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Victims' Families Fight for
Accountability, Change in Law



Photos of Connor Lopez along with his skateboard, motorcycle helmet and other personal items on a Star Wars sheet honors him as one of several victims represented at an April 23 rally at the State Capitol calling for an end to vehicular violence.

Story and photos
by Idaly Valencia

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Family and friends of 23-year-old Connor Lopez filled a courtroom April 17 for a second hearing in the misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter case tied to his death, an emotional proceeding that came nearly one year after the fatal crash.

Lopez was killed April 23, 2025, in a traffic collision his family said should have never happened.

According to police, he was riding his motorcycle along Sheldon Road in Elk Grove when an SUV turned left from the oncoming lane into the WinCo shopping center and struck him.

In the months since, his family has sought accountability while raising concerns that the driver, Harjit Kaur, could avoid any penalties, such as potentially having their driving record cleared.

A vehicular manslaughter charge was filed four months after the crash.

However, the family said they later learned the driver could be eligible for diversion under Assembly Bill 3234.

The law allows pretrial diversion programs for misdemeanor offenses, including certain traffic violations. Charges such as driving under the influence and vehicular manslaughter may be dismissed if a defendant completes program requirements.

During the April 17 hearing, members of the Lopez-Lyman family

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Firefighters
Fill Boots
to Heal Injuries

Annual Drive Aids
Burn Survivors



Cosumnes Fire Department Captain of Engine 71, left, and firefighter pictured with their boots in hand during the May 2 "Fill the Boot for Burns" charity event at the Laguna Boulevard and Bruceville Road intersection.

Story and photos
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ELK GROVE, CA (MPG)

Firefighters, interns and volunteers with the Cosumnes Fire Department returned May 2 to the intersection of Laguna Boulevard and Bruceville Road for their annual "Fill the Boot for Burns" charity event, collecting donations from drivers stopped at the light in support of burn victims.

About 50 to 75 participants staffed all four corners of the intersection, wearing firefighter jackets or yellow-striped volunteer gear with helmets. The event ran from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and, for the second year, also drew community members who displayed their classic cars as donations were collected.

The fire department, which serves the areas of Galt and Elk Grove, has helped raise nearly \$700,000 over its 21 years of participation in the boot drive, according to the Cosumnes Community Services District.

Funds support burn survivors and their families through the Firefighters Burn Institute. The regional drive is held by dozens of fire agencies across Northern and Central California, funding treatment and long-term recovery programs, including Firefighters Kids Camp and Little Heroes Family Burn Camp for young burn survivors.

Volunteer Ernie Rice attended the event to share information about the nonprofit's mission and resources.

He said the organization was founded more than 50 years ago after a 1972 tragedy in which a jet attempting to take off from Sacramento Executive Airport crashed into a crowded ice cream parlor, killing 22 people and leaving others with severe burns. The incident underscored the need for a local specialized burn unit.

Sacramento City Fire Capt. Cliff Haskell later

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'Mamacitas' Focus on Fitness, Connection



Pictured from left are six of the seven members of Mamacitas en Movimiento: Gauri Sanchez, Angelica Calderon, Rubi Gomez, Karina Meza, Rubi Esparza and Rosa Romero at Papas & Wings (803 C St.), where they will host their first fitness and social event beginning at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 16. Photo courtesy of Mamacitas en Movimiento

By Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - In Galt, a new community fitness group is aiming to bring women together through movement, motivation and self-care with a one-day event that may also include some mimosas and mocktails.

"Mamacitas en Movimiento" is a newly formed group focused on creating a welcoming space where

women can begin or continue their respective health journeys while building connections in the community. The group blends fitness with a social hour element through activities such as Pilates, Zumba and interaction in a supportive, high-energy environment.

The group's first event is scheduled for Saturday, May 16 at Papas & Wings (803 C St.), with check-in

beginning at 11:30 a.m. At noon, there will be a 30-minute Zumba session followed by a 30-minute Pilates class, with music provided by DJ Vertigo continuing through 3 p.m.

The effort is led by Angelica Calderon, Rubi Esparza, Rubi Gomez, Rosa Romero, Gauri Sanchez, Nayeli Chaidez and Karina Meza, a group of women with ties to

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Celebrate the Opening of Galt’s New Waterslide

City of Galt News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - Join the city as it celebrates the opening of its new 30-foot waterslide on Saturday, May 23 at the Gora Aquatic Center, 630 Chabolla Ave.

From noon to 1 p.m., there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony to kick off the celebration along with light refreshments and a special giveaway for the first 25 kids in attendance. Don’t miss City Council members taking the first ride down the slide!

Public swimming will not be available during the ribbon cutting. The grand opening for public swim



The city is inviting residents to celebrate the grand opening of its public swimming pool and new 30-foot waterslide on Saturday, May 23 at the Gora Aquatic Center, 630 Chabolla Ave. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

for the season begins from 2 to 7 p.m.

The waterslide officially opens to the public! Bring your towel and swimsuit and be among the first to enjoy this exciting new addition.

For details on entrance

fees, visit cityofgalt.org/GoraAquaticCenter.

This project was made possible by Measure Q, the City of Galt’s voter-approved one-cent sales tax supporting essential city services and Parks & Recreation. ★

'Mamacitas' Focus on Fitness, Connection

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Galt, Lodi, Stockton and surrounding communities.

Organizers said the idea for Mamacitas en Movimiento grew out of the friendship they all formed together attending a gym in Lodi, where they first connected through shared fitness goals.

“It was the community that made me stick around,” Romero said.

Although only a few still attend that gym, the group continues to meet regularly, even renting a space on weekends to stay connected and work out together. They said the consistency and support of working out as a group helped them stay committed to their health journeys while building a strong sense of community among each other, something they now hope to extend to others.

“It’s just been non-stop since then,” Gomez said. “And I would say I have never had a core group of friends like this as an adult until these ladies.”

That shared experience now shapes the group’s mission. Organizers described sharing a “mujeres chingonas” (fearless woman) mentality and said they aim to create a space where women can prioritize time for themselves.

They added that Galt had lacked similar community-driven fitness opportunities, which inspired them to bring the concept closer to home.

The event will combine fitness with a social atmosphere, including vendors and time for attendees to mingle. It is open to all, not just women, and welcomes participants of all ages and fitness levels.

“This isn’t just for people who already work out,” said Esparza, a long-time Galt resident and Zumba instructor. “It’s for anyone who wants to try something new, take time for themselves or meet others.”

For those interested, tickets are \$40 each and can be purchased at bit.ly/4tdbtwH (case sensitive). A ticket purchase includes access to the Zumba session and Pilates class, along with entry to shop from multiple vendors, one mimosa or mocktail and a resistance band. Participants are encouraged to bring their own water bottles and yoga mats.

More information and updates can be found by following @mamacitas_en_movimiento on Instagram. ★

Firefighters Fill Boots to Heal Injuries



A Cosumnes firefighter extends his boot for a donation from a passing driver on Bruceville Road in Elk Grove on May 2.

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established the institute, which partnered with UC Davis Medical Center to open a regional burn center in 1974. Since then, the organization has expanded to include burn research, fire and burn prevention and recovery support for survivors and their families.

Rice said the fundraiser allows residents to show support while giving firefighters a chance to connect with the community outside of emergency situations.

“In my opinion, they get to see and get involved in the worst of the world. They’re there while the destruction is being done and people are being injured...” he said. “And helping this organization helps with the front end, rehabilitation and after care at that end of it, and it's their way of giving back.”

He added that 94 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to programs, supported by the volunteers who have helped hundreds of families over the years. Rice, a family member of a burn survivor, said the drive has made a meaningful difference in sustaining its programs.

Cosumnes Firefighter Manuel Carter, who helps organize the local effort with

firefighter-paramedic Eric Jackson, said that community support extended beyond the donations at the intersection.

Several local businesses, including Dos Coyotes Border Cafe, Chevys, Jacks Urban Eats, Crumbl Cookie, Beach Hut Deli, Peace Coffee, Costco, Nugget and Safeway, contributed food or gift cards for volunteers. Others, including Sacramento-area attorney Ann Phoong and California Truck Specialties of Rocklin, pledged to match donations.

“At the time, no one here is on the clock. We’re all off the clock on our free day, on our free time,” Carter said.

The largest total raised in a single year has been \$46,000, Carter said, adding that this year’s goal was to top that with \$50,000. He said expanding the event to include car clubs has helped create a stronger community atmosphere, with plans to add food trucks and other activities in the future.

Carter, a member of Dropz Car Club, said this marked the second year car clubs were invited to participate. Vehicles lined Laguna Boulevard in front of Walgreens, with groups including Elk Grove Cars and Coffee and Dropz Car Club taking part. ★

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Victims' Families Fight for Accountability, Change in Law



Allison Lyman, center, poses with families present at the April 23 rally along with state lawmakers State Sen. Roger Niello and Assemblymember Tom Lackey.

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urged the judge to consider jail time for the driver, arguing that they drove recklessly and broke the law, leading to Lopez’s death.

A witness also took the stand, recounting what she saw as the first person to reach Lopez at the crash scene. The proceeding also gave loved ones an opportunity to remember him, including a slideshow of photos set to audio of Lopez playing Beethoven’s “Moonlight Sonata” on the piano.

After hearing testimonials, the judge scheduled the next court date for May 15 and took no further action.

As the case continues, Lopez’s mother, Allison Lyman of Galt, has remained active in advocating against vehicular violence as the family continues to seek justice.

Much of that effort has focused on

educating the public about diversion laws and pushing for legislative changes that would exclude vehicular manslaughter cases from eligibility.

Lyman joined other families who have lost loved ones to negligent driving at an April 23 rally at the west steps of the State Capitol, where participants came from across California and out of state.

The gathering featured traffic cones displaying photos of loved ones killed in crashes involving speeding, distracted driving, reckless driving and driving under the influence.

Families shared testimonies about their grief and frustration with what they described as limited accountability from offenders in similar cases.

State Sen. Roger Niello (R-Fair Oaks) and Assemblymember Tom Lackey (R-Palmdale) attended the rally and voiced support for the effort, including backing

Senate Bill 1198, which would strengthen penalties for reckless driving offenses in California.

Niello said during the rally that Lyman had connected with his office with concerns about the diversion program and stressed that anyone who takes a life behind the wheel should have that history permanently reflected on their driving record.

“Driving is not a right; it is a privilege, and it comes with responsibility,” Niello said. “Now, there’s nothing we can say or do to change what did happen, but we can work to change the future.”

Niello said SB 1198, if approved, would ensure that drivers convicted of vehicular manslaughter would have that record reflected by the Department of Motor Vehicles, which he said is not currently the case.

“We can build a system that treats



State Sen. Roger Niello speaks at an April 23 State Capitol rally against vehicular violence organized by Connor Lopez’s family, voicing support for Senate Bill 1198, which would strengthen penalties for reckless driving offenses in California.

these tragedies with the gravity that they deserve,” Niello said. “A system that ensures accountability, a system that puts victims and families of victims first.”

Also speaking at the rally was Amelia Snyder, mother of 17-year-old Julian Snyder, who died Nov. 16, 2024, after being struck by a speeding driver in Roseville.

“Death due to vehicular manslaughter should be far more greater than a misdemeanor, class, work project, probation or possible diversion,” Snyder said. “We shouldn’t have to hope for accountability or hope for justice. The laws should be in place protecting victims.”

Lyman also reflected on her son during the rally, noting that it marked exactly one year since his death.

She described Lopez as “extraordinary” and said he brought light to their family, adding that he was born on the day of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, which she said made his birth especially meaningful on a day marked by tragedy.

Lyman acknowledged that passing the law would not bring back their loved ones but said it could help prevent future deaths by ensuring accountability for those who cause them through negligence.

“When you take a life due to negligence, that should never be a misdemeanor,” she said. “When you are charged with vehicular manslaughter, you should be in court.”

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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@city-ofgalt.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. ★

MEETING MINDERS

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. ★



MEMORIAL

MITCHELL WAYNE OTTO • 01/13/1958 - 04/17/2026

Mitchell Wayne Otto, age 68, passed away peacefully April 17, 2026 surrounded by family at Lodi Memorial Hospital. Mitch was born January 13, 1958 in Lodi California to Helmuth and Pearl Otto of Galt, California. He had one sibling, Deanna Lee.

Growing up Mitch was a competitive swimmer, loved baseball, fishing with his Dad, and many camping trips to Big Sur, California. After graduating from high school he enlisted into the United States Navy from 1977-1983. While stationed at Gulfport, Mississippi he completed several courses of training for Naval Construction, Pumps and Compressors 11, Plumbing/Pipe fitting. After which he to Diego Garcia with US Naval Construction Battalion 5. During his time there he was awarded Sea Service Ribbon/Bronze Star, Sharp Shooter Expert, Marksman M-16 Rifle, and Navy Expeditionary Medal. He was very proud to have served his Country. Later he worked at Thornton Cannery, Pacific Coast Producers, and Gangi Brothers Cannery in Riverbank Ca. Until a near fatal accident in which he suffered several injuries, and Traumatic Brain Injury in which his short term memory was compromised. Mitch worked



hard to overcome his injuries and be present with his family he never gave up. Mitch loved rock -n- roll, Eddie Money, Tom Petty and many more. He loved watching sports, San Francisco Giants, Sacramento Kings and Golden State Warriors, woodworking, enjoying old Western shows.

Mitch was the king of dad jokes and making people laugh, especially his grandchildren. He loved playing with his grandchildren, taking them fishing and camping, especially Ghost Mountain Ranch RV park in Pollock Pines, Ca.

He was proceeded in death my his father

Helmuth Otto, his mother Pearl Otto. Sister Deanna Lee and his grandson Jonah Loya. He is survived by his wife Vonice (Vo) of 27 yrs., her daughter Jessica, his beloved Chihuahua, Cheekies, His son Brady Otto (Katie) of Herald, Ca, his daughter Heather Johnston (Sam) of Tennessee and his 20 grandchildren, Samuel, Gabe, Darius Loya, Caleb, Paige, Colby Otto, Brody, Jett, Levi, and Violet Johnston.

A celebration of Mitch's life will be held on May 31st at 1:00pm at The Moose Lodge 3824 E Woodbridge Road, Acampo.

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of April 28 to May 4, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 14 arrests.

April 28
7:10 a.m., Burglary reported, Caroline Avenue.
8:54 a.m., Arson reported, Emerald Vista Park on Emerald Vista Drive: Restroom floor damaged from fire.
12:23 p.m., Theft reported, Galt Market on Meladee Lane: Backpack, cell phones, cash and merchandise stolen.
4:21 p.m., Burglary reported, C Street.
7:01 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, McFarland Street.
7:20 p.m., Stolen Vehicle reported, Lyonia Drive.

April 29
10:21 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, More For Less on North Lincoln Way.
3:55 p.m., Identity Theft reported, Griffey Way.
6:21 p.m., Vehicle Accident-Injury, 4th Street/C Street.

April 30
9:12 a.m., Theft reported, O'Hara Realty on South Lincoln Way: Copper pipe stolen.
Disposition: Case Report Issued.
2:39 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Galt Police Department on Industrial Drive.
6:45 p.m., Hit and Run/Non-Injury, North Lincoln Way/Elm Avenue.

May 1
6:08 a.m., Theft reported, E Street: Bicycle stolen.

5:48 p.m., Hit and Run Non-Injury reported, Aroma Bakery on South Lincoln Way.

May 2
2:30 a.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Highway 99 Southbound/Liberty Road.
3:35 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Gilly's Car Wash & Dog Wash, East Stockton Boulevard.
7:35 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Lower Sacramento Road/Liberty Road.
11 a.m., Arson reported, Pestana Drive: Neighbor allegedly lighting fires in the backyard.
7:50 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Las Islitas Mariscos, C Street.
10:18 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Highway 99 Southbound/Liberty Road.

May 3
2:47 a.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, C Street/Market Street.
9:56 a.m., Theft reported, Winn Drive/ Emerald Vista Drive: Bags were taken off a trailer.
7:32 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, West Stockton Boulevard/Twin Cities Road.
11:18 p.m., Burglary reported, Jumping Frog Games, Twin Cities Road.

May 4
9:28 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, South Lincoln Way/E Street.
9:56 a.m., Fraud reported, Popcorn Street: Unknown subject accessed credit card. Reporting party declined report.
1:25 p.m., Weapon-Possession/Adult Arrest, Kost Road/South Lincoln Way.
4:43 p.m., Fraud reported, Galt Mobile Estates on North Lincoln Way.
10:32 p.m., Burglary reported, Tobacco Man on C Street. ★

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

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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SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Department of Voter Registration and Elections is preparing for the June 2, 2026, Primary Election. For more information, visit: elections.saccounty.gov/#gsc.tab=0.

For those interested in learning more about how the complex processes of elections work, tours and opportunities to observe are offered by the Voter Registration and Elections office.

Tours are available Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Q&A Session are offered those same days at 4 p.m. No appointment is required for the Q&A.

Schedule your tour at: <https://app.acuity-scheduling.com/schedule/3ed1683e/>

Observation is an important part of

elections. The VRE invites Sacramento County residents to observe these processes anytime they are running. You do not need to schedule an appointment for observation.

Those interested are encouraged to review the Election Observer Guidelines Handbook to learn what processes might be of interest to you and to learn of your rights and responsibilities as an election observer.

The handbook is available at: elections.saccounty.gov/content/dam/vre/documents/ELECTION%20OBSERVER%20GUIDELINES%20HANDBOOK.pdf

For more information, contact the Voter Registration and Elections (VRE) office at 916-875-6451, email voterinfo@saccounty.gov or use the toll-free voter assistance hotline at 800-762-8019. The hotline has the ability to connect voters with disabilities with TTY (Text Telephone). ★

Ballot Drop Box and Vote Center Locations Posted

Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections Office News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Voter Registration and Elections (VRE) has posted the list of Ballot Drop Box and Vote Center locations for the June 2, 2026, Primary Election on the VRE website at elections.saccounty.gov.

Vote by Mail ballots will be mailed to voters beginning May 4. Ballot Drop Boxes will begin opening Monday, May 4, and Vote Centers will begin opening Saturday, May 23. A complete list of Ballot Drop Box and Vote Center locations and days and hours of operation can be found at: <https://elections.saccounty.gov/votecenters/pages/locations.aspx>

Voter registration for the June 2, 2026

Primary Election will close on Monday, May 18. Voter registration forms must be postmarked by this date or delivered to the VRE Office at 7000 65th St., Suite A, Sacramento 95823 by 5:00 p.m.

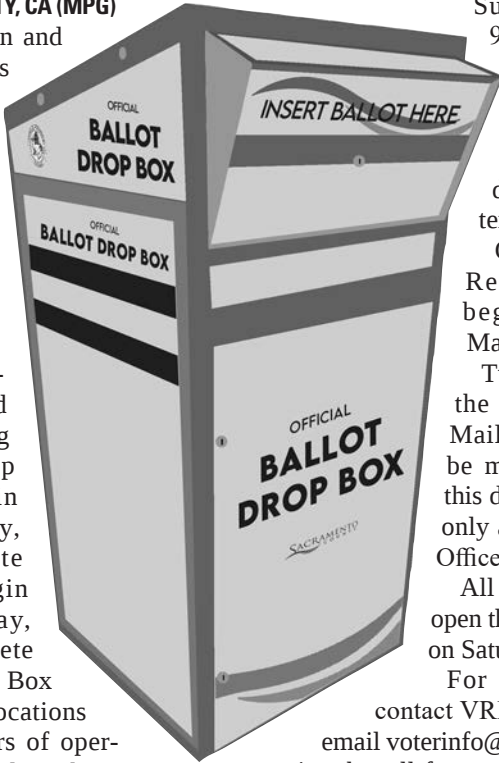
Online voter registration must be completed before midnight on this date at <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>.

Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) begins on Tuesday, May 19.

Tuesday, May 26 is the last day a Vote by Mail (VBM) ballot can be mailed to you. After this date, VBM ballots are only available at the VRE Office or a Vote Center.

All Vote Centers will be open throughout the County on Saturday, May 30.

For more information, contact VRE at (916) 875-6451, email voterinfo@saccounty.gov, or by using the toll-free voter assistance hotline at (800) 762-8019. The hotline has the ability to connect voters with disabilities with TTY (Text Telephone). ★



Accessing My Voter Portal (MVP)



Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections Office News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - My Voter Portal (MVP) is a dynamic online tool that allows voters to access their voter registration history, view ballot status and voting participation history. MVP also allows voters to view their County Voter Information Guide, access accessible election materials, find Vote Center and Official Ballot Drop Box locations nearby, and much more during an election! Voters can access the MVP site on any device that is able to connect to the internet.

Check it out at: <https://myvoterportal.saccounty.gov/LookupVoter>.

If you have questions or need help, contact VRE at (916) 875-6451, email voterinfo@saccounty.gov, or use the toll-free voter assistance hotline at (800) 762-8019. The hotline has the ability to connect voters with disabilities with TTY (Text Telephone). ★





VOTE EARLY!

AVOID LINES

June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election

Vote Early and Vote by Mail

All voters will be mailed a ballot

• Ballots will begin to arrive the week of May 4

You can return your ballot

• By Mail

• At an Official Ballot Drop Box

• At a Vote Center (starting May 23)

You can find a full list of Official Ballot Drop Box and Vote Center locations in your County Voter Information Guide or online at www.elections.saccounty.gov



Vote Early! Vote by Mail.

My Voter Portal (MVP)

• Check your registration status

• View your political party preference

• Update your language preference if other than English

• Track your Vote by Mail status

• Access your Remote Accessible Vote by Mail Ballot

• Locate Official Ballot Drop Boxes or Vote Centers near you

• View your voting history

Scan the QR code or visit myvoterportal.saccounty.gov



Visit www.elections.saccounty.gov or call toll-free (800) 762-8019

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Kings Look to Draft Lottery

If you’re watching the NBA playoffs count yourself a true basketball fan, because the Sacramento Kings fans don’t have a dog in the fight. That’s true today, but it doesn’t have to be that way.

Just 4 short years ago this city got a taste of what playoff basketball is all about, and I was amazed at the energy it brought to the capital city. I was at both games hosted by the Kings, and I’ve never experienced the energy that was present in Golden One Arena when the Golden State Warriors came to town.

The Kings came up a little short ultimately, but it marked a moment in time that said, we’ve arrived!

Sadly, leadership let us down, and what was the most potent offense in the NBA that season, morphed into something else with coaches preaching that the Kings needed to play better defense.

Today’s team has a bevy of talent already present, but opportunity was stolen from them when injuries not only occurred but became an epidemic this past season.

So do we give ownership and coaching staff a pass since our best players sat out most of the season? Maybe not a pass, but as knowledgeable fans at least an understanding of what happened.

Time to turn our attention to present day, and what the upcoming season may have in store.

First order of business. Take stock in what you have and don’t give it away.

First and foremost, wait on any trades to find out where in the June 23 draft the Sacramento Kings will be drafting.

Don’t get the cart before the horse, and by all means don’t listen to any offers that would raid this team of valuable talent. That already happened once with the departure of DeAaron Fox, and all Kings fans hope it will never happen again.

So, all eyes turn to May 10 when the ping pong balls will determine the order of the draft, and on that fateful night anything can happen.

Last season it was the Dallas Mavericks that defied the odds and secured the #1 draft choice. All they did was pick Cooper Flagg, who went on to start his NBA career by

being last season’s rookie of the year.

Such are the possibilities that the draft can bring, and will it bring fortune for the Sacramento Kings on May 10th?

Well, we are about to see.

I recently watched a documentary called The Logo, which told the life story of the unconquerable Jerry West. Everyone already knew of his prowess as a basketball player, but perhaps not everyone knew that he was equally as talented evaluating talent.

The documentary told how West built the Los Angeles Lakers into a dynasty and then took his talents to Memphis where he helped build the Grizzlies into a perennial playoff team. Just when one would have thought Jerry West’s career was winding down, he brought his audacious talent to San Francisco where he helped the franchise build a dynasty around the likes of Steph Curry, Klay Thompson, and Draymond Green.

The ability to judge talent. Often working behind the scenes but men like Jerry West are the real stars of the show, and the Sacramento Kings are in need of such a man right now.

Is that the man sitting in the general managers seat by the name of Scott Perry? We are about to see, and what an opportunity to put your mark on a franchise thirsty for a new direction.

The Memphis Grizzlies haven’t yet won a franchise, but they’re a perennial playoff team, and what would the Sacramento fan base give to say that.

Yes, I’m preaching hope, but it has more than a realistic possibility of occurring, and it’s time to rally around this franchise with renewed vigor.

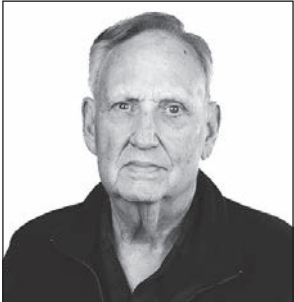
I was present at a lot of basketball games last season that I didn’t enjoy, but I’m happy to say it wasn’t because of lack of effort. Our Sactown boys played hard, to the point they were actually receiving criticism for playing too hard down the stretch.

Never let it be said we play too hard.

Put on your lucky sock’s Kings fans or buy a rabbit’s foot, because May 10 is right around the corner!

All the best! ★

How the Supreme Court’s Voting Rights Act Ruling Could Affect California’s Gerrymandered Districts



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When California’s independent redistricting commissions drew new maps of the state’s congressional and legislative districts after the 2010 and 2020 censuses, their members were emphatically told by legal advisors that the federal Voting Rights Act required them to maximize opportunities for ethnic communities to elect officeholders.

The commissions went to great lengths to fold that mandate into the geographic boundaries of the districts, even if it required them to ignore city and county lines.

The effect was to enhance the ranks of Black, Latino and Asian representatives in Congress and the state Capitol. It also helped Democrats achieve overwhelming majorities in the Legislature and the state’s congressional delegation, thus leaving Republicans with only token representation.

The commission’s redistricting plans were, in effect, gerrymanders, if one defines that term as meaning to seek predetermined outcomes — even though the commission was created, via two ballot measures in 2008 and 2010, in response to gerrymanders the Legislature had decreed in prior decades.

Last year, Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature asked voters to set aside the commission’s

overwhelmingly pro-Democrat congressional districts and adopt even more lopsided maps, to give Democrats five more seats. It was a response to efforts, backed by President Donald Trump, to gerrymander more Republican districts in Texas and other red states.

Voters agreed by passing Proposition 50. This year’s election will test whether the gerrymander has been successful and whether it has enough impact to restore Democratic control of the House of Representatives.

While setting aside the redistricting commission’s maps, Prop. 50 promised that the maps would be effective not only this year, but for the 2028 and 2030 election cycles, after which the commission process would be restored using data from the 2030 census.

It’s difficult to believe that when the time comes Democrats would truly allow the commission to once again draw the maps. The party’s leaders never liked the commission process in the first place, and returning to it could force them to give up some of the seats they are capturing this year.

Additionally, California’s congressional delegation, now 52 members, is likely to shrink by four or five seats due to the state’s lack of population growth, meaning even fewer positions to distribute.

On Wednesday, the U.S. Supreme Court gave California’s Democratic Party leadership another reason to eliminate the redistricting commission by weakening the Voting Rights Act’s effect on drawing districts to maximize representation by non-white ethnic groups.

By a 6-3 vote, the court overturned congressional

maps in Louisiana that had, by lower court order, been redrawn to create one more district for the state’s Black residents. The split decision declared that a “racial gerrymander” violates the U.S. Constitution’s equal rights language.

The revised congressional districts that California created via ballot measure last year will not be immediately affected by Wednesday’s ruling, but it could impact states that had been weighing making changes but had not yet done so.

Furthermore, it could affect California’s new maps going forward. When they were placed on the ballot, Democratic leaders boasted that they were fully in compliance with the Voting Rights Act’s provisions that now have been reinterpreted. Republicans could contend via lawsuit that the maps are unconstitutional under the court’s new standard.

The Supreme Court’s ruling would also affect how California’s redistricting commission approaches its task after the 2030 census by eliminating, or at least weakening, the mandate that guided its actions in the past.

Democratic leaders could minimize the court’s decree by persuading voters to eliminate the commission, thus returning redistricting to a Legislature they overwhelmingly control — something they probably would prefer anyway.

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. ★

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 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.

Asian Pacific Spring Festival – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Historic Locke. Join the Locke Foundation for this festival including lion dances, martial arts, taiko drumming, music, arts and crafts, and food. Admission and parking are free. 13916 Main St., Walnut Grove.

Kids’ Corner Event: Flower Pounded Bookmarks & Cards – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lodi Art Center. Get creative with this free, hands-on class for kids introducing Flower Pounding, also known as Tataki Zome, a traditional Japanese dyeing technique. Each child will make and go home with a bookmark and card. 110 W. Pine St., Lodi.

Monster Truck Madness – two shows, 2 p.m. at 7 p.m. at the San Joaquin Fairgrounds. Gates open for a free pit party two hours before each show. Meet drivers, get autographs and photo-ops up close with the trucks. Tickets available at stocktondirttrack.com or at the gate. 1658 Airport Way, Stockton.

Thursday, May 14 through Monday, May 18 The (Vietnam) Moving Wall

– opens at 3 p.m. Thursday and remains open 24 hours a day until 3 p.m. Monday at Weber Point Events Center. There will be an opening ceremony on Thursday, a special ceremony on Saturday and a closing ceremony on Monday. The names of all 58,000+ names on the wall will be read from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day. This free event is open to the public. 221 N. Center St., Stockton.

Friday, May 15 through Sunday, May 17 Golden State Pinball Festival

– Lodi

Grape Festival Grounds. Opens at 1 p.m. Friday, continuing through 5 p.m. Sunday. Find tournament action at all levels, swap meet and silent auction, music and more. Full schedule and ticket information at goldenstatepinball.org. 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

Friday, May 15 Fund N Food Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

– 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Lodi Moose Lodge #634. Dip into a classic spaghetti dinner, relax with live entertainment, and connect with friends and neighbors, all while helping to fund opportunities for the Valley Robotics Team and STEM education. Call 209-368-4884 for tickets and more information. 3824 E. Woodbridge Road, Woodbridge.

Saturday, May 16 29th Annual Tour Delle Vigne

– parking and registration open at 6:30 a.m. at Michael David Winery’s Bare Ranch Estate. This cycling event through the beautiful Lodi Wine Appellation is a fundraiser for the Lodi Sunrise Rotary Club and its community service projects. Choose from a 30k, 60k or 100k ride, all returning to Bare Ranch Estate by 4 p.m. Registration and more information at tourdellevigne.com. 19877 N. Davis Road, Lodi.

Homebrew Beer Festival – 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at The Catalyst. Golden State Brew Club is back to celebrate the joy of homebrewing. Your ticket buys unlimited tastings of a wide variety of beers brewed by club members. There will be special beers available as part of “Ales for ALS” raising money for ALS research. Tickets available on Eventbrite.com. 926 N. Yosemite St., Stockton.

Sunday, May 17 Guided Walk at the Cosumnes River Preserve

– 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Discover the stories and secrets of this beautiful river while enjoying the serene surroundings of the preserve. This free, in-person event is perfect for nature lovers, history buffs and anyone looking for a fun outdoor adventure. 13501 Franklin Blvd.

Monday, May 18 Elk Grove Community Concert Band Summer Concert

– 7 p.m. in the Joseph Kerr Middle School Multi-Purpose Room.

Christopher J. Tootle leads the band, which includes professional, semi-professional and amateur adult musicians, and talented Elk Grove Unified School District school musicians. The concert is free; donations are encouraged. Learn more at elkgrovecommunityband.org. 8865 Elk Grove Blvd.

Monday, May 25 Wilton Memorial Day Ceremony

– 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Wilton Post Office parking lot. The Wilton Veterans’ Group and the Wilton History Group are organizing this ceremony to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and we invite our neighbors in Wilton and surrounding communities to join us. The ceremony will feature a special military vehicle display, a “Fallen Hero Table” and a ringing of the bell for local veterans. Following the event, the Wilton Fire Protection District will host a hot dog fundraiser. All are welcome. 11090 Jeff Brian Lane, Wilton.

Veterans Meetings American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units

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

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

Post 233 Family Breakfast – first Saturday each month at 9 a.m., Mimi’s Café, corner of Laguna Boulevard and West Stockton Boulevard (just off Highway 99) in Elk Grove. For more information, call Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H.

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

Marine Corps League Detachment #1238 – first Thursday each month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove.

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS	FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01824 Stephanie Lewis and Tim Lewis, 15261 Twin Cities Road, Herald, CA 95638 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Running T" 200 Crystal Way, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 5, 2026 Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026 THE 5-15-26	1200 E Orangeburg Avenue Suite 103, Modesto, CA 95350 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) GH/LGenerations Home Loans" 1200 E Orangeburg Avenue Suite 103, Modesto, CA 95350. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 17, 2026 Publish: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026 GHL 5-22-26
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02957 Tahzay Wakiza Huerta, 9465 Rogers Road, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Huerta's Beef Tallow" 9465 Rogers Road, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 14, 2026 Publish: April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2026 HUERTAS 5-15-26	FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03119 Generations Home Loans, LLC,	NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PATRICIA A VIENNA CASE NO. 26PR001080 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Pat Vienna, Patrical 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 delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with

an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Marcy Goodman, 1665 Park Village Drive, Beaumont, CA 92223 and Michelle Nelsen, 7313 Bermuda Court, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683; 916-296-9434

Publish: May 1, 8, 15, 2026

VIENNA 5-15-26



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**ON THE RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY
COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1
(ELK GROVE FIRE PROTECTION)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to California Government Code Section 53322, the Board will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20th, 2026, at the meeting place of the Board, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove, California, to consider:

A. A summary of the text of Resolution 2026-04 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DECLARING INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF

THE SPECIAL TAX THEREIN is as follows:

The Board has conducted proceedings to establish Community Facilities District No. 1 (Elk Grove Fire Protection) (the "CFD") pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as amended (the "Act"), Chapter 2.5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5, commencing at Section 53311, of the California Government Code and The Board hereby finds and determines that public convenience and necessity require that territory be added to the CFD. The name of the existing CFD is "Cosumnes Community Services District Community Facilities District No. 1 (Elk Grove Fire Protection)." The territory included in the existing CFD is set forth in the map of the CFD recorded in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Sacramento in Book 116 at Page 1580 of Maps of Assessment and Community Facilities Districts, to which map reference is hereby made. The territory now proposed to be annexed to the CFD is as shown on Annexation Map No. 60 to the CFD, on file with the Clerk of the Board ("Board Clerk"). The services and facilities to be financed by the CFD (the "Services and Facilities") and pursuant to the Act are described in Exhibit A of Resolution No. 2012-25 of the District, adopted on June 6, 2012 (the "Resolution of Formation") which is incorporated herein by reference. The Resolution, Description of Facilities, Rate, and Method of Apportionment of Special Tax, and the proposed boundaries of the Community Facilities District No. 1 Annexation No. 60 are on file with Nou Vang, Cosumnes Community Services District, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, California, and are available for review there during business hours by any interested persons.

On Wednesday, May 20th, 2026, at the meeting place of the Board, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, California, this Board, as the legislative body for the CFD, will conduct a public hearing on the annexation of the territory to the CFD and consider and finally determine whether the public interest, convenience, and necessity require the annexation of the Property to the CFD and the levy of the Special Tax thereon.

At the public hearing, the testimony of all interested persons or taxpayers for or against the proposed annexation will be heard. If owners of one-half or more of the area of land in the existing CFD and not exempt from the Special Tax, or if the owners of one-half or more of the area of land in the territory proposed to be annexed and not exempt from the Special Tax, file written protests against the proposed annexation, and protests are not withdrawn so as to reduce the protests to less than a majority, no further proceedings to annex the same territory shall be undertaken for a period of one year from the date of the decision of the District Board on the issues discussed at the hearing.

The Galt Herald 5-8-2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL, PURSUANT TO A CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT GUIDELINES SECTION 15183 FINDING REGARDING THE CERTIFIED CITY OF GALT GENERAL PLAN 2030 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, OF A TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP, A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR FIVE RESTAURANTS, FAST FOOD, WITH DRIVE-THROUGH, A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THREE FREESTANDING SIGNS FREEWAY-ORIENTED, A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR ONE CONVENIENCE MARKET, A MINOR USE PERMIT FOR ONE CAR WASH, A MASTER SITE PLAN, A MASTER SIGN PLAN AND DESIGN GUIDELINES IN THE HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT

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

PROJECT TITLE: Galt Ranch Commercial Development

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project site is located along North Bound State Route Highway 99, bound by Simmerhorn Road to the north, A Street to the south, and the future Crystal Way extension to the east (APNs 150-0133-003, 150-0361-002, 150-0082-023, and -018). The future north/south segment of Crystal Way between Simmerhorn Road and Boessow and the Elliott Ranch Subdivision are to the east of the Project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Galt Ranch is 22 parcel commercial development consisting of multiple uses totaling 189,070 square feet situated on 45 ± acres. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on February 12, 2026, to consider the Project application. The Planning Commission approved the application by a 5-0 vote. No More Gas in Galt (NMGG) c/o Edwards Yates has appealed the Planning Commission decision.

OWNER/APPLICANT: Jas Bains - Galt Ranch, LLC.
5098 Foothills Blvd #3-388
Roseville, CA 95747

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING:

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, May 19, 2026; 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard, in person at the Galt City Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive, Galt CA 95632.

The City of Galt encourages interested parties to attend public meetings and comment on the issues being discussed. If you wish to provide public comment and are unable to attend the meeting, written comments can be submitted to pubcom@cityofgalt.org by 4:00 pm on the day of the meeting. Comments will be distributed to City Council, made part of the official minutes, and posted on the City's website prior to the meeting. Email/written comments will not be read out loud during the meeting.

If you have further questions about the proposed project, please contact Kristyn Bitz at kbitz@cityofgalt.org or call 209-366-7230.

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, and in written correspondence delivered to the city at, or prior to, this public hearing.

Dated: April 30, 2026

Is\ Kristyn Bitz
Kristyn Bitz, Principal Planner

Is\ Tina Hubert
Tina Hubert, City Clerk

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INVITATION FOR BIDS – FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES

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

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

Galt.k12.ca.us/Departments/Food-and-Nutrition-Service or **Food-nutrition@galt.k12.ca.us**

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**.

The **Galt Joint Union Elementary School District** reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in the bidding process.

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District
Food & Nutrition Services Department

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given by Galt Joint Union Elementary School District ("District") that it will receive up to, but no later than the Due Date and Time stated below, sealed Bids for the Site Work to install two portable classrooms at River Oaks Elementary School.

Project Description

The project is under the Division of the State Architect (DSA) purview and consists of:

- Site improvements to the existing path of travel and accessible parking
- Minor accessibility improvements to three (3) restrooms within Building E (a boy's, a girl's and staff restrooms) as illustrated in the contract documents
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Bid Due Date and Time

3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at Galt Joint Union Elementary School District, Galt, CA 95632

Bid Documents Available

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

District Contact

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Business Department
1018 C St., Suite 210, Galt, CA 95632
Contact: Alicia Valdovinos, email (avaldivinos@galt.k12.ca.us) or (209) 744-4545 ext. 345

Submittal of Bid

All Bids shall be submitted on forms furnished by the District. Bids must conform with, and be responsive to, the Bid requirements, which may be obtained from the District as set forth above. Only Bids submitted to the District prior to the date and time set forth above shall be considered.

Pre-Qualification of Contractors

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The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding.

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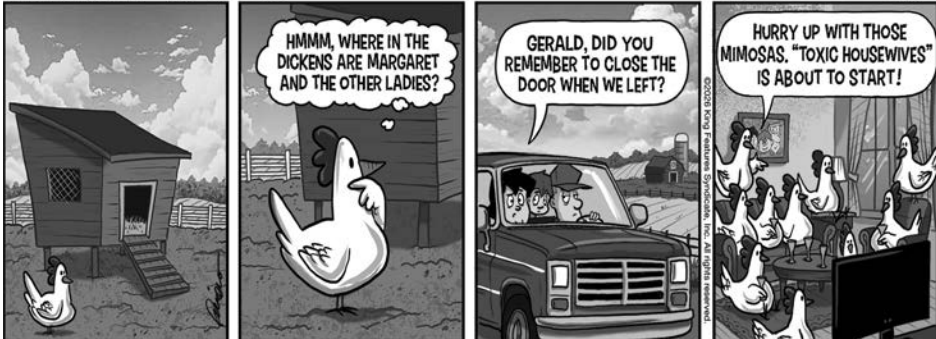
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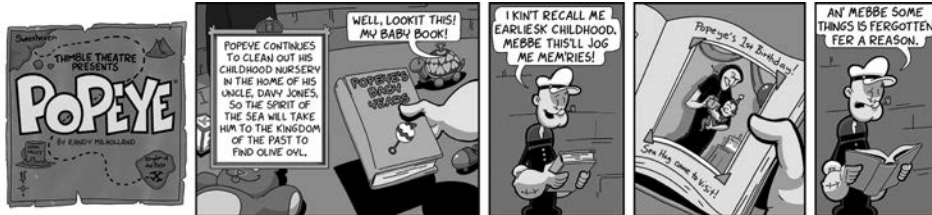


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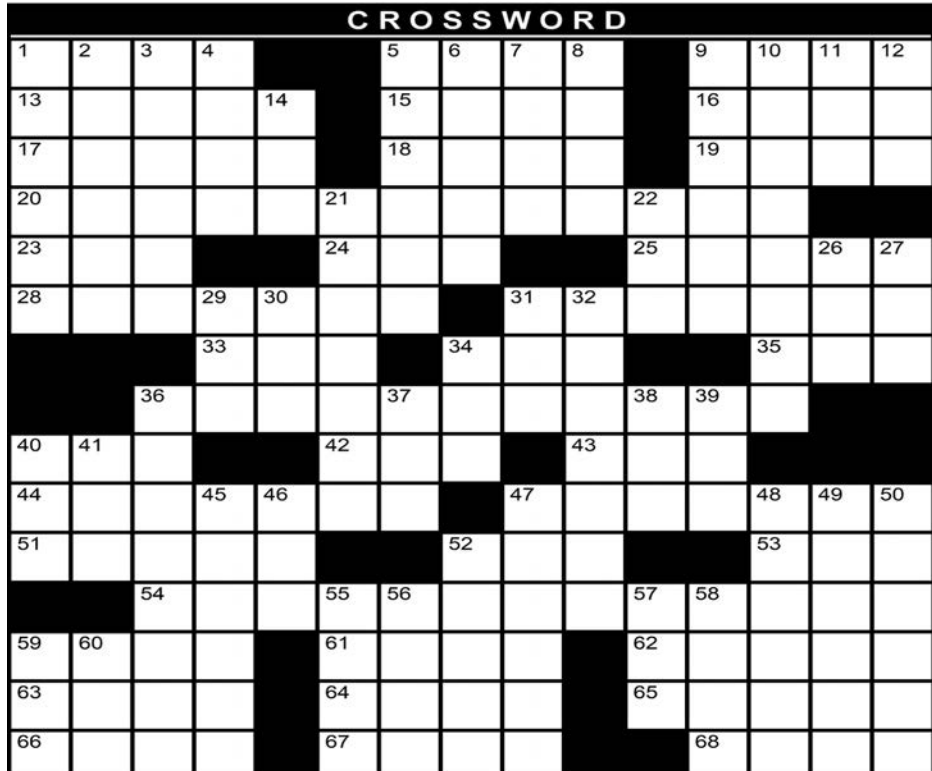
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Coca-Cola was born on May 8, 1886, at Jacobs’ Pharmacy in Atlanta Georgia, when Dr. John Stith Pemberton sold the first glass of this fizzy drink. He initially concocted Coke as a medicinal elixir, but it quickly evolved into a non-narcotic version of the soda that captured the hearts of the baby-boomer generation and beyond.

It is truly remarkable to think about how this drink grew from a local pharmacy



HERALD HAPPENINGS
with Beth Siegalkoff

to a global phenomenon. In its earliest years, Coca-Cola’s bottling process was crucial to its widespread popularity. A businessman in Vicksburg, Mississippi, Joseph Biedenharn, perfected the process between 1892 and 1894. The introduction of the classic Coca-Cola glass bottle in 1915 further cemented its status in popular culture. However, the 1971 “I’d Like to Teach the World to Sing” television advertisement truly embedded Coca-Cola into American popular culture. With its harmonious blend of music and advertising, this catchy jingle became a symbol of peace and unity during the Flower Power era. Its message continues to resonate with Coca-Cola fans today!

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It is a two-for-one day. Creamy, dreamy and bursting with tropical flavor, this delicious pie is the perfect dessert to transport you to a sun-soaked beach vacation. It’s a special blend of unique tropical coconut flavor combined with smooth, creamy goodness. The Coconut Cream Pie has a rich and tasty history. And for those who consider pie to be one of the most important food groups, this day falls in line and offers up yet another perfect reason to celebrate. Join in on the delicious fun by paying honor to this elegant dessert on National Coconut Cream Pie Day!

Although the general idea of a cream pie may be able to trace its roots back to Europe, the Coconut Cream Pie may actually be an American invention. In the

1800s, as Americans were enjoying tropical fruits such as bananas and pineapples, coconuts also became more accessible in the United States. Recipes for Coconut Cream Pie started showing up in American cookbooks in the early 1900s and they grew in popularity from there. The creamy filling, creamy whipped topping and flaky crust all made the perfect complement to the deliciously tropical flavor of the coconut. National Coconut Cream Pie Day acknowledges and shows respect for this pie that has been delighting dessert plates for more than 100 years.

Not a fan of coconut pie? No worries; it is not for everyone. For some it is the texture, while others dislike the taste. It is all in the taste buds. Coconut Cream is Don’s favorite pie. Me, I am a Lemon Meringue fan, along with Rhubarb pie, of course.

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Hawks, Warriors Play Ball in Spirited Crosstown Clash



Zoey Sanchez pitches for the Warriors.



Sophomore Cruz Gregorio delivered a complete-game shutout for the Hawks.

**Story and Photos
by Paige Lampson
Sports Editor**

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawks and Galt Warriors share more than just a zip code: they share friendships, neighborhoods and a mutual respect that was on full display after Monday's crosstown softball game on April 27.

When the final out was recorded, the two teams met at the plate with high fives and smiles, reminding everyone why small-town rivalries are something special. On the field, however, it was all Liberty Ranch, as the Hawks put together one of their most complete performances of the season in a 14-0 victory.

Liberty Ranch scored in each of their first four innings, capping the game with a 10-run fourth that triggered the mercy rule. The Hawks finished with 18 hits, 14 runs and a flawless defensive performance.

Galt showed fight throughout, with several players making solid contact and the Warriors battling right to the end.

"I thought our girls came out with tremendous focus and energy today," said Liberty Ranch Head Coach Vince Bunac. "We've been preaching all season about coming out sharp from the first pitch, and the girls showed that today. When we swing the bats like that and Cruz is dealing in the circle, we're a very tough team



Warrior Eviana Barrera winds up.



Senior Hawk Bella Granata lays into her home-run hit.

to beat. I'm proud of the effort from top to bottom."

Gregorio Untouchable in the Circle

Sophomore Cruz Gregorio delivered a complete-game shutout for the ages. She threw all five innings, allowed just two hits, walked four and struck out 11 without surrendering a single earned run. Facing 20 batters and throwing 95 pitches, Gregorio held Galt to a .125 batting average and posted a 0.00 ERA: a performance that gave the Hawks' offense all the run-way it needed.

The Liberty Ranch lineup was equally impressive, posting a .643 team batting average with 18 hits, three doubles,

a home run, 12 RBI and seven stolen bases. Senior Bella Granata led the way, going 3-for-4 with two runs, two RBI, a double and the game's only home run. Junior Khali Barrantes matched her with a 3-for-4 performance, driving in three runs and stealing two bases. Freshman Gianna Farren also went 3-for-4 with two runs, two RBI and a double. Senior Xiana Juarez added two hits, two runs, an RBI and two stolen bases, while Gregorio contributed two hits and two RBI at the plate to complement her work in the circle. Freshman K. Springmeyer, sophomore M. Granata, senior Carlie Perez and junior Shelby Duarte each contributed as well, making it a true team effort from top to bottom.

For Galt, sophomore Zoey Sanchez started in the circle and gave her team every opportunity to compete, while Eviana Barrera came on in relief and retired the side without allowing a run. Senior Emily Peña and junior Rianna Mayer each collected hits for the Warriors, with Mayer drawing a walk to post a perfect 1.000 OBP.

When it was all over, the handshake line turned into something more: laughter, hugs and the kind of genuine camaraderie that reflects the close-knit community both programs call home.

In a small town with two high schools, competition on the field only makes the friendships off of it stronger. ★

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Hawks Make History at Sections, Earn Spot in State Finals



These 10 celebrated Liberty Ranch seniors will compete at the State level this Friday in Fresno. Photos by Tracy Portrait Studio

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

ROSEVILLE, CA (MPG) - History was made on Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2 at William Jessup University in Roseville, as the Liberty Ranch Hawks STUNT team delivered the most significant post-season run in program history. Competing in the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Championships, Liberty Ranch swept through the quarterfinals, fought its way through a heart-stopping overtime semifinal and earned a second-place finish that punched their ticket to the California State Championships. For a program that has dominated league play for years, this was the moment the Hawks stepped onto an entirely new stage.

Liberty Ranch opened the postseason on May 1 with a statement performance against River Valley, winning the quarterfinal matchup 15-0. It was the kind of dominant showing that set the tone for what was to come: focused, disciplined and technically sharp from start to finish.

The semifinal on May 2 was a different story entirely, and arguably the most memorable moment in Liberty Ranch STUNT history.

The Hawks faced Roseville in a match that neither team could put away in regulation. With the score tied at the final buzzer, the two programs headed into overtime: a nerve-wracking extra period that the Hawks ultimately won 29-27. The margin was razor thin, the stakes were enormous and the Liberty Ranch athletes delivered.



It takes moves like this to make it to the top.



Some of the team show off the Competitive Sport Cheer Finalist Plaque.

The section final against Twelve Bridges proved to be the toughest test of the day. The Hawks fought hard but fell 18-28 to the section champions, earning second place and ending their day with a result that, far from being a



The CIF Commissioner congratulates Head Coach Barbara Welch.

disappointment, made history for the program.

When the final score was announced, the emotions on the Liberty Ranch sideline said everything. The girls were jumping up and down, there were tears, and the kind of raw, genuine joy that only comes from knowing you have accomplished something that has never been done before at your school.

Head Coach Barbara Welch, who has built the Liberty Ranch STUNT program from its very first day, captured the moment perfectly.

“Winning 15-0 over River Valley in the quarterfinals and then battling through a 29-27 overtime game against Roseville in the semifinals really shows the heart of this team,” Welch said. “This is the first time we’ve ever made it past semifinals, and to now be headed to the state championships is something these athletes have truly earned. We’ve competed at a D2 level all season and to now be seeded as a D1 team speaks to their growth and resilience. This group is focused on leaving a legacy at Liberty Ranch High School, and they’ve already made history.”

What makes the Hawks’ state qualification even more remarkable is the level at which they will compete. Despite spending the entire season competing in Division 2, both Liberty Ranch and Twelve Bridges have been moved up to compete in the Division 1 State Finals by CIF and USA Cheer. They will join Oakridge – the Northern California Division 1 section champion and reigning state champion from a year ago – as part of what promises to be one of the most competitive state championship fields in recent memory. For a program that has been building toward this moment for years, the challenge could not be more fitting.

The Hawks’ postseason success did not come out of nowhere. Liberty Ranch was undefeated in league play this season, outscoring opponents by wide margins in every matchup. The Hawks beat Galt 26-3, Amador 28-4, Bradshaw Christian 33-11, Argonaut 25-2, El Dorado 22-0 and Union Mine 24-0 on their way to a perfect league record. Their only two losses on the season came against Oakridge, 14-29, and Clayton Valley, 16-34: two programs that are widely considered among the very best in the state of California.

Rather than discourage the team, those early-season losses against elite competition served as a measuring stick and a motivator. The Hawks knew what the best looked like, and they spent the rest of the season working to close the gap.

Now, with a historic second-place section finish, a state championship berth and a program forever changed by what this group has accomplished, the Liberty Ranch STUNT team heads to the state finals with momentum, confidence and the full support of the Galt community behind them. Coach Welch has said these girls are focused on leaving a legacy at Liberty Ranch, and by any measure, that legacy is already well underway.

For fans and parents looking to follow the team’s journey, a quick note: STUNT can be difficult to locate on the CIF website because the sport is listed under the name Competitive Sport Cheer rather than STUNT. Do not let the name fool you. This is a fully CIF-sanctioned competitive sport in its own right, with head-to-head match play, structured rounds and official judging criteria. It is athletic, technical and every bit as demanding as any other sport on the CIF calendar. Now that you know where to find it, it is well worth following. ★

GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Trent Dozier
Galt High Baseball



Madison McDonald
Galt High Swim



Hunter Rohner
Liberty Ranch Golf



Matthew Bowling
Liberty Ranch Golf

Warriors, Hawks Compete at SVC Track and Field Championships

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

EL DORADO HILLS, CA (MPG) - The Sierra Valley Conference Track and Field Championships took center stage Saturday, May 2 at El Dorado High School, and athletes from both Galt High and Liberty Ranch rose to the occasion in a meet that brought together the best competitors in the league. Liberty Ranch’s Michael Lamson delivered the day’s most dominant individual effort, the Hawks women placed fourth in the team standings, and the Galt boys frosh/sophomore squad capped a remarkable season by winning the JV league title outright with an extraordinary 191 points: a championship performance that served as the crowning achievement of one of the most successful developmental seasons in Warriors program history.

Team Scores
On the women’s side, El Dorado claimed the championship with 155.5 points, followed by Union Mine at 116 and Amador at 74. Liberty Ranch finished fourth with 57 points, ahead of Bradshaw Christian at 40, Galt at 31, Rosemont at 25 and Argonaut at 17.5.

The men’s meet was equally competitive at the top, with Union Mine edging Amador for the title, 92 to 83. Bradshaw Christian placed third at 82, El Dorado fourth at 80, Rosemont fifth at 74, Liberty Ranch sixth at 49, Argonaut seventh at 34, and Galt eighth at 24.

Lamson Sweeps Hurdles Again
For the second time this season, Liberty Ranch senior Michael Lamson swept both hurdles events at a major meet, and he did it on the biggest stage

of the season. Lamson won the 110-meter hurdles in 16.28 – his fastest time of the season – and followed it up with a first-place finish in the 300-meter hurdles at 42.80.

Freshman Gunnar Rohner was right behind his teammate in both events, placing third in the 110 hurdles at 17.71 and fourth in the 300 hurdles at a personal best 43.90. Senior Jose Lara III added a sixth-place finish in the 300 hurdles at 44.10, and Daniel Sosa placed eighth at 45.51, giving Liberty Ranch four of the top eight spots in the 300-meter hurdles.

The Liberty Ranch men’s 4x400 relay team of Lamson, Sosa, Rohner and Malakai Gomez delivered a second-place finish at 3:40.00, and the 4x100 squad of Lamson, Sosa, Gomez and Francisco Ramos placed fourth at 44.73. Sophomore Kyvin Vang cleared 12-06 to place third in the pole vault: a new personal best to close out his season. Cesar Becerra placed 10th in discus at a personal best 99-05, just inches from the century mark.

Freshman Malakai Gomez was one of the most active competitors for the Hawks men, placing 14th in the 100 meters at a personal best 11.98 and 11th in the 200 at 25.10. Devin Vang placed 10th in the triple jump at 36-07.25 to round out the Hawks men’s scoring.

Liberty Ranch Women Shine
The Hawk women put together a deep and well-rounded performance that earned them their fourth-place team finish. Junior Kimberly Rodriguez led the way with a personal best third-place finish in the 100 meters at 13.67. Kamrynn Blevins placed sixth in the 100 at 13.86



Galt Head Coach Bruce Peterson shares some words of wisdom before the meet.

and fourth in the 200 at 28.54, a personal best. Myleah Keiser placed seventh in the 100 at 13.87. Freshman Kaydince Silva placed ninth in the 100 at a personal best 14.02 and third in the pole vault at a personal best 8-08, adding a long jump personal best of 13-10 for eighth place. Navaeh Rhone placed 10th in the 100 at a personal best 14.04.

Freshman Marwa Yosra had perhaps her best meet of the season, placing third in the 200 at 28.44 and fourth in the 400 at a personal best 1:03.07. Sarah Ayala placed sixth in the 400 at 1:08.35 and Ruby Gorelick eighth at 1:10.50.

The Liberty Ranch relay teams were outstanding. The women’s 4x100 squad of Amya Trujillo, Rodriguez, Blevins and Keiser placed second at 52.46, and the 4x400 team of Gorelick, Ayala, Yosra and Rodriguez took second at 4:22.07: both silver-medal performances on the league’s biggest stage. The 4x800 relay team of Gwen Lindberg, Gianna Williams, Kaydince Silva and Natalie Ochoa placed third at 11:48.80.

Senior Faviola Vasquez delivered a strong championship performance, placing fourth in the 100-meter hurdles at a personal best 17.61 and sixth in the 300 hurdles at 51.67. Alexa Williams placed eighth in the 100 hurdles at a personal best 20.13 and ninth in the 300 hurdles at 56.84. Olive Gorelick placed 10th

in the 100 hurdles at 21.09 and 12th in the 300 hurdles at 58.19.

In the throws, Arianna Barnes placed fifth in the shot put at 27-11, and Giovanna Salas added an eighth-place personal best finish at 24-04 in shot put and 10th in the discus at 53-00.

Galt Women’s Highlights
The Galt women delivered several standout individual performances at the championship level. Kristine Meixner led the way with a second-place finish in the 100 meters at 13.58: a top-two finish on the SVC’s biggest stage. Morgan Jones continued her remarkable all-around season, placing fifth in the 200 meters at 28.64, second in the 100-meter hurdles at 15.96, fourth in the high jump at 4-10 and fourth in the long jump at 15-06: four top-five finishes in a single championship meet. Meixner also placed 10th in the 200 at 29.91, and Kaylee Meixner placed 10th in the 400 at 1:12.

In the distance events, Galt had three athletes finish in the top nine of the 1600 meters. Olivia Rodriguez placed sixth at 6:13, Danielle Aragon eighth and Nora Werdon ninth: a strong showing that reflected the depth the Warriors have built in the distance ranks throughout the season.

The Galt women’s 4x100 relay team of Valeria



The Galt Warrior Seniors are honored at the SVC Track and Field Championships. Courtesy photos



These Hawk athletes are ready to practice for another week as they prepare for sections.

Lopez, Esmeralda Ayala, Morgan Lane and Kristine Meixner placed fifth at 56.90.

In the field, Ayala placed 11th in the shot put at a personal best 22-02, while Keegan Crownover delivered a strong fifth-place finish in the discus at 70-07. Xoshi Zepeda placed 17th in the shot put at 17-03.50 and Isabella LaBrada placed 21st in shot put at 15-02.25 and 13th in discus at a personal best 49-06.

Looking Ahead
With the league championships in the books, athletes across both programs now turn their attention to the Sac-Joaquin Section Championships, where qualifiers will look to extend their seasons and represent the Galt community on a regional stage. For Lamson, who swept the hurdles at the league championship meet, the postseason cannot come soon enough. And for the Galt frosh/sophomore boys – league champions with 191 points – the future of Warriors track and field arrived right on schedule.

The Warriors have four postseason qualifiers for the upcoming CIF Sac Joaquin Section Division V Championships:

Senior Alejandro Herrera: 800m, 1600m (Both PR’s)
Junior Morgan Jones: 100m hurdles, high jump,

long jump (PR’s in 100m hurdles and long jump
Junior Kristine Meixner: 100m
Sophomore MC Azubuike: high jump
The Hawks are sending these athletes who qualified for the section championships:
Senior Michael Lamson: 110m Hurdles, 300m Hurdles, 4x400 relay
Freshman Gunnar Rohnar: 110m hurdles, 4x400 relay, 300m hurdle alt
Sophomore Kyvin Vang: pole vault.
Senior Daniel Sousa: 4x400
Freshman Malakai Gomez: 4x400
Junior Jose Lara: 4x400
Senior Francisco Ramos: 4x400
Junior Kimberly Rodriguez: 100m
Freshman Marwa Yosra: 200m, 4x400
Freshman Amya Trujillo: 4x100
Junior Kimberly Rodriguez: 4x100, 4x400
Junior Kamryn Blevins: 4x100
Junior Myleah Keiser: 4x100
Freshman Ruby Gorelick: 4x400
Freshman Sarah Ayala: 4x400
Freshman Gianna Williams: 4x800
Senior Gwen Lindberg: 4x800
Senior Kaydince Silva: 4x800, pole vault
Freshman Natalie Ochoa: 4x800 ★

Robinson’s Taekwondo Students Earn Black Belts, Shine at Spring Nationals



The proud students who earned their black belts last month. Courtesy photos



The select group of students who participated in the Spring Nationals.



Alexis Ortiz takes the microphone at the tea ceremony.

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GALT, CA (MPG) - It was a weekend to remember for the students and families of Robinson’s Taekwondo. Over two days in April, the school celebrated one of its proudest milestones – an inaugural Black Belt examination – before sending a select group of competitors to the Spring National Tournament, where they returned home with medals across multiple divisions.

Black Belt Testing: April 17
On April 17, Master Hilaman and Senior Master Robinson presided over Robinson’s Taekwondo’s inaugural Black Belt examination, a ceremony that marked years of dedication, sacrifice and growth for a group of students who had worked tirelessly to reach the sport’s most celebrated milestone. The examination was held before an assembly of Grandmasters, Masters, parents, grandparents and families who gathered to witness the moment these athletes earned their new ranks.

The students performed with distinction, demonstrating the technical skill, discipline and mental fortitude that the Black Belt demands. When the ceremony concluded, eight students walked away with



These students are working hard to advance their status.

new ranks: the result of years of devoted training and an unwavering commitment to the art of Taekwondo.

Earning their 1st Dan Black Belts were Ellie Nguyen, Kira Nguyen, Tristan Toledo, Gustavo Perez and Kaleb Smith. Fernanda Rivera was promoted to 2nd Dan, Jorge “Xavi” Ramos advanced to 3rd Dan, and Alexis Ortega achieved the rank of 4th Dan, a remarkable accomplishment that reflects years of elite-level dedication to the sport.

Adding to the significance of the evening, Ortega was given the distinct honor of delivering a speech at the Tea Ceremony before the assembled Grandmasters, Masters, and families: a recognition of her leadership and her standing within the Robinson’s Taekwondo community.

“Congratulations to all students on their new ranks,” the school said in announcing the results. “They have diligently devoted themselves over the past several years to attaining their Black Belts.”

Spring National Tournament: April 18
The very next morning, a select group of Robinson’s Taekwondo students made their way to American River College for the Spring National Tournament, where they faced some of the most competitive

young martial artists in the region. The Black Belt division in particular featured highly skilled contestants, and the Robinsons’ athletes more than held their own, bringing home medals across multiple events and age groups.

Alexis Ortega picked up right where her testing ceremony left off, claiming first place in poomsae in the 18-30 years female division: a gold medal performance that capped a historic two-day stretch for the 4th Dan. Jorge “Xavi” Ramos delivered a standout double, earning second place in junior sparring in the 15-17 years Black Belt boys division and then winning first place in senior sparring in the 18-30 years Black Belt division: two podium finishes in a single tournament.

Ellie Nguyen, fresh off of earning her 1st Dan the night before, wasted no time making her mark as a Black Belt competitor, taking first place in board-breaking and third place in poomsae in the 11-12 years Black Belt girls division. Kira Nguyen, also a newly minted 1st Dan, claimed first place in the rapid kick event. Phoebe Ladrado earned second place in sparring and third place in poomsae in the 9-10 years Black Belt girls’ division. Victoria Rivera took second place in sparring in the 11-12 years Black Belt girls division.

Landon Becker earned third place in poomsae, while Fernanda Rivera and Francisco Ramos – who was not pictured with the group – both competed in their respective Black Belt divisions, with Rivera in the 9-10 years Black Belt girls division and Ramos in the 13-14 years Black Belt boys division. Jashen Dosanjh also represented Robinson’s Taekwondo on the tournament floor.

The performances across the two-day weekend speak to the culture that Senior Master Robinson and Master Hilaman have built at their school: one where students are pushed to achieve their personal best, where milestones are celebrated as a community and where the values of respect, perseverance and excellence are taught both on and off the mat.

Robinson’s Taekwondo is based in Galt and welcomes students of all ages and experience levels. ★