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Galt Gears Up for National Night Out



National Night Out, a free community event, will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. at three locations in Galt. File photo by Paige Lampson

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - Residents will have the opportunity to connect with neighbors, law enforcement officers and local organizations when National Night Out returns to Galt on Aug. 4.

Hosted by the Galt Police Department, the free community event will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. at three locations in Galt: 1000 Walnut Ave.; Meadowview Park, 1128 Meadowview Drive; and the Galt Sports Complex, 1022 Caroline

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National Night Out, held annually on the first Tuesday in August, is a nationwide community-building event designed to strengthen relationships between residents, businesses, community organizations and law enforcement. Organizers say the event provides a welcoming environment for families to learn about local resources while getting to know the people and services that help support the community.

Attendees can enjoy free food, games, activities, giveaways, safety

information and vendor booths at each location.

The event is supported by several community sponsors, including A-Z Foundation Group, Martin Brower, Max Muscle Galt and Galt Food Center.

Police officials said donations are being accepted to help support National Night Out activities and enhance the experience for attendees. To donate by cash or check, contact CSO Roque at jroque@galtpd.com or by calling/texting 209-744-6533.

For more, visit nnogalt.org. ★

New Plan Forecasts Watershed Climate Resilience



Regional Water
Authority News
Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Regional Water Authority (RWA) and regional partners have completed the American, Bear and Cosumnes Watersheds Resilience Plan, a new climate resilience strategy that evaluates how climate change is expected to affect water supplies, flood risk, ecosystems, infrastructure and communities across one of California's most important watershed systems.

Funded by the California Department of Water Resources through the State's Watershed Resilience Pilot Program, the Sacramento region was selected as one of five pilot regions statewide to help develop watershed-scale climate resilience planning approaches that could inform future implementation efforts across California.

The plan examines the interconnected American, Bear and Cosumnes river watersheds, which support more than 2 million people, provide approximately 8% of California's developed water supply and contribute important flows to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The plan combines climate modeling, vulnerability analysis, equity assessment and stakeholder engagement to evaluate how climate change could reshape the region over the coming decades and identify actions that can help communities and ecosystems adapt.

Key findings for the Sacramento region include critical snowpack that feeds these watersheds could decline by approximately 60% by mid-century. Snowmelt is projected to occur two to four weeks earlier. Extreme heat days over 95 degrees could increase by roughly 20 days annually. Wildfires are projected to become 17% more frequent. Extreme precipitation events could become 15% more intense. Peak flood flows could increase by approximately 19%.

The plan also finds that climate impacts will not be experienced equally. Lower-income

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Hume Highlights State of the County



Above and below right: District 5 Supervisor Pat Hume speaks during the 10th Annual State of the County event at the Elk Grove Park Pavilion. Photo courtesy of Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce

MPG Staff

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - County Supervisor Pat Hume brought the State of the County home to Elk Grove on Friday, July 17, updating a full house on topics impacting the business growth and community resilience of Sacramento County.

This tenth annual address, sponsored by the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce, brought together civic leaders, business professionals, elected officials and community changemakers.

District 5 Supervisor Hume, who represents Elk

Grove, Galt, Isleton and Rancho Cordova, highlighted Sacramento County's priorities, economic outlook, infrastructure investments and initiatives impacting businesses, residents and the future growth of our communities.

Topics he covered included: the county budget, including balancing one-time expenditures and recurring costs; water supplies, and the completion of the Harvest Water Project, turning recycled water into irrigation; and support for the homeless, including new shelter spaces in Sacramento and the county. ★





Nearly \$400,000 in Fines for Illegal Fireworks

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - The City of Galt has issued \$391,000 in administrative fines following investigations into illegal fireworks activity during Independence Day celebrations.

According to city officials, the Galt Code Enforcement Division partnered with the Galt Police

Department and Cosumnes Fire Department to identify and address violations throughout the community. Enforcement teams used drone technology and video evidence to investigate reports of illegal fireworks use.

Officials identified 20 locations where violations occurred and have mailed notices to those involved. The notices are expected

to arrive in the coming days.

Under Galt’s municipal code, each illegal firework that is used, possessed or ignited constitutes a separate violation and carries a \$1,000 fine. City officials said penalties may be issued not only to individuals who discharge illegal fireworks, but also to property owners, renters and event hosts who permit such activity on their

property.

The city’s fireworks ordinance is intended to reduce the risk of fires, injuries, property damage and other public safety hazards associated with illegal fireworks.

The department’s enforcement strategy combines education, outreach and enforcement to improve community safety and discourage the use of illegal fireworks. ★

Slide Closed After Vandalism

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - A slide at the Sports Complex Playground has been temporarily closed following an act of vandalism, according to a social media post by city officials on July 16.

The damaged playground feature has been barricaded while city staff work with the manufacturer to obtain a replacement. Officials have not announced a timeline for repairs.

The closure affects only the slide area, which has been fenced off to prevent public access while the replacement process moves forward.

City officials are asking park visitors to avoid the closed section of the playground and to leave all barricades and safety barriers in place.

The city said updates will be provided as more



A slide at the Sports Complex Playground has been temporarily closed following an act of vandalism. Photo courtesy of the City of Galt

information becomes available regarding repair plans and the reopening of the playground feature.

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communities, Tribal communities and outdoor workers may face greater exposure to extreme heat, flooding, wildfire smoke and economic disruption.

“The science is clear that climate change is already reshaping our watersheds,” said Jim Peifer, executive director of the Regional Water Authority. “The question is no longer whether these impacts are coming, but how quickly the region can act to prepare. This plan gives the Sacramento region a shared framework to move from vulnerability assessment to implementation, and positions regional partners to move quickly as funding and project opportunities emerge.”

In addition to identifying climate vulnerabilities, the plan outlines 19 watershed adaptation strategies and 119 potential adaptation actions focused on reducing long-term risks associated with drought, flooding, wildfire and extreme heat.

The plan also establishes a decision-making framework intended to help agencies and partners evaluate and prioritize future resilience investments based on factors such as regional benefit, climate risk reduction, ecosystem improvements, equity considerations and implementation readiness.

Strategies identified in the plan include reducing wildfire risk and improving forest health in the Sierra headwaters, strengthening flood protection for vulnerable communities, expanding groundwater recharge, protecting cold-water habitat for salmon and other native fish species, expanding flood forecasting and early warning systems, and advancing regional

projects that provide multiple water supply, ecosystem and community resilience benefits.

“For more than two decades, DWR has encouraged Californians to connect across watersheds,” said Karla Nemeth, director of the California Department of Water Resources. “A warmer climate stresses resources from forests to aquifers. That makes the hard work of collaboration more important than ever. DWR’s \$2 million grant to the Regional Water Authority yielded a plan that tells a powerful story about future risks and marks a clear path to resilience.

This plan positions the people of the American, Bear, and Cosumnes watersheds to cope with a changed climate. It is an early example of the kind of work needed across the state, and it helps build DWR’s momentum to update the California Water Plan to deliver more precise, localized and action-oriented water supply strategies.”

The planning effort was led by the Regional Water Authority with support from Jacobs, Valley Vision, Khadam Consulting, the Water Forum, regional water agencies, local governments, Tribal representatives, community organizations and Watershed Network participants.

“The region already has many of the partnerships, technical tools and local initiatives needed to strengthen resilience,” Peifer said. “This plan helps align those efforts and creates a clearer path forward for coordinated regional action.”

The full American, Bear, and Cosumnes Watersheds Resilience Plan is available at rwwatershedsresilience.com/plan. ★



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Strauss Festival Presents ‘Vienna Once More’

**By Beth Hedlund and Margie Jones
Strauss Board
Co-Chairs**

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - The Strauss festival returns to its roots in Vienna with the 2026 theme “Vienna Once More.” A young couple meets in Vienna during Oktoberfest, falls in love and marries. The stage transforms in the second act to a Christmas Market where the couple returns to Vienna, this time with their family in tow, to share the magic of Vienna with their children.

Classical Strauss music will be played by the 40-piece Camellia Symphony Orchestra and showcased in a variety of dances: polka, quadrille and waltz. Gorgeous costumes and amazing stage settings bring the story all together for guests to enjoy. A volunteer cast of 80 features dancers ages 4 to 78 for four nights, July 23 to 26, in Elk Grove Park at 9950 Elk Grove-Florin Road.

Cast members include the Little’s, Beginning Polka, Polka, Quadrille and Waltz groups, each with their own unique style of dance. Strauss’ famous ending waltz of the performance, The Blue Danube, will round out the show with a spectacular display

of fireworks at the show’s conclusion each evening! It is exciting to have a number of first-time dancers to Strauss, as well as the veteran dancers that have been with Strauss for 20-plus years. Such an incredible legacy of volunteers and fans the Strauss festival has developed over the past almost four decades!!

