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Lights, Sirens, Smiles for National Night Out



The distance that so often separates a uniform from the people it serves simply collapsed. Courtesy photo

By Paige Lampson

GALT, CA (MPG) - There is a particular sound a small city makes on the first Tuesday in August, and in Galt it arrived a little before dusk: the low rumble of engines, a few short whoops of a siren, the rising cheer of children who heard it all coming before they could see it. Patrol units, fire apparatus and the cars

carrying city leaders lined up bumper to bumper and rolled out together, parade-style, winding from one neighborhood to the next on a route that ended in handshakes rather than headlines.

The procession made stops at three locations across the city: Meadow View Park, the Softball Complex and Community Park, turning each one into a temporary town square. At

every stop the vehicles parked and the doors opened, and the distance that so often separates a uniform from the people it serves simply collapsed. Officers traded their radios for a few innings of baseball, threw footballs across the grass and joined in whatever games the kids invented on the spot. Firefighters answered questions and let small hands run

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Ready to Move? City Offers Zumba and Pilates Classes

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - Residents looking to stay active have two fitness options available in Galt, with ongoing Zumba classes at the Littleton Community Center and a series of Mat Pilates Sculpt classes scheduled through December at Galt Community Park.

Zumba by Renee is offered from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Littleton Community Center, 410 Civic Drive. The high-energy class combines 35 minutes of Zumba dance with 20 minutes of Zumba toning.

Participants may bring optional 1- to 2-pound weights. Classes cost \$5 each, and checks should be made payable to the City of Galt. Drop-in registration is available on the day of class, with participants encouraged to arrive early for check-in.

Registration is also available at the Parks and Recreation Office, 610 Chabolla Ave., from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information about the Zumba classes, call 209-366-7180 or email galtpandr@cityofgalt.org.

Those interested in a different workout can also participate in Mat Pilates Sculpt, a 45-minute class focused on building strength, improving balance and encouraging movement.

Classes are scheduled for Aug. 30, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 21 and Dec. 12 at Galt Community Park, 1000 Walnut Ave. Each class costs \$15.

Participants should bring their own exercise mat, towel and water. Resistance bands, a ball and a block will be provided for use during the class.

Registration for Mat Pilates Sculpt is available at bit.ly/GaltParksRecreation. ★



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Destination Aviation Takes Flight

California Capital Airshow Connects Local Students with Aviation Professionals, Hands-on Experiences and Career Opportunities



Students will have the opportunity to speak to professionals representing the full spectrum of aviation careers at Destination Aviation on Aug. 22. Photo courtesy of Mark E. Loper Photography

**California Capital Airshow
News Release**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Capital Airshow (CCA) will host Destination Aviation, a free youth program designed to introduce middle and high school students to career pathways across the aviation industry,

on Saturday, Aug. 22 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Mather Airport.

Destination Aviation is a curated program for students ages 12 to 18. Students will have the opportunity to engage directly with pilots, engineers, mechanics, air traffic controllers, aerospace manufacturers, military representatives and

educators, gaining a firsthand look at the range of careers available within aviation.

"A student can't pursue a career they don't know exists. Destination Aviation puts that career in front of them, in person, so they can picture themselves in it," said Darcy Brewer,

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Making Well Pumps and Shipping Grapes

**125 Years Ago
August 17, 1901**
A T Ames pump man- ufactory is rushed just at present and runs a night shift. Some rush orders for deep well pumps for cop- per mines in New Mexico account for the forced spurt of work now on at our local pump works. (Galt Weekly Witness)

August 31, 1901
Galt is becoming quite an extensive shipping point for fancy table grapes which are now being for- wardded to the East in carload lots. Bob Anderson has had a number of women and girls busily employed during the week packing Tokay grapes. Hiram Chase is ship- ping some choice Muscat grapes daily, and all the grapes leaving here are of the first-class quality. (Galt Weekly Witness)

**100 Years Ago
August 6, 1926**
Ranchers and Galt cit- izens are showing keen interest in the community fair to be held in Galt on August 27 and 28. The fair will be held on the high school grounds under the auspices of the Galt Farm Center and the Valley Oaks Grange.

August 20, 1926
Donald Priest, pastor of



the Galt Christian Church, and Lodi jeweler Henry Hulegard left Galt a week ago Sunday night after church services and arrived in Eugene, Oregon, on the Monday night following, making the distance of 600 miles in 20 driving hours.

**75 years Ago
August 3, 1951**
Shorty Prather, local junk mogul, has what can be termed as a nose for junk just as a news- paper reporter has a nose for news. Shorty says he likes his Model T Ford truck for that very reason. The Model T goes just fast enough so Shorty can keep an eye out for any junk which might be laying beside the road.

August 17, 1951
City Judge Roy E. Foote is pulling out all the stops in an effort to get a good attendance at the meet- ing of the Chamber of Commerce on Monday night. It's going to be Ladies Night with coffee and ice cream for every- body. In case you didn't

know, Judge Foote is sec- retary of the Chamber and doesn't plan to levy any fines during the Chamber of Commerce meeting.

**50 Years Ago
August 19, 1976**
The practice of dispens- ing medicines at the Galt Pharmacy, 217 4th Street, has changed from the hands of Ray Arlin to those of Paul Willis and John Schere. Ray Arlin, former Galt Citizen of the Year in 1971 and active civic leader, has sold his Galt Pharmacy, which he has owned and operated since March 1, 1946.

August 26, 1976
Rick Monseth has been granted a full ath- letic scholarship at Fresno State. A graduate of Galt High School, Rick holds many school track records and then spent 2 years at Cosumnes River College, where he holds the school record in the 400 meters and was also a member of their record-setting mile relay team. ★

Destination Aviation Takes Flight



Local students ages 12-18 are invited to Destination Aviation on Aug. 22, where they'll hear from the nation's leading aviation and aerospace experts and explore hands-on displays that showcase careers in aviation. Photo courtesy of Mark E. Loper Photography

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CEO of California Capital Airshow. "The pathway to that career becomes real to them in a way a classroom can't replicate."
Following a Q&A panel with experts from the nation's top aerospace and defense organizations, students will move through the event space and engage directly with panelists and exhibitors representing the full spectrum of aviation careers.
Students will have the opportunity to explore hands-on displays, working equip- ment, simulators and prototypes.
Destination Aviation is one of sev- eral year-round STEM programs that California Capital Airshow offers to local youth, made possible in part by proceeds from the nonprofit's annual airshow. This year's California Capital Airshow, set for Oct. 10-11 at Mather Airport, will mark

the airshow's 20th anniversary alongside the nation's 250th, and feature the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, the Canadian Forces Snowbirds and the return of the Night Show.
Destination Aviation is free to attend. Registration is open now for students eager to explore a future in aviation or aerospace at bit.ly/26DestAviat.
California Capital Airshow is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization based in Sacramento, California, dedicated to honoring the military and inspiring the next generation of aviation and STEM professionals.
The organization produces the annual California Capital Airshow at Mather Airport and supports year-round youth education programs funded through proceeds from the event. For more infor- mation, visit californiacapitalairshow.com. ★

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along the polished chrome of a rig most residents only ever see in a rearview mirror. City leaders worked the crowd one conversation at a time, asking about streets and streetlights, parks and neighbors, the ordinary business of a city that only ever gets solved in ordinary conversations.

