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Grocery Outlet Opens in Galt



Nick Nguyen, center, owner/operator of Galt's Grocery Outlet store, cuts the ribbon Sept. 10 to officially open the store at 10570 Twin Cities Road.

Story and photos
by Keith Burbank

GALT, CA (MPG) - About 100 people sat and stood in line before Grocery Outlet opened its doors for the first time Sept. 10 in Galt.

"Basically, we want to go on a shopping spree," said Jenny Yang, the fourth in line outside the store at 10570 Twin Cities Road. She was there with Daniel Mejia.

Grocery Outlet offered the first 100 shoppers the opportunity to receive gift cards with values between \$5 and

\$500.

The potential for \$500 is what drew Yang out, she said.

Galt's Grocery Outlet store is independently owned and operated by Nick Nguyen, who has worked at one since 2018, he told The Galt Herald.

And he took the chance to own one in Fairfield, California, in 2024, he said. That gave him the chance to open Galt's, he added.

The Galt store opened at 7 a.m. Sept. 10 with people in line around at least two sides of the store. Ken Lee was the first person in line and had

been waiting since 2 a.m., he said.

Next was Rick Eck, a resident of Galt for about 18 years.

Eck "couldn't wait for it" to open, he said.

Employees helped customers set up their phones to make purchases, Eck said.

"Every Grocery Outlet I have been to has been senior-citizen-friendly, he said.

The store in Galt has about 27 employees, Nguyen said, with no plans now to add more.

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New City
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New City Editor Keith Burbank and partner Dorothy Mendoza outside her home in Sacramento. Photo by Jonathan Mendoza

By Keith Burbank

ELK GROVE, CA (MPG) - Hi!

I'm Keith Burbank, the new city editor for the Elk Grove Citizen, The Galt Herald, Land Park News, Pocket News, Arden Arcade News, East Sacramento News and River Valley Times. I moved to Sacramento from Jensen Beach, Florida.

I moved here to spend more time with and marry my partner and Sacramento resident Dorothy Mendoza. We are Catholic and plan to marry at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

I left Jensen Beach at about 2 p.m. Aug. 22, the day before my 59th birthday, stopping first at my mother's home in Stuart, Florida. I said goodbye to mom at about 5:30 p.m. and made my way through Port St. Lucie, Florida, to Florida's Turnpike.

Florida's Turnpike snakes its way through the center of the Florida peninsula and joins Interstate 75 at the Wildwood exit. Interstate 75 north took me to westbound Interstate 10, which traverses the southern continental United States from Florida to California.

I drove a 2026 Toyota Corolla along Interstate 10 through Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and part of Arizona. The trip took me over bridges, through construction zones, across more than 850 miles of Texas and down a 4,000-foot plateau near Tehachapi, California.

Here's a log of my trip:

I said goodbye to my friend Chris Primus at about 1 p.m. Aug. 22 and finished packing. The trunk, backseat and front passenger seat were loaded with my belongings, including pictures of my mother, father and brother. I lived in Oakland, California, for 12 years before moving back to Florida to help my mother. My father and brother – my only sibling – died years

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Galt Girl Going to St. Jude's

By Keith Burbank

GALT, CA (MPG) - A 2-year-old Galt girl is going to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis for treatment of a rare cancer.

Eliana Gutierrez – called "tiny but mighty Ellie" by her family – is leaving Sept. 20 and will be there probably until the first or second week of November, her mom Kristyn Gutierrez told The Galt Herald.

"That's what the plan is," said Kristyn Gutierrez, who will be accompanied by Ellie's grandmother.

The Gutierrezes moved to Galt in April. Eliana was diagnosed June 24 with rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare cancer, which started in her perineal area and has spread to her lungs, her mom said.

That means the cancer has reached Stage 4, Kristyn Gutierrez said. The cure rate is 50 to 60%, she said.

Eliana needs proton radiation, a more localized radiation, which she is expected to receive at St. Jude's, her mom said.

Kristyn Gutierrez noticed a lump about the size of a dime on her daughter in late March, she said, and began contacting doctors.