Plan to have refreshments at the Park as there will be food trucks: The Greek, Cowtown Creamery, Costa’s, Carpenter Coffee, Kona Ice, The Fry Boys, Francisco Serona Taco, and hot dogs by Elk Grove Rotary, just to name a few.

A variety of Bogle wines will be available for purchase, as well as a variety of beers and sparkling wines. Check out the Strauss Merchandise Booth for 2026 Strauss shirts, stickers, mini flashlights and other Strauss merchandise. The Strauss History Booth will be open and have on display previous festival posters and memorabilia from the last 37+ years.

There are a number of seating options; blanket seating, bleachers seating and seating for those who need ADA accommodations. Blanket seating includes an area for your blanket and/or chairs which can be put down



The annual Strauss Festival theme this year is “Vienna Once More,” bringing back to Elk Grove Park’s outdoor amphitheater from July 23 to 26 a free performance of classical Strauss music showcased in a variety of dances including polka, quadrille and waltz. Photo courtesy of Strauss Festival

beginning at 10 a.m. on the morning of the show you wish to see. The bleacher seating is available on a first-come basis. ADA seating is available and needs to be reserved ahead of time with a limited number of seats available for each performance. (For complete details on seating options, see www.strauss-festival.com, email info@straussfestival.com or call 916-714-2527.

“Vienna Once More” runs for four nights, July 23 to 26 with the promenade of dancers beginning at 7:30 p.m. At 8:15 p.m., the show begins and concludes each evening around 10 p.m.

For the 37th year, Strauss continues to honor the

wishes of Iris Zimbelman, that the Strauss Festival should be free to all who wish to attend. Even if it is hot during the day, by the time the show begins at 8:15 p.m., it is beautiful in the park. In fact, we encourage patrons to bring a sweater as the Delta Breeze tends to kick up in the evening!

Note that there is a small parking charge of \$10 per car at the park which goes directly to the Strauss Festival.

Join us for a nostalgic evening with this 37th year of an enchanting, full stage production, “Vienna Once More.” The Strauss Festival is an Elk Grove “Gem” of which we are extremely proud!

Share the Joy of Reading at the Strauss Festival Book Drive

The Strauss Festival of Elk Grove is inviting the community to help spread the love of reading through a special Book Drive benefiting Elk Grove Reads, a free bookstore operated out of the Elk Grove Food Bank.

Festival guests are encouraged to bring new or gently used books to the festival each evening, July 23 to 26. Every book donated earns an entry into that night’s raffle for exclusive Strauss Festival merchandise.

Winners will be drawn nightly, giving attendees multiple chances to

take home fun festival prizes while supporting two outstanding local organizations.

Your book donations will help provide reading opportunities for children and families throughout our community while also supporting EG Reads and the Elk Grove Food Bank’s efforts to serve those in need.

Whether it’s a favorite children’s story, an inspiring novel, or an educational book in great condition, your donation can make a lasting difference.

Join us at the Strauss Festival and help turn the page toward a brighter future; one book at a time!



Cosumnes River Stretch Permanently Protected



Sacramento Valley Conservancy will hold the permanent conservation easement on the property, ensuring it remains protected for habitat conservation and ecological restoration.

Sacramento Valley Conservancy News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A critical stretch of the Cosumnes River – the only undammed river on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada – is now permanently protected and slated for ecological restoration. Sacramento Valley Conservancy and Westervelt Ecological Services are celebrating the acquisition of the 204-acre Johnson Cosumnes Mitigation Bank, which fills an important gap in river frontage within the more than 51,000-acre Cosumnes River Preserve near Galt and south of Elk Grove. The preserve contains some of the finest remaining floodplain and riparian habitat in California’s Central Valley.

Westervelt will own and manage the property, restoring former agricultural land into a thriving floodplain ecosystem. Planned restoration activities include lowering or removing select sections of agricultural berms to reconnect the river with its historic floodplain, creating pilot channels that support natural flow patterns, and

establishing native vegetation across wetlands and riparian habitats.

By allowing seasonal floodwaters to move freely through the site once again, the restoration will improve habitat diversity, support native fish and wildlife, enhance water quality and strengthen the region’s network of protected lands. Valley oak, cottonwood and willow will once again line meandering river channels, providing shade and habitat that benefit native fish, including juvenile Chinook salmon and Central Valley steelhead.

The restoration is also designed to improve thermal refuge by increasing shade, restoring natural flow patterns and enhancing connections to cooler water.

To reduce the risk of fish stranding, the project incorporates multiple interconnected channels that allow fish to move more freely between the restored floodplain and the Cosumnes River during changing water conditions.

“This property is a critical wildlife linkage in the Cosumnes River corridor, and Sacramento Valley



Planned restoration activities include lowering or removing select sections of agricultural berms to reconnect the river with its historic floodplain. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Valley Conservancy



Valley oak, cottonwood and willow will once again line meandering river channels, providing shade and habitat that benefit native fish, including juvenile Chinook salmon and Central Valley steelhead. Photos courtesy of Sacramento Valley Conservancy

Conservancy is thrilled to partner with Westervelt to protect it in perpetuity,” said Kelly Hopkins, executive director, Sacramento Valley Conservancy. “This acquisition represents another important step in our effort to connect and restore the remaining

Valley oak riparian habitats that once covered much of California’s Central Valley.”

“Restoration at this scale isn’t something any one organization can accomplish alone,” said Travis Hemmen, president/general manager of Westervelt

Ecological Services. “Conservation partners like the Sacramento Valley Conservancy, other Cosumnes River Preserve Partners, and critical support from our state and federal resource agencies make projects like this possible. We bring the private capital, but sustainable conservation only happens when dedicated partners share a long-term commitment to the land.”

The Johnson Cosumnes Mitigation Bank will generate mitigation credits that can be purchased by public agencies and other project proponents to offset impacts to wetlands, riparian habitat and other sensitive natural resources in the region.

Sacramento Valley Conservancy will hold the permanent conservation easement on the property, ensuring it remains protected for habitat conservation and ecological restoration. Together, Sacramento Valley Conservancy and Westervelt have permanently protected more than 1,350 acres within

the Cosumnes River floodplain, including the recent Zacharias and McDonald Ranch projects. The partners remain committed to acquiring additional priority properties to expand protected lands and strengthen the ecological integrity of the Cosumnes River Preserve.

About the Sacramento Valley Conservancy: Established in 1990, the Sacramento Valley Conservancy is a nationally accredited land trust committed to protecting the Sacramento region’s natural beauty, character and biodiversity.

The Conservancy achieves this through the dedicated stewardship of natural and working lands, open spaces, and scenic areas, and has protected over 18,000 acres in the region.

The Conservancy collaborates with landowners, developers, agencies, and communities to protect lands essential for wildlife, local food production, and opportunities for outdoor recreation and education.



California Museum Welcomes Clancey as Executive Director

The California Museum News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Museum is pleased to announce the appointment of Erin Clancey as the Museum's new executive director. Clancey, a visionary museum executive with over 25 years of experience shaping major cultural institutions, will assume the role in September 2026. She will be succeeding Amanda Meeker, who recently retired from her 28-year career at the California Museum.

"Erin brings an exceptional depth of knowledge and a genuine passion for making history, art and cultural experiences accessible to all," said California Museum Board of Trustees Chair, Anne Marie Petrie. "California's story is unlike any other; it's one of remarkable diversity, innovation and influence. It deserves someone who understands how to bring that story to life for every visitor, and Erin is that person. We are thrilled to welcome her home to California and confident she is the right person to shape the Museum's future."

"I am honored and thrilled for the opportunity



A Davis native, Erin Clancey will be returning home after building a distinguished career in curatorial and exhibitions leadership at institutions across the country. Photo courtesy of The California Museum

to lead the California Museum at such an important moment in its evolution," said Clancey. "The Museum is in an extraordinary position to continue telling meaningful stories about the people, ideas and movements that have shaped our state. I look forward to working with its talented staff, board, partners and communities across California to broaden access and steward the Museum into its next chapter."

A Davis native, Clancey will be returning home after building a distinguished career in curatorial and exhibitions leadership at institutions across

the country. Erin currently serves as Associate Vice President of Collections & Exhibits at The National WWII Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana, where she has been based since 2017.