None of it happens without the people who show up early and leave last. Community service officers and volunteers handled the route planning, staging, setup and breakdown, while local nonprofits and businesses stocked the parks with the things that turn a gathering into an event. Barbers and stylists set up chairs and gave free haircuts.

Donated food and snacks kept the lines moving and the kids fueled between games. It was the kind of contribution that rarely makes the program but shapes the whole evening, and it came entirely from neighbors deciding to give a Tuesday to their own town.

That generosity is the point. National Night Out is built on the premise that public safety is not a service delivered to a community but a partnership formed within it, and the campaign organizes itself around three goals: building partnerships between police departments and the neighborhoods they serve, so the first time a resident speaks to an officer is not during an emergency; strengthening neighborhood camaraderie through potlucks, ice cream socials and evening gatherings that give people a reason to learn one another's names; and advancing crime prevention by raising awareness of safety initiatives and neighborhood watch programs that work only when neighbors are actually watching out for one another.

The campaign has deep roots. National Night Out was introduced in August 1984 through an already established network of law enforcement agencies, neighborhood watch groups, civic organizations and volunteers across the country, drawing 2.5 million neighbors across 400 communities in 23 states that first year. This year, the 43rd annual event,



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an estimated 38 million neighbors took part across 17,000 communities.

Galt's version solved a problem many cities struggle with, namely that a single central event tends to draw only the residents who already live nearby.

By moving the celebration to three parks in sequence, the city brought the event to the neighborhoods instead of asking the neighborhoods to come to it.

"National Night Out was a great time for all involved," Galt Police Chief Brian Kalinowski said. "We always appreciate the opportunity to connect with the community during this event. A big thank you to our CSOs



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and volunteers for their hard work and those who donated their time and support to the event to make it



Local nonprofits and businesses stocked the parks with the things that turn a gathering into an event. Photos courtesy of Galt Police Department and Councilmember Shawn Farmer



Councilmember Shawn Farmer, left, snaps a selfie with Galt Police Department volunteers.



Galt Police and Explorers were on hand to meet with residents during National Night Out.

the relationship between a police department and a city.

But a child who plays catch with an officer at Meadow View Park at 7 years old carries something different into adulthood than a child who never did. A neighbor who spends an hour at Community Park talking with the people who live three doors down is a neighbor more likely to notice when something is wrong.

By the time the last stop wound down, the parks were returning to their usual August selves, warm and quiet and emptying toward bedtime.

The lights had stopped turning. The conversations, with any luck, had not. ★

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CARE Program Teacher Lisa Saenz Named SCOE Teacher of the Year

**Sacramento County
Office of Education
News Release**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Teachers play a vital role in helping students learn, grow and thrive. Through expertise, creativity, resilience and compassion, they create safe and inclusive learning environments where students feel connected, valued and empowered to succeed.

Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) teachers often serve students with diverse and specialized needs, including students who have experienced challenges in traditional educational settings. The annual SCOE Teacher of the Year Program recognizes educators whose skill, dedication and professionalism make a meaningful and lasting difference in students' lives.

**Celebrating SCOE's 2027
Teacher of the Year**

As SCOE begins a new school year, it is fitting to recognize an educator who represents the



Lisa Saenz has been named the Sacramento County Office of Education 2027 Teacher of the Year. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Office of Education

educator whose work exemplifies SCOE's commitment to support- community is my passion." build confidence and experience Saenz creates a safe, structured academic and personal success.

special education teacher at Capital Academy. She joined SCOE's CARE Intervention Program in 2017.

She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and an Education Specialist Credential from Sacramento State and a master's degree in educational leadership from Concordia University. She also completed the SCOE Leadership Institute and earned a Preliminary Administrative Services Credential in 2018.

Her previous honors include SCOE Employee of the Month recognition and the Above and Beyond Principal's Award in May 2026.

Saenz credits her young daughter with inspiring her each day. Outside the classroom, she enjoys traveling, attending live sporting events, trying new restaurants, and dancing and singing with her daughter.

Saenz will represent SCOE in the Sacramento County Teacher of the Year competition.



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DUDLEY CHARLES COX • 9/20/1939 – 5/14/2026

Dudley lived a very long and interesting life. Born in England, he had memories of playing in the rubble of shot-down planes from the war. In 1960, Dudley traveled to the U.S. via the Queen Mary with his brother. After becoming a citizen, Dudley served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany for three years.

He met his wife, Evelyn, and they raised two children, Dolcey and Dave. He was a carpenter by trade, but loved playing volleyball, racing pigeons and playing on a bowling league. Dudley also remodeled every home he lived in. He had a great sense of humor, was a social butterfly and loved playing poker with friends, whether at a friend's or at the casino.

The last several years, Dudley



**Dudley Cox
1939-2026**



Made in England
Loved in America

went on adventures with friends, taking a road trip across the U.S, going out for a drink, tasty food and fun. He was a regular at the coffee shop in town, spending most mornings visiting with friends. Dudley's last sunset was 5/14/26; he is now at peace, free of pain, and with his wife and son. May we all smile when we think of him and know he is watching over us.

Dudley's family and close friends attended a memorial where he was placed in the niche, with his wife, at Skylawn Memorial Park, Island East, in Half Moon Bay, followed by dinner at Harry's Hofbrau (Dudley's favorite restaurant) on June 3, 2026. A celebration of life was held at The Coffee Shop Bakery in Galt on June 27, 2026.

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

Rate the Referees

By V.G. Harris

With the upcoming season looming less than three months away, my thoughts turn to the state of the league as it relates to NBA officiating.

Ironically, the NBA decided to release the best and the worst ratings for NBA referees for the first time recently and they broke it down into three categories. Three tiers from excellent being tier one, good or solid representing tier two, and finally needs improvement in tier three.

Although I don't often write about the officiating because it does little good, I have long believed the NCAA has somehow ferreted out a better class of officials than the NBA currently enjoys. I don't believe the NBA officials are sordid or lacking in officiating acumen as much as I simply understand that no two officials are ever going to be the same.

Today's officials are employed year-round, and at times I wonder what training classes are you attending, because it often appears the crowd gets the call right more than the officials do.

Obviously, the NBA realized they had a problem, or coaches challenges would not have been implemented in 2019-20. Did it make a difference? Only to the extent that games were won and lost because of a coach's ability to question a call made by a referee.

I heartily applaud the NBA's decision to implement this critical element to ensure a fairer outcome, but I'm all for taking it to the next level. For my money, as long as a coach wins a challenge that coach should continue to have a challenge available to him. Simply being given a number of challenges that runs out and potentially leaves that team wanting during crunch time, makes no sense when the object is simply to get it right.

So, with the release of this critical information what did it reveal?

411 NBA players from all 30 teams participated in the voting or analysis of the current NBA referees, and a total of 20 referees found themselves in the bottom category.

You may or may not find that acceptable, but I do not. That number represents nearly 30% of the referees in the NBA and that number is far too high for me.

The fact the NBA saw fit to finally release

the ratings of their current referees speaks volumes, and it tells me the commissioner's office recognizes a problem.

I've already cited one potential remedy and there are certainly more, so let's not let any grass grow under our feet Adam Sliver, and start making some cogent tweaks to the existing system.