She had a phone call appointment and two

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Two-year-old Eliana Gutierrez, who is going to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis for cancer treatment. Photo by Kristyn Gutierrez

Grocery Outlet Opens in Galt



Tahnru Mort, sitting; Daniel Mejia, left; and Jenny Yang wait in line before the 7 a.m. opening of Galt's Grocery Outlet store at 10570 Twin Cities Road.

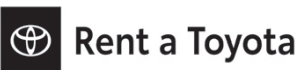
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"It all depends," he said, on the health of the store. Plenty of shoppers and dignitaries were at the store at about 10 a.m. for the ribbon-cutting, including Galt Mayor Bonnie Rodriguez and Police Chief Brian Kalinowski.

"What an exciting day for Galt," Rodriguez said. "For many years we've heard people say, 'We need more places to shop.'" Nearby resident Tahnru Mort was third in line before the 7 a.m. opening. She arrived at 4 a.m. aiming to get a gift certificate

and enjoy the fun of opening a store. About 20 years ago she was at the grand opening of a discount store in Lodi, she said. She plans to shop at Grocery Outlet in Galt because of "its good deals." ★

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Two-year-old Eliana Gutierrez, top, hugs sister Amelia Gutierrez. Photo by Kristyn Gutierrez



Two-year-old Eliana Gutierrez rests in a hospital. Eliana has Stage 4 rhabdomyosarcoma and will be going Sept. 20 to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. Photo by Kristyn Gutierrez



Two-year-old Eliana Gutierrez and her family outside Gilly's Car Wash & Dog Wash. Eliana will be going Sept. 20 to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. Photo by Viktor Garcia.

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in-person appointments.

“The doctors were kind of brushing me off, telling me to use hot, warm compresses,” Kristyn Gutierrez said. “And I had to see three different doctors, three different visits for them to actually take me seriously and book an ultrasound to get it looked at.”

The Gutierrezes were taking Eliana to pediatric doctors at Kaiser Permanente in Elk Grove, her mom said.

One doctor even labeled the lump in the wrong area, Kristyn Gutierrez said.

Eliana received an ultrasound in May and an MRI in early June, her mom said, adding that's when doctors confirmed it

was a tumor.

Kristyn Gutierrez's husband Hunter Gutierrez echoed his wife's sentiment about the doctors at Kaiser brushing them off.

But he is grateful, he said, his wife trusted her intuition that something was wrong.

The family's move to Galt was fortuitous, too, because it allowed them to buy private health insurance and take Eliana to Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford.

Hunter Gutierrez is an ICU nurse and knows someone who knows a rhabdomyosarcoma specialist at Stanford, his wife said.

The family was messaging Stanford and Stanford told the family to bring Eliana in.

Stanford Medicine's Dr. Raya Saab, a pediatric oncologist, has been amazing, Kristyn Gutierrez said, and is in charge of a clinical trial for Eliana.

“There was no urgency with Kaiser,” Eliana’s mom said. “I felt very put off.”

"We take concerns about the care of our patients very seriously," Kaiser Permanente officials said. "A cancer diagnosis can be deeply upsetting, especially involving a child, and can have a profound impact on the entire family."

"We are reviewing the concerns that the family has raised and will be in touch directly with them," the officials said.

“Out of respect for their privacy, we will not discuss an individual patient's care.”

Eliana turns 3 years old Oct. 23.

A fundraiser Aug. 25 at Gilly's Car Wash & Dog Wash here raised \$1,000 for Ellie's medical expenses, Kristen Gutierrez said. And a GoFundMe page for Ellie had raised \$20,040 as of Sept. 11.

"I just want people to pay attention to their kids," Kristyn Gutierrez said. "If anything looks unusual or out of place, just trust your gut. Don't wait, don't hold off, and sometimes doctors don't know best." ★

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New City Editor Crossed U.S. to Galt

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ago. That night I stopped in Ocala, Florida.

I was up Aug. 23 at about 6 a.m., ate breakfast, put gas in the car and started driving at about 7 a.m. My second nightly stop was about 650 miles away in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana.

I left Breaux Bridge at about 7 a.m. Aug. 24 and drove about 600 miles that day to the small, west-Texas community of Ozona, home of the Hitchin’ Post Steakhouse. I found the Hitchin’ Post by asking the hotel desk clerk where I could get dinner. She recommended two places, but only the Hitchin’ Post was open that Sunday.