During her tenure, she has led a multidisciplinary team across seven divisions including exhibitions, collections, archives and digital assets and guided the interpretation of collections through tours, programs and exhibitions. Under her leadership, the museum launched a comprehensive digital collections platform that made the museum's holdings publicly accessible for the first time.

Before joining the World War II Museum, Clancey served as the Chief Curator at the Skirball Cultural Center & Museum in Los Angeles, where she oversaw a collection of more than 85,000 artifacts and led the conception and production of exhibitions spanning ancient history, the Civil Rights movement and contemporary art.

She managed a multidisciplinary team of curators, registrars, exhibit designers and gallery educators and built lasting relationships with cultural institutions, scholars, donors and artists across the country. ★

Sacramento International Airport Seeks Public Input to Shape Next 20 Years of Growth



Sacramento International Airport invites travelers, residents and community members to share their priorities for the airport's future through a public survey. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento International Airport (SMF) has launched a public survey as part of its Airport Master Plan update, inviting travelers, residents and community members to share their priorities for the airport's future.

The Airport Master Plan is a comprehensive, long-range planning document that guides development and improvements over a 20-year horizon. The plan evaluates existing facilities, forecasts future passenger and aircraft activity, identifies

infrastructure needs and outlines a recommended development strategy shaped in part by input from the public.

"This master plan is about more than buildings and runways. It is about understanding what our community needs from its airport for decades to come," said Director of Airports for Sacramento County, Cindy Nichol. "We are asking the people who fly through SMF and live in this region to tell us what matters most to them."

The public survey is now open and takes only a few minutes to complete. Residents and

travelers are encouraged to share feedback on topics including flight options, terminal amenities, parking and accessibility. You can access the survey on the Sacramento County website.

Public participation is a key component of the master plan. Input gathered through the survey and community outreach will help inform facility recommendations, capital improvement priorities and the airport's long-term development strategy.

The survey will remain open through Aug. 14. For more about the plan, visit the Department of Airports website. ★



MEMORIAL

TERESA AGNES LOPES CECCARINI — 1950 – 7/13/2026

Teresa Agnes Lopes Ceccarini, 75, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 13th, 2026. Born in Lodi, CA, she lived much of her life in Galt, CA. Teresa was one of four siblings

(Anita, Virginia, and Barbara) born to Pete and Patricia Ceccarini. Teresa raised a beautiful family, preceded by her beloved husband, Jeffrey Lopes (who passed in 2017), daughter Debbie, son

David. She cherished her grandchildren, Nick, Kendra, Alair, Jayden, Jonathan, and her great grandson Justin. She will forever be in our hearts, and we all will miss her dearly.



PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

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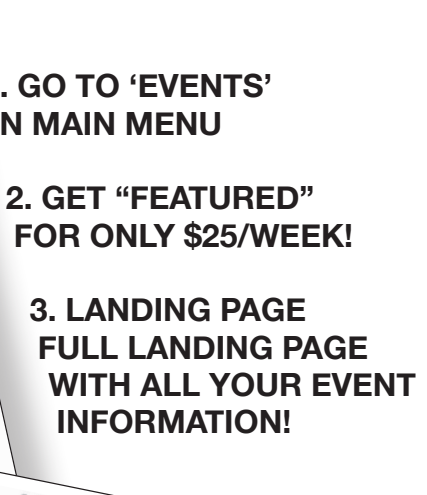
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A Stellar Summer League

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Well, Kings fans, the 2026 NBA summer league is officially over, and the No. 1 draft choice of the Golden State Warriors, Yaxel Lendeborg, shined as he led the Warriors to the 2026 championship over the Memphis Grizzlies.

Lendeborg was only the second player to ever play in an NCAA championship and an NBA summer league championship in the same year. The other player? None other than Davion Mitchell in 2021.

Still a sore spot with me, trading Davion away for basically nothing will go down as one of the dumbest moves the Sacramento Kings have ever made.

But on to the more positive parts of this year’s summer league.

The Sacramento Kings got what they were hoping for and so did the Kings faithful. Coming out of the gate strong in the friendly confines of Golden One Arena, Sacramento treated their fans to back-to-back victories and showcased their No. 1 draft choice Daius Acuff jr.

Darius did not disappoint, averaging 19 points and 4.6 assists throughout, and although his field goal percentage of 35% was less than desirable, Darius comported himself admirably, and considering the hype and his age, I give Darius a B++ for his summer league effort.

At only 19 years of age, Darius showed up and gave the Sacramento fans plenty to cheer for, and without a doubt Golden One will be filled to the brim with the start of the preseason to see what this young baller can bring to this young team.

Not to be overlooked are three players that stood out and surprised many fans. Drafted late in the first round, Emanuel Sharp showed Kings fans why GM Scott Perry traded down to snatch this young guard who shined in every aspect on both ends of the floor.

Sharp scored 15.7 points per contest, boasting 2.6 steals and three rebounds, while looking more like an NBA veteran than the rookie he is. Look for Sharp to make a significant contribution to the full squad in the upcoming season.

Likewise, newcomer Jonathan Mogbo made a splash as he seemed to be all over the court and gave the Kings a much-needed defensive

effort in the paint. At six-foot-nine and 225 pounds, Mogbo is a great complement to crowd favorite Dylan Cardwell, and suddenly an area of great concern appears to be getting noticeably better.

The Kings are looking balanced for the first time in memory, as their once weak backcourt is showing up and giving fans a real reason for optimism.

One player that every Kings fan should be watching with real excitement is rookie Marquel Sutton who at six-foot-nine and 225 pounds came out of nowhere to literally steal the show. Marquel showed an aptitude for not only rebounding and low post scoring but had no problems hoisting the threes with regularity.

Will Dylan take a big step forward this year and not only help Domantas Sabonis on the boards but add to the scoring column as well?

Dylan has had his troubles scoring down low and hasn’t much of a midrange game, but can he improve in this area and learn to shoot free throws? He needs to, and as much as he represents a crowd favorite, he has the ability to energize the team as well with his tenacious defense and crowd-pleasing enthusiasm.

Fans buy tickets to see players like Cardwell perform, but the name of the game is “getting better.”

The same is true for Keegan Murray who is about to embark on his fifth NBA season, and after a tepid season last year when he was rarely on the court due to injuries, Keegan needs to find his stroke and become the player the Kings have always believed he can be.

Everyone is rooting for Keegan, but 2026-27 becomes a critical time for Keegan to demonstrate why he was a first round draft pick, and another season like the last one will likely end his time in Sacramento.

Have heart Kings fans and get ready to do some significant hand clapping because there is reason to celebrate and we’re just getting started.

What will a healthy Sacramento Kings team look like and can some of the young veterans up their game. That’s why we buy tickets, and although the pundits are already predicting a less than stellar year for Sacramento, I remain the eternal optimist.

All the best! ★

Does Crowning California’s Governor the Education Czar Mean Academic Results Will Improve?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

In late June, after only a few minutes of discussion, both houses of the Legislature completely overhauled how California manages the nation’s largest public school system and its nearly 6 million students.

The votes for Assembly Bill 181 — 21-4 in the Senate and 52-4 in the Assembly — reflected a bipartisan consensus, rare for major issues, that the system has been failing California’s children. The votes were based on an implicit, perhaps even desperate, hope that streamlining administration might raise the state’s mediocre levels of academic achievement.

The measure demotes the elected state superintendent of schools from the head of the state Department of Education to a member of the state school board and replaces the superintendent with an “education commissioner” appointed by the governor.

Assemblywoman Darshana Patel, a San Diego Democrat, research scientist and local school board member, cogently expressed that hope during the Assembly’s brief floor debate.

“We can’t keep doing the same thing and expect different outcomes for our students, our schools and our communities. They are the ones who are the real victims of this misalignment of our systems and structures,” she said,

adding, “The proposal before you today would promote a more coherent policy making. The change will allow policy makers and the public to hold the governor accountable for educational outcomes.”

The last sentence of her remarks is the key element. While the governor has always been an important member of California’s complex education leadership structure, the multitude of other participants has made it easy to pass the buck when academic test results and other measures expose academic shortcomings.

Suddenly undoing many decades of managerial status quo, as first proposed in Gov. Gavin Newsom’s state of the state address last January, is a remarkable feat unto itself. Doing so over the opposition of the California Teachers Association elevates it to a minor political miracle.

“The proposal would divert attention away from the real needs of students and schools by introducing a significant governance change that is both unnecessary and counterproductive,” the powerful union wrote in a statement before AB 181’s approval. “This proposal does nothing to improve student outcomes or strengthen public education.”

For decades, the teachers association and other education unions have easily gotten their favored candidates for state superintendent elected. And those chosen officials have faithfully echoed the unions’ position that the key to increasing outcomes is allocating more money.