On a sad note, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the passing of basketball legend Don Nelson who at one time was the winningest basketball coach in NBA history. Currently ranked second all-time with 1,335 wins, Don Nelson was a basketball maverick in a good way and was responsible for the first point forward as it relates to running an unconventional offense.

Steph Curry cites Nelson as one of the key factors in him being drafted by the Golden State Warriors, and although Curry played just one season for the legendary coach, Don Nelson made an indelible mark on Curry that he never forgot.

Always an entertaining interview Nelson would undoubtedly have some pointed thoughts on the current state of affairs with NBA refereeing and was an ardent supporter of the value of free throw shooting.

In 150 playoff games as a player, Nelson shot 50% from the field and 82% from the line.

At one time tormented by his inability to shoot free throws at a high percentage, Nelson pioneered the one-handed shot-put version that propelled his career and made him an asset at the line as opposed to a liability.

Rest in peace Don Nelson and thank you for the many years of competitive greatness as you won five NBA championships with the Boston Celtics.

His No. 19 jersey was retired by the Celtics, and although he was never inducted by the hall-of-fame as a player, the Celtics acknowledged his contributions with the retiring of his jersey.

Nelson would reach the Hall of Fame as a coach inductee in 2012, and it was so well deserved.

Would that the Sacramento Kings could have this intrepid inventor back for just a day to give some guidance to a young squad in need.

All the best Kings fans!

All the best!

★

Pension Boosts for California Police, Firefighters Could Spur Increases for Other Workers



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

It may be just a coincidence, but when California's public employee pension system touted very high earnings on its investments last month, it was a political windfall for unions seeking to increase retirement benefits.

They could argue that the California Public Employees Retirement System's report of a 14.8% gain during the 2025-26 fiscal year indicated that California could afford to boost pensions for police and firefighters with little or no impact on taxpayers.

Conversely, the CalPERS report was a setback for local governments that oppose the pension boost, contending it would open the door to higher pensions for other categories of public workers and would exacerbate budget shortfalls.

Opponents of the pension increase proposed in Assembly Bill 1383 appear to face an uphill battle. The legislation passed the Assembly with an overwhelming bipartisan vote prior to the Legislature's summer recess and could gain Senate approval before adjournment in a few weeks.

The situation is similar to what happened 27 years ago, shortly after Gray Davis was inaugurated as governor. Davis had survived a bruising primary battle in 1998 against two

wealthy, self-financed opponents and a tough duel with Republican Attorney General Dan Lungren, thanks largely to big donations from public employee unions.

Davis repaid his political debt to the unions by sponsoring two benefit increases, one in unemployment benefits, the other in pensions. He and the unions contended the pension boost could be covered without new taxes because CalPERS said as much.

However, investment earnings cratered during the Great Recession a few years later. Local governments struggled to pay the increased contributions that law requires them to make when pension fund investments falter.

Local officials argued that the mandatory increases in contributions to cover the pension system's weak earnings were diverting money that otherwise would support vital and popular services, including police and fire protection.

Eventually that led to a major overhaul of pension benefits and the contributions to finance them in 2012 — changes that AB 1383 would partially undo. Among other things, the reforms didn't affect pensions of current retirees or employees, but reduced them for future hires.

The 2012 reforms would, it was believed, slow the increase in pension costs as workers retired and replacements were hired with lower pension guarantees. However, the impacts of the Davis-era increases continued to affect local budgets.

It was common for California cities to pay 50 cents into the pension fund for every dollar in salary for

their police officers and only slightly less for firefighters. Lodi's city manager at the time, Steve Schwabauer, told CalPERS trustees at a meeting, "I have the unfortunate obligation to tell you that Lodi is on a slow, inexorable slide toward insolvency if you maintain your present course."

Three California cities — Vallejo, Stockton and San Bernardino — declared bankruptcy, with fast-rising pension costs as major factors. During Stockton's bankruptcy, the presiding federal judge, Christopher Klein, declared the city could reduce pension benefits to improve its financial position, touching off a brief but fiery debate. However, none of the three cities acted on Klein's advice.

Back to AB 1383. Sweetening the pensions of public safety employees would increase costs for the state and local governments by \$4.8 billion, an analysis by CalPERS actuaries estimates, with contributions by employers rising by \$233 million a year.

That's a hefty number. The true impact of passing AB 1383 could be much higher, because once the pension limits on police and firefighters hired since 2012 are breached, unions representing other categories of workers will demand parity. And a Legislature dominated by union-friendly Democrats will be hard-pressed to refuse.

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.

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Social Security Matters

Is the Medicare Part B Premium a Percentage of our Social Security Amount?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I have a simple question: Is the amount we pay for Medicare Part B premium a percent of our Social Security amount we receive?

Signed: Curious

Dear Curious: Your Medicare Part B premium is not based on a percentage of your monthly Social Security benefit amount. Medicare Part B premiums are set in October of each year by CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) and are based upon anticipated total costs of the Medicare program in the forthcoming year. Generally speaking, Medicare Part B enrollee premiums are expected to offset about 25% of CMS' anticipated total Medicare Part B costs; the rest is borne by the Federal Government. So, when CMS estimates Medicare program costs for the upcoming year, they also look at the number of anticipated Part B enrollees. They then divide 25% of total anticipated Part B program costs by the number of expected Part B enrollees, resulting in the "standard" Medicare Part B premium for next year. For 2026, the standard Part B premium amount is \$202.90. The standard premium for 2027 will be announced in October 2026

and will likely be different.

It's important to understand also that not everyone pays the "standard" Part B premium. Some lower income seniors may pay less because of the so-called "hold harmless provision," and some higher income folks may pay more than the "standard" monthly Part B premium because of a provision called "IRMAA."

The "hold harmless provision" says that monthly Social Security benefits cannot decrease as a result of a Medicare premium increase, so if the annual SS COLA (cost of living adjustment) is insufficient to offset any increase to the standard Part B premium, then the SS beneficiary may pay a smaller Part B premium amount so that their SS benefit doesn't decrease (note there are exceptions to this rule).

Conversely, those with a higher "provisional income" (an IRS definition), may pay more than the standard Medicare Part B premium. That's because of a provision known as "IRMAA" (Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount), which adds a supplemental amount on top of the standard Medicare Part B premium. IRMAA supplement amounts are determined using a sliding scale to define the required higher Part B premium for each income level category, and IRMAA will cause the Part B premium to be more than the standard premium amount. For those with exceptionally high incomes, the Part B premium can be as much as \$690 per month.

FYI, income reported to the IRS two years ago is used

to determine if an individual is subject to IRMAA for the forthcoming year. The reason for this is timing: when next year's Part B premium is determined in October of each current year, the IRS has processed all tax returns for the preceding year but doesn't yet have individual income for the current year. Thus, they must use a person's income from October of the preceding year to determine who will pay the standard Part B premium next year, and who will pay a higher IRMAA amount.

And just to complete this picture, you should be aware that IRMAA also applies to Medicare Part D premiums. And that means that those with higher incomes who are affected by IRMAA for Part B will also pay a higher Medicare Part D premium. (Medicare Part D is private insurance coverage for prescription drugs). But none of this is related to your Social Security benefit amount.