The Hitchin’ Post has been in business more than 30 years, built in 1950 as a sheep barn, according to the menu, which includes a history of the restaurant and Crockett County, where Ozona is located.

I ordered a famous Hitchin’ Post entrée: fried steak fingers, which came with two sides. I chose green beans and grilled potatoes. The potatoes were delicious, and I left satisfied even though the steak fingers were less to my liking. I slept well that night.

I was driving before dawn Aug. 25 with plans to drive 700 miles before stopping for the night. I determined before I left Florida that I would drive 500 or 600 miles a day. At an average of 60 miles per hour I could make the roughly 2,900-mile trip in five or six days.

I drove almost 750 miles that day, stopping finally in Casa Grande, Arizona, about 50 miles east of Phoenix.

I was up Aug. 26 at about 3:30 a.m. and driving by 4:30 a.m., hopeful I could make it to Elk Grove by the time I stopped for the night.

I avoided Interstate 10 to the Los Angeles area. Instead, I took state and federal highways to Needles, California, where I picked up Interstate 40. A stop in Ludlow, California, provided nourishment and a shock. The gas at the station connected to the Dairy Queen was over \$7 per gallon. Fortunately, I had



New City Editor Keith Burbank, right, and friend Chris Primus in Jensen Beach, Florida. Photo by Chris Primus

enough gas in the Toyota.

Westbound Interstate 40 ends in Barstow, California, and from there I drove state Highway 58 to Bakersfield and state Highway 99 to Kingsburg, California, where I stopped for the night. I stopped at Motel 6 – the only hotel I saw near the exit to Kingsburg – and awoke early Aug. 27, to drive the last 182 miles to Sacramento.

I am delighted to be here. Not only to be with my sweetheart but to lead the coverage of Elk Grove, Galt, Rancho Murieta and parts of Sacramento. ★

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

AA 24-Hour Hotline

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

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 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.

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.

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.

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 Regadan 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. ★

MEMORIAL

BEVERLY BALUKOFF • 8/4/1942-08/10/2026



Beverly Jane (Mosman) Balukoff, 84, of Herald, passed away peacefully on Aug. 10, 2026. Beverly was born Aug. 4, 1942, in Compton, California, to Marcellus and Sylvia Mosman. Although born in California, she spent most of her childhood in Carroll, Iowa.

She entered the workforce as a clerk for the County of Los Angeles. During her husband's service in the United States Navy while stationed in Southern California, she met and married Jan Balukoff. Beverly later became a supervisor in the computer department at Rockwell International, where she worked on several Apollo space missions. In 1973, Beverly and her family moved to Herald. During her 53 years in the community, she volunteered at Arcohe Elementary School, worked at the Herald Store and concluded her career with Pacific Coast Producers in Lodi.

Beverly was especially proud of her service as a volunteer firefighter with the Herald Fire Department, where she also served as secretary for many years. Together with Jan, she was a member of the first Herald Day Committee.

Fishing was a passion Beverly shared with Jan, and the two were often found on Pardee Lake competing to see who could catch the most fish. Beverly also enjoyed crocheting and donated countless scarves each year for the Christmas party held at the Community Barn.

Beverly is survived by her children, Lisa, Jeff (Tammi), John (Jennifer), and Jason (Kristin); eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; her sister, Becky; and many extended family members and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, Sept. 25, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Champaign Ranch, 12174 Borden Road, Herald, California.

MEMORIAL

THERESA NEELY • 9/7/1949-08/30/2026

In Loving Memory of Theresa Neely Sept. 7, 1949, to Aug. 30, 2026

Theresa Neely passed away leaving behind a lifetime of love, cherished memories, and a family who will miss her deeply.

She was the beloved wife of Robert Neely, devoted mother of Robert, Rita and Ronald. A loving grandmother to five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Theresa's greatest legacy is the family she loved and the memories they created together. Her presence touched the lives of those who knew her, and although she is no longer with us, her love will continue



through the generations she leaves behind.

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shared, the love she gave, and the place she will forever hold in the hearts of her family.

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

The Simmons Factor

By V.G. Harris

Ben Simmons has stolen the preseason show thus far and understandably so. 2018 rookie of the year in the NBA and a three-time all-star, brings with it a lot of optimism and certainly fan excitement.

