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School to World Awards Celebrate Students



From left are School to World award recipients Angelina Lopez-Romero, Maria Ramirez Vargas, Guadalupe Llamas-Gomez, Carlos Garcia Navarette and Kendra Barquist following the April 29 ceremony at Galt High School.

Story and photos by Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Office of Education and the Galt Joint Union High School District recognized local students Wednesday, April 29, during a ceremony at the Nottoli Dome at Galt High School, celebrating high schoolers who completed work-based learning programs designed to prepare them for the "real world" after graduation.

The event honored students receiving the School to World award, which

recognizes their effort and achievement through school-year work experience opportunities connected to the Sacramento County Office of Education's WorkAbility I and Transition Partnership Programs.

Through those programs, students receive special education services participate in pre-employment training, job placement and follow-up support. The goal is to help students successfully transition from school to work, independent living or post-secondary education and training.

The ceremony drew parents, local

business owners, teachers and community members, highlighting both student achievement and the community partnerships that made the work experiences possible.

"Throughout this past year, you've filled out applications, completed resumes, done mock interviews and attended college tours and career centers," Sacramento County Office of Education vocational specialist Shawn O'Briant said. "Many of you survived your first interview and completed a paid work experience

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County E-Bike Ordinance to Protect Parks, Facilities



The county announced supervisors adopted ordinance changes recommended by Sacramento County Regional Parks to better protect park users, facilities and natural areas from Class 3 e-bikes, e-motorcycles, dirt bikes, quads and unauthorized trail building, effective June 12. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- At its Tuesday, May 12 meeting, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a set of ordinance changes recommended by Sacramento County Regional Parks designed to better protect park users, park and recreation facilities and natural areas from the growing impacts of Class 3 e-bikes, e-motorcycles, dirtbikes, quads and unauthorized trail building.

These ordinance changes go into effect thirty days from today, June 12, and violations of these ordinances can be either an infraction or a misdemeanor.

The use of un-permitted, high-speed, modified e-bikes and e-motorcycles has become increasingly common. These vehicles are inherently dangerous to the public due to their speed. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission completed a report on Micromobility Products-Related Deaths, Injuries and Hazard Patterns, which found that injuries with all micromobility devices have trended upward since 2017, with an average increase of 23% annually.

Children 14 years and younger accounted for 36% of these injuries, and May through October had the largest percentages for both e-scooter and e-bike related injuries.

The updated ordinances clarify and strengthen protections for environmentally sensitive areas that have recently seen increased damage. Regional Parks facilities, primarily in the Nature Study Areas and Protected Areas of the American River Parkway, have recently experienced a dramatic increase in vandalism and destruction when members of the

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Opalite: Where Transformation Meets Confidence

City of Galt News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - Blending creativity with a personalized touch, Opalite Hair Studio is redefining the salon experience in Galt.

Located at 908 C St., Suite I, the studio offers an elevated yet approachable space where beauty, confidence and individuality come together.

Owned by Julia Williams, a Lodi native raised in Galt, the studio reflects both her roots and her passion for helping others feel their best.

Williams' journey into hairstyling began at a young age, fueled by a love for creativity and working with hair. What started as styling friends' hair grew into a lifelong passion and, ultimately, a career. Today, she specializes in color and extensions, with a focus on transformative services that bring each client's vision to life in a way that feels uniquely theirs.

Opalite Hair Studio offers a range of services, including custom color and extensions, along with fun, expressive options like Wild Strand braids, hair tinsel and Flare Hair. Each service is designed to give

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Pictured is the exterior of Opalite Hair Studio at 908 C St., Suite I, owned by Julia Williams, who was recently featured in the city's newsletter highlighting her business and beauty services. Photo courtesy of Opalite Hair Studio

Registration Open for Summer Water Aerobics

City of Galt News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - Registration is now open for summer water aerobics classes, offering a fun, low-impact way to stay active during the warmer months. Classes take place in a comfortable 80-degree heated pool and are designed to help improve strength, flexibility and overall wellness.

Classes will be held Mondays from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m., with sessions running June through August at the Gora Aquatic Center at 630 Chabolla Ave. The cost is \$10 per class. For more information, call 209-366-7180. ★



The city recently announced that residents can register for summer water aerobics classes to be held Mondays from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. at the Gora Aquatic Center. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

County E-Bike Ordinance to Protect Parks, Facilities

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public create unauthorized off-road bicycle courses, including jumps and tracks with blind turns. These tracks are dangerous to members of the public because they are located on trails which are designated for pedestrian and equestrian use only.

The creation of these off-road bicycle courses in these areas, coupled with the use of illegal Class 3 e-bikes and e-motorcycles pose a significant danger to people lawfully using the trails either by foot or on horse.

Additionally, the ordinance updates provide Regional Parks staff with clearer authority to address unauthorized trail construction and other ground-disturbing activities and includes the ability to seek restitution for the cost of restoration of the damaged area.

The newly adopted ordinances also address activities related to individuals entering and remaining on County

golf courses and sports complexes for purposes other than playing golf or the intended purpose of the sports complex. These restrictions are intended to improve safety for patrons and protect the condition of turf and other facilities that are not designed to accommodate bike traffic.

“The ordinance updates will allow Rangers to better educate visitors about appropriate park use and, where necessary, enforce park rules that help preserve the quality of parklands for all residents,” said Regional Parks Director Liz Bellas. “The changes reflect our long-term goals to balance recreation with stewardship of natural and community resources.”

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors’ action today ensures that Regional Parks has the tools needed to protect park users, natural areas, golf and sports fields and maintain safe, high-quality recreation experiences across the county’s park system. ★

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of May 12 to May 18, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 14 arrests.

May 12

3:51 p.m., Theft reported, Rio Mesa Way: Unknown subject went through reporting party's car.

8:47 p.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, North Lincoln Way/Elm Avenue.

May 13

7 p.m., Theft reported, Meadowview Park on Meadowview Drive: Bike taken.

May 14

7:31 p.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Galt Sports Complex, Caroline Avenue.

11:41 p.m., Domestic Violence/Adult Arrest, 5th Street.

May 15

11:11 a.m., Fraud reported, Curtiss Court.

5:43 p.m., Theft reported, Bateman Court:

Medication taken.

May 16

3:14 a.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Highway 99 Northbound/Twin Cities Road.

6:38 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, E Street.

4:49 p.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Emerald Vista Park on Emerald Vista Drive.

5:21 p.m., Burglary reported, CVS Pharmacy on C Street: Wallet stolen.

9:27 p.m., Theft reported, AMPM Store on East Stockton Boulevard.

10:54 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, West Stockton Boulevard/Twin Cities Road.

May 17

2:44 a.m., Court Order Violation/Adult Arrest, East Stockton Boulevard.

2:44 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, La Quinta Inn & Suites, North Lincoln Way.

1:17 p.m., Hit and Run/Non-Injury reported, Gilly's Car Wash & Dog Wash on East Stockton Boulevard. ★

9:36 p.m., Hit and Run/Non-Injury reported, McDonald's on East Stockton Boulevard.

10:06 p.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Twin Cities Road/East Stockton Boulevard.

May 18

2:33 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Kost Road/South Lincoln Way.

3:16 a.m., Vandalism reported, Auto Zone on C Street: Broken window.

6:33 a.m., Vandalism reported, Elm Avenue: Broken window on vehicle.

7:44 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Quik Stop on 4th Street.

8:53 a.m., Theft reported, Clover Court: Packages stolen.

1:09 p.m., Vandalism reported, D Street.

1:11 p.m., Identity Theft reported, McTucker Drive: Unknown subject used reporting party's Social Security number.

3:01 p.m., Fraud reported, Custom Sewing & Alterations on D Street: “Scammed out of money.” ★

Opalite: Where Transformation Meets Confidence

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clients a look that feels personalized and reflects their individual style.

Looking ahead, the studio plans to introduce more community-focused events, including celebrations for Mother's Day, Father's Day and potential summer gatherings. Creating memorable experiences within the salon is an important part of Williams' vision, along with continuing to build strong relationships with clients and the local community.

The name Opalite holds

deep personal meaning. It represents a journey of resilience, growth and transformation.

During a challenging chapter in her life, balancing school, family and uncertainty, Williams remained determined to build a better future. Today, as a business owner, wife and mother, the name serves as a reminder of how far she has come.

Opalite symbolizes becoming something brighter, stronger and more beautiful than where you started: values that are reflected in every aspect of

the studio.