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An Iran war that was supposed to be brief, and then was supposed to be over, is imposing an increasing price on Donald Trump's presidency.

We've seen a second term of a Republican administration go this way before. There are distinct echoes of George W. Bush's Iraq War -- the conflict that Trump has long excoriated -- in the president's predicament.

Now, the Iran War is different from Iraq. There is no ground invasion, no regime change, no occupation, no counterinsurgency. The casualties aren't close to the same scale, and Donald Trump has been fighting Iran for months, whereas George W. Bush was embroiled in Iraq for years (and so were his successors).

Yet, the political trajectory looks similar. Then, as now, an unpopular conflict is putting downward pressure on a Republican president's approval rating.

Mainstream pollsters routinely have Trump's approval rating below 40%, and some put it below 35%; Fox News has him at 39%, while CNN (34%) and AP (33%) are lower. At this juncture of Bush's second term, his average approval rating was a roughly comparable 38%, although he had further to fall as the war continued and the financial crisis hit.

If the Iran War is not exacting nearly the same price in blood and trea-

The Iran War is Eating Trump's Presidency

sure as the Iraq War, it is inflicting a direct economic cost on Americans that wasn't present during the Iraq war.

It was often said of violent clashes in the streets of the U.S. in the 1960s, "The Vietnam War has come home." Well, the Iran War came home the first time the average price per gallon of gasoline went above \$4. Trump would have much more leeway to engage in a protracted operation to bring Iran to heel if the public could, in effect, forget about the war for a while, but there's a reminder every day of what's happening in the Strait of Hormuz on gas signs across America.

In the CNN poll, 28% approve Trump's handling of Iran, while 25% approve his handling of inflation and 21% of gas prices. These issues are related. Trump wants his presidency to matter. So, rather than being content with doing whatever he could at the margins to lower prices, he went for big, legacy-defining initiatives -- tariffs and the Iran War -- that raised prices. In so doing, he forfeited his signature issue of economic stewardship. In the latest Fox News poll, 33% approve of his handling of the economy and 67% disapprove.

When the memorandum of understanding with Iran was signed, Trump boasted about how, by reopening the strait, it would avoid greater economic distress; he said he didn't want to be another Herbert Hoover. Now, the strait is basically closed

again. Absent another deal, he's faced with the choice of escalation or an ongoing low-level conflict, neither of which is going to be palatable to the public.

The CNN poll found that nearly three-quarters of Americans think Trump hasn't paid enough attention to the country's most pressing problems. The fact is that Iran wasn't a priority for the public and there was no attempt by the White House to make it one until after it had already launched the war.

Just as Bush's success in toppling the Taliban created the predicate for the Iraq War, Trump's stunning capture of Nicolas Maduro made it easier to believe that the Iran war would be a cakewalk. The idealistic establishment Republican and the "America First" populist both got lured into overestimating the efficacy of American military power.

We still don't know how the Iran war will end. Perhaps Trump will manage a satisfactory conclusion, and he has more room to bounce back up again politically than Bush did after years of the Iraq War. Still, the next Republican president would be well served to be more prudent and mindful of worst-case scenarios when launching major military operations than either of his two, otherwise very different, GOP predecessors.

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You'll Keep Paying for Wildfires on Your Electric Bill Until California Fixes Its Forests

By Josh Cook

If you live in California, you’ve probably seen the ads: “Home insurance rates skyrocket.” “The FAIR Plan is broken.” They urge you to call your legislator and demand a fix. What they don’t mention is who paid for them — Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric shareholders, through a campaign called Wildfire Victims First.

Despite the name, not one wildfire survivors group supports it.

Meanwhile, the Governor’s staff has been quietly negotiating a wildfire package with lawmakers’ staff. No bill text has been released. The Legislature returned from recess on August 3 and adjourns at the end of the month — the exact window for a “gut-and-amend,” where lawmakers strip an existing bill, drop in new language, and fast-track it to get something done.

Eaton Fire survivors and Consumer Watchdog say the package would cap payments for pain and suffering, block insurers from recovering costs from utilities, and limit attorneys’ fees, making it harder for survivors to find lawyers. Insurance companies agree — and when insurers and fire victims end up on the same side, that’s worth noticing.

Here’s the part almost nobody in this fight is discussing: none of it addresses why the fires get so big, and the answer is not just “climate change”. That is a cop out for years of systematic mismanagement.

Roughly 46% of California is federally owned — national forests, BLM land,

park, refuges. Much of the state’s highest-risk landscape sits on those federal acres. A century of aggressive fire suppression and reduced logging let fuel pile up. Many California forests are far denser today than they were historically, which turns ordinary ignitions into fast-moving infernos. Scientists point to fire exclusion, drought, insect die-off, and a warming climate working together — with excess vegetation driving how these fires behave. Remember, even as our forests burn down, we are importing timber from foreign countries. Bad policy in action.

Fuel loads are measured in tons per acre and vary by forest type. But in overstocked Sierra Nevada forests, they run well above historic levels; they remain a “tinder box”. That’s why mechanical thinning and prescribed burns are so widely recommended. On another note, properly managed forests also get more water in the streams; more on that in a future column.

The problem is pace and political will power. Fuels accumulate faster than crews can treat them; the idea that logging is a bad thing just won’t go away. Tree lovers are loving the forests to death. The Native people actively managed the forests much better than the Federal Government does. Congressional research finds millions of acres still at high hazard, with treatment backlogs growing because new growth outruns current work.

So CA lawmakers continue to argue over who writes the check. Until forests get thinned and maintained, the answer stays the same: you do, every month, on your power bill.

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POLICE LOGS

<i>During the time period of Aug. 4 to Aug. 8, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in six arrests.</i>	Aug. 6 2:43 p.m., Battery/Adult Arrest, Downing Drive.
Aug. 4 5:43 a.m., Theft reported, Simons Street: Son allegedly took iPhone. Reporting party declined to file report. 9:39 a.m., Theft reported, City Hall, Civic Drive: Flag stolen. 9:47 a.m., Vandalism reported, Lake Park Circle: Rock thrown at garage door window.	Aug. 7 2:08 a.m., Theft reported, 7-ELEVEN on Pine Street: Female adult, thin build, wearing a black jacket and red shirt, took miscellaneous items and ran. 3:47 a.m., Kidnapping/Adult Arrest, Carol Drive/Ayers Lane. 1:15 p.m., Identity Theft reported, Village Drive.
Aug. 5 12 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, E Street. 12:46 p.m., Theft reported, Canyon Creek Way: Bike stolen. 8:49 p.m., Violation of Probation/Adult Arrest, Hamel Way.	Aug. 8 4:05 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Heritage Senior Village, 2nd Street. 4:50 p.m., Arson reported, Twin Cities Board & Care Home on Twin Cities Road. 7p.m., Domestic Violence/Adult Arrest, Tudor Street. ★

MEETING MINDERS

Friday, Aug. 14 Galt Sunrise Rotary, 7 a.m., Comfort Inn & Suites, 10380 Twin Cities Road, 209-745-6617.	Galt Elementary School Board, 7 p.m., City Hall, 380 Civic Drive, 209-745-4545.
Tuesday, Aug. 18 Galt City Council, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.	Thursday, Aug. 20 Galt Beautification Committee, 10 a.m., Community Development Dept., 495 Industrial Drive, 209-366-7130. Galt High School Board, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.
Wednesday, Aug. 19 Cosumnes CSD, 5:30 p.m., Elk Grove CSD boardroom, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove.	Friday, Aug. 21 Galt Sunrise Rotary, 7 a.m., Comfort Inn & Suites. ★