After sitting out the entirety of the 2025-26 season recovering from back problems, Simmons says he is 100 percent healthy and ready to prove his naysayers wrong.

Many have questioned his toughness, but two back surgeries are nothing to scoff at, and as many people can attest to, back injuries can be hard to overcome.

At 6-foot-10, Simmons represents a skyscraper of a point guard and is even taller than hall-of-famer Magic Johnson.

The apparent plan is for Simmons to back up Darius Acurr Jr., and if so, it could pay dividends.

Without question a point guard of his size represents problems for opposing teams, so what remains to be seen is how he fits in with Scott Perry’s new look Kings, and does he have the motor to be a game changer.

The good news as it relates to Ben Simmons is that on a team that is hungry for players with defensive qualities, Simmons has a proven history of being a top flight defender, and although not known for being a big scorer, Simmons can certainly make his mark of the defensive end.

If, as has been expressed, the Kings intend to bring Simmons off the bench and have him back up Darius Acuff, giving him 20-25 minutes per game may be a recipe that will work for a player that has proven to be injury prone.

Meanwhile, aside from Acuff, there are two other draft picks that need attention, and that most notably means on court minutes.

Emanuel Sharpe is another player that comes to the Kings with a history of being a tough defender, and Kings fans got to see his defensive skills on display during the NBA summer league.

Sharpe has a natural knack for the ball and was a division one standout in college on the defensive end of the floor. It makes fans wonder how Simmons and Sharpe would look on the court together, as Sharpe is a natural

shooting guard and Simmons plays the point. Just possible that times are changing for the better.

Trade talks continue to swirl as it relates to Domantas Sabonis, and that should not come as welcome news.

I see Sabonis as the anchor of this team, and if anyone comes with a pedigree it is most certainly Domantas.

The Kings need this big man to have a comeback season after being limited to a career low 19 games last year due to injuries. This stalwart has proven himself not just to the Kings organization, but to the league as well, and Sabonis has earned the respect of players throughout.

Alex Karaban, drafted 29th overall, comes to the Kings with four seasons of college ball, and an NCAA title under his belt. Used to winning, Karaban should be a consistent player off the bench, and if coach Christie develops a consistent flow with minutes, Karaban can become a valuable commodity for Sacramento this season.

Much depends on how Christie develops what has now become a young team, and effective use of players like Achiuwa, Cardwell, Karaban and Sharpe will make a big difference in the win/loss record of the Kings this season.

The Kings young players aren’t the only ones that need to earn their stripes. It’s high time the coaching staff steps up and shows what they can do.

It is hard to measure Doug Christie after a season where his team was largely on the disabled list, but make no mistake about it, this year marks the litmus test in his young coaching career.

If the 20-25 wins that the pundits have expressed are what the Kings have to look forward to is in any way correct, look for a complete shake-up of the coaching staff.

There is way too much talent for this team to be on the south side of 30 wins, and even one more tweak could represent an acceleration of Scott Perry’s rebuilding program.

Stay tuned Kings fans, because I believe you’re going to see a much healthier team than just a season ago!

All the best! ★

California’s Future Water Supplies Depend on the Outcomes of Four Intertwined Battles



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Since the earliest years of its history, California has been a political battlefield over divvying up the state’s water. The intensity of the multisided conflict, like water itself, ebbs and flows.

By happenstance this is one of the more intense and climactic periods in the eternal competition over water. It’s driven by uncertainty over the effects of climate change on precipitation and by looming decisions on how to cope with those effects.

What happens on four intertwined fronts in the near future will determine how water will be managed and allocated in the coming decades. In no particular order:

Colorado River

Decades of conflict over allocating Colorado River water, involving not only California but other Western states, are coming to a head. Runoff from snow in the Rocky Mountains has been declining, and the two major reservoirs on the Colorado, Lakes Mead and Powell, have been shrinking and rapidly approaching operational failure. Federal authorities have been pressing the states involved to agree on how the shortages should be managed, but it’s been a stalemate.

California is less dependent than Nevada and Arizona, which rely on

the Colorado to serve their fast-growing urban centers. When the Bureau of Reclamation imposed some temporary operational rules recently, Nevada sued and Arizona is threatening to follow.

