its "Social Security Guarantee (SSG)." AMAC's proposal has received a positive reception in Congressional circles, and we are optimistic that the proposal will provide financial stability to the program for generations. AMAC continues to advocate for SS reform in Washington, D.C. on a regular basis, even more intensely as the depletion of the SS Trust Funds grows closer.

We do not suggest changing your strategy for claiming Social Security benefits based upon fear the program will cut benefits. That's because it's unlikely that all benefits will be cut because we believe Congress will eventually enact reform. And even in the unlikely event that Congress neglects to reform the program by 2032, the percentage of reduction to a higher monthly SS benefit amount would be better than a similar reduction to a lower benefit amount. In other words, your original plan is still a prudent one.

Regarding your question about your estimated benefits, I expect your most recent SS statement didn't include future benefits because you are already collecting SS survivor benefits. You can contact SSA at 1.800.772.1213 to obtain the future SS retirement estimates you seek.

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Yes, of Course, War Settles Things

the first Christian emperor of Rome, won the Battle of Milvian Bridge in 312. Later, Christendom benefited from Ferdinand and Isabella taking back Granada from its Muslim rulers in 1492, and from the Holy Roman Emperor defeating the Ottoman besiegers of Vienna in 1683.

Certainly, it would have been better if all this could have been amiably worked out among the relevant parties, but that's not how the world usually works.

In the early 19th century, Europe had a Napoleon problem -- a world-historical military genius determined to bend the continent to his will through force of arms. After serial failures, the Allies finally solved this problem in the War of the Seventh Coalition. The ensuing diplomatic settlement at the Congress of Vienna forged a peace that lasted nearly a century, but wouldn't have been possible without victory at Waterloo.

In the early 20th century, Europe had a Hitler problem -- a fanatical, race-obsessed militarist who wanted his Third Reich to dominate Europe. This problem, too, was solved by force and led to a lasting peace, although a very tense one during the Cold War. If it's true that war should usually be the last resort, the Allies would have been better off if it had been the first resort against Hitler, checking him when he was relatively weak.

More parochially, the United States wouldn't be what it is today absent two existential wars. When the colonies began agitating for independence,

the British weren't simply going to cede what they considered sovereign territories, especially given their economic and strategic value. The American cause -- and all the good that has flowed from it -- depended on prevailing in a grinding eight-year war.

About a hundred years later, it all could have collapsed had the United States not prevailed in the Civil War, an appallingly bloody conflict that extinguished American slavery and preserved the foundation for the nation's gaudy greatness.

TITLE: None of this is a warrant for heedless warmongering, or a reason to dismiss, say, the sheer cynical brutishness of the Roman destruction of Carthage in the Third Punic War, or the horrors of Passchendaele. That war is terrible; however, it doesn't mean that it's ineffective.

In our times, Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022 in the erroneous, but not crazy, belief that a sharp, decisive military campaign would topple the Western-oriented government in Kyiv and force the creation of a regime more to the Kremlin's liking. This was a war that never should have been launched, yet Ukraine had no alternative but to fight it.

If Kyiv wants to protect its sovereign territory and eventually get a tolerable diplomatic outcome, war is the answer -- as, sadly, it has been so often throughout human history.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Child Support Helps Local Families Thrive

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County's Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) plays an important role in supporting families and promoting the well-being of children across the community. Through a range of services, DCSS helps parents establish and maintain reliable financial support for their children, creating greater stability for families.

"Our goal is to support families in a way that creates stability for children and helps parents navigate the process with confidence," said DCSS Director Dalen Fredrickson.

What DCSS Does

DCSS provides free services to families, including establishing child support orders, locating parents, collecting and distributing payments, modifying orders when circumstances change and helping ensure accurate tracking of support.

These services are available to both parents receiving and paying support, with a focus on fairness, consistency and child well-being.

Child Support Officers like



As conversations continue at the state level about ways to improve access to child support services, Sacramento County remains focused on its mission: helping children and families thrive. Photo courtesy of Freepik

Nikole Smith work closely with families to make the process as clear and manageable as possible, so they can focus on what matters most – their children.

"I am a mother. I've had times where I've cried on the phone with the individual as they're crying because I can relate to their circumstance. I approach each situation with being empathetic and meeting people where they're at. And I would want someone to treat me the same

way," said Smith.

Local Impact

The impact of child support services in Sacramento County is significant. In 2025, DCSS collected \$134,436,544, a 4 percent increase from the previous year. "Every dollar collected represents real support for families, helping cover everyday needs like food, clothing and housing," said Fredrickson.

On a monthly basis, the department distributes more

than \$11 million in child support payments, providing consistent financial support that many families rely on.

Child support is widely recognized as an important tool in improving outcomes for children and families. Research shows that consistent support is associated with greater financial stability, increased parental involvement, improved educational outcomes and reduced family stress.

A Focus on Access and Support

DCSS is committed to making services accessible and easy to navigate. Participation in child support services is voluntary, and staff work closely with families to provide guidance, answer questions and connect them with available resources.

We understand every family's situation is different, and we're here to provide support in a way that is respectful, safe, and responsive to their needs. "We want you to feel safe through the process and know that your information is confidential," said Smith.

The department also prioritizes safety and confidentiality, with protections in place for families experiencing sensitive situations, including family violence.

Looking Ahead

As conversations continue at the state level about ways to improve access to child support services, Sacramento County remains focused on its mission: helping children and families thrive.

Residents interested in learning more about child support services or enrolling can visit the county website or contact DCSS directly for assistance at 1-866-901-3212. ★

Sacramento Life Center Receives Grant to Enhance Patient Care

Sacramento Life Center News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Life Center (SLC) is proud to announce it has received a generous grant from the Jerome and Wanda Hart Foundation to support the implementation of a new Electronic Health Records (EHR) system, an investment that will significantly enhance the organization's ability to deliver high-quality, compassionate care to women and families across the Sacramento region.

The new EHR system will

modernize Sacramento Life Center's patient data management, allowing for more efficient, coordinated and secure care. This upgrade will strengthen the organization's medical services, improve patient tracking and outcomes and support continued growth in response to increasing community need.