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Ashley Nimmo, 149 E Street, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Gen 3 Environmental" 149 E Street, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 14, 2026
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Miguel A Munoz-Casillas, 688 Cedar Flat Avenue, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "M & R Mobile Tractor Repair" 688 Cedar Flat Avenue, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 21, 2026
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Ramon Arturo Flores Guzman, 13522 Alabama Road, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Turn Key Property Services" 13522 Alabama Road, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 31, 2026
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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV018747
Joseph Uday Soman has filed a

petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Joseph Uday Soman to Joseph Uday-Soman Smith.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 12, 2027, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8D, located at 500 G Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: August 6, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: August 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 2026
SOMAN 9-4-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DELIA RODRIGUEZ
CASE NO. 26PRO001893
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Delia Rodriguez, Delia Herrera Perez.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Alfredo B. Rodriguez, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Alfredo B. Rodriguez be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows September 9, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 126; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R.

Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Ramona C. Glasgow, P.O. Box 686, Woodridge, CA 95258; 209-331-6553
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TRUSTEE SALE

APN: 148-0560-080-0000 TS No: CA13000017-24-1 TO No: 2487218CAD NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (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 December 5, 2005. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On September 8, 2026 at 09:30 PM, In the Courtyard of Sacramento City Hall, located at 915 I St, Sacramento, CA 95814, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on December 9, 2005 in Book 20051209, on Page 1534, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by RIGOBERTO HERNANDEZ, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for COUNTRYWIDE BANK, N.A. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: EXHIBIT "A" LOT 33, AS SHOWN ON THE "PLAT OF LIBERTY OAKS (SOUTHFORK)", FILED SEPTEMBER 11, 1990, MAP BOOK 209, PAGE 15, SACRAMENTO COUNTY RECORDS. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 851 WRISTEN WAY, GALT, CA 95632 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$39,730.14 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. 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. 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 Bidders 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 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 visit the Internet Website address https://www.servicelinkauction.com/ or call ServiceLink Auction | Hudson and Marshall at (866) 539-4173 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA13000017-24-1. 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 Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. 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 (866) 539-4173, or visit this internet website https://www.servicelinkauction.com/, using the file number assigned to this case CA13000017-24-1 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. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) may impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers Date: July 23, 2026 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA13000017-24-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Bernardo Sotelo, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT https://www.servicelinkauction.com/ FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: ServiceLink Auction | Hudson and Marshall at (866) 539-4173 Order Number 127034, Pub Dates: 07/31/2026, 08/07/2026, 08/14/2026
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District intends to conduct a Public Hearing on September 16, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. to consider a resolution concerning the approval of the District's School Facility Needs Analysis, Level One Developer Fees Justification Report, and adoption of school facility fees on residential development pursuant to Government Code Section 65995.5 and Education Code Section 17620. The Public Hearing shall be held at the Galt Civic Center, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California. The School Facility Needs Analysis and Level One Developer Fees Justification Report for the proposed school facilities fees is on file in the Business Services Office and is available for public review. Members of the public are invited to provide comment at the Public Hearing or, in writing, which is received on or before September 14, 2026. Any person challenging in court the decision made at the conclusion of the Public Hearing may be limited to raising only those issues raised at such hearing or in correspondence delivered to the school district prior to the close of such hearing. Information on this matter may be obtained at the offices of the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District located at 1018 C Street Suite 210, Galt, California 95632-2090 or by contacting the District at (209) 744-4550.

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District
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ABOUT TOWN

Friday, Aug. 14 through Sunday, Aug. 16

Teachers & School Staff Special – noon to 5 p.m. each day at Barsetti Vineyards. Survived the first week of school? We think that calls for some wine. Please bring a valid school ID to enjoy \$2 off any glass of wine or 20% off any bottle. This offer is valid for all teachers and school staff in the surrounding area. 404 4th St., Suite 150.

Lodi Yoga Fest – at Appellation Lodi Wine & Roses Resort and Spa. Experience three days of movement, mindfulness, music and connection. Designed for all experience levels, this immersive wellness festival brings together inspiring teachers, healing experiences, community gatherings and vibrant celebrations in one of Lodi’s most beautiful resort settings. Whether you’re attending for one day or the entire weekend, you’ll find opportunities to feed your spirit in a welcoming community atmosphere. Learn more and buy tickets at lodiyogafest.com. 2505 W. Turner Road, Lodi.

Friday, Aug. 14 Jose M. Hernandez “Reaching for the Stars” Foundation Gala – 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the University Plaza Waterfront Hotel. This year, the Foundation proudly celebrates its 20th Anniversary with an unforgettable Gala honoring its legacy, inspiring the next generation, and raising funds for scholarships and educational programs. Funds raised through the Gala directly support the Foundation’s programs, including Science Blast and Summer Academies, which provide hands-on learning experiences that ignite curiosity and build confidence. Tickets and more information at visitstockton.org/events. 110 W. Fremont St., Stockton.

Live Music with Phil ‘n da Pinots – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Barsetti Vineyards. Call 209-744-6062 for more information and reservations. 400 4th St., #150, Old Town Galt.

Friday Night Movies: “Moana” – 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Gora Aquatic Center. Join us for a special dive-in movie experience at the pool. This free event is limited to the first 250 attendees, so arrive early to secure your spot. Movie begins at dusk. Only flotation devices will be permitted, and parents or guardians must remain with children at all times. 630 Chabolla Ave., Galt.

Saturday, Aug. 15 and Sunday, Aug. 16 Straight Up Dubs Car Show – at the Lodi Grape Festival grounds. This recreational car club is made of enthusiasts of all ages with the common interest of classic and vintage Volkswagens. This two-day event will feature overnight VW camping on Saturday, and a swap meet, vendors, food trucks, and an air- and water-cooled VW show on Sunday. Registration and more information at straightupdubs.org. 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

Saturday, Aug. 15 Guided Paddle along the Cosumnes River – 8 a.m. to noon at the Cosumnes River Preserve. Join experienced

naturalists for a leisurely paddle along the Cosumnes River and its peaceful sloughs. This unique on-the-water experience offers an opportunity to explore one of California’s last free-flowing rivers while learning about the wildlife, plants and history that make this area so special.

For more information and registration, see Eventbrite.com. 13501 Franklin Blvd.

54th Annual Barrio Fiesta – 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Weber Point Events Center. This free, family-friendly Filipino cultural festival celebrates the rich history, heritage, food, music and community spirit of Stockton’s historic Little Manila and the generations of Filipino-Americans who helped shape the Central Valley. Free admission. 221 N. Center St., Stockton.

Guided Tour of the San Joaquin County Historical Museum – 10 a.m. to noon. Step into the past and discover the stories that shaped our community. Pre-registration is required. To reserve your spot, call 209-331-2055. \$5 plus park admission (free for members). 11793 Micke Grove Road, Lodi.