School funding has increased sharply since the turn of the century, but test scores have not followed suit. Some categories, such as elementary school reading levels, remain embarrassingly low.

The first hint that change was on the table came late last year, when Policy Analysis for California Education, a consortium of education faculty at five major universities, issued a lengthy critique of the current system. The report said California’s complicated mélange of state and local authority “often results in overlapping responsibilities, fragmented authority, and challenges in ensuring streamlined decision-making.”

By design, the consortium’s recommendations closely resembled Newsom’s proposal and the final legislation.

The obvious question is if streamlining education governance and making the governor accountable, at least on paper, for academic outcomes will merely rearrange chairs on a sinking ship, or actually generate more achievement for the \$25,000-plus that the new state budget will be spending on each public school student.

California’s education establishment has been reluctant to change its mantra that more money is needed to boost results and equally reluctant to embrace improvements in instructional techniques, such as using phonics to upgrade elementary reading ability.

The onus will be on Newsom’s successor, most likely Xavier Becerra, to become the new schools sheriff in town.

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

Can my spouse file at 63 and then get half of mine when I later claim?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My spouse is 63 and I am 65. I am planning to take my Social Security benefits at age 70. Can my lower earning spouse take his own benefits now, and then - when I take my full benefits at age 70, can he then file for 50% of mine instead of the lower benefit he is getting because he claimed at age 63? **Signed: Higher Earning Spouse**

Dear Higher Earning Spouse: Yes, your lower-earning spouse can take his benefits based on his personal lifetime earnings record at any time (i.e., age 63) and, when you later claim your own SS at 70, your spouse will be evaluated to determine whether he is eligible for a “spousal boost” based on your Social Security record. But to be sure you are clear, if you claim at age 70, your spouse will not get 50% of your age 70 benefit amount.

Spousal benefits are always determined by comparing each partners’

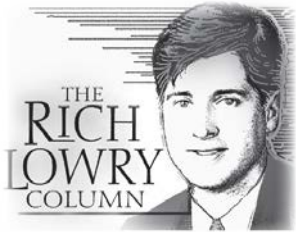
full retirement age (FRA) entitlement and, if your spouse’s FRA entitlement is less than half of your FRA entitlement, your spouse will get a “spousal boost” to bring his monthly SS retirement payment up to what he is entitled to as your spouse. The amount of the “spousal boost” would be the difference between his FRA entitlement and 50% of your FRA entitlement, which would be added to his own (age 63) SS retirement amount. And that means that his total benefit amount would be less than half of your age 70 amount (less also than 50% of your FRA amount, because he claimed at age 63).

One caution for your spouse to be aware of: if he is still working and claims at age 63, he will be subject to Social Security’s Annual Earnings Test (AET), which limits how much he can earn before SS takes away some benefits. The earnings limit for 2026 is \$24,480 (changes annually) and if that is exceeded, SS will take back \$1 of benefits for every \$2 he is over the limit. FYI, Social Security will “take back” by withholding future benefit payments, so he will not get his benefits for some months if he exceeds the annual earnings limit. And if the

annual earnings limit is significantly exceeded, your spouse could even be temporarily ineligible to receive SS benefits (until he either earns less or reaches his full retirement age (the earnings limit goes away when FRA is reached)).

The only way your spouse can avoid both a reduced personal benefit and the annual earnings test limitation is to wait until his own full retirement age to claim Social Security. However, if he’s not working full time and needs the Social Security money sooner, then claiming at age 63 may be a good choice. In any case, he won’t get half of your age 70 amount.

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An early period of World War II was known as “the phony war.” What we may be witnessing now in the U.S.-Iran war is the end of a “phony peace.”

The nearly five-month-long conflict has featured a couple of sham cease-fires, each marked by supposed Iranian pledges to reopen the Strait of Hormuz that came to nothing.

With the Iranians firing on shipping in the Strait again, Trump has declared the so-called memorandum of understanding signed about a month ago to be a dead letter. After lifting sanctions on Iranian oil and ending the U.S. blockade of Iranian ports, Trump has reinstituted both. He maintains that the U.S. will control the strait and, at some point, charge a 20% fee on all shipping for our trouble (a bad idea that Trump appears already to have abandoned).

It was clear a couple of days into the war that the Strait of Hormuz had become the key strategic variable and that President Trump wouldn’t easily be able to walk away from the conflict without reopening the strait again.

The MOU was an illusory means of achieving this goal via diplomacy. The problem is that we thought -- or wanted to believe -- that the agreement said the Iranians would allow unobstruct-

Another Sham Deal with Iran Comes Undone

ed passage again, while the Iranians thought -- or wanted to believe -- that it said they would control the strait. That the MOU was subject to these starkly divergent understandings made it a memorandum of obfuscation.

The Iranians, of course, aren’t operating in good faith, but it is a point in their favor that the MOU didn’t simply say, “There shall be freedom of navigation in the strait.” Instead, it talked of how the Iranians would “make arrangements” for ensuring “the safe passage of commercial vessels, with no charge for 60 days only.” In other words, the Iranians held the whip hand in the strait and could charge a fee for transit after a two-month interval. Furthermore, Iran would conduct dialogue with Oman “to define the future administration and maritime services in the Strait of Hormuz.”

Amazingly enough, then, a war that had started with optimistic talk of toppling the Iranian regime was ending with an agreement allowing the Iranians to figure out how to run a waterway vital to the international economy that they hadn’t controlled at the outset of the conflict.

Is it any wonder that the Iranians, who must have been stunned at the success of their gambit in the strait, have been pressing their luck? It must have emboldened them even more to hear Trump say that he was so eager for the MOU be-

cause the economic costs of Iranian disruption of the strait threatened to make him a new Herbert Hoover.

Effectively turning over the control of the strait to the Iranians -- coupled with the inconclusive U.S. war against the Houthis to try to eliminate their threat to shipping in the Red Sea -- would have been a black mark on the Trump administration’s record regarding a long-standing tenet of American grand strategy.

Freedom of navigation has always been considered essential to U.S. national security and a linchpin of global commerce. Trump is right to want to take back the Strait. The question, though, is whether he will be willing to apply enough force and have the staying power to bring a battle for the strait to a successful conclusion. The domestic politics are difficult, given that the American public is not supportive of the war and has now been repeatedly told that it is about to end with a brilliant diplomatic deal.

While we have an enormous firepower advantage, the Iranians have proven that they can disrupt the Strait with threats and a few projectiles. They aren’t going to give up their strategic windfall easily, as two bogus but highly touted peace deals now demonstrate.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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ABOUT TOWN

Continuing through Sunday, July 26
Garden Bros Nuclear Circus: Fun Factory – at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds. This spectacular event promises a delightful blend of jaw-dropping acrobatics, hilarious clowns and mesmerizing performances that will leave you on the edge of your seat. Bring your family and friends for an unforgettable experience filled with joy and wonder. Tickets and more information at gardenbroscircus.com.1658 S. Airport Way, Stockton.

Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25
Sunset Bat Flyout Paddle – 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. each evening at the Cosumnes River Preserve. Experience a magical sunset kayaking tour on the Cosumnes River, featuring fascinating wildlife insights, delicious snacks and the breathtaking sight of bat migrations. Tickets at lodiboathouse.com/tours. 13501 Franklin Blvd.

Friday, July 24
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, July 25
Pioneer Village Grand Opening Celebration – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the San Joaquin County Historical Museum. This immersive history education space will be the new home of the museum’s award-winning Valley Days and Pioneer School education programs. The event will feature live entertainment, bluegrass music, hands-on pioneer activities and historical demonstrations, and guests will be able to explore the Pioneer Village. Admission is free and there is a \$6 per car fee to enter Micke Grove Park (free for members). 11793 N. Micke Grove Road, Lodi.

Summer Pignic – noon to 2 p.m. at Harvest Home Animal Sanctuary. At the Pignic, guests are welcome to visit the rescued animals on self-guided tours of the sanctuary. There will be a plant-based lunch for our guests. The pigs will enjoy a “watermelon smash.” There will also be a silent

auction at the event to support the Harvest Home Animal Sanctuary organization. Admission is \$40; tickets available at harvesthomesanctuary.org. 14741 Wing Levee Road, Stockton.

Sunday, July 26
Courtland Pear Fair, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Highway 160. The Pear Fair is the largest continuously running agricultural fair of its kind in Northern California, celebrating the region’s famous Bartlett pear harvest. As a non-profit organization, the Pear Fair is dedicated to giving back, providing educational scholarships to local students and actively support businesses, organizations and families throughout the Delta community. A pancake breakfast kicks off the day at 7:30 a.m., followed by a 5k fun run at 8 a.m. the Fair opens at 9 p.m. for music, beverages, live music and all things pear related. Admission is free and parking is \$20 per vehicle.