Founded in 1972, Sacramento Life Center provides free medical care and comprehensive support services to low-income women, teens, and families facing unplanned or unsupported pregnancies. Through its licensed



The Sacramento Life Center provides compassionate, life-affirming medical care and resources at no cost to pregnant women, empowering them to make informed choices and build strong families. You can learn more at saclife.org. Courtesy photo

clinic and mobile services, the organization offers pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, maternal healthcare, Medi-Cal enrollment assistance, parenting education and access to essential baby supplies.

"With the growing demand for our services, investing in a modern EHR system is critical to ensuring we continue to meet the needs of our patients with excellence and efficiency," said Marie Leatherby, executive director of Sacramento Life Center. "We are incredibly grateful to the Jerome and Wanda Hart Foundation for

supporting this important step forward in strengthening our care delivery."

In recent years, Sacramento Life Center has seen a significant increase in patient volume due to rising costs of living, increased immigration and expanded outreach efforts. The new system will enable staff and medical providers – including OB/GYNs, nurses and patient advocates – to better coordinate care, streamline services and ensure every patient receives timely and personalized support. ★

Celebrating Volunteers in Sacramento County



If you are interested in getting involved, there's a wide range of opportunities. Take some time to learn more about the volunteer options and see what interests you. Photo courtesy Freepik

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County is celebrating National Volunteer Week by recognizing the volunteers who help make our community a better place. Across Sacramento County, volunteers support families and enhance residents' well-being. From assisting older adults and supporting children and families to caring for animals and strengthening critical programs, volunteers make a lasting impact.

If you are interested in getting involved, there's a wide range of opportunities. Take some time to learn more about the volunteer options and see what interests you.

Animal Care Services: Volunteers can support shelter operations, assist with animal care and help pets find loving homes. You can also help by fostering a pet, providing temporary homes for animals in need. Visit the volunteer webpage at <https://animalcare.saccounty.gov> to learn about volunteer opportunities. Visit the foster webpage to learn about fostering.

Department of Child, Family and Adult Services (DCFAS): Volunteers play an important role in programs like Gifts from the Heart, supporting children, families and older adults through donation drives, special events and other service

opportunities. Volunteer opportunities are available on the DCFAS website.

Office of Emergency Services (OES): Sponsored by OES, Sacramento's Medical Reserve Corps (SMRC) provides medical services during large events. SMRC is made up of licensed healthcare professionals such as physicians, nurses, paramedics, EMTs, mental health professionals, dentists, pharmacists, veterinarians, physical therapists and more. Community members without medical training, such as translators, sign language interpreters, social workers, administrators and public relations professionals, also play a vital role in SMRC. Volunteer opportunities are available on the OES website.

Sacramento International Airport: Sacramento International Airport's Information Booths are staffed by a team of dedicated volunteers. To learn more, visit the SMF volunteer website.

Whether it's a few hours a week or a long-term commitment, every act of service helps build a stronger, more connected Sacramento County. National Volunteer Week serves as a reminder that even small contributions can have a lasting impact. Consider joining our many volunteers and make a difference in our community by making 2026 your year to volunteer. ★

Transit Connect Now Available, ZipPass Retiring June 15



Transit Connect is being developed to support a seamless, integrated fare experience across multiple Northern California transit providers by fall 2026, further expanding rider convenience and regional mobility. Photo courtesy of SacRT

Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT) News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) is reminding riders that its new mobile ticketing app, Transit Connect, is now available and will fully replace the ZipPass app effective Monday, June 15. Transit Connect offers riders a smarter, simpler, and more secure way to purchase, store and activate fare products for SacRT.

To support riders who still have active ZipPass tickets, SacRT is extending the ZipPass retirement date. Riders may continue using ZipPass to redeem any remaining active passes through Monday, June 15. After June 15, ZipPass will be fully retired and no longer available. Riders are encouraged to download Transit Connect now to ensure a smooth transition.

"Transit Connect represents the next generation of fare payment technology for our region," said SacRT General Manager/CEO Henry Li. "By extending the ZipPass end date, we are giving riders ample time to use their existing passes while making the transition to a modern, convenient and integrated system. This upgrade will significantly improve the customer experience and streamline travel across multiple transit providers."

Regional Transit Connect Partners

Transit Connect is being developed to support a seamless, integrated fare experience across multiple Northern California transit providers by fall 2026, further expanding rider convenience and regional mobility. Those transit providers include El Dorado Transit, Placer County Transit, Roseville Transit, Sacramento Regional Transit, South County Transit (SCT Link), Unitrans, YoloBus and Yuba-Sutter Transit.

More Enhancements Coming This Fall

Phase 2 of Transit Connect launches this fall and will introduce additional rider-focused features, including contactless Tap2Ride validation, fare capping so riders never pay more than the daily maximum, the ability to load cash at SacRT fare vending machines and participating retailers, and the transition of Connect Card users into Transit Connect later this fall.

Discount Fare Riders: Quick and Easy Setup

Transit Connect allows seniors, students, veterans and riders with disabilities to activate discount fare eligibility directly within the app. Riders simply select their discount category to unlock reduced pricing on single-ride, daily and monthly passes.

Riders can learn more and download Transit Connect at sacrt.com/TransitConnect. ★

ABOUT TOWN

Continuing through Thursday, May 21

Fireworks Vendor Applications Accepted

The City of Galt is accepting applications for organizations that wish to sell fireworks on city property. Applications for fireworks permits are available in the City Clerk's Office, 380 Civic Drive, city's website: cityofgalt.org or email clerk@cityofgalt.org. All applications and required attachments must be completed and received by the City Clerk's Office no later than 5 p.m. May 21.

Applicants must be a community-based, resident 501(c) (3), (4), (6) or (7) nonprofit organization promoting and providing services to residents and/or businesses.

The lottery will be held Monday, June 1 in the City Clerk's office and will determine the rank order for placement at the bottom of the master list for those eligible nonprofit organizations not already included in the master list.