Laura DeForce Gordon Day – 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at The Woman’s Club of Lodi. Come celebrate the disobedient women of California. Slap on your fancy hat and loosen your bustle; this event is a playful, thoughtful and community-centered celebration honoring one of Lodi’s boldest historical figures. Tickets are \$10; 12 and under are free. Every paid admission includes a classic A&W root beer float from Lola’s Saloon, a nod to Lodi’s role in A&W history and Laura’s temperance work. Proceeds support Explore Lodi’s historical walking tours, presentations, research, and outreach. Tickets and more information at visitlodi.com/events. 325 W. Pine St., Lodi.

Vines & Steins – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Preston Castle. Experience the historic Preston Castle at your own pace during this evening of local wine, craft beer and live music. Sample pours from regional wineries and breweries, enjoy complimentary fruit and cheese trays and listen to live music.

It’s the perfect way to spend a relaxing evening with friends while supporting local businesses and helping restore the iconic Preston Castle. Tickets and more information at prestoncastle.org. 900 Palm Drive, Ione.

Hospice of San Joaquin Sip & Stroll – 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Brookside Classics neighborhood. This beloved Stockton tradition invites guests to stroll through the beautiful neighborhood while enjoying local wineries, delicious food vendors, live music, and the best flavors our region has to offer. Proceeds benefit Hospice of San Joaquin’s Hospice House, providing comfort and compassionate care to patients and families when they need it most.

Guests can also participate in our exciting raffle for a chance to win great prizes. Tickets and more information at hospicesj.org/events/sip-stroll or call 209-957-3888. Heron Lakes Drive, Stockton.

Sunday, Aug. 16 Stockton Cars & Coffee – 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at West Lane Bowl. Gather with other car enthusiasts to showcase vehicles from classics to exotics and connect over a shared passion for automobiles. It’s a casual, family-friendly morning filled with great cars, good coffee and even better conversations. All makes and models are welcome. 3900 N. West Lane, Stockton.

Monday, Aug. 17 and Tuesday, Aug. 18 Park Community Workshop: Share Your Vision – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. either evening. We are creating a long-range guide that helps San Joaquin County prioritize improvements, maintenance and future investments in parks, open spaces, recreation, trails and Micke Grove Zoo over the next 10 years. Community input will help shape the plan and guide future decisions. Monday’s workshop will be held at Memorial Auditorium, Micke Grove Regional Park. 11793 N. Micke Grove Rd., Lodi. Tuesday’s workshop will be held at Kennedy Park Community Center, 2800 South D St., Stockton.

Thursday, Aug. 20 Rancho Seco Care Center Blood Drive – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please join us for our first blood drive. Come out and help save lives; admission is free. For any questions, contact Emily at 916-622-8289. 144 F St.

Galt Chamber of Commerce Mixer – 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Barsetti Vineyards. Whether you’re a business owner, professional, community leader or looking to expand your network, this mixer is a great opportunity to meet fellow Chamber members and local professionals in a relaxed setting. Enjoy great company while making valuable connections that can help grow your business and strengthen our local community. Call 209-744-6062 for more information and reservations. 400 4th St., #150, Old Town Galt.

Friday, Aug. 21 Tigers Prowlin’ the Mile – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Miracle Mile. Join us for this family-friendly event celebrating the start to the new school year for the University of the Pacific. New and returning students, alumni, faculty, staff, neighbors and community members are invited to enjoy an evening filled with shopping, dining, entertainment, music, and more. Pacific Avenue between Castle and Walnut streets, Stockton.

12th Annual Ducky Derby – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Lincoln Center. Join us for a fun family night featuring raffle prizes, a dunk tank, carnival games, slide and more summer fun for all. Hosted by the Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) this is one of our community’s favorite summer traditions. Every duck you adopt helps CAPC continue its mission of protecting children, strengthening families, and preventing child abuse through education, advocacy and community-based programs.

Adopt your ducks today at CAPCDucks.com. 374 Lincoln Center, Stockton.

Saturday, Aug. 22 Hog August Bites

Festival – 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. in downtown Rio Vista. Enjoy a rib and chili cookoff with “People’s Choice” rib and chili tasting and juried rib and chili contests. Live music all day, food and craft vendors.

More information, plus sign-ups for volunteers and competitors at hogaugustbites.com. Highway 12, west of the Sacramento River.

Exhibit Opening, “The Sikhs in America: Faith, Resilience, and Power” – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the San Joaquin County Historical Museum. Presented by the San Joaquin County Historical Society & Museum in collaboration with the Sikh American History Project and the Stockton Gurdwara (Sikh Temple), the exhibition explores the rich history and lasting contributions of the Sikh community in San Joaquin County through historic photographs, rare artifacts and personal stories.

The opening celebration will feature remarks from community leaders, authentic Punjabi cuisine, demonstrations of traditional Sikh martial arts (Gatka) and live music celebrating Sikh culture and heritage. Free admission - \$6 per car to enter Micke Grove Park. 11793 N. Micke Grove Road, Lodi.

American Legion Auxiliary 16 Annual Luau Party – 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Karl Ross Post 16. Enjoy Island food and drink and live entertainment. Hawaiian attire is encouraged. \$40 per person; \$20 for kids 12 and under. Proceeds benefit veterans’ programs. Contact Patsy at 209-609-7209 or Jessica, 209-598-7169, for tickets. 2020 Plymouth Road, Stockton.

7th Annual Gourmet BBQ Fundraiser – 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Klinker Brick Winery. Every ticket purchased helps advance ACT Spay/Neuter Clinic’s mission to provide affordable spay and neuter services while supporting plans to expand its surgical facility. Tickets and more information at visitlodi.com/events. 15887 N. Alpine Road, Lodi.

WOW into the Future – 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the WOW Plaza. All proceeds for this event will support the development and design of the interior of the museum’s upcoming expansion. Please join us for this exciting evening as we raise funds to inspire the next generation of scientists right here in our community. Guests are encouraged to wear their best ‘80s costumes for a chance to win fun prizes. Tickets \$80 for 21 and over only. More information at wowsciencemuseum.org. 2 N. Sacramento St., Lodi.

Neil Diamond Superstar: A Tribute by Jack Wright – 7 p.m. at Charlene Powers Lange Performing Arts Theatre at Hutchins Street Square. With cinematic visuals, lush orchestrations and heartfelt narratives, Jack invites audiences on an emotional journey through five decades of Neil’s most iconic songs.

Authentic. Captivating. Unforgettable. Tickets and more information at lodi.gov. 125 S. Hutchins St., Lodi.

Astronomy in the Park – 7 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. at Shumway Oak Grove Regional Park.

Bring a blanket and chairs; Stockton Astronomical Society will bring the telescopes. Visitors of all ages are invited to explore the universe through guided telescope viewings, hands-on learning and fascinating presentations from local astronomers. Free event, \$6 parking. 4520 W. Eight Mile Road, Stockton.

Sunday, Aug. 23 Karaoke/Band Practice – noon to 4 p.m. at Barsetti Vineyards. Join us to sing along with Phil ‘n da Pinots, request your own songs or even join the band on stage to play along. Call 209-744-6062 for more information and reservations. 400 4th St., #150, Old Town Galt.

Wednesday, Aug. 26 Music in the Park – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at West Park at Hutchins Street Square. Join us for a relaxing evening of free 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 for purchase, or you’re also welcome to pack your own picnic. This month features Agents of Rock playing classic rock hits. 125 S. Hutchins St., Lodi.