As the business grows, the focus remains on expanding services, continuing education and building a strong team while maintaining a high-quality, personalized experience.

Appointments are available by booking online at opalitehairstudio.com, allowing each client to receive dedicated, one-on-one attention.

At Opalite Hair Studio, it's about more than just hair; it's about confidence, connection and transformation. ★



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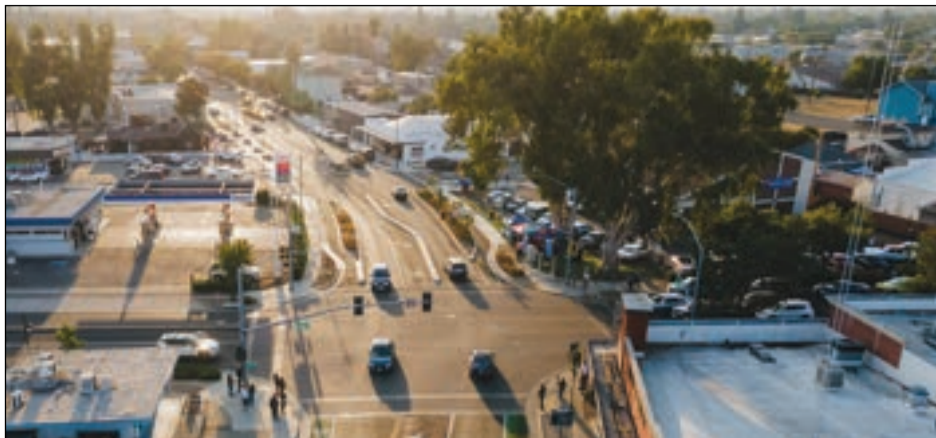
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Community Input Needed for Safer Streets



The city announced in its most recent newsletter that the Public Works Department is seeking community input during a May 27 public meeting at Galt Police Department on ways to improve roadway safety through its Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan and Bicycle Transportation Plan. Photo courtesy of City of Galt

City of Galt News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - Do you live, work or commute through Galt? The City of Galt invites you to participate in an important community effort to improve roadway safety for everyone.

The City is launching the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan and Bicycle Transportation Plan, an initiative focused on reducing serious injuries and fatalities while improving how people walk, bike, drive, use mobility devices and take transit throughout Galt.

Community input is a key part of this process, and residents, business owners

and commuters are encouraged to attend the first public workshop.

The meeting will introduce the project, review local crash history and gather feedback on safety concerns across the community. Input collected will help identify high-risk areas and guide future safety improvements.

The meeting will take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 27 at the Galt Police Department in the Anthony Pescetti Community Room, 455 Industrial Drive.

Any questions and comments should be directed to Public Works Department Project Manager Tony Elce at telce@city-ofgalt.org. ★

'School to World Awards' Celebrates Students

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with one our many local businesses."

"This invaluable experience will give you the tools you need to build a bright future for yourselves," he added.

Students participated in work experiences with a range of local employers, including L'Chayim of Galt, The Coffee Shop Bakery, The Color Wheel, ACE Hardware, CVS Pharmacy, Galt Public Library, Plush Puppy Dog Grooming, Denny's, Galt Rock, Movement for Life Physical Therapy and Grizzly Hollow Head Start in partnership with the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA).

During the ceremony, students were called to the podium alongside representatives from their respective job sites to receive certificates recognizing their completion of the program.

Galt Joint Union High School District Director



A student shakes hands with Sacramento County Office of Education job developer Kelly Kuhl during the School to World Awards ceremony at Galt High School on April 29.

of Special Education Erica Winn and Galt High School Principal Kellie Beck were among those in attendance, along with staff from the Sacramento County Office of Education.

Following the ceremony, Transition Partnership Program Coordinator

Georgina Cantero said the initiative has been operating for about 15 years and focuses on helping students gain real-world job experience while building their foundational workplace skills.

She said staff support students throughout the

process by helping with resumes, cover letters and mock interviews and by accompanying them to job sites to ensure they are prepared for workplace expectations.

Cantero also said the program partners with the Department of



Pictured from left are students Maria Ramirez Vargas, Guadalupe Llamas-Gomez and Carlos Garcia Navarette, who completed work experience at the Galt Public Library, holding their certificates of achievement.

Rehabilitation to provide paid work opportunities for students. She added that students receive checks to help them learn how to open and manage a bank account.

She noted that partnerships with local businesses have been well received.

"They like how much the students behave, and how they really do the job, so sometimes they hire them," Cantero said. "That's the best thing, when they get the work opportunity offer

to do that job."

Cantero added that one of the most noticeable outcomes is student growth in confidence.

She said many students begin the program nervous about interviews but, with practice and support, gain the confidence to approach job interviews without fear and build skills that carry into future employment opportunities.

"You see that they grow," she added. "That they start learning from work experience." ★

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MEMORIAL

NICHOLAS JEROME NEUBURGER — 10/05/1927 - 5/11/2026

Nicholas Jerome Neuburger, 98, of Galt, passed away peacefully on May 11, 2026. He was born on October 5, 1927, in The Bronx, New York.

Nicholas lived a life defined by service, faith, family, and education. He proudly served in the United States Air Force in Ramstein, Germany. Following his service, he earned his master's degree and went on to dedicate more than 30 years to education as a high school and college instructor, inspiring generations of students through his knowledge, patience, and steady guidance.

A devoted lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus, Nicholas achieved the honor of Fourth Degree Knight,



having joined the organization at the age of 19. His faith and commitment to community remained central throughout his life.

Nicholas found great joy in fishing with his friends and family, creating treasured memories on the water with those he loved most.

He will be remembered for his wisdom, kindness, quiet strength, and deep devotion to his family.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Hortense Neuburger; his children, Nick Neuburger, Heidi Hansen (Tom), Matthew Neuburger (Melissa), Heather Nolta, and Eve Hay (Matt); nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A service celebrating Nicholas's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on June 4th at St. Christopher's Church, followed by a reception at Lodi Moose Lodge.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to a charity of your choice in Nicholas's memory.

MEMORIAL

JANICE HILDER • 11/01/1936 - 4/05/2026

Janice Hilder, age 89, of Galt, CA, passed away peacefully on April 5, 2026 at home on the ranch surrounded by her family. Born on November 1, 1936, in Red Bluff, California, Janice (Jan) was the daughter of Jack and Evelyn McKenzie. When Jan was 11, her mother married Albin (Gus) Steffan and he moved his new family to his cattle ranch in Galt. She attended Red Bluff and Galt schools, graduating from Galt High School in 1953. After graduating, she married the love of her life, Bob Hilder in 1954. Jan and Bob began their married life in Galt but quickly moved to Fort Sill, Oklahoma when Bob was drafted. They returned to Galt and eventually made their home in Sacramento raising their two children, Ron and Suzie. In 1973 when Ron and Suzie were teenagers, they moved back to her parent's ranch in Galt and enjoyed time at their cabin in the mountains where the family enjoyed water sports in the summer and snowmobiling in the winter.

Jan and Bob spent 56 wonderful years together enjoying one adventure after another. She loved and adored her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who all called her Momo. Momo enjoyed telling them stories full of interesting details using her creative and brilliant mind, and "Oh Boy!"



she knew how to have fun! Spending time with family and friends was her greatest joy from snow skiing when we were all young to jet-skiing for years up at the Lake. In the summer Momo was on the lake in her shorts and panty hose, going as fast as possible with whoever was brave enough to ride with her. In the winter she was the Snowmobile Queen (SNOWMO) loading and unloading the sleds off the trailer and leading the pack! No matter the location or the weather, she loved to share the fun and make memories.

Jan was compassionate and helped people from all walks of life. She was known to be a one-woman army who would just show up to help, filled with determination, ideas and her famous red hair. Jan and Bob opened up their home in Sacramento to foster and mentor several children through the years.

Jan had a keen mind and a big heart. We are not sure how many people were

lucky enough to hear her say she loved them, but she had a beautiful way of making us all feel very special.

Jan is survived by her son Ron Hilder (Kerry); daughters, Suzie Johnson and Terrie Walsh (Tom); grandchildren Stefanie, Robbie (Kayla), and Trisha Hilder, Kurtis Wahl (Amber) and Kristi Weist (Brian), Jonathan (Sarah), Sean (Stephanie) and Meghan Walsh; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and the love of her life Bob Hilder, her parents Gus and Evelyn Steffan, Jack McKenzie and second husband, Wally Case.