Monday, July 27
Public Workshop for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Galt Police Department Anthony Pescetti Community Room. This is the second of three public workshops where you’ll have the opportunity to review proposed safety tools, engineering countermeasures and recommendations, while sharing ideas for effective, low-cost solutions that can be incorporated into priority safety projects. Your input will help the city identify actionable solutions to reduce traffic, improve overall safety for all roadway users and support the local economy by providing safe, innovative and dependable infrastructure. Learn more at GaltSafety.com. 455 Industrial Drive.

Friday, July 31
Stockton Cruise Nights – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Waterloo’s Gun & Bocce Club. Join us for a laid-back evening featuring classic cars, custom builds, lowriders and modern classics, all in a positive, family-friendly setting. Enjoy local vendors, artists and small businesses, plus food and cocktails available on-site from Heritage Dining & Provisions. 4343 N. Ashley Lane, Stockton.



Herald friends and families are preparing for the annual Herald Day on Saturday, Aug. 1. It includes a parade, canning and baking contests, arts vendors, horseshow tournament, and a petting zoo and other kids’ activities. Herald file photo

Saturday, Aug. 1
Galt Saturday Market – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the 4th Street Promenade. This open-air extravaganza features 75+ vendors offering a delightful variety of baked goods, delicious cuisines, home décor, handmade crafts, seasonal flowers, specialty items and more. Each month brings a unique theme, along with live entertainment and activities the whole family can enjoy. 4th and C streets.

Herald Day 2026 Canning and Baking Contests – Herald Community Club is accepting entries for its contests at Herald Community Park on Twin Cities Road. The categories are baked goods, junior baked goods, canned jelly, canned pickle or relish, canned salsa, fresh salsa and fresh produce. Entries must be delivered to Herald Park by 10 a.m. on event day. For more information, email heraldcommunityclub@gmail.com.

“Stuck in Lodi” Car Show – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Lodi. Rev up your summer plans at one of Lodi’s most anticipated automotive events. The 29th Annual “Stuck in Lodi” Car Show brings together classic car enthusiasts, vintage rides and community spirit for a day of chrome, horsepower and nostalgia. Proceeds benefit local charities, making your visit even more meaningful. Free to attend; \$55 to register a car, limited to the first 300 cars. Registration and more information at americansteelcarsclub.com.

Sunday, Aug. 2
Central Valley Classics n’ Customs Cars & Coffee – 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Parkwest Casino, first Sunday each month. Bring your ride, bring your friends and let’s enjoy another incredible season of community, classics, customs and coffee. This event proudly supports local U.S. military active-duty troops and veterans, adding a meaningful community connection to the experience. 1800 S. Cherokee Lane, Lodi.

World of Wonders Science Museum Free Admission Day – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Experience a day of discovery and enjoy the museum at your own pace while taking part in hands-on, family-friendly activities offered throughout the day. No tickets or reservations are needed; just arrive and explore. 2 N. Sacramento St., Lodi.

Tuesday, Aug. 4
National Night Out – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at three locations throughout Galt: Meadowview Park, Galt Sports Complex or Galt Community Park. Join the Galt Police Department for a free patriotic community event bringing families, neighbors, businesses, organizations and first responders together for food, booths, games, safety resources and community connection. Join us at the location closest to your home. More information at nnogalt.org.

Ongoing Events
Dillard Farmers Market – 8 a.m. to noon at the Wilton Community

Center. Join us at our vibrant, small community farmers market, where the essence of local agriculture comes alive. Every Saturday through Oct. 3, our market serves as a gathering place for farmers, artisans and families, fostering a sense of community and supporting sustainable practices. 9717 Colony Road, Wilton.

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, Aug. 8. 1000 C St.

Lodi Certified Farmers Market – 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. weekly on Thursdays through Aug. 27. The streets will come alive with more than 65 growers, producers and food vendors offering everything from organic fruits and vegetables and fresh cheeses to 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 – July 24, 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.

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

Wilton Bingo – First Saturday each month. The next bingo will be on Saturday, Aug. 1 in the Wilton Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale and Bingo starts at 6 p.m. All proceeds go to two nonprofits: the local Park Council and the Wilton History Group. 9717 Colony Road at Dillard Road, Wilton.

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

Friday, July 24: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (G) English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)
Saturday, July 25: Summer reading – Hawks, Honkers, and Hoots, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G)
Tuesday, July 28: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (WG)
Wednesday, July 29: English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)
Friday, July 31: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (G) English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)
Call 916-264-2920 or 800-561-4636 for more information on any of these events.

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

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

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

Veterans of Galt – local veterans meet at 9 a.m. every third Saturday at the Galt Place Apartments meeting room. For more information, call Tom at 209-404-5022. All veterans are welcome. 400 D St.

VFW Post 2073 – second Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove. ★

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POLICE LOGS

During the time period of July 8 to July 19, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 17 arrests.

July 8
7:16 a.m., Identity Theft reported, Whitechapel Drive.
10:03 a.m., Trespassing/Adult Arrest, Papa Murphy’s Pizza on Twin Cities Road.
5:07 p.m., Theft reported, Us Storage Centers on A Street.
7:34 p.m., Burglary-Auto reported, Park Heights Drive.

July 9
1:10 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, McDonald’s, Pine Street.
7:15 a.m., Burglary reported, Canyon Creek Way.
11:02 a.m., Domestic Violence/Adult Arrest, Galt Police Department, Industrial Drive.
1:14 p.m., Theft reported, Walmart on Twin Cities Road: Reporting party forgot to take cash-back at self-checkout.

July 10
12:44 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Auto Zone, C Street.
2:02 a.m., Traffic Violation/Adult Arrest, Banner Bank, C Street.
8:30 p.m., Hit and Run/Injury, Walnut Avenue.
10:22 p.m., Hit and Run/Non-Injury, Twin Cities Road/East Stockton Boulevard.
July 11
2:27 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, AMPM Store, East Stockton Boulevard.
7:34 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Carol Drive/Amador Avenue.
11:02 p.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, More for Less, North Lincoln Way.

July 12
7:58 a.m., Burglary reported, Harvey Park on C Street.
10:16 a.m., Burglary reported, Herc Rental, Enterprise Court.
11:57 a.m., Vandalism reported, Century

Oaks Apartments on F Street: Vehicle damaged by a neighbor’s car door.

July 13
1:13 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Gilly’s Car Wash & Dog Wash, East Stockton Boulevard.

July 14
11:16 p.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Galt Mini Mart and Liquor, Carol Drive.

July 15
8:43 a.m., Burglary-Auto reported, Amor Court: Truck broken into and items stolen.
8:46 p.m., Hit and Run/Non-Injury reported, Steele Way.

July 16
8:23 a.m., Theft reported, Galt Police Department, Industrial Drive.
9:05 a.m., Theft reported, Taft Way: Packages taken.

9:24 a.m., Identity Theft reported, Galt Police Department on Industrial Drive.
9:21 p.m., Vandalism reported, Posey Street: Subject on electric scooter dented a garage door.
9:30 p.m., Robbery reported, Jefe’s Cantina, LLC on South Lincoln Way: Reporting party was jumped by three male subjects and they took his wallet.

July 18
1:11 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, C Street/Maple Street.
3:36 a.m., Recovered Stolen Vehicle/Adult Arrest, Twin Cities Road/West Stockton Boulevard.