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, Sept. 12. 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 – Aug. 14, 10 a.m.: Hand and Foot card game at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Gerri at 916-698-1940.

Aug. 20, 11:30 a.m.: Lunch and 12:30 p.m. general meeting at Golden Corral, 7700 W. Stockton Blvd.; \$24 includes lunch. Contact Pat at 916-802-4524.

Aug. 21, 10 a.m.: Pinochle at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Jim at 916-768-1923.

Aug. 26, 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.

Aug. 26, 5 p.m.: El Novillero, 4216 Franklin Blvd., Sacramento. Contact Addie at 916-682-3609.

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, Sept. 5 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, Aug. 14: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (G) English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Tuesday, Aug. 18: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (WG)

Wednesday, Aug. 19: English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Friday, Aug. 21: 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, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (WG)

Call 916-264-2920 or 800-561-4636 for more information on any of these events.

Veterans Meetings D St. 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. on the third Saturday of each month at the Galt Place Apartments meeting room. For more information, call Tom at 530-386-2721 or Brian 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. For more information, call 916-684-3849. ★

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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.

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.

AA 24-Hour Hotline

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

Nar-Anon

Family Group Meetings

Narcotics Anonymous (Nar-Anon) family group meetings for friends and family members who are dealing with drug addiction are held locally from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Galt United Methodist Church, 571 C St. in Galt.

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.

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

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.

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The Galt Beautification Committee wants you to “nominate your neighbor.” Has your neighbor recently completed a yard project? Does your neighbor have the best flowers in town or the best-looking yard? The Galt Beautification Committee wants to know.

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Happy National Creamsicle Day!

A soft flavor that kids the world over have discovered to sate the heat and give energy to them during the oppressive summer months. That first bite seems to overpower that taste buds, giving a hint that even more surprises await within the frozen delight; this is a day of celebration.

According to daysoftheyear.com website, Frank Epperson created the creamsicle in 1905. This industrious, and inventive 11-year-old experimented with putting fruit juice around vanilla ice cream. The original “Epsicle,” which later became known as a popsicle, creamsicle and even a dreamsicle were done with just the orange juice on the outside. However, now you can find them in a myriad of flavors. From orange to blue raspberry, lime, grape, cherry, even blueberry.

While “Creamsicle” is actually a brand name, a lot of people have come to use it to describe any sort of similar ice cream. The original Creamsicle, though, consists of vanilla ice cream that is on an ice Lolly stick, with iced orange juice coating the outside.



Orange is the original flavor. This cold delight has been a staple of summertime ice cream trucks since they started moving from street to street and served at various warm locations.

People have been going around trying all sorts of creamsicles from different areas and locales.

Apparently, the ones served on Long Island are less about the orange as they are about the strong vanilla, while in Florida’s Palm Beach, you get a small amount of vanilla flavor and a crazy amount of orange.

Well, an orange creamsicle is my favorite. With it being August and hot, an original orange creamsicle would be very refreshing right now. I think I will head down to

the Herald Store and see what they have.

Speaking of the Herald Store, the rock-solid center of our local yearly celebration, Herald Day was celebrated on Saturday, Aug. 1. The parade was as quaint as ever. Kids on floats, riding horses, bicycles and 4-wheelers all decorated to win a ribbon. There were fancy old cars and a royalty court, crafts for the kids and Bingo for the adults.

Crafts, yummy jams, jelly and sauces were sold under the trees; local bakers, chefs and photographers presented their baked goods, salsas, canned goods and photos for a chance of winning a blue ribbon; and last but not least the auction was held under the barn roof selling all things new, vintage or gentle used. A lot of good stuff for a couple of dollars.

Bob and Carol Stepps were the grand marshals. They have lived in our community forever, raised seven children, own a local roofing business and celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary on Aug. 3. Congratulations, Bob and Carol!

It was a great day to have a sit down in the shade having an ice-cold drink and a chat with your neighbors you haven’t seen or spoken with since last Herald Day. I did just that and got caught up on a lot of “information” I have missed out on, some of which, I will add, is not fit for this article, nor to be repeated.

I just let them talk and reminded myself not to say anything I did not want to be repeated.

They did have some interesting “Fries My Pie” ideas. Like why are people required to rinse their recycled items, and why does the homeowner clean out the compost, food scrapes container? Isn’t there a fee for workers to do that?

Isn’t there a better less-populated acreage to put a solar/battery field than at the triangle piece of Twin Cities Highway, Clay Station Road and Clay East Road?

And one more and I agree: Can the front headlights of the lifted trucks be tilted down? They are blinding in the dark.

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



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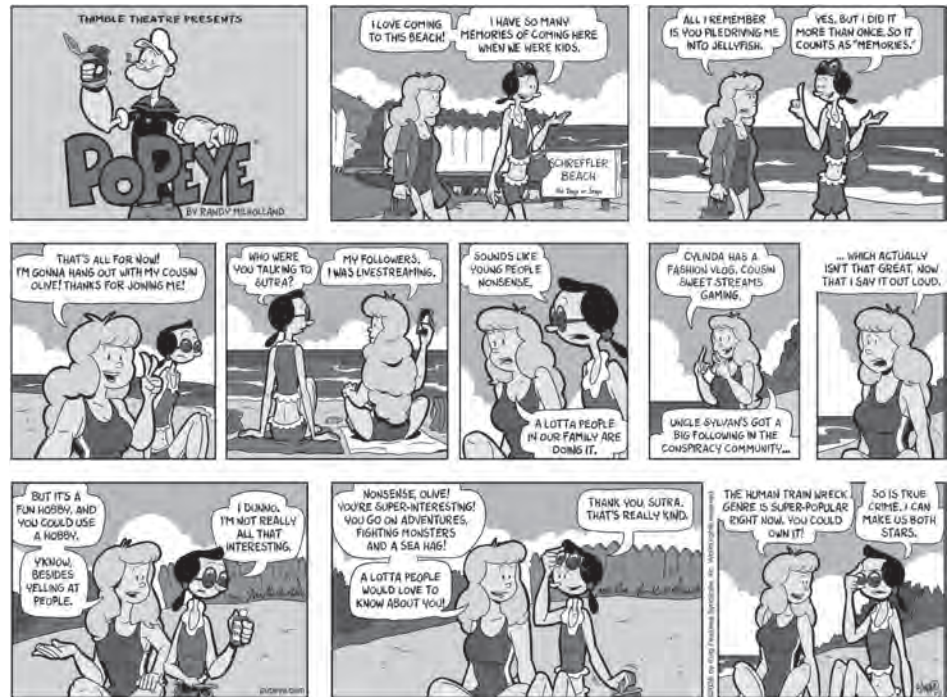
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- Eye affliction
- Mowgli to Raksha in "The Jungle Book"
- Cured pork product, pl.
- "Every lap you run in gym class completes one
- Ripped
- Throw up
- Mythological ship
- Agitate
- Like worthless promise
- "Go to the ___'s office"
- Hatchling's home
- Wasted on the young?
- "Amazing!"
- *Core, academic standards
- *Rock N'Roll High School" band
- Be obliged
- Orange ___ tea, pl.
- Of low density
- Earthenware pots
- Farm layer
- Bagpipes sound, in Scotland
- Vessel's "spine"
- "Mary, Mary quite contrary" place
- Radio knob, abbr.
- Blended family member
- Trotters
- Owned
- San Diego base-baller
- Castle defense
- *a.k.a. lunch room
- *"little cubby all stuffed with fluff"
- Knight's breastplate
- Bit of smoke
- Willow twig
- Pub arrow
- Popular street-lining trees
- Post-deductions amount
- Opposite of WSW
- Somebody ___

DOWN

- Dueler's blow
- Unit of pressure
- Jellystone Park denizen
- Amigo to America
- *Plagiarize, technically speaking
- Heep of "David Copperfield"
- *School signaling device
- *Unwelcome load
- Current unit, pl.
- Catcher's catcher
- Chester White's home
- Three in one
- Animal toxin
- Poultry houses
- "It ___ a dark and stormy night..."
- Too many in the kitchen?
- Baby owl
- Free-for-all
- Tear
- Lacking field
- Baseball fielding mistake
- "She ___ sea shells..."
- *Academy, online study aid
- ___ the land of the

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Liberty Ranch Cheer Turns a Rebuilt Roster into a Banner Week at UCA Camp

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

ROCKLIN, CA (MPG) - There is a moment at every summer cheer camp when a team stops being a list of names on a roster and starts being a team. For Liberty Ranch High School’s varsity squad, that moment arrived somewhere in the long, hot middle of the Universal Cheerleaders Association camp at Jessup University this summer, after the early wake-ups, after the choreography had been drilled into muscle memory, after the newcomers stopped counting the beats out loud because they finally knew them. By the end of the week, the scoreboard agreed. Liberty Ranch came home with four first-place awards, three All-Americans, two Jump-Off finalists and one honor that no judge had anything to do with.

That last one may be the most telling of all.

Liberty Ranch traveled to camp with 24 athletes, 11 of whom were experiencing varsity for the first time. Nearly half the squad was new. In a sport where timing is everything and trust is the currency that buys it, that kind of turn-over usually shows up in the details: a beat behind on a transition, an arm motion that doesn’t quite match the girl beside you, a stunt group still learning how much weight it can share. Instead, the group closed the gap fast, and the results followed.

Competing in the Medium Varsity division, Liberty Ranch swept the top of the leaderboard with four first-place finishes, earning top honors in Game Day Sideline, Chant and Overall Camp Routines. The team was also named Day 3 Top Banana, a camp-wide recognition the program has now claimed three years running: the sort of streak that suggests the standard at Liberty Ranch travels with the team rather than depending on any one senior class.

The individual honors came in waves. Six seniors auditioned for UCA All-American, a tryout process that asks athletes to learn a specialty cheer on a compressed timeline and then perform it in front of the entire camp while UCA staff evaluate their technique, sharpness, projection and command of the crowd. Three of them earned the honor. Joylee Whitford was named an All-American for the fourth time, a rare and remarkable run of consistency that spans essentially her entire high school career. Riley Snider and Yelitza Alfaro joined her, each earning the distinction that comes with an invitation to participate in UCA events around the world.

Senior Alexis Gonzales was recognized with the program’s Pin It Forward honor, an award rooted less in tumbling passes and jump technique than in the quieter work of lifting up the people around you: the kind of contribution that rarely appears in a routine



The Liberty Ranch Varsity cheer squad poses with all the hardware won at camp. Courtesy photos



Joylee Whitford is named All-American for the fourth year in a row.



Yelitza Alfaro is awarded All-American.



Riley Snider is awarded All-American.



The Hawk seniors in Golf Theme attire are proud of their top banana.

score but holds a locker room together.

The camp’s Jump-Off competition delivered another highlight. Rylee Morrow and Madelyn Mutulo both advanced to the final round, putting two Liberty Ranch athletes among the camp’s finalists in a head-to-head format where a single athlete stands alone in front of hundreds of peers and everything comes down to height, technique and flexibility in the span of a

breath. Watching two of their own survive round after round of eliminations gave the rest of the squad something to shout about, and the sideline noise from the Liberty Ranch section made clear exactly how much it meant.

Then came the award that arrived without a judging sheet.

For the second consecutive year, Liberty Ranch received UCA’s Leadership Award. What distinguishes it from every other trophy

the team packed into the vans is who decides it: not UCA staff, not a panel of evaluators, but the athletes from the other schools attending camp. It is a peer vote, which means it measures the things that happen when nobody official is watching: how a team treats the squad struggling in the next practice space, whether they clean up after themselves, whether they cheer as loudly for strangers as they do for their own. Winning

it once is a compliment. Winning it twice in a row, with a roster that turned over by nearly half, is a statement about the culture of a program rather than the personality of a particular group.

Liberty Ranch is led by the mother-and-daughter coaching duo of Roxanne Babcock and Kylie Valencia, who framed the week not as a windfall but as a receipt.

“This group reminded us that success comes from showing up every single day and being willing to put in the work,” the coaches said. “Their work ethic, commitment and willingness to give their best even on the hard days is what makes us most proud. They push themselves, they push each other, and they understand that what they accomplish together is built long before they ever step onto the mat to compete. Camp gave them the opportunity to see the results of all those hours of preparation, and watching them represent Liberty Ranch with confidence and pride was incredibly rewarding. We left camp proud of everything they accomplished and even more excited

about what this team is capable of.”

That final sentence is the one worth holding onto as fall arrives. Summer camp is not the season; it is the audit. It tells a coaching staff which athletes rise when they are tired, which stunt groups hold under pressure and how quickly a new varsity member can be trusted in front of a packed home crowd. The answers Liberty Ranch got at Jessup were encouraging enough that the awards almost feel like a footnote: evidence, rather than achievement.

Eleven newcomers arrived at camp unsure of what varsity would demand of them. They came home with hardware, with an award voted on by their peers, and with the specific confidence that only comes from doing something hard alongside people who did it with you. Friday nights under the lights, winter afternoons in a loud gym and months of practices in between are still ahead. But the foundation the coaches described – the part that gets built long before anyone takes the field or the court – appears to already be in place. ★

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Galt Shows Up Strong at 9U Pacific Southwest Regional



By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

Photos courtesy of Tom Santillan

GALT, CA (MPG) - Galt played host this July to the Cal Ripken Pacific Southwest Regional Tournament for the 9-and-under division, welcoming teams from across the region for a week of baseball. Hawaii, Arizona, Northern California, Central California, Southern California, Utah and Nevada were all represented, filling the local fields with families, coaches and young players who had earned their way to the regional stage.

Galt's schedule wasted no time. The team opened the tournament Monday against Central California, then returned to the diamond Wednesday for a matchup with Hawaii. Thursday brought Southern California, and Friday closed out the week against Nevada: four games in five days, a demanding stretch for any roster, let alone one made up of 9-year-olds.

Galt did not walk away as grand champions this



year, but that hardly tells the whole story. The team showed up, competed and represented its community well against some of the strongest programs in the Pacific Southwest. For a group this age, the experience of playing on

a regional stage in front of a hometown crowd is its own kind of win, and the foundation for the seasons ahead.

It was a busy week for the Nine and Unders. Enjoy these photos from one of the games. ★