A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, May 31 at 4:00 p.m. at Galt Bible Church located at 801 Church St., Galt, CA 95632.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Janice Hilder's memory to the Bob and Jan Hilder Memorial Scholarship Fund at Galt High School. Checks should be made payable to Galt High School with the full name of the Scholarship Fund stated in the memo field. Send to Galt High School, 145 N. Lincoln Way, Galt, CA 95632. A virtual register may be signed at www.lodifuneralhome.com where memories can be shared. Lodi Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

MEMORIAL

AUDREY MAHAN • 2/1/1928 – 04/12/2026

Audrey went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on April 12, 2026, at the age of 98. She was born February 1, 1928, in Rustad, Minnesota. She was the youngest of five girls and the last living daughter that grew up on the 240-acre wheat farm in Rustad.



Although her parents Delia and Clarence Cornell were farmers, they were very academic and believed in education and sent her four older sisters to Moorhead State Teachers College (MSTC), now Moorhead State University (MSU). When Audrey became of age, her father said, "I suppose you want to go all four years, too" and she replied "yes."

Her mother was very religious and knowledgeable about the Bible. She was well known for speaking eloquently and frequently about the gospel and bragged about being a teetotaler. She took a "pledge" when she was 18 that she wouldn't drink and she stuck to it. Audrey didn't take the pledge and was a typical college student. She and her friends would occasionally go out and have a few martinis against her mother's wishes.

Audrey received a Bachelor of Science in Teaching in 1950 from MSTC. She then married Charles (Charlie) James Mahan in 1952 in the little farmhouse in Rustad. The living room was turned into a chapel and it was a true country farm wedding. At this time, Audrey also took up golfing because her husband was an excellent golfer and on the golf team at MSU.

She taught art in elementary school for many years in Anaheim, CA. After the art programs were discontinued in California schools, Audrey went back to teaching basic education. In the last few years of her teaching career, she taught remedial reading and was admired by the principal and parents for her

work ethic and teaching skills.

After Audrey and Charlie retired in the late 1970s, they moved to Pine Mountain near Bakersfield, CA. In the winter, they stayed in Arizona and came back to California in the summer. Audrey refined her painting skills as an artist and painted watercolors, oil

and other modalities to express her artwork. After Charlie died, Audrey moved to Grass Valley, CA, to be near her sister Dorothy and brother-in-law Stan Mackey.

After the passing of Dorothy, Audrey then moved to Galt to be near her nieces and nephew.

Her family was by her side until the end. Audrey is survived by: Mary Frances Mackey Lancaster, Janice Cordelia Mackey and nephews Todd Marentis (Kathryn Joan Mackey Marentis, deceased) and Edwin Crutchfield (Carol Miriam Mackey Crutchfield, deceased) and great-niece Katrina Allen and her son, great-grandnephew Gabriel Enos. Also, on her husband's side she is survived by: Jane Mahan Toebes, Carol Mahan Doty, Beverly Mahan, Wayne Charles Mahan, Debra Meador, Terry Buttera, Penny Mahan Lucey, Nancy Mahan, Kathleen Kamveris, Anne Gruner, Virginia Mahan, John Mahan, Linda Mary Mahan, Matthew Castagna and Patrick Michael Castagna.

Her memorial service will be held at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Galt at 11 a.m. on June 6, 2026. After the service, lunch will be served in the social hall. If you are available to attend, please RSVP via text or a call at 209-251-9072.

Audrey will be cremated and her ashes will be laid to rest next to her husband Charlie, sister Dorothy Mackey and brother-in-law Stan Mackey at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon.

MEMORIAL

FREDERICK ALOIS DENIER • 11/14/1959 – 05/05/2026

With heavy hearts we regret the passing of our beloved Frederick A. Denier (66) on May 5, 2026, at John Muir Hospital Walnut Creek. After a courageous time fighting an anoxic brain injury from a cardiac arrest, he never gave up on recovering.

He was a kind and humble man. Fred, a Galt native, was born Nov. 14, 1959, in Lodi, CA. He attended Galt Elementary Schools, Galt High School class of 1977, and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo class of 1981. In high school, he was active in Galt 4-H and Galt FFA Chapter showing dairy cattle and earned the American Farmer Degree.

In college, he graduated with a bachelor's in Dairy Science, ranked at the top nationally in dairy cattle judging, and at the top of his class of 1981.

After graduation from college, he began working at the family dairy farm, Cal-Denier Dairy, as the operating manager along with his brother, Richard Denier, for 40 years. Over the years, Fred grew the herd to have one of the finest registered Holstein breeds in the world, where he was recognized by the National Dairy Shrine as the most Progressive Dairy Producer in 2000. Fred was very proud of his herd and his devoted staff.

He was a devoted husband, father, brother and friend to all he knew. He enjoyed most being an active leader in the Boy Scouts of America. He helped his two sons reach the rank of Eagle Scout. Fred was active in the California Milk Advisory Board, Western United Dairymen, Dairy Council of California, Ripon Swiss Club and was proud of his heritage.

Fred developed a strong work ethic working with his father



Alfred, Uncles Louis and Walter Denier working cattle year-round at age 8 under the family business of A. Denier & Sons.

Fred was a movie buff, especially sci-fi and American history, and competed in Fencing tournaments around the state. He traveled internationally to Saudi Arabia, Taiwan and Europe.

He was preceded in death by his parents Alfred and Rosa Denier, sister Rosemary Denier and daughter Lindsay Denier. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Cathy Denier; his sons Jonathan and Trevor Denier; brothers Larry and Richard Denier, and many nieces and nephews.

A Rosary will be recited on Tuesday May 26 at 6 p.m.; the viewing is from 4 to 7 p.m. at Lodi Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be at St. Christopher's Catholic Church in Galt on May 27 at 11 a.m. with Graveside to follow at Galt-Arno Cemetery on Joy Drive. He will be missed by all those who loved him.

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- Voters can use the My Voter Portal (MVP) to check the status of their voted ballot. Visit: <https://myvoterportal.saccounty.gov/LookupVoter>.

Why Did I Receive a Notice About My Signature?

If we are unable to confirm that your signature on your pink Vote by Mail return envelope matches your signature on file, we will contact you to ensure your ballot is counted.

California law allows you the opportunity to correct your signature on your pink Vote by Mail return envelope up until two days before the election is certified.

To correct your signature, you may: print, complete, and return a Signature Verification Statement at VRE or any Vote Center; resolve your signature using My Voter Portal (MVP); or complete and return the letter we sent you using the postage-paid envelope.

Without your signature, your ballot will not be counted.

Where are the Election Results?

View the Election Results Schedule so you know when to expect the next update. View the schedule: elections.saccounty.gov/content/vre/us/en/election-information/june-2--2026-statewide-direct-primary-election--election-results.html#gsc.tab=0.

Curious about what we still have left? Check out the What's Left to Process page at elections.saccounty.gov/content/vre/us/en/election-information/what-is-



After the polls close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, the work continues as we diligently process, verify and ensure all eligible ballots are counted. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections Office

left-to-count.html#gsc.tab=0 to see the work that continues.

What Happens After Election Day?

Did you know? Depending on the type of election, we have between 28 and 30 days to certify the election. After the polls close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, the work continues as we diligently process, verify and ensure all eligible ballots are counted. Accuracy takes time.

The Official Canvass: Division 15, Chapter 4.

In this phase we audit and account for all ballots that were issued, voted, and those that were not used. This phase includes, but is not limited to, the following tasks:

Reconcile the number of ballots counted, spoiled, canceled or invalidated due to identifying marks, over-votes, or as

otherwise provided by statute, with the number of votes recorded, including VBM and provisional ballots, by the vote counting system.

Process and count any valid VBM ballots not included in the semi-final election results. These VBM ballots are returned on Election Day to our office, at a Vote Center, to an Official Ballot Drop Box location or timely via USPS.

Receive, confirm, and process Signature Verification Statements.

Count any valid write-in votes. Duplicate any damaged ballots, if necessary.

Reporting final results to the governing board and the Secretary of State, as required.

Conduct the 1% Manual Tally: Division 15, Chapter 4, Article 5.

The 1% manual tally process

validates the tabulation of ballots generated by the electronic voting equipment before certifying election results. Precincts utilized for the 1% manual tally are selected at random by the elections official. For each contest not included in the 1% manual tally, an additional voting precinct with that contest will be selected and tallied. Coming Soon.