Friday, May 1 through Sunday, May 3

Cinco de Mayo Multicultural Festival

at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds, hosted by El Concilio. This celebration is dedicated to showcasing the region's diversity and cultures. Enjoy food, drinks, games, live music, dancing, artisan crafts and goods, health screenings, car show and more. Parking is \$10 and admission is free. Event opens at noon each day. 1658 S. Airport Way, Stockton.

Friday, May 1

Uno de Mayo – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in downtown Rio Vista. Wear your best fiesta attire and join us for live mariachi music, dance performances, delicious food and festive drinks. Find us from 2nd Street to the river, Rio Vista.

Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3

14th Annual "Miniatures in the Wine Country" Miniatures Show – at the Lodi Grape Festival grounds, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. Enjoy over 80 tables of miniatures, dollhouses and room boxes. Come find your new miniature dream home or find everything you need to start or finish your own special miniature project. Food and beverages will also be available for purchase. Tickets and more information at miniaturesinthewinecountry.com. 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

Saturday, May 2

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. 4th and C streets.

Riverfront Arts Fest – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Rio Vista. Join us for this "people's choice" art show and youth art showcase. Enjoy live music, a beer and wine pavilion, fine art and craft vendors and more. Front and Main streets, Rio Vista.

American Fare 2026 – 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sip, taste and explore an open-air celebration of local chefs, growers, wine-makers, and artisans across the grounds of Appellation Lodi-Wine & Roses Resort and Spa. This is a benefit for Palmer Family Education Foundation, investing directly in Lodi through scholarships and educational funding for culinary and wine programs. Tickets and more information at American-fare.com/the-event. 2505 W. Turner Road, Lodi.

Taco de Mayo – 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Littleton Center. The Galt Sunrise Rotary Club is inviting the community to its annual fundraiser. The money raised will help local students with scholarships and leadership camps as well as helping the community through service to elementary school projects. The Rotary Club is also a proud supporter of the Sunshine Food Pantry and Resource Center. Tickets are \$20 each at galtssunriserotary.com. 410 Civic Drive.

Chanticleer – 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Hutchins Street Square. Experience the harmonious brilliance of this GRAMMY® Award-winning vocal ensemble celebrated worldwide as "an orchestra of voices." Presented by the Lodi Community Concert Association, tickets available at lodi.gov. 125 S. Hutchins St., Lodi.

Sunday, May 3

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.

Lodi Street Faire – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop more than 450 vendors selling antiques, arts & crafts and retail items in a 14-square block area of downtown Lodi. Satisfy your appetite with a variety of food options, sweet treats and cold drinks. There is a free parking garage on Sacramento and Pine streets, or park on the street outside the barricades. School and Church streets, Lodi.

Wednesday, May 6

Senior Singles Mingle Cinco de Mayo – 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Hutchins Street Square. Celebrate with a lively evening

designed just for senior singles. Join us for a relaxed, festive gathering filled with great conversation, music and flavorful bites. 125 S. Hutchins St., Lodi.

Thursday, May 7

Big Day of Giving – all day, throughout the Sacramento Region. Powered by the Sacramento Region Community Foundation, your gift supports the local nonprofits that make the Sacramento Region healthy, vibrant and strong. Go to bigdayofgiving.org to discover over 900 area nonprofits that are participating in this event and make multiple gifts in one simple, secure transaction.

Friday, May 8 through Sunday, May 10

Spring Chicken Family Festival – 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day at Fog Willow Farms. Come soak up some fresh air with your family and friends on the farm. Check out our barnyard Olympics, pig races, duck derby, unlimited hayrides and more. Entry is \$12 per person (ages 3 and older); moms get free admission on Mother's Day Sunday. 11011 Cecatra Drive, Wilton.

Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 10

SKECHERS Wicked Wine Run or Brunch Run – at E2 Family Winery. Celebrate Mother's Day weekend with your choice of a fun, feel-good experience in the heart of Lodi. These courses blend light activity, vineyard views and a well-deserved glass of wine. All levels welcome: Whether you're running, walking or just there for the vibes, everyone can join in. Choose from the Saturday Wicked Wine 1k or 5k starting at 10 a.m. or the Mother's Day Brunch 1k or 5k starting at 8 a.m. Registration and more information at wickedwinerun.com. 9009 W. Highway 12, Lodi.

Lodi Spring Comic Con – 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. Advance tickets and schedule of events available at lodicomicon.com or \$15 at the gate on the day of the event. 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

Saturday, May 9

PaddleFest at Lodi Lake – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Attend this 11th Annual event, brought to you by the Lodi Boathouse. Whether you're a seasoned paddler or trying kayaking or stand-up paddleboarding for the first time, this is your chance to take to the water and enjoy live music, food trucks and a family-friendly atmosphere. Registration and more information at lodiBoathouse.com. 1101 W. Turner Road, Lodi.

Ongoing Events

Galt Café & Cars – every second Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at Café Latte. Open to cars, trucks, bicycles, motorcycles and anything else with wheels. Next event is Saturday, May 9. 1000 C St.

Widowed Persons Social Club – May 1, 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.

May 4, 10 a.m.: WPSC Board Meeting at Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Open to all members.

May 4, Noon: Lunch at Original Mike's Diner, 9139 E. Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove. Contact Merrylyn, 916-549-4264.

May 7, Noon: no-host lunch & Bunco at Patty's Pizza, 8591 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Lois at 916-212-4196 or Susie at 916-798-0007.

May 8, 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 Gerri at 916-698-1940.

Wilton Bingo – First Saturday each month. The next bingo will be on Saturday, May 2 in the Wilton Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale and bingo starts at 6 p.m. All proceeds go to two nonprofits: the local Park Council and the Wilton History Group. 9717 Colony Road at Dillard Road, Wilton.

Veterans Meetings

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

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

Post 233 Family Breakfast – first Saturday each month at 9 a.m., Mimi's Café.