July 19
12:20 p.m., Burglary reported, Germaine Drive; Subject attempted to break down door.
1:19 p.m., Fraud reported, Hogan Road.
5:15 p.m., Hit and Run/Non-Injury, 1st Street. ★

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
File No.: 24-216671 A.P.N.: 150-0440-030-0000 Property Address.: 655 PESTANA DR, GALT, CA 95632. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED MAY 09, 2019, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. The property described heretofore is being sold “as is”. The sale

will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor(s): ASHLEY MARAVICH, A SINGLE WOMAN, AS SOLE OWNER Duly Appointed Trustee: Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid and Crane, LLP DEED OF TRUST Recorded on May 13, 2019 at Instrument No 201905131368 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California Sale Date: 8/18/2026 Sale Time: 11:30 AM Sale Location: In the Courtyard at Sacramento City Hall - 915 I St, Sacramento CA 95818 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$205,763.94 (Estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 655 PESTANA DR, GALT, CA 95632. See Legal Description - Exhibit “A” attached here to and made apart hereof. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDER(S): If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER(S): The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800-280-2832) or visit the website http://www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case

24-216671. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT(S): Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2924m. If you are an “eligible tenant buyer,” you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an “eligible bidder,” you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48-hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (800-280-2832) or visit the website http://www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-216671 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15-days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45-days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an “eligible tenant buyer” or “eligible bidder”, you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid and Crane, LLP Date: 7/6/2026 By: Emma Taylor Authorized Signatory 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450 Alpharetta, GA 30004 Phone: 858-997-1304 SALE INFORMATION CAN

BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT HTTP://WWW.AUCTION.COM FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (800-280-2832) The above-named trustee may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. CA DPFI Debt Collection License # 11461-99; NMLS ID 2591653. To the extent your original obligation was discharged or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy under Title 11 of the United States Code, this notice is for compliance and/or informational purposes only and does not constitute an attempt to collect a debt or to impose personal liability for such obligation. However, a secured party retains rights under its security instrument, including the right to foreclose its lien. LEGAL DESCRIPTION - EXHIBIT A THE LAND REFERRED TO IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, CITY OF GALT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 67, AS SHOWN ON THE “PLAT OF THE VINEYARDS UNIT NO. 1”, FILED JANUARY 18, 1989, IN THE OFFICE OF THE SACRAMENTO, COUNTY RECORDER, CALIFORNIA, IN BOOK 189 OF MAPS, MAP NO. 8, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. A-4879547 07/17/2026, 07/24/2026, 07/31/2026 THE GALT HERALD 7-31-26

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A COMMERCIAL TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP AND A REZONE FROM HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL TO COMMERCIAL FOR THE CRYSTAL WAY COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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

PROJECT TITLE: Crystal Way Commercial Development

PROJECT LOCATION: Crystal Way Commercial Development is north of Dry Creek Ranch Golf Club; east of NB SR 99, west of unincorporated San Joaquin County, and south of Dry Creek Oaks Senior Community (APNs 150-0092-026, and -027).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project includes a five-lot commercial Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) for the entire 12.42+/- acre project site to adhere to existing site conditions and support future development. A rezone of 8.04+/- acres from High Commercial (HC) to Commercial (C) is proposed to accommodate a variety of land uses.

A California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15183 Modified Initial Study Checklist was prepared for this project.

OWNER/APPLICANT: Buzz Oates Enterprises II 555 Capitol Mall, Suite 900 Sacramento, CA 95814 Buzz Oates Construction 555 Capitol Mall, Suite 900 Sacramento, CA 95814

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
Date and Time: The Planning Commission for the City of Galt will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard. The meeting will be in person at the Galt City Council Chambers at City Hall, 380 Civic Drive, Galt.
The agenda packet will be published on August 6, 2026, and will be available for review on the City's website and in person at the Galt City Planning Department, 495 Industrial Drive, Galt, CA 95632. Please contact Stacy Schafer, Associate Planner at 209-366-7230 or ssschafer@cityofgalt.org with questions.

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

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

Dated: July 17, 2026

Stacy Schafer

Stacy Schafer, Associate Planner

Tina Hubert

Tina Hubert, City Clerk

The Galt Herald 7-24-2026

NOTICE OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
CITY OF GALT

Notice is hereby given that a General Municipal election will be held in the City of Galt on November 3, 2026. The offices for which candidates may be nominated are:

Council Member – District 1 (Full term of four years)
Council Member – District 3 (Full term of four years)
Council Member – District 5 (Full term of four years)

QUALIFICATIONS: Candidate must be at least 18 years of age and a resident and registered voter living within the City and District at the time the nomination papers are issued and throughout the term of the office.

Nomination documents will be available on July 13, 2026, and must be filed not later than 5:00 pm on August 7, 2026. However, if nomination documents for an incumbent are not filed by 5:00 pm on August 7, 2026, any qualified person other than the incumbent shall have until 5:00 pm on August 12, 2026, to file nomination documents for the office.*
*This extension is not applicable where there is no incumbent eligible to be elected.

Official nominating petitions for eligible candidates desiring to file for any of the elective offices may be obtained from and filed with the Galt City Clerk's Office at 380 Civic Drive, Galt, CA, during the hours of 8:00 am through 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday by appointment only. Friday hours, please contact the City Clerk's Office.

To schedule an appointment, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at 209.366.7130 x 7 or clerk@cityofgalt.org. A candidate should be prepared to provide their name and residential address for verification of current voter registration and eligibility status.

In the event there are insufficient or no nominees for any office, the Clerk Administrator shall submit a certificate of these facts to the Galt City Council, and the City Council, at a regular or special meeting, shall adopt a course of action as prescribed by Elections Code Section 10229.

/s/ Tina Hubert
City of Galt, Elections Official
Dated: July 13, 2026

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Galt Joint Union High School District
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Galt Joint Union High School District announces its policy for serving meals to students under the **[National School Lunch / School Breakfast Programs]** for the **2026-2027** school year. All students are eligible to receive a breakfast and lunch at no charge at the following sites:

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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.

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.

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

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.
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.

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.

Nominate Your Neighbor
The Galt Beautification Committee

wants you to “nominate your neighbor.”
Has your neighbor recently completed a yard project? Does your neighbor have the best flowers in town or the best-looking yard? The Galt Beautification Committee wants to know.
Send an email with pictures and why you are nominating your neighbor to planningdivision@cityofgalt.org.
The best submissions will be included in future newsletters and City Manager Updates.

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.

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: 9-9:50 a.m. No charge for first meeting.
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.

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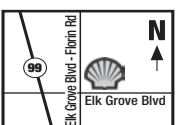
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Happy National Drive-Thru Day!

Indulge your less-healthy cravings and skip standing around in lines by hitting up your local fast-food drive-thru today. According to daysoftheyear.com website, for one day of the year, National Drive-Thru Day encourages folks to live on the wild side.

Forget about buying locally sourced produce, organic vegetables and getting those five a day. Honestly, sometimes there just isn't the time or energy to cook good, nutritious food from scratch, and on National Drive-Thru Day it's great time to take a short cut without feeling guilty!

The concept of the drive-thru restaurant has its roots in its slightly older cousin, the drive-in. Remember those? Drive up to a space, check the menu above the car and then a carhop (sometimes on roller skates) would come and take your order. And about 15 minutes later they would bring your food on a tray and attach it to the driver's side open window. Ah, the good old days, but I digress.

The drive-thrus began on the side of the highways, where motorists could pull up to a window in the wall, order and have their food brought to them so they could



drive away eating. As driving (and eating) evolved, car ownership in the United States increased, and fast food became even faster, the demand for a faster version of the drive-in was made clear. Just after World War II, the first drive-thru restaurant became a reality, when Red's Giant Hamburger was opened in 1947.

This iconic spot was situated in Springfield Missouri, right on the famed Route 66.

National Drive-Thru Day has been around for more than 70 years, as its origins can be traced back to 1951.

The day got its start when it was founded by the Jack in the Box restaurant in San Diego. Although modern Jack in the Box restaurants now offer options for dining in, at the time the only way customers could order their burgers and fries

was by driving up in a car. And so, they established a day to show appreciation just for this convenience! Since then, A&W, In-and-Out, Sonic and so many others drive-thru chains have made their way into America's hearts ... and stomachs.

And National Drive-Thru Day is the perfect way to celebrate this blast from the past and enjoy an old-fashioned burger, hot dog or root beer float.

We are also celebrating National Tequila Day, although tequila can only be made in a few regions in Mexico. According to daysoftheyear.com website, tequila is derived from the blue agave plant. Humans have been making something like tequila for at least a thousand years. As early as 150 B.C., a predecessor of tequila, called "pulque," was believed to have been made by civilizations predating the ancient Aztecs.

When making tequila, the hearts of the agave plant (called pinas) are removed and cooked, then they are ground and fermented for anywhere from a few months to three years.

Like wine, the type of soil the plant is grown in can impact the taste of the final product. Unlike wine or other drinks made from fruit, once an agave plant is used to make tequila, it cannot be reused. To qualify as "tequila," at least 51% of the product must be derived from the blue agave plant that is prevalent in Mexico. Today, however, many manufacturers of the drink have much higher standards and will make it from full 100% blue agave.

Modern-day tequila is like a few other alcoholic beverages (champagne, cognac or bourbon) in that it can be only be named "tequila" if it is made in a certain place.

In the case of tequila, this place is Mexico. While most tequilas originate from Jalisco, other qualifying regions include Michoacan, Tamaulipas, Guanajuato or Nayarit.