Sites Reservoir Project

An off-stream reservoir on the west side of the Sacramento Valley to capture and store water during years of high precipitation has been proposed for decades. But with projections of decreased snowpacks due to climate change, the project, called Sites, has gained momentum in recent years.

Gov. Gavin Newsom wants to nail down the project before leaving office in four months. Last week, the administration’s Water Resources Control Board issued a draft water rights decision for Sites. The project needs permission to draw water from the Sacramento River before it can secure financing for the 1.5-million-acre-foot reservoir.

Delta Tunnel Project

Newsom also wants to pin down another major project — a tunnel that would carry Sacramento River water around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to improve deliveries to Southern California via the California Aqueduct. A conveyance of some kind has been proposed for more than 60 years but has never been able to clear political, legal and financial hurdles.

Advocates say the project would take pressure off the Delta, but it faces stiff opposition from environmental groups who contend it would worsen the Delta’s environmental problems. Putting together a package of regulatory permission and financing from water

agencies that would benefit has been a daunting, and so far elusive, goal.

San Joaquin River Diversions

While proposing the 45-mile-long tunnel to divert some Sacramento River water from flowing through the Delta, state water officials are simultaneously pressuring San Joaquin Valley farmers to reduce San Joaquin River diversions to increase flows into the Delta.

Supposedly reductions would be voluntary, but the state is also working on mandatory cutbacks if not enough water is voluntarily offered. Last week, Westlands, the largest water district in the valley, pulled out of the voluntary negotiations, saying the state was moving toward coercion. If the state issues mandatory cutbacks, it would probably become a legal battle over whether the state can interfere with long-standing water rights.

The conflict is exacerbated by reductions in water farmers can draw from underground aquifers with wells. There are projections that reductions in water supply, could take as many as 900,000 acres of farmland out of production.

That possibility drove major agricultural interests to successfully press the Legislature last week to make it easier to remove farmland from open space preserves, to replace crops with solar power arrays.

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

Must I Enroll in Medicare at Age 65?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I will be turning 65 next month, I am currently retired and I am not on Social Security. My question is; Is there anything I have to do, if I don’t want Medicare? I am on my wife’s employer plan, and she works for the Postal Service as a Rural Carrier. She doesn’t plan on retiring for another 8 yrs. Also, I would like to wait till my full retirement age (FRA) before I draw Social Security at 67. Do I have to draw Medicare at that point? Signed: **Retired but Curious**

Dear Retired but Curious: As long as you are covered by a “creditable” healthcare plan (such as that from your wife’s US Postal Service employer), you can defer enrolling in Medicare

until your Postal Service Health Benefit (PSHB) coverage from your wife’s employer ends. When that happens, you (and your wife) will enter a Medicare “Special Enrollment Period” (SEP) during which you can enroll in Medicare without incurring a Late Enrollment Penalty. Thus, in your specific circumstances, you don’t need to do anything about enrolling in Medicare when you turn 65.

That is still true, regardless of when you claim your Social Security benefits. If you claim Social Security at age 67 and before your wife retires from the USPS, you will be required to take Medicare Part A (coverage for inpatient hospitalization services), but Medicare Part A is premium-free for those also eligible for Social Security.

However, enrollment in Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient healthcare services) is always optional because there is a premium associated with it, and you can continue to defer enrollment in Medicare Part B as long as you

have “creditable” healthcare coverage from your wife’s employer (even while you are collecting Social Security).

When you apply for Social Security, you can inform SS that you are declining Medicare Part B because you are still covered by your wife’s USPS employer healthcare plan. Then, when your wife retires and you lose your USPS healthcare coverage, you can enroll in Medicare Part B at that time without a late enrollment penalty.

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A decade later, Colin Kaepernick is as tiresome as ever. To mark the 10-year anniversary of his kneeling during the National Anthem, the former San Francisco 49ers quarterback is out with a new memoir, “The Perilous Fight.” (Get it?)

In an interview with NBC News in advance of the book’s release, which he clearly imagines as part of a vindication tour, he proved himself as committed to woke racial politics as ever.

He told NBC that his protests were about fighting “police killing black folks” and “systemic oppression.” He