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

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

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PATRICIA A VIENNA
CASE NO. 26PRO01080
To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-

tors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Pat Vienna, Patricai Vienna, Patricia Ann Vienna.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Marcy Goodman and Michelle Nelsen, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Marcy Goodman be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows May 21, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn

Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal de-

livery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

is: Marcy Goodman, 1665 Park Village Drive, Beaumont, CA 92223 and Michelle Nelsen, 26 BIGTEX LIC# 4XG9356 CA VIN# 16V3F4329T6448355
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL AND INCORPORATION OF SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL OBJECTIVE DESIGN STANDARDS INTO CHAPTER 18 OF THE GALT MUNICIPAL CODE

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the City Hall Council Chamber, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California, on the date and time indicated below, or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard, to receive and consider all evidence and reports relative to the application described herein. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council on the project. The City Council will consider the project at a separately noticed public hearing.

PROJECT TITLE: Single Family Residential Objective Design Standards

PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide

PROPOSAL: This ordinance establishes Objective Design Standards for single family residential development in the City of Galt. Amending Section 18.16.55 of the Municipal Code to address residential design standards is consistent with current State law and is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") subject to Public Resources Code Section 21080.17 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15305.

APPLICANT: City of Galt, Community Development Department
495 Industrial Dr., Galt, CA 956532

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

DATE AND TIME: The Planning Commission for the City of Galt will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 14, 2026, 6:00 P.M., or as soon as thereafter that the matter can be heard. This meeting will be in person at the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

The agenda packet will be published on May 7, 2026 and will be available for review on the City's website or in person at the Galt City Planning Department, 495 Industrial Drive, Galt, CA 95632. If you have any questions, contact Jenny Carloni, Community Development Director at 209-366-7230 or jcarloni@cityofgalt.org.

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: May 1, 2026

\s/ Jenny Carloni
Jenny Carloni, Community Development Director

\s/Tina Hubert
Tina Hubert, City Clerk

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The Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Food & Nutrition Services Department is soliciting sealed bids for the following:

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Bid documents, specifications, and submission instructions are available beginning April 20, 2026.

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Sealed bids must be received no later than **May 18, 2026 by 3:00 pm.**

Submit at: 1018 C St. Suite 210 Galt, CA 95632

Bids will be opened on May 20, 2026. Late bids will not be accepted.

All vendors must comply with applicable federal, state, and local regulations, including USDA Child Nutrition Program requirements where applicable.

Questions must be submitted in writing to **Nick Svoboda** at food-nutrition@galt.k12.ca.us by **May 4, 2026.**

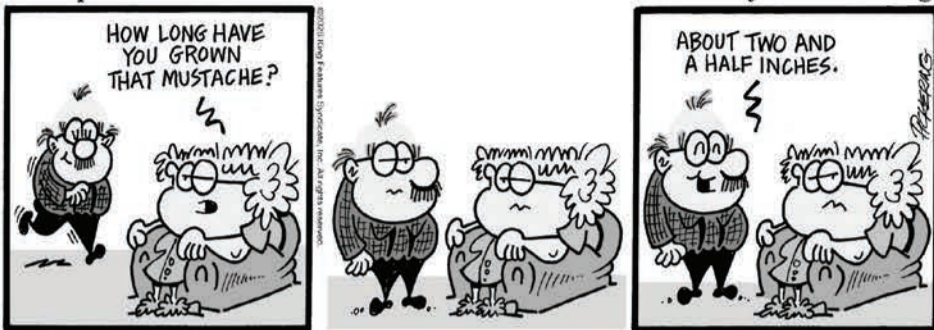
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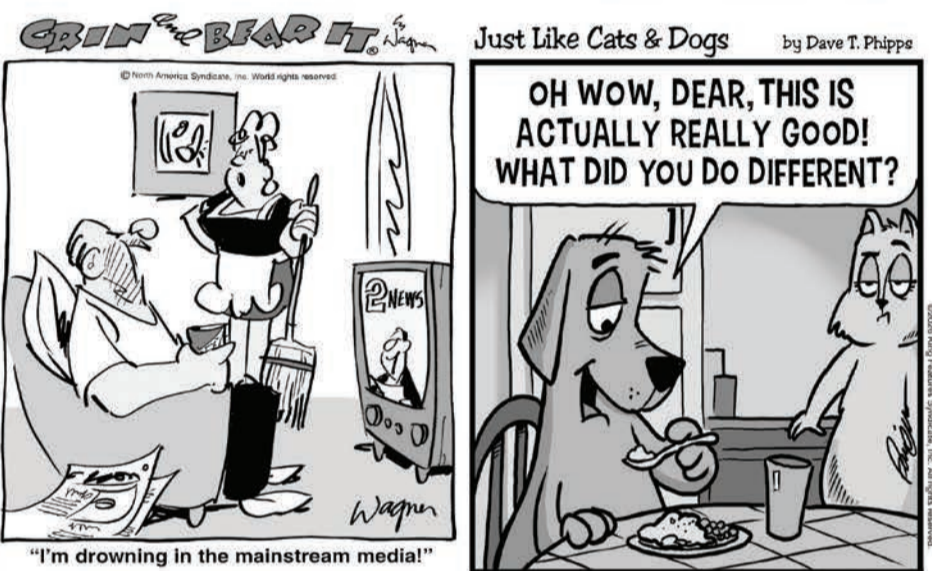
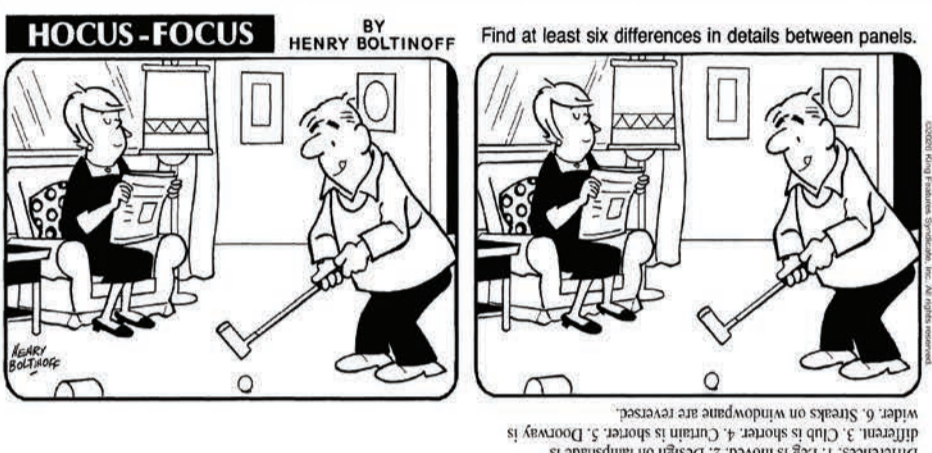
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Celebrate May Day with School Lunch Heroes and Bus Drivers

With flowers blooming and sun shining, it's the perfect time to dance around the maypole and celebrate springtime! According to daysoftheyear.com, the history of May Day is a tapestry woven from various cultural threads, each adding its unique color to the celebrations we see today.