National Tequila Day is the celebration of everything to do with their classic drink, whether it is enjoyed straight or as part of a tasty cocktail. I must say, do love a classic lime margarita with dinner.

Until next week – be strong, be courageous, make a memory. ★



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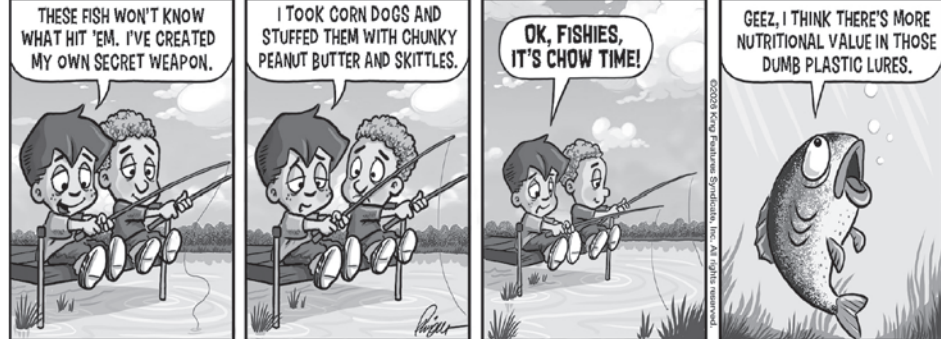


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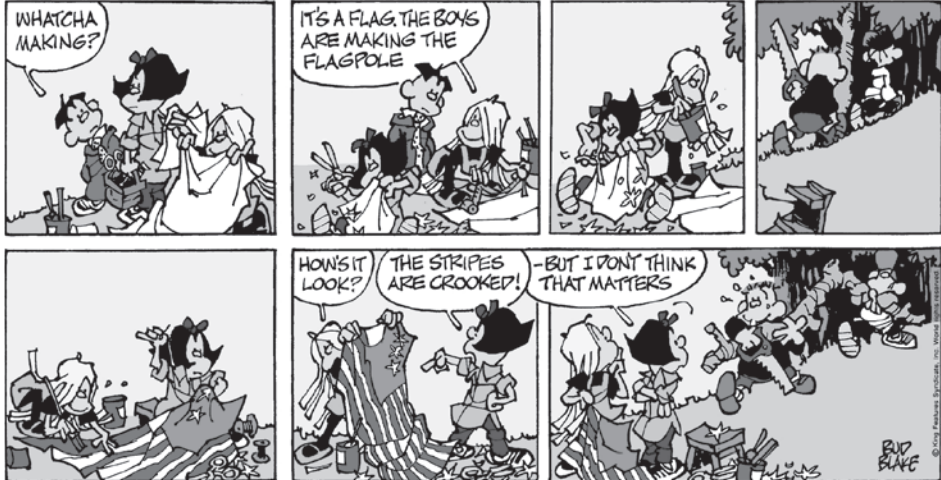
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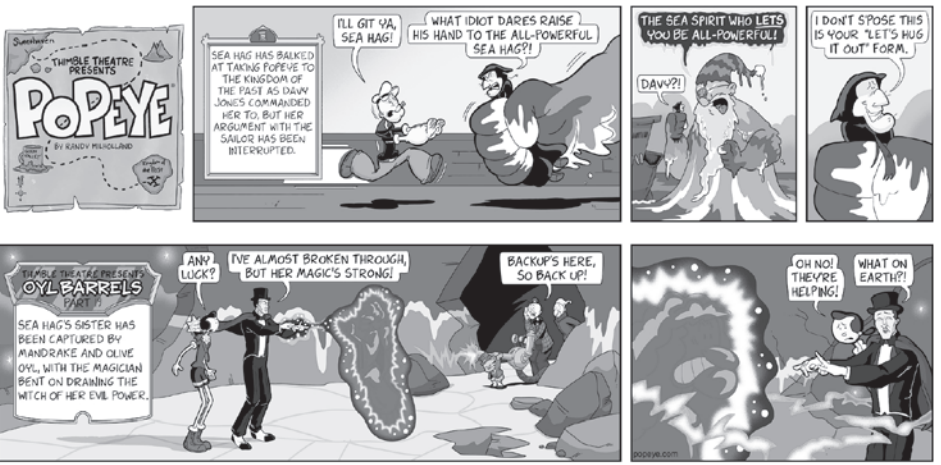
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All-Hawaii Final Crowns Westside Bombers Champions of 2026 Cal Ripken 9-Year-Old PSW Regional Tournament

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

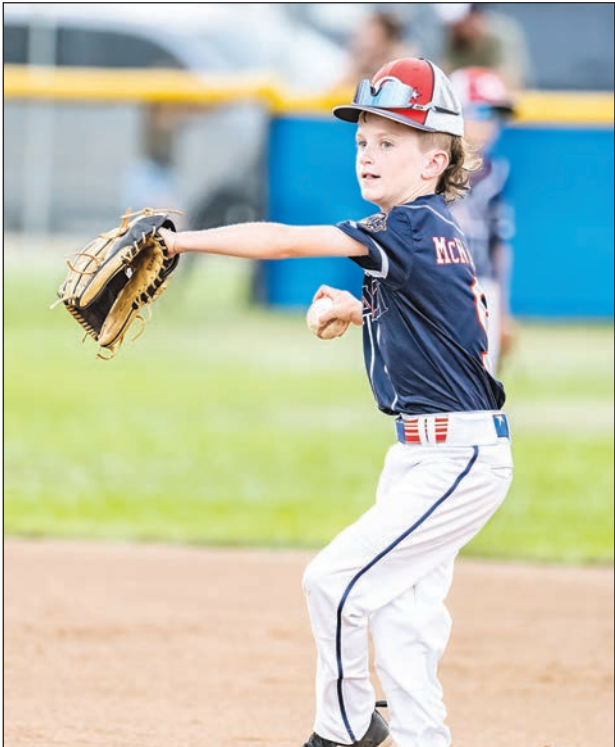
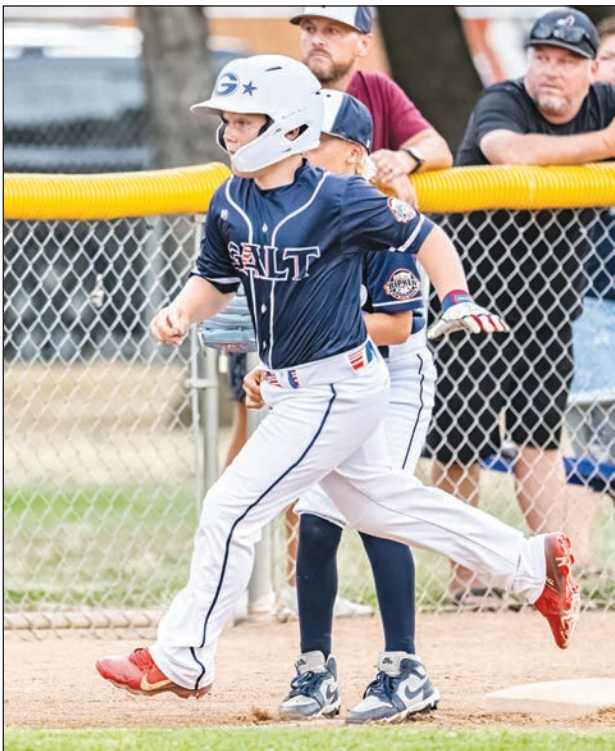
GALT, CA (MPG) - This July, the small city of Galt, California, became the center of the baseball universe for the youngest stars in the Cal Ripken program. From July 12 through July 18, 10 teams representing programs from across the Pacific Southwest region gathered for the 2026 Cal Ripken 9-Year-Old PSW Regional Tournament, a weeklong competition that blended the innocence of 9-and-under baseball with the intensity of a true championship chase. Families packed the stands, coaches paced the dugouts and for one week, the diamonds of Galt hosted some of the finest 9-and-under talent the region had to offer.

The tournament field was divided into two pools of five teams each, a structure designed to guarantee plenty of competitive games before the single-elimination rounds began. Pool “A” brought together the host club, Galt, alongside Central CA #1 (playing under the name Visalia Blue), Hawaii #1 (Hawaii Kai), Southern CA (Long Beach), and Nevada (Silver State). Across the way, Pool “B” featured Central CA #2 (Buchanan Red), Hawaii #2 (Mililani), Arizona (Scottsdale), Northern CA (Windsor) and Utah (Lone Peak). Ten teams, five states and regions, and one shared goal: survive pool play and punch a ticket to the single-elimination championship bracket.

The action began Monday, July 13 with a full slate of pool play games. The day opened at 8:30 a.m. with Hawaii #1 facing Southern CA, followed by Hawaii #2 taking on Central CA #2 at 11 a.m. The afternoon brought Arizona against Northern CA at 1:30 p.m., before the host team, Galt, closed out the day under the lights at 7 p.m. against Central CA #1. From there, the schedule built steadily through the week, with each team playing a rotating slate of pool opponents on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and a final round of pool play games wrapping up on Friday, July 17.

Every single one of these regular pool games was governed by a rule that kept the tournament moving and the pressure high: No new innings could begin after two hours of play, though every game still had to produce a winner. It was a format that rewarded efficient pitching, sharp defense and clutch hitting in equal measure, since a tie score deep into the second hour could turn a routine pool game into a nerve-wracking sprint to the finish.

By the time the final pool play game wrapped up on Friday evening, the standings in Pool “A” and Pool “B” determined who advanced. Only the top two teams from each five-team pool moved on to the single-elimination round, meaning three teams from each pool saw



their tournament run end in pool play, regardless of how competitive their week had been. Seeding for that elimination bracket followed a clear hierarchy laid out in the Babe Ruth Rule Book: win-loss record came first, followed by head-to-head results if teams were tied, then total fewest runs allowed, then run differential (capped at a maximum of 10 runs per game), and finally, if all else remained equal, a coin flip.

Championship weekend arrived on Saturday, July 18 with a compact but thrilling three-game format. Game #1 pitted the #2 seed from Pool “A” against the #1 seed from Pool “B” at 8:30 a.m., while Game #2 sent the #2 seed from Pool “B” against the #1 seed from Pool “A” at 11 a.m. In both semifinal matchups, the higher seed earned the right to serve as the home team. The two winners then met in the finale at 2 p.m. for the Cal Ripken 9-Year-Old PSW Regional Championship, with a coin flip determining the home team only in the rare case that both finalists carried identical seeds.

When Saturday's bracket finally played out, it delivered a result few could have scripted: Both Hawaii entries, Hawaii Kai and Mililani, fought through their respective semifinal matchups and advanced to face one another in the championship game, setting up an all-Hawaii final on the mainland. It was a remarkable showing for the islands, with two programs from Hawaii outlasting eight other teams from California, Arizona, Nevada and Utah to claim the tournament's final two spots. In the 2 p.m. finale,



the Westside Bombers of Honolulu, representing Hawaii Kai, proved to be the better team on the day, defeating Mililani to

be crowned champions of the 2026 Cal Ripken 9-Year-Old PSW Regional Tournament.

For the players, most of

whom experienced regional-level travel baseball for the first time in their young careers, the week proved unforgettable.

Ten communities – Galt, Visalia, the Hawaiian islands (represented twice, through Hawaii Kai and Mililani), Long Beach, the Silver State of Nevada, Buchanan, Scottsdale, Windsor and Lone Peak in Utah – all sent their best 9-and-under talent to the same fields, united by a shared love of the game. In the end, it was the Westside Bombers who stood tallest, capping off a dominant run through pool play and the elimination bracket with a hard-fought win over their fellow Hawaii club, Mililani, to bring the regional championship trophy home to Honolulu.

For the nine other teams, the week closed with the memories of a tournament that tested them at every turn, and for two of them, an all-Hawaii showdown they will not soon forget.



Galt Gators Capture 2026 Motherlode Conference Championship

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

FINAL TEAM RESULTS

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Gators Swim Team stood atop the podium this weekend as the newly crowned 2026 Motherlode Conference Champions, capping off a season defined by relentless improvement, deep team spirit and a community that rallied together on short notice to make it all happen.

It was, by every measure, an exciting weekend of swimming. Gators young and old chased best times and found them again and again, and an unusually large number of team members punched their tickets to Finals, turning the meet into a showcase of just how far this program has come. By the time the final event wrapped up, the numbers told the story clearly: The Galt Gators finished with 1161.5 points, comfortably ahead of the Rollingwood Rockets at 965.5, the Sutter Lawn Tennis Club at 875.5 and the Dixon Dolphins at 686.5.

“What a season” doesn’t begin to cover it. From the youngest swimmers in the 6U division to the veterans competing in the 15/18 age group, Gators showed up ready to race, and the results reflected months of hard work in practice finally paying off on the biggest stage of the year.

Individual excellence was on full display as well, with Gator swimmers claiming High Point Awards across nearly every age group. Reese

Galt Gators: 1161.5	9/10 Boys: 2nd, Harrison Gerhard
Rollingwood Rockets: 965.5	11/12 Girls: 3rd, Elizabeth Sanchez
Sutter Lawn Tennis Club: 875.5	11/12 Boys: 3rd, Morgan Stephenson
Dixon Dolphins: 686.5	13/14 Girls: 1st, Rosa Hausauer; 2nd, Mackenzie Medina
Individual High Point Award Winners:	13/14 Boys: 1st, Maxx Thomlinson; 3rd, Gabriel Westbrooks
6U Girls: 1st, Reese Peacock	15/18 Girls: 1st, Lucy Thomlinson
6U Boys: 2nd, Lucas Devalos	15/18 Boys: 3rd, John Carey
7/8 Girls: 3rd, Tenley Peacock	
7/8 Boys: 3rd, Cameron Nadarisay	



The Galt slide has been rebuilt and swimmers enjoy the thrill.

Peacock led the way with a first-place finish in the 6U Girls division, while Lucas Devalos took second in 6U Boys. In the 7/8 age group, Tenley Peacock earned third place among the girls and Cameron Nadarisay placed third among the boys. Harrison Gerhard turned in a second-place performance in the 9/10 Boys division.

The 11/12 age group saw Elizabeth Sanchez take third among the girls



Swimmers take a break under the iconic mushroom. File photos by Paige Lampson

place in the 15/18 Girls division, and John Carey placed third in 15/18 Boys.

Behind every one of those swims was a team effort that extended far beyond the pool deck. Just a couple of weeks before the meet, Galt learned it would be hosting this year’s championship: a logistical challenge that would have overwhelmed most programs on such a compressed timeline. Instead, the Gator

community stepped up. The parent advisory board and a wave of parent volunteers came together to pull off a flawless event, and the payoff was more than just a successful meet: Galt received nothing but high praise from visiting teams, coaches and officials for the quality of the hosting job.

The team also extended its thanks to the City of Galt for accommodating the event on such

short notice, a gesture that made the entire weekend possible.

With the conference title secured, the celebration continues Thursday at the Gator Awards, where the team will gather to honor the swimmers, volunteers and families who made the 2026 season a championship one.

Congratulations to the 2026 Motherlode Conference Champions, Galt Gators! ★

Applications Open for Republic FC and Wilton Rancheria Indigenous Future Leaders Scholarship

Republic FC Sports
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On July 13, Republic FC announced its second-annual Indigenous Future Leaders Scholarship, in partnership with Wilton Rancheria, for a local student. Applications are now open and must be submitted by July 31 at 11:59 p.m. Students can find more information and apply at SacRepublicFC.com/Scholarship.

Republic FC Rising Scholars powered by the PG&E Corporation Foundation offers multiple scholarships throughout the year to support students from underrepresented communities as they continue their academic journeys.

“We believe that every student deserves the opportunity to pursue their dreams while staying connected to the communities that shape who they are,” said Republic FC Vice President of Business Operations and Community Investment Scott Moak. “We’re proud to continue to recognize and invest in Native American students whose



Applications are now open and must be submitted by July 31 at 11:59 p.m. Photo courtesy of Republic FC

leadership will help strengthen our region for generations to come.”

Applicants are required to be residents of the six-county Sacramento region and of Native American heritage. In addition, they must be a high school senior who will pursue higher level education at a

four-year college/university or California community college or are currently enrolled at a California community college or university with a minimum of six units. A committee of Republic FC representatives and Native American leaders, including last year’s scholarship recipient,

will review applications and select a winner.

“Wilton Rancheria is proud to invest in our youth and create opportunities for future generations to thrive. This scholarship reflects our commitment to continuing that legacy,” said Wilton Rancheria Chairman Jesus Tarango. “Together with Republic FC, we are investing in the next generation of students who will carry their communities forward with pride and use their education to make a lasting impact.”

The winner will be recognized on Aug. 15 at Heart Health Park during Republic FC’s Native American Heritage Night and will receive the \$2,000 prize as well as a VIP experience and presentation of the scholarship during halftime.

The match will also feature an exclusive scarf giveaway at entry, a Makers Market with works from Native American artists, special food options, on-field recognitions and more. Kickoff is slated for 8 p.m. and tickets are available now at SacRepublicFC.com. ★

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