Process Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) ballots: California Code of Regulation. Title 2, Division 7, Chapter 1, Article 3.5.

CVR extends the existing 15-day registration deadline in California to eligible voters, allowing them to register and vote provisionally 14 days prior to an election through Election Day. Voters that are not registered must be processed using CVR.

Certify the Election: Division

15, Chapter 4, Article 6.; Division 17.

Once the Official Canvass is complete, we will sign a certificate to certify the election results.

Election materials shall be sealed and retained for 22 months from the date of the election for federal elections and six months from the date of the election for local elections.

Recounts: California Code of Regulation. Title 2, Division 7, Chapter 8.

After we certify the election results, any voter may request for a recount within five (5) calendar days. For more information about recounts, visit: elections.saccounty.gov/content/vre/us/en/recounts.html#gsc.tab=0.

For more information about the June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election, visit: elections.saccounty.gov/#gsc.tab=0. ★

Remote Accessible Voting Available in Sacramento County

**Sacramento County Voter
Registration and Elections Office
News Release**

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Voters can request and receive access to the Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM) system. The County of Sacramento has selected Democracy Live to provide this service. The RAVBM system allows voters to download and mark their correct ballot privately and independently using their own assistive technology, print their marked ballot and mail it to the Elections Office to be counted.

Watch the video on the RAVBM system at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54-Xbg5Nbg4>.

All registered voters in Sacramento County are eligible to use this system

pursuant to California Elections Code section 3016.7.

When

Access the service anytime, day or night, starting 29 days before an election.

How

Go online and enter your information in My Voter Portal to obtain your correct ballot. Visit: myvoterportal.saccounty.gov/LookupVoter.

Voters can vote on any computer with internet access and a printer. Email vbm@saccounty.gov or call (916) 875-6155 for help with the RAVBM system.

Practice On Our Demo Site

Voters can now practice using a DEMO version of the RAVBM system. This DEMO site simulates the

RAVBM voting experience, allowing voters to learn how to navigate and use the system in preparation for a real election. Voters can select their language and font size preferences in the top right corner, read and watch instructions on how to mark a ballot, and practice marking and printing a DEMO ballot.

Note: This DEMO version of the RAVBM system is for demonstration purposes only and cannot be used to submit an Official Ballot.

Visit: sites.omniballot.us/06067/demo/app/home?pid=2.

Assistance for Voters with Disabilities

The County of Sacramento Voter Registration and Elections Department has a long-standing commitment to work with voters with

disabilities to help them exercise their right to vote. Voters are encouraged to contact the Voter Registration and Elections Office at 916-875-6451 or voterinfo@saccounty.gov with specific requests for assistance. ★



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



How About Ja Morant?

As the June 23 NBA draft approaches, what realistic possibilities are the Sacramento Kings franchise confronted with?

Everyone already knows Sacramento dropped to the 7th overall pick, and although that was disappointing it was not the negative that many Kings fans envisioned it to be. At No. 7 this draft class will have a quality player for Sacramento to add to their roster.

The real question is, will it be a guard as everyone seems to believe it will be? Not necessarily and here is why.

For some time now talk throughout the NBA is the disposition of one Ja Morant. A highly talented point guard that can do it all, but in the past has shown flashes of true immaturity, to the point that the Memphis Grizzlies have all but given up on him.

Twice suspended for his penchant of displaying firearms on social media, Ja has had to learn the hard way. First, suspended for eight games and then again when he didn't learn his lesson for 25 games the second time.

Can Memphis problem child become something the Sacramento Kings have long been looking for? The possibility is real, and if that possibility becomes reality, this 2nd overall pick in the 2019 draft could become an instant game changer in the Kings lineup.

The question is, can Sacramento satisfy the appetite of the Grizzlies, and will the Sacramento fan base come to the realization that everyone deserves a second chance. Many will say he's already gotten that chance and blown it, but he's been with only one organization, and every once in a blue moon, the grass is really greener on the other side.

What a Ja Morant would mean to the Sacramento Kings is opening the floor like never before. Trying to stop his drives to the basket is like trying to rope a whirling dervish.

Morant is almost impossible to guard one-on-one, and that means when other teams double team him, someone is wide open.

Players like Zach Lavine, Keegan Murray and DeMar DeRozan should be licking their lips with the possibilities.

We haven't even talked about the future hall-of-famer Russell Westbrook who might

just be the mentor Ja Morant could benefit from.

There are few point guards in the NBA that can give DeAaron Fox a run for his money when it comes to pure speed, but Ja Morant is right there with him.

How would Domantas Sabonis benefit from this speedster one should ask? Another player with excellent mentoring skills, Domantas, is a nightly example of how to play the game, and if anything, I see his scoring average go up if Morant joins this team.

So. Is this pie in the sky or does this troubled 26-year-old stand a chance at joining the Kings organization? It's real if Scott Perry wants it to be real, and as they say, the proofs in the pudding.

Currently, the kings have an abundance of point guards, and with the exception of an aging Russell Westbrook, Sacramento does not have an NBA quality starting point guard.

That is not to disparage Nique Cliffor or Devin Carter who have shown flashes, but the Kings need a floor leader now, and not a point guard project.

Ja Morant, if through with his prior nonsense, could be the comeback player of the year, and be a reclamation project for the Kings that says, we finally got it right!

I don't expect every Kings fan to agree with my assessment, but I'm for accelerating what is being called a complete rebuild with a much faster version that doesn't send all of our players to parts unknown.

No question, Domantas Sabonis is high on Scott Perry's list as a candidate for trade options, and I do not want to see that happen.

Look instead to resigning Russell Westbrook for perhaps his last season is a stellar NBA career, and perhaps team him with the bad boy of the NBA in Ja Morant.

I have said many times before that this team is steeped in NBA talent, but questionable coaching and torrid injuries decimated the process last year.

Let's finally assess the talent we have and actually coach it. Maybe teach pros who to shoot free throws.

Like Rosy the Riveter said, we can do it! All the best Kings fans and keep the faith! All the best! ★

Newsom's Tightfisted Final Budget Faces a Rough Reception in the Legislature



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Since the turn of the century, California's state budget has been plagued by a boom-and-bust syndrome rooted in its lopsided revenue system and a lack of political discipline.

The budget became increasingly dependent on taxes paid by the state's most affluent residents, whose incomes increasingly came from investments rather than salaries.

Thus state revenues would often spike upwards, only to level off or decline. But governors and legislators would make new spending commitments during the spikes that would become liabilities during the downturns.

It was dubbed "volatility" and it reached an apex four years ago when Gov. Gavin Newsom declared that the state had a \$97.5 billion surplus, having decided that a post-pandemic revenue spike would be permanent.

His administration later acknowledged a \$165 billion error in a four-year revenue projection. But in the meantime he and the Legislature had raised spending, creating deficits that totaled \$125 billion over four years, according to the Legislative Analyst Office. The deficits were papered over with a series of short-term fixes, including loans and accounting gimmicks.

On Thursday, Newsom

unveiled a revised version of his final budget and, without saying so, indicated he had learned a hard lesson about managing volatility.

Although the state is seeing a new tax spike and his budget sees a \$16.5 billion increase in revenues over three years, Newsom's \$349.4 billion 2026-27 budget takes a cautious approach. He says it would not only erase the structural deficit of the past four years, but it would guarantee that his successor would have a balanced first year budget for 2027-28.

"We're cutting deficits but not cutting corners," Newsom said.

The \$246.6 billion general fund portion of the budget relies not only on new revenues, including a \$3.6 billion boost from several relatively minor tax increases, to be balanced, but it is indirectly helped by big reductions in federal aid for healthcare.

Newsom devoted the first minutes of his budget presentation to bragging about California's \$4-trillion-plus economy, saying "we simply have no peers." He also trolled those with "California derangement syndrome" and denounced President Donald Trump as corrupt and incompetent.

However Trump's tightened eligibility for federally subsidized healthcare that could affect hundreds of thousands of Californians also has the effect of reducing the state's healthcare spending, thus helping Newsom draft a balanced budget.

He could have backfilled the lost federal funds, but that probably would have required him to propose a major tax increase of some

kind, which, as a likely 2028 presidential candidate, he is unwilling to do.

However his attitude on healthcare and taxes places Newsom at odds with advocates for poor Californians who would be affected and their allies in the Legislature, many of whom want a tax increase.

Graham Knaus, CEO of the California State Association of Counties, immediately declared that "the governor is proposing to do to counties what he accuses the president of doing to California."

Chris Hoene, of the left-leaning California Budget & Policy Center, which has been beating the drums for tax increases, said, "The governor promoted California's economic dominance while, in the same breath, making it more difficult for Californians with low incomes to access healthcare by reinstating harmful Medi-Cal asset limits, expanding work requirements and increasing Medi-Cal premiums for certain immigrants."

With just a few months remaining in his governorship, Newsom's ability to bend the Legislature to his will is fading, so the question his new budget poses is whether legislators will go along. Or will they insist that the new holes in the state's safety net be plugged and support raising taxes to pay for it?

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

Social Security's "First Year Rule" and Withdrawing from SS



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am 63 years old, and about to apply for my Social Security benefits. I am self-employed but only working part time. I know about Social Security's annual earnings limit but recently I learned I must also be concerned about a monthly earnings limit of \$2,040. My questions are:

1) How do I find out if I will be subject to a monthly earning limit of \$2,040 per month? I thought it was only evaluated annually.

2) If I choose to cancel Social Security within the first year or after, what are the penalties? Would I have to pay them back for the whole amount for the whole time that they paid me? Which makes no sense, since I have been paid into SS since I was 13 years old.

Can you help me understand this? Signed: Claiming Early and Still Working

Dear Claiming Early: It can get tricky if you are still working after claiming your Social Security before your SS full retirement age (FRA), especially during your first year collecting. I'm happy to answer your specific questions:

1. There is a special rule which applies during your first year collecting early Social

Security benefits (e.g., before your full retirement age or "FRA," which for you is age 67). What will happen is this: when the IRS provides SSA with your 2026 earnings (in 2027), SSA will review to see if your total 2026 net earnings from self-employment exceeded the 2026 annual limit of \$24,480. If not, no further action is necessary. But if you did exceed the full year 2026 earnings limit, SSA will contact you and ask you to provide them with details about your monthly 2026 net earnings. If you have exceeded the monthly limit in any 2026 month after your SS benefit started, you will not be entitled to SS benefits for that month. Essentially, if you have exceeded the annual limit, you cannot exceed the monthly earnings limit in any remaining month during your first year of collecting. If you exceeded the annual limit, and also any monthly limit, SSA will send you an overpayment notice saying you must repay them for the benefits you were not entitled to receive because you exceeded the monthly earnings limit.

2. You can, within 12 months of applying for Social Security, ask SSA to withdraw your application for SS retirement benefits. They will do that for you, but you will also be required to repay them all SS benefits that they have already paid to (or for) you. This essentially would "wipe the slate clean" and enable your SS benefit to continue growing, allowing you to apply for a larger monthly benefit later. But if you wait longer than 12 months after your first

apply for SS benefits, you can no longer withdraw your application for Social Security. Thereafter, you would be subject to the annual earnings limit (the monthly earnings limit would no longer apply).

FYI, after you reach your FRA, there is no limit on your earnings, and you could choose to suspend your benefit payments and earn Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) to get a higher monthly benefit. Also at your FRA, if SSA withheld any of your benefits because you exceeded the earnings limit before reaching your FRA, you would get time credit for the number of months your benefits were withheld. Essentially, they would advance your benefit-start month by the number of months your benefits were withheld, yielding a slightly higher monthly amount after your FRA.

Finally, it's important to know that the contributions you made to Social Security from payroll taxes (FICA/SECA) over your lifetime are not what determines your monthly SS benefit amount. Your monthly SS benefit is based on two main factors: a) your average monthly earnings (indexed for inflation) for the highest earning 35 years over your lifetime as reported to the IRS, and b) the age at which you claim your SS benefits. Your contributions to Social Security while working only provide you with eligibility to collect SS benefits; the contributions aren't put into a separate account for you and are not used to calculate your monthly SS benefit. ★



Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson's Campaign Against the Supreme Court

ly, since time is of the essence. With the state's scheduled May 16 primaries rapidly approaching (now delayed), Louisiana wants to redraw its maps in keeping with the court's decision.

Jackson's dissent quotes a 2019 decision of the court in *Rucho v. Common Cause* for the proposition that courts should not "risk assuming political ... responsibility for a [partisan map-drawing] process that often produces ill will and distrust."

But this was a warning against courts involving themselves in minute questions of partisan gerrymandering. Here, the court has set out a bright-line principle that district lines can't be race-based, but otherwise said that the political authorities are welcome to gerrymander or not.

Jackson also slaps the court for creating "chaos in the State of Louisiana." This is quite rich given the history.

When Louisiana created a congressional map after the 2020 census with just one majority-minority district, it got sued for not sufficiently taking race into account; a judge ordered it to make a second minority district. When Louisiana complied by manufacturing a monstrosity of a district stretching 250 miles to randomly scoop up black voters, it got sued again -- this time, for taking race too much into account -- and the case made it to the Supreme Court.

It is a sign of how weak the Jackson dissent is that the other progressives haven't joined it, not even Sonia Sotomayor. It certainly would have been

much better if this case had been decided sooner, but Alito drops a suggestive footnote in his rejoinder to Jackson. He notes that the constitutional question was "argued and conferenced nearly seven months ago." This implies that the case was effectively decided right after oral arguments in October of last year, and that the dissenters slow-walked it.

Now, Jackson wants more delay -- it serves the partisan interests of Democrats to preserve unconstitutional race-based congressional districts as long as possible.

The reaction to Louisiana v. Callais has been so incandescent on the Left because it believes that unless black voters have black representatives, they are disenfranchised. But this is not how representative democracy works. Were white voters in Georgia disenfranchised in the 2022 Senate race when two African-American candidates, Democrat Raphael Warnock and Republican Herschel Walker, ran against each other? Were the voting rights of Christians in New York City crimped in 2025 because a Muslim man won the mayoral election?

All indications are that a commitment to some version of court-packing will be orthodoxy among 2028 Democratic presidential candidates. They will seek to make the highly isolated and wholly unpersuasive Justice Jackson part of a new court majority imposed by political fiat.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*. (c) 2026 by King Features Synd., Inc. ★

ABOUT TOWN

Continuing through Monday, May 25

Marinelli Bros. Circus – at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds. This all-new, family-owned circus combines old world charm with jaw-dropping innovation to deliver a thrilling show for all ages. It's a spectacular celebration of wonder, talent, and fun, perfect for families, date nights and anyone who loves live entertainment. Tickets and more information at MarinelliBrosCircus.com. 1658 S. Airport Way, Stockton.

Friday, May 22

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

Saturday, May 23

Waterslide Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening – noon to 7 p.m. at Gora Aquatic Center. Join us to celebrate the opening of our new 30-foot waterslide. Kick off the event at noon with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, light refreshments and a special giveaway for the first 25 children in attendance. City Council members will take the ceremonial first ride down the slide. The slide officially opens to the public at 2 p.m. and guests are invited to use the new feature during regular public swim hours. 630 Chabolla Ave.

4th Street Band Live Music – 1 to 4 p.m. at Barsetti Vineyards Tasting Room in Old Town. The band plays 1970s, '80s and '90s music. Members of the band feature some members of Phil & da Pinots Band as well as Galtonian Tony Keesee. Wine and wine slushes will be available for purchase. For more information, visit barsettivineyards.com or call 209-747-3861. 400 4th St., Suite 150.

"Celebrate Lodi" Show Reception & Award Presentation – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lodi Community Art Center. Join us for an open art show celebrating the wonderful community in Lodi. Participation is open to everyone in the community. Sponsored by the Lodi Community Art Center, City of Lodi and the Lodi Arts Commission. 110 W. Pine St., Lodi.

Astronomy in the Park – 8:15 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Shumway Oak Grove Regional Park. Bring a blanket and chairs; Stockton

Astronomical Society will bring the telescopes. Free event; \$10 parking. 4520 W. Eight Mile Road, Stockton.

Sunday, May 24

Line Dance Class & Karaoke Band Practice – noon to 4 p.m. at Barsetti Vineyards Tasting Room in Old Town. There is no charge for the class with purchase of wine. Then at 1 p.m., the band takes off with practice and karaoke. Attendees are also welcome to join in by singing or playing an instrument with the band. One-drink minimum for all events. For more information, visit barsettivineyards.com or call 209-747-3861. 400 4th St., Suite 150.

Monday, May 25

Lodi Blooms Memorial Day 5k Run/Walk – opens at 5:30 a.m. for check in at Chinchio Farming Co., Inc. Join us for a one-of-a-kind event nestled in the heart of cherry season. Everyone is invited to experience the orchard like never before: winding through rows of cherry trees on a scenic, flat farm course. Registration is limited to 200 registrants, link at chinchiofarming.com/products. 11560 N. Lower Sacramento Road, Lodi.

Galt Memorial Day Ceremony – 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Galt-Arno Cemetery District. Join us as we honor those who served and sacrificed for our country. After the ceremony, please join the Veterans of Galt as they continue the tribute with a special wreath-laying for local heroes. 14180 Joy Drive.

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.

Wednesday, May 27

Community Workshop: Galt Safety Action & Bicycle Transportation Plan – 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Galt Police Department Anthony Pescetti Community

Room. We invite residents, business owners and community members to join our first public workshop and help to shape the future of transportation safety in Galt. Learn more at GaltSafety.com. 455 Industrial Drive.

Music in the Park – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at West Park at Hutchins Street Square. Join us for a free, relaxing evening of live music. Bring your blankets or low lawn chairs and settle in for great tunes in a shady, comfortable park setting. Treats and eats available to purchase or pack your own picnic and enjoy dinner under the trees. 125 S. Hutchins St., Lodi.

Thursday, May 28 through Sunday, May 31

San Joaquin Kennel Club Dog Show – 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. Hundreds of the top dogs in the country will be competing for "Best in Show" at this annual AKC-licensed event. Enjoy food vendors as well as vendors with dog-related items on the grounds. There will be free dog show tours as well as an educational booth with free dog training materials and information on how to pick the right dog for you and your family. Admission is free; parking \$10. 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

Friday, May 29

Galt Chamber's 3rd Annual Awards Night – 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Galt District Chamber of Commerce. Enjoy a night of connection, celebration, and recognition as we spotlight the Chamber members who go above and beyond to make a lasting impact. Reserve your spot at business.galtchamber.org. 417 C St.

Sunset Bat Flyout Paddle – at the Cosumnes River Preserve. Join Wild Spirit Recreation for an unforgettable evening as we embark on an intimate paddle to witness the mesmerizing sunset bat flyout. A limited number of boats are available. Registration and more information at Eventbrite.com. 13501 Franklin Blvd.

Live Music with Phil & da Pinots – 6 to 9 p.m. at Barsetti Vineyards Tasting Room in Old Town. Phil & da Pinots play tunes from the 1960s, '70s, '80s and '90s. For more information, visit barsettivineyards.com or call 209-747-3861. 400 4th St., Suite 150.

Saturday, May 30

Swap Meet & Car Show – 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Galt Market grounds. Turn those old parts into cash. Swap meet spaces are only \$20 pre-registered or \$25 day of show. Free parking, \$5 admission, kids 12 and under are free. Call 209-513-8651 for more information. 610 Chabolla Ave.

Paint & Sip – 1 p.m. at Barsetti Vineyards Tasting Room in Old Town. The cost is \$45 per person, which includes all materials and instruction, led by artist Beth Bates. Reservations can be made by visiting Paintnite.com, selecting "Find events near me" and entering Beth Bates in the search bar. Wine and wine slushes will be available for purchase. For more information, visit barsettivineyards.com or call 209-747-3861. 400 4th St., Suite 150.

Lodi Ballet – Tinkerbell's Adventure in Neverland – 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Charlene Powers Lange Performing Arts Theatre. Join Tinkerbell and all her fairy friends as they dance and celebrate nature. Featuring the students of the City of Lodi Ballet Program as mermaids, pirates, and tons of fairies. Tickets available at lodi.gov/calendar.aspx. 125 S. Hutchins St., Lodi.

Saturday, July 11

A Drive Down Memory Lane Car Show – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at McFarland Living History Ranch. The Galt Area Historical Society will host its annual car show open to all cars from the 1970s and older. Car entry is \$35 in advance and \$45 at the gate. There will be a \$5 per car fee for the public to attend. For those interested, vehicles can be registered at galthistory.com. 8899 Orr Road.

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, June 13. 1000 C St.

Lodi Certified Farmers Market – 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. weekly on Thursdays through August 27. The streets will come alive with more than 65 growers, producers and food vendors offering everything from organic fruits and vegetables to fresh cheeses, meats, baked goods, local wines and handcrafted treasures. Enjoy live music while you browse. *School Street in Downtown Lodi.*

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

Widowed Persons Social Club – May 22, 10 a.m.: Mixed variety game day at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Gerri at 916-698-1940.

May 26, 5 p.m.: Freeport Bar & Grill, 8259 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento. Contact Addie at 916-682-3609.

May 27, 1 p.m.: Book club at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Merrylyn at 916-549-4264.

May 28, Noon: No-host lunch and Bunco at Patty's Pizza, 8591 Elk Grove Blvd. Contact Lois at 916-212-4196 or Susie at 916-798-0007.

May 29, Noon: Bingo at Oaks Mobile Home Park Club House, 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Contact Pat at 916-802-4524.

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

Library Events

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

Friday, May 15: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (G) English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G) Adult space – family history research, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (WG)

Tuesday, May 19: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (WG)

Wednesday, May 20: English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Thursday, May 21: STEAM builder space – LEGOs, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (G) Cook the book, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join us for a cooking demonstration and learn how to make Long Bean Adobo from "Aloha Veggies" by Alan Kysar. Limited enrollment, please pre-register on the library website. (WG)

Friday, May 22: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (G) English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

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 at 7 p.m., Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Dinner at 6 p.m.

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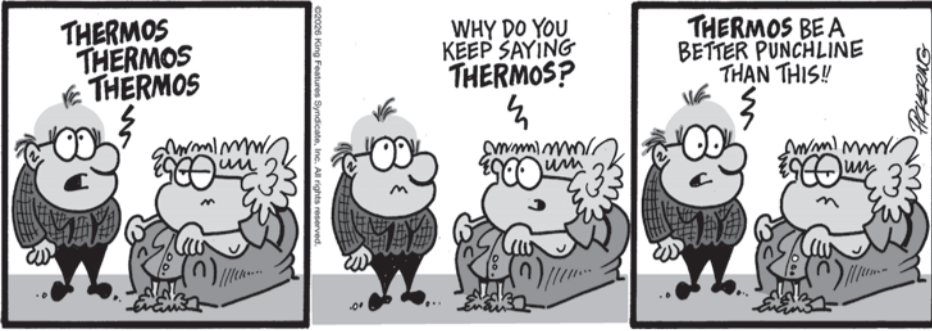
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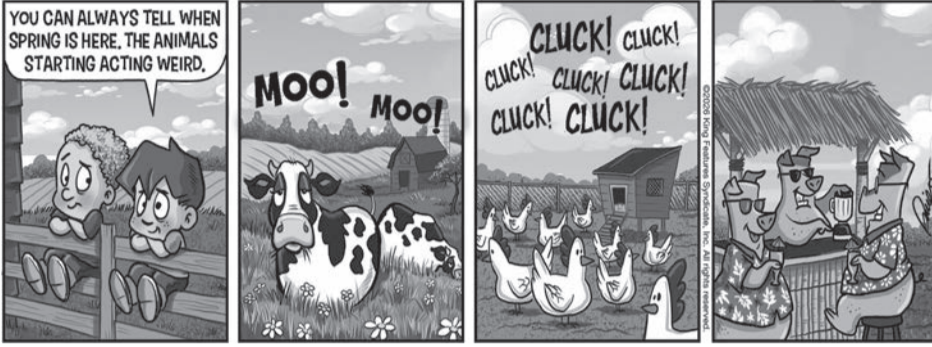
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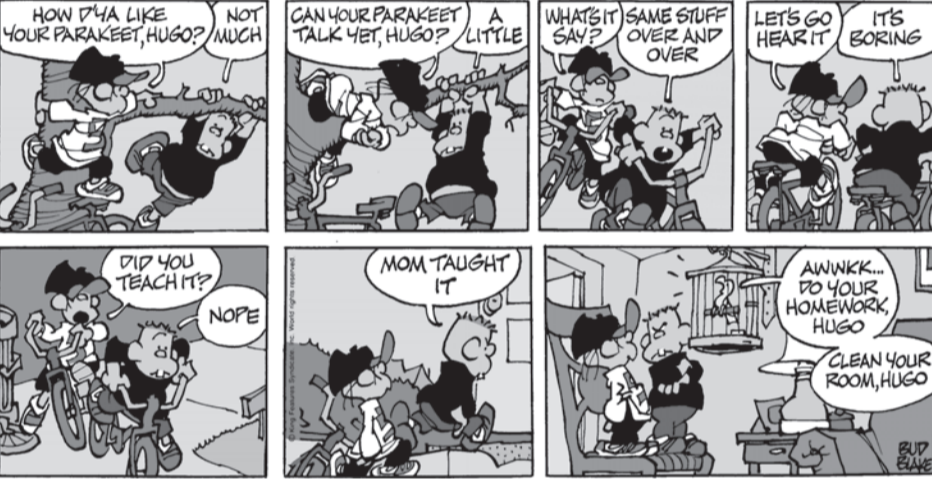
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According to the daysoftheyear.com website, all that's needed to celebrate this day is a deck of cards and a little bit of time to revel in solitude! National Solitaire Day is here to show appreciation for this card game that allows individuals, loners and introverts alike to play a game of cards without ever needing a partner.

Solitaire is a card game played by an individual that can be traced back to somewhere around the 17th century. Some folks assert that the game got its start as a way for an individual to tell their own fortune, using something like tarot cards. This type of game may have originated in the Baltic countries, moved on to Sweden and then eventually throughout the rest of Europe. Another story claims that the game of solitaire was invented by a French aristocrat who was imprisoned in the Bastille. Still others say that the game was invented by a French

mathematician to entertain King Louis XIV. What is known for sure is that a piece of French engraving artwork from 1697 depicts a famous princess playing a game of solitaire.

The first reference to the term "solitaire" in the Oxford English Dictionary was recorded in 1801. By 1826, the first book about the game was published in Russia, featuring a collection of solitaire games.

By 1864, when the work "Great Expectations" was published by Englishman Charles Dickens, one of the characters is playing a game of solitaire, which was at the time known as Patience. While several versions of solitaire can be played with cards, the traditional version, Klondike, uses all 52 cards in a traditional deck. The game is played from seven

cards and has four foundation rows where cards must be stacked in order, from Ace to King in same color or various colors.

National Solitaire Day offers a bit of nostalgia to celebrate this unique and interesting card game: for the competition, for the thrill, and really just for the fun of it!

And what goes well with playing a game of solitaire? Pudding, Vanilla Pudding! Today's National Vanilla Pudding Day celebrates the smooth, creamy goodness of a classic dessert. This day is all about enjoying the comforting simplicity of vanilla pudding, which has long been a favorite in many households. It's a dessert that can be enjoyed on its own or dressed up with toppings like fresh fruit, cookies, syrup or whipped cream, making it an ideal choice for any sweet tooth. The day invites people to indulge in this timeless treat and appreciate its role in our kitchens and dessert tables. What makes vanilla pudding special is its wide appeal.

The gentle flavor of vanilla offers a blank canvas, allowing for creative combinations, from layering it in trifles, to

using it as pie filling, etc. I like to layer it with chocolate cookies and whipped cream. Yum!

A few weeks ago, I attended the celebration of life for a unique and iconic retired staff member of Galt High School District: Larry Tosta. In addition to being a son, husband, father, grandfather and uncle, he was an Agriculture teacher, athletic coach, club advisor, vice principal and principal of both Estrellita and Galt high schools. He was one of the "good guys." I listened to loving words of his family, the funny stories of his colleagues and accolades of friends and past students.

I walked around to hear different groups reminisce about his journey in education, coaching basketball and adventures of being retired and traveling. And he was the chicken guru for his grandchildren at the Sacramento County fair, winning every year, Thanks for the memories, Larry; you are a blessing to us all and you will be missed.

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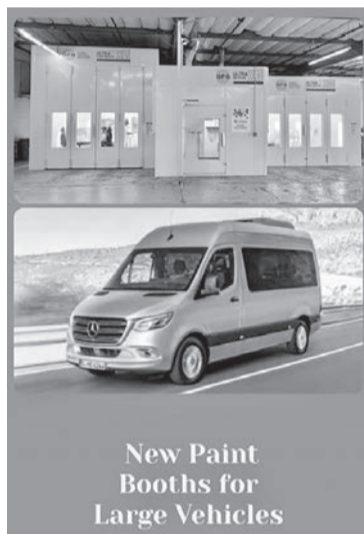
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Galt Baseball Celebrates Karlos Cornejo, Cash Myrick, Trent Dozier and Roman Azevedo on Senior Night

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The final home game of the season was about more than baseball for the Galt Warriors. After the last out was recorded, the program paused to honor four seniors who helped lead Galt through a season of transition, growth and new beginnings under first-year Head Coach Ryan Tassell.

Seniors Karlos Cornejo, Cash Myrick, Trent Dozier and Roman Azevedo were escorted onto the field after their final home game, receiving the recognition that comes with years of commitment to the game, their teammates and the Warrior baseball program. Senior Night is always emotional, but this one carried extra meaning for a group that helped set the tone in Tassell's first season leading the program.

For the Warriors, the year was not only about wins and losses. It was about establishing expectations, building a foundation and giving younger players a model of what commitment looks like at the varsity level. The senior class did that in different ways, whether through leadership, consistency, pitching, hitting or simply showing up every day ready to work.

One of the best stories of the season belonged to senior Trent Dozier. After not being pulled up to varsity as a junior and spending that season at the JV level, Dozier responded with a standout senior



The Galt High Baseball seniors pose with their coaches. Courtesy photo

campaign that became one of the bright spots of the year for Galt. His season was a story of perseverance and redemption, proving that an athlete's path is not always defined by where he starts, but by how he responds.

Dozier finished tied for the team lead in batting average at .333 and ranked second on the team in on-base percentage at .462. He also became the Warriors' top pitcher statistically, leading the team with a 2.26 ERA and throwing a team-high 43.1 innings. In those innings, Dozier struck out 50 batters while allowing just 14 earned runs, giving Galt a dependable arm throughout the season.

Cash Myrick also closed his senior season as one of the Warriors' most productive offensive players. Myrick ranked third on the team with a .317 batting average, tied for second with 13 hits, led the team with 10 RBIs, ranked second in slugging percentage at .366 and tied for the team lead with two doubles. He also contributed on the mound, throwing eight innings and striking out 10 batters.

The seniors also contributed defensively throughout the season. Karlos Cornejo played in 17 games and finished with 22 total chances, 15 putouts and four assists, while Dozier also appeared in 17 games and recorded 21

putouts. Myrick played in 15 games and gave the Warriors another senior presence in the field, helping to round out a group that gave Galt leadership across the diamond.

Karlos Cornejo added to the senior class with his own contributions, including an appearance on the mound in which he threw two-thirds of an inning, allowed one hit, gave up no runs and struck out one batter. Roman Azevedo was also part of the senior group honored after the final home game, sharing in a Senior Night moment that recognized the time, effort and pride these players gave to Galt baseball.

The Warriors' leaderboard reflected a mix

of senior leadership and younger talent that gives the program something to build on. In batting average, Dozier and junior Jonny Cash both led the team at .333, followed by Myrick at .317. In on-base percentage, Cash led at .480, followed by Dozier at .462 and junior Anthony Trejo at .458.

The speed category was led by junior Carlo Sterni, who finished with 20 stolen bases, followed by sophomore Angelo Sterni with 15 and freshman Cody Dixon with 11. On the mound, Dozier led the team with a 2.26 ERA, followed closely by Dixon at 2.33 and freshman Ricky Akers at 3.09. Defensively, junior James Gilbert led

the team with a .974 fielding percentage, followed by Angelo Sterni at .971 and Akers at .935.

Carlo Sterni also led the team with 19 runs scored and 14 hits, while Angelo Sterni finished second with 14 runs and Akers ranked third with 10. Myrick and Jonny Cash each finished with 13 hits, tying for second behind Carlo Sterni. Myrick led the team with 10 RBIs, followed by Arthur Cordova and Trejo with nine apiece. Trejo led the Warriors in slugging percentage at .368, just ahead of Myrick at .366 and Carlo Sterni at .333. Carlo Sterni, Myrick and Trejo each finished with two doubles, while Gilbert recorded the team's lone triple.

For Coach Tassell, the season provided a starting point. A new coach's first year is often about learning the roster, setting standards and establishing the culture that will carry forward. With seniors like Cornejo, Myrick, Dozier and Azevedo helping to guide the way, Galt baseball took those first steps.

Senior Night gave the Warriors a chance to say thank you. It was a moment for families, teammates and coaches to recognize four players who wore the Galt uniform with pride and helped bridge the program into a new era.

For Cornejo, Myrick, Dozier and Azevedo, their final home game was not just the end of a season ... it was the closing of a chapter they helped write. ★

Warriors Shine at Section Championships

MC Azubuiké Wins Division V High Jump Title as Galt Earns Three Podium Finishes

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - It was a great day for the Galt High School track and field team at the Sac-Joaquin Section Division V Finals on Saturday, May 16 at Sacramento City College's Hughes Stadium. On one of the biggest stages of the season, the Warriors delivered championship-level performances, came home with three podium finishes and saw sophomore MC Azubuiké rise above the field to capture a section title in the high jump.

Azubuiké was the headline performer for Galt, winning the Division V boys high jump championship with a mark of 6 feet, 2 inches. Competing against the top jumpers in the division, Azubuiké cleared the bar when it mattered most and gave the Warriors a section champion in one of track and field's premier field events. His victory was not only a personal accomplishment, but also a proud moment for the entire Galt program.

The Warriors also had a standout performance from junior Morgan Jones,

GALT RESULTS

Boys 800 Meters Division V Finals
5th Alejandro Herrera, Sr.
2:03.65

Boys 800 Meters Division V Finals
4th Alejandro Herrera, Sr.
4:36.42

Boys High Jump Division V Finals
1st MC Azubuiké, So.,
6-02.00

Girls 100-Meter Hurdles Division V Finals
2nd Morgan Jones, Jr.,
16.11

Girls High Jump Division V Finals
7th Morgan Jones, Jr.,
4-08.00

who finished second in the Division V girls 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.11 seconds. Jones attacked the hurdles with speed and confidence, earning a runner-up finish and a place on the podium against a strong field. She also competed in the girls' high jump, finishing seventh with a mark of 4 feet, 8 inches, adding another strong postseason result to her day.

Senior Alejandro Herrera closed out his section meet

with two impressive distance performances. Herrera earned a podium finish in the Division V boys 1,600-meter run, placing fourth with a time of 4:36.42. He also turned in a strong race in the 800 meters, finishing fifth in 2:03.65. For a senior competing late in the post-season, Herrera gave the Warriors exactly the kind of composed, determined effort that defines a leader.

With Azubuiké winning the section title, Jones taking second in the hurdles and Herrera finishing fourth in the 1,600, the Warriors left Hughes Stadium with three podium finishes and plenty to celebrate. At a meet filled with the best athletes from across the section, Galt showed that it belonged among the division's top programs.

For the Warriors, the section championships were more than just another meet. They were a showcase of talent, growth and the kind of postseason performances athletes work all year to achieve. Galt did not just show up; the Warriors stood on the podium. ★



Sophomore MC Azubuiké, on right, stands on the podium as the First Place section winner of the High Jump. Courtesy photos



Galt's Morgan Jones stands in the Second Place position wearing her 100m Hurdle medal.



Alejandro Herrera, far left, holds up his Fourth Place 1600-meter medal at the section championships.

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Hawks Cap Strong Season with Playoff Win, Quarterfinal Run



Hawk Gianna Farren dives for third in the playoff game against Woodland.



Carlie Perez connects with the ball.



Mariella Granata slides into second and is called safe.

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch High School softball team turned a strong regular season into a postseason statement before seeing its playoff run come to an end in the quarterfinals.

Led by Head Coach Vince Bunac, the Hawks finished second in league play, earned the No. 4 seed in the playoff bracket and opened the postseason last Wednesday with an emphatic 18-0 victory over No. 13 Woodland. Two days later, Liberty Ranch faced No. 5 Casa Roble, a team it had beaten earlier in the season, but the rematch went the other way as the Hawks fell 6-2 on Friday.

Still, the week captured much of what made Liberty Ranch's season successful: a deep lineup, strong pitching, dependable defense and a senior class that helped carry the program into the playoffs.

The Hawks wasted no time in their playoff opener, scoring three runs in the first inning, seven in the second and eight in the third to take complete control against Woodland. Liberty Ranch finished with 18 runs on 13 hits, drew six walks, reached twice on errors and did not strike out. The Hawks hit .500 as a team, posted a .588 on-base percentage, slugged .692 and finished with a 1.280 OPS. They also played error-free defense, finishing with a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage on 19 total chances.

Bella Granata delivered the biggest offensive performance of the day, going 4-for-4 with a home run, six RBIs and one run scored. Her home run was Liberty Ranch's lone homer of the game, and she finished with a 1.750 slugging percentage and 2.750 OPS. Granata also handled five defensive chances without an error and caught starting pitcher Laura Quinn.

Shelby Duarte also helped power the Hawks' offense, going 2-for-4 with three RBIs and a run scored. Carlie Perez went 2-for-4 with a double, two RBIs and two runs scored, while K. Springmeyer finished 1-for-3 with a double, two RBIs, a walk and a run scored. Xiana Juarez added a hit and two RBIs, and Cruz Gregorio went 1-for-2 with two RBIs, including a sacrifice fly.

Khali Barrantes was a major part of the offensive pressure from the top of



Shelby Duarte is safe at third after being forced to plow through the Woodland player blocking the base.



Cruz Gregorio is safe at first by a millisecond.



A celebration meets Bella Granata (14) at home plate after she hit a home run.

the lineup, reaching base twice, scoring four runs and adding a hit. Gianna Farren reached three times, going 1-for-2 with a walk, a hit-by-pitch and three runs scored. Mariella Granata did not record an official at-bat but still made a significant impact, drawing three walks, scoring two runs and stealing two bases. Ava Van Warmerdam also reached on an error as the Hawks kept pressure on Woodland throughout the shortened game.

In the circle, Liberty Ranch's pitching matched the offense. Quinn earned the win with three shutout innings, allowing two hits and one walk while striking out five. Gregorio finished the game with two scoreless innings, allowing one hit and striking out four. Together, Quinn and Gregorio combined for five innings, three hits allowed, one walk and nine strikeouts on 92 pitches. Quinn threw to Bella

Granata, while Farren caught Gregorio.

The defense was just as clean behind them. Barrantes, Farren, Gregorio, Perez, Bella Granata, Duarte and Mariella Granata all handled their chances without an error. Farren recorded four putouts, Bella Granata had five, Perez had three and Duarte added two assists as Liberty Ranch closed out a complete playoff-opening performance.

Friday's quarterfinal matchup against Casa Roble proved tougher. Liberty Ranch entered as the No. 4 seed against the No. 5 seed and had beaten Casa Roble earlier in the season, but this time the Hawks could not generate the same offensive momentum. Casa Roble scored early and held Liberty Ranch scoreless until the fifth inning, when the Hawks pushed across both of their runs.

Liberty Ranch finished the quarterfinal

with two runs on four hits. Barrantes, Farren, Springmeyer and Duarte each had one hit for the Hawks, and Springmeyer drove in Liberty Ranch's lone RBI. Gregorio and Bella Granata scored the Hawks' two runs. The Hawks drew four walks, with Gregorio, Bella Granata and Juarez reaching via free passes, but Liberty Ranch left eight runners on base.

Gregorio started on the mound with 4.2 innings of pitching, allowing four runs, one earned, and striking out six. Quinn took over in the circle and threw 2.1 innings, allowing two runs, one earned, while striking out three. The two Liberty Ranch pitchers combined for nine strikeouts in seven innings.

Although the season ended with the 6-2 loss, Bunac said the Hawks' year should be remembered for the progress, resilience and accomplishments that came before the final out.

"What a ride it was this season," Bunac said. "This group had some amazing accomplishments: finishing second in league, earning a high playoff seed and winning that first playoff game. It is always tough when it ends, and it is especially tough to see these six seniors move on. Some of them will continue playing in college, and all of them have meant so much to this program."

For Liberty Ranch, the quarterfinal loss closed the book on a season that included a second-place league finish, a No. 4 playoff seed, a dominant first-round postseason win and a senior class that helped raise expectations for the program. The Hawks' playoff run ended sooner than they hoped, but their season still left behind plenty to build on. ★

GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Alejandro Herrera, Galt High Track & Field



Kristine Meixner, Galt High Track & Field



Cruz Gregorio, Liberty Ranch Softball



Shelby Duarte, Liberty Ranch Softball

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