This day has deep roots, tracing back to ancient times when people welcomed the arrival of spring with festivities, dances and floral decorations. One of the most enduring symbols of May Day is the Maypole. This tradition, dating back to medieval times, involves dancing around a tall pole adorned with streamers and ribbons.

The Maypole dance, originally part of fertility rites, symbolizes the vibrancy and renewal of life. Despite its age, this tradition finds its place in modern celebrations, especially within schools where it's embraced as a joyful spring activity.

May Day is also synonymous with the labor movement, particularly known as International Workers' Day in many parts of the world. This aspect of May Day originated in the late 19th century, notably



with the Haymarket affair in Chicago in 1886, a pivotal moment for labor rights. Workers demanded an eight-hour workday, leading to nationwide strikes and, eventually, to the recognition of May Day as a day to honor the struggles and achievements of workers globally.

Throughout history, May Day has been celebrated with various customs, including gifting May baskets. This charming tradition involves leaving baskets filled with flowers and treats on neighbors' doorsteps, symbolizing goodwill and community spirit. Though not as widespread as it once was, some still cherish the practice, keeping the spirit of May Day alive.

May Day embodies the joy of spring's arrival and workers' spirit of unity and resilience. Its celebrations, rich in history

and meaning, continue to evolve. The day reflects the changing times while still honoring the traditions that have been passed down through generations.

School Lunch Heroes are dedicated individuals ensuring students have nutritious meals, fostering a positive school environment and supporting student well-being. This day was founded with the purpose of honoring and showing appreciation for those workers who are such important team members, dedicated to filling the bellies of students all over the country.

School Bus Drivers provide a necessary service to our society, helping kids to reach their education safely, so give them a big thanks for what they do. Have you ever taken a moment to think about the people who work tirelessly every single day to make sure your student can get to school safely to learn those important lessons, and then drop them back at home? The people who endure the

shrieks, laughter and general noise of tens of children confined to one small space for hours on end, day in and day out? No? Well, you should; they are the bus drivers of your student's school. They are the unsung heroes, and that is why this day is for them. Acknowledge them and thank them for a job well done.

Salud to you and yours on Tuesday, Cinco de Mayo. It is a day of celebration for winning a battle that led to winning the war of independence for Mexico.

Mother's Day is 10 days from now, so get your ducks in a row, with what you want to do. Be sure your siblings are on board and your Mom is too.

Some of us Moms do not like surprises. We have control issues. And don't forget to get a card. We love cards. I love pop-up cards but mostly I love the thought of the effort my family puts in to find the perfect card. Yes, it will bring tears to my eyes.

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Warriors, Hawks Deliver Strong Performances at SVC League Meet No. 4

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Warrior Stadium played host to the Sierra Valley Conference's fourth league meet of the 2026 season on Wednesday, April 22nd, and the afternoon belonged to some of the finest individual performers in the conference. Galt High's Alejandro Herrera swept the distance events, Morgan Jones continued her case as the most versatile athlete in the SVC, and Liberty Ranch's women dominated the team standings from wire to wire.

On the women's side, Liberty Ranch was untouchable, rolling to a dominant first-place finish with 149 points: nearly 60 points clear of second-place Galt, which scored 90. Bradshaw Christian took third with 72 points, followed by Amador at 58, Rosemont at 50 and Argonaut at 41.

The men's meet told a different story, with Amador edging out Bradshaw Christian for the team title, 100 to 95. Argonaut placed third with 75 points, Rosemont fourth at 73, Liberty Ranch fifth at 70 and Galt sixth with 57 points.

Herrera was the headliner of the men's meet, winning three events on the same afternoon in commanding fashion. The Galt senior took the 800 meters in 2:03.72, a season best, then doubled back to win the 1600 at 4:42.59 before capping his day with a personal best third-place finish in the 3200 at 10:58.89; one of the finest individual performances of the entire



Liberty Ranch senior Francisco Ramos competes in the long jump.

league season.

Freshman Gunnar Rohner of Liberty Ranch earned a first-place finish of his own, winning the 110-meter hurdles in a personal best 17.66. The Liberty Ranch men's 4x800 relay team of Erick Torres, Pedro Velázquez, Kyvin Vang and Devin Vang claimed first place at 12:07.33. Kyvin Vang also won the pole vault at 11-00.

On the women's side, Morgan Jones of Galt continued her remarkable season with a first-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles at a personal best 16.42: one of the top marks in the conference this season. Galt's Danielle Aragon won the 3200 meters in a personal best 13:57.57, and teammate Nora Werdon placed second at 14:30.60. Liberty Ranch's 4x100 relay team of Myleah Keiser,

Kimberly Rodriguez, Kamrynn Blevins and Amya Trujillo claimed first at 52.54. Arianna Barnes of Liberty Ranch won the shot put with a personal best 29-00, and the Hawks' 4x800 relay team of Gwen Lindberg, Isabella Marquez, Camelia Cazares and Natalie Ochoa took first at 14:45.25.

For the Galt men, Herrera's sweep of the distance events was the highlight, but the Warriors had other contributors. Dominic Gonzalez placed fifth in both the 800 at 2:12.07 and the 1600 at 5:02.29, both season bests, and fourth in the 3200 at 12:18.47. MC Azubuike delivered a standout performance in the high jump, clearing a personal best 6-04 for second place: an eye-catching mark for a sophomore. Axel Olmos Virgen placed sixth in the shot put at 33-05, and



Warriors Amilio Gomez and MC Azubuike race to the finish in the 100m dash.

Caleb McEwen placed second in the pole vault at 7-00 while also taking third at 7-00 alongside Calvin Saelee.

For the Liberty Ranch men beyond Rohner's hurdles win, the Hawks had a productive afternoon. Rohner doubled back to place second in the 300-meter hurdles at a personal best 44.52, with Daniel Sosa adding third at 44.98 and Jose Lara III fifth at 48.28. The 4x100 relay team of Michael Lamson, Sosa, James Rangel and Francisco Ramos placed third at 44.95. Daniel Swearinger placed second in the shot put at 39-01 and Cutler Pérez fourth at 37-11, with Pérez also placing sixth in discus at a personal best 99-03. Gunnar Rohner placed fifth in the high jump at 5-06, and Pedro Velázquez tied him for fifth with 5-06 as well. Devin Vang placed fifth in the triple jump at 38-02.50.

For the Galt women, Jones was exceptional, winning the 100-meter hurdles at a personal best 16.42 and adding a first-place finish in the long jump at 15-09, a first-place finish in the high jump at a season best 4-10 and a third-place finish in the 200 meters. Her four-event

dominance made her the most impactful individual performer in the women's meet.

Kristine Meixner placed second in the 100 meters at a season best 13.54 and sixth in the 200 at 28.99. Aragon won the 3200 and placed third in the 1600 at 6:22.81, while Olivia Rodriguez took second in the 1600 at 6:13.68 and fourth in the 800 at 2:51.46. Nora Werdon placed second in the 3200 and fourth in the 1600 at 6:35.06. The Galt women's 4x400 relay team of Paola Corral, Kaylee Meixner, Nella Feilbach and Kristine Meixner placed third at 5:05.84, and the Galt 4x100 team of Shayla China, Morgan Lane, Esmeralda Ayala and Kristine Meixner placed fourth at 57.88. Keegan Crownover placed sixth in discus at 63-08.

The Hawk women were dominant across multiple events. Keiser placed third in the 100 at a personal best 13.64, Rodriguez fourth at 13.69 and Blevins fifth at 13.69. Rodriguez placed third in the 200 at 28.03, a season best, and Marwa Yosra fourth at 28.36. In the 400, Yosra placed second at 1:06.33, Sarah Ayala fourth at 1:07.65, Ruby Gorelick fifth at 1:09.71

and Tenley Messersmith sixth at 1:10.04.

Faviola Vasquez placed second in the 100-meter hurdles at a personal best 17.83 and second in the 300-meter hurdles at a season best 50.61. Navaeh Rhone placed sixth in the 100 hurdles at 20.32 and fifth in the 300 hurdles at 56.41. The Liberty Ranch 4x400 relay team of Yosra, Ayala, Gorelick and Rodriguez placed second at 4:32.17. Arianna Barnes won the shot put at 29-00 and placed third in the discus at 83-00. Kylin Keeler placed fifth in shot put at 24-07 and Giovanna Salas sixth at 21-06. Myleah Keiser placed second in the long jump at 15-02.50 and Kaydince Silva fifth at 13-09, with Silva also placing second in the pole vault at a personal best 8-00.

With the league season winding down, both programs are building toward the postseason where they head to the Masters and then State.

Liberty Ranch's women have firmly established themselves as the team to beat in the SVC, while Galt's deep roster of individual talent - led by Herrera, Jones and Aragon - continues to make the Warriors a force in every meet they enter. ★

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Hawks Make a Splash at SVC Swim Championships

Bussman Sets Two School Records, Advances to Sac-Joaquin Sections; Kotko Leads Strong Women's Effort

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)

The Liberty Ranch swim program capped its season with a strong showing at the SVC Swim Championships, with athletes competing fiercely across both the pool and the record books. Senior Mason Bussman headlined the day with two record-breaking performances, while a deep and determined women's squad collected multiple top-five finishes to give the Hawks one of their most complete championship meet performances in recent memory.

Bussman was the undisputed star of the meet, rewriting the Liberty Ranch record book not once but twice in a single afternoon. The Hawks' top male swimmer shattered the school record in the 100-meter freestyle with a blazing 48.02, touching the wall in first place. He then returned to the pool for the 100-meter backstroke and did it again, setting another Liberty Ranch record with a first-place finish at 54.14.

Two events, two school records, two gold medals. It was a performance that earned Bussman the right to keep swimming, as he will represent Liberty Ranch at the Sac-Joaquin Section Championships to compete in both the 100 freestyle and the 100 backstroke.

"Mason had an absolutely phenomenal day," said one of his coaches. "Setting two school records at the championship meet: That's the kind of performance you remember for the rest of your life. We're incredibly proud of him and excited to see what he can do at sections."

Leading the women's charge was junior Arianna Kotko, who delivered a standout performance of her own. Kotko placed fourth in the 100 freestyle at 1:01.68 and followed it up with a second-place finish in the 100 backstroke at 1:12.66: her best event of the day and a mark

that placed her among the top backstroke swimmers in the entire conference. Kotko also anchored the women's 400 freestyle relay and swam a leg on the opening 200 medley relay, proving herself one of the most versatile and valuable swimmers on the roster.

Ainsley Robbins added back-to-back top-five finishes with a fifth place in the 100 freestyle at 1:03.02 and a fifth place in the 100 butterfly at 1:20.49 for Isabella Westlynn – who also placed fifth in the 100 fly at 1:20.49 – while Robbins earned ninth in the 100 breaststroke at 1:27.13. Westlynn and Robbins were both key contributors on multiple relay legs throughout the meet.

Haley Andrews was a workhorse for the Hawks women, competing in three individual events and two relays. She placed ninth in the 50 freestyle at 29.94, sixth in the 500 freestyle at 6:52.27 and contributed to both medley relay squads. Haley Smith placed sixth in the 200 freestyle at 2:29.31 and seventh in the 500 freestyle at 6:52.70 – a razor-thin margin behind Andrews – while also swimming on the 200 free relay team.

The Liberty Ranch women's relay units were among the most consistent performers of the afternoon. The 200 medley relay team of Arianna Kotko, Isabella Westlynn, Ainsley Robbins and Haley Andrews placed fourth at 2:16.66. A second 200 medley relay lineup of Westlynn, Nathalie Ochoa, Haley Smith and Andrews also placed fourth at 2:03.93: a faster time that reflects the depth the Hawks carry across their roster. The women's 400 freestyle relay team of Smith, Ochoa, Robbins and Kotko rounded out the relay efforts with a fourth-place finish at 4:29.40.

Nathalie Ochoa competed in three events on the day, placing 10th in the 200 individual medley at 3:05.03 and 12th in the 100



Hawks Arianna Kotko and Mason Bussman show off their medals. Courtesy photo

breaststroke at 1:31.44, while contributing to two relay teams. Madilyn Brixey placed 11th in the 200 freestyle at 2:49.01 and ninth in the 500 freestyle at 7:30.80. Kelly Faul placed 10th in the 100 butterfly at 1:27.63 and 12th in the 100 backstroke at 1:36.25. Samantha Thomas competed in the 50 freestyle, placing 16th at 36.93. On the men's side, Matthew Hernandez Lara placed 14th in the 200 freestyle at 3:01.82.

For Liberty Ranch, the SVC Championships served as both a celebration of the season's growth and a launching pad for

what comes next. Bussman carries the program's flag into Sac-Joaquin Section competition, where he will look to add to what

is already one of the finest individual performances in Liberty Ranch swimming history.

With a talented core of

women returning and a record-setter in the water, the future of Hawks swimming looks brighter than ever. ★

GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



MC Azubuikwe
Galt High Track



Morgan Jones
Galt High Track



David Sanchez
Liberty Ranch
Baseball



Mason Bussman
Liberty Ranch Swim

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The Galt Warrior softball team has posted impressive numbers that highlight the growth and potential within the program. Courtesy photo

Galt Warrior Softball Players Shine in the Stats Column

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warrior softball team has no shortage of individual talent this season. Under Head Coach Mikka Alvarez, several players have put together impressive numbers that highlight the growth and potential within the program.

Emma Jimenez has been the standout of the group. The freshman leads the team in nearly every offensive category: batting average (.525), on-base percentage (.558), hits (21), RBIs (23), home runs (3), doubles (6) and slugging percentage (.900). The production Jimenez has shown in her first

season is a promising sign for the Warriors' future.

Sophomore Evianna Barrera has also had a strong year. She is hitting .472 with a .548 OBP, 17 hits, 11 RBIs and 14 runs scored. Barrera also takes the ball in the circle, leading the pitching staff with a 4.24 ERA. Her ability to contribute both offensively and on the mound makes her one of the team's most important players.

Junior Rianna Mayer has been a steady presence throughout the season, batting .405 with a team-leading 16 runs scored and nine stolen bases. Her .977 fielding percentage speaks to her reliability on defense as well.

Sophomore Makayla Moreno has contributed with a .536 OBP and 9 RBIs, while sophomore Zoey Sanchez has been solid in multiple roles, posting a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage, leading the team with two triples and pitching to a 4.58 ERA.

Senior Emily Peña adds veteran presence on the basepaths with three stolen bases.

The Warriors will celebrate their four seniors on Wednesday, May 6, when Galt hosts Senior Night: an opportunity to recognize the players who have contributed to the program and helped develop the younger talent now stepping into the spotlight. ★

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PRESENTED BY THE GALT HERALD

Warriors Stage Stunning Comeback in Game One Against Union Mine

Story and photos by
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GALT, CA (MPG) - It was a doubleheader full of drama, grit and the kind of baseball that keeps fans on their feet. The Galt High Warriors hosted Union Mine on Friday, May 24 and delivered a stunning comeback victory in the opener before falling short in the nightcap.

For six innings, the Galt offense was nowhere to be found. The Warriors entered the bottom of the seventh inning trailing 0-4, facing the very real possibility of a lopsided defeat on their home field. What followed was one of the more remarkable innings of the season. Galt erupted for six runs in the seventh to tie the game at six, sending the contest to extra innings. In the eighth, the Warriors pushed across the winning run to claim a dramatic 7-6 victory.

The box score tells the story of a wild game. Union Mine scored a run in the fourth, two in the fifth and appeared to put the game away with one more in the seventh before Galt answered right back. The Warriors finished with five hits and seven runs, overcoming three errors and a team batting average of just .167 on the day to pull off the improbable win.

At the plate, senior Cash Myrick was the offensive standout, going 2-for-4 with two RBI and posting a team-best .500 average on the day. His OBP of .600



Junior James Gilbert makes a miraculous catch in center field against Union Mine.



Freshman Ricky Akers makes it safely to second base.

and OPS of 1.100 led all Galt hitters. Sophomore Angelo Sterni went 1-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored, while junior Carlo Sterni added a hit, two runs scored and an RBI. Freshman Cody Dixon contributed a hit and an RBI in three at-bats, drawing two walks to post a .600 OBP. Junior Anthony Trejo reached base all three plate appearances, drawing two walks and taking a hit by pitch to finish with a perfect 1.000 OBP. Freshman Ricky Akers drew a walk and was hit by a pitch while scoring a run, and junior Jonny Cash worked a walk and scored as well.

In the circle, four Warriors combined to hold Union Mine to six earned runs across 8.2 innings

and pitched. Senior Trent Dozier was the workhorse of the team starting out on the mound, throwing five innings, allowing five hits and three runs – only one earned – while striking out six and walking four. Senior Cash Myrick relieved Dozier and threw 1.1 innings, allowing two hits and three runs, two earned. Carlo Sterni was put in third with one-third inning of work, allowing no hits or runs while issuing one walk. Freshman Ricky Akers closed it out with two scoreless innings, allowing no hits, no runs and striking out two while throwing just 25 pitches, earning the win on the mound to go with his contributions in the field.

Defensively, Galt posted a .903 fielding percentage



Senior Trent Dozier pitches for the Warriors.

with three errors, but Angelo Sterni was a bright spot behind the plate, handling nine chances without an error and posting a 1.000 fielding percentage. James Gilbert, Ricky Akers, Jonny Cash, Cash Myrick, Cody Dixon, Trent Dozier and Anthony Trejo all handled their chances cleanly as well.

The second game was close but didn't go the Warriors' way. Union Mine senior Nate Gregson was simply unhittable, throwing all seven innings and

holding Galt to just one hit while striking out three and walking one. Gregson threw 76 pitches and held the Warriors scoreless from the first inning to the last, finishing with a 0.00 ERA on the day and earning the win.

Galt's lone hit in game two came in what was otherwise a frustrating afternoon at the plate. The Warriors were unable to generate any sustained offense against Gregson, stranding 10 runners – a season-high

for a seven-inning game – and going 0-for-their-best-chances when it mattered most.

On the mound for Galt in game two, the same four pitchers who worked game one were called upon again.

The Warriors kept Union Mine to just two runs and four hits across seven innings, but the offense simply could not answer. Union Mine scored one run in the fourth and one in the sixth to seal the 2-0 victory. ★

Hawks Make History, Deliver Bradshaw Christian's First League Loss in Years

Story and photos
by Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - It has been a long time coming. The Liberty Ranch Hawks baseball team walked onto the diamond against first-place Bradshaw Christian and did something few programs in the Sierra Valley Conference have been able to do in recent memory: They handed the Lions a league loss. The final score was 4-1, and the victory sent a message that echoed far beyond the box score.

Bradshaw Christian entered the game atop the league standings, a program that has been one of the most dominant forces in the SVC for years. The Lions had not suffered a league loss since the 2021-22 season, when it was crosstown rival Galt High that handed it to them. That was four years ago. Liberty Ranch, sitting second in league, came in with something to prove. Head coach Jason Adversalo made sure his team understood the moment, and the mindset required to seize it.

"I told the boys, never count ourselves out," Adversalo said. "Don't come in with a losing attitude, and look what happened."

The Hawks took that message to heart from the first inning, pushing across a run in the opening frame to grab an early lead they would never relinquish. Bradshaw answered with a run of its own in the fourth to tie it at one, but Liberty Ranch responded in the fifth with a three-run outburst that proved to be the knockout punch. The Lions could not find a way back, and the Hawks walked off their home field with one of the most significant wins in the program's recent history.

"These kids believed," Adversalo said. "When you play a team like Bradshaw, you have to believe you belong out there. I've been telling them all year: This group is capable of beating anyone on any given day. Today they proved it to themselves, and that's something nobody can ever take away from them."

The hero of the afternoon was



Sophomore David Sanchez takes on the Bradshaw batters.

sophomore pitcher David Sanchez, who turned in a masterful complete game performance that will not be forgotten anytime soon. Sanchez went all six innings, allowing just five hits and one earned run while striking out one and walking two. He threw 71 pitches, held Bradshaw to a .208 batting average against and posted a game ERA of 1.17: a performance that pushed his season ERA down to a remarkable 0.88, best on the staff and among the best marks in the league.

"David was unbelievable today," Adversalo said. "For a sophomore to go out there against Bradshaw Christian and throw a complete game like that, that takes guts, that takes preparation and that takes belief in yourself. I couldn't be prouder of the way he competed."

Sanchez's season numbers continue to impress. He leads the Liberty Ranch pitching staff with a 0.88 ERA, followed by senior Mason Gomes at 2.95 and senior Cole Erias at 3.32. The Hawks have built their success this season on pitching depth and defensive reliability, and Sanchez has been the anchor of that effort.

Liberty Ranch finished with four hits and four runs, a lean but efficient offensive

output against a quality Bradshaw pitching staff. Junior Nolan House went 1-for-2 with a run scored and an RBI, posting a .667 OBP on the day. Junior Alec Ortega went 1-for-2 with an RBI and was hit by a pitch, finishing with a .667 OBP as well. Senior Cole Erias went 1-for-2 and scored a run, while senior Derek Nelson added a hit and an RBI on 1-for-2 hitting. Sophomore David Sanchez reached base via a walk in addition to his work on the mound. Senior Eston Tucker scored a run without recording an official at-bat, and sophomore David Sanchez and senior Hunter Adversalo each worked walks to contribute to the Hawks' offensive effort.

Alec Ortega swiped a stolen base on the day, continuing a strong season on the basepaths. His five stolen bases this season rank second on the team behind senior Landon Peterson, who leads with six.

The win over Bradshaw was built on the foundation of a roster that has developed real depth and offensive firepower throughout the season. Ortega continues to lead the team across nearly every major offensive category, hitting .420 with a .506 OBP, 29 hits, 16 runs, 16 RBI, six doubles, one home run and five stolen bases. His



Junior Alec Ortega snatches a hit and throws toward first.



Senior Mario Rubalcava hits against Bradshaw Christian.

.551 slugging percentage ranks second on the team. Gomes is right behind him, batting .351 with 27 hits, 15 runs, 16 RBI, six doubles, two triples and five stolen bases. House leads the team with two home runs and holds a .564 slugging percentage while batting .308 with a .481 OBP.

Defensively, the Hawks have been solid all year. Mario Rubalcava leads the team with a .982 fielding percentage, followed by Ortega at .974 and Hunter Adversalo at .961.

The Hawks will close out their regular season with a two-game series against crosstown rival Galt High on April 28 and April 30 before turning their attention to the playoffs, where Liberty Ranch is positioned to enter as the second seed in the league. Bradshaw Christian, despite the loss, remains in first place.

"We're not done," Adversalo said. "This win proves what we're capable of, but the job isn't finished. We've got Galt coming up, and then we get into the playoffs. This team has fought all year, and I expect them to keep fighting. The best is still ahead of us."

For a program that has spent years building toward moments like this one, Friday's victory over Bradshaw Christian was more than just a win in the standings. It was a statement, and the Hawks delivered it with conviction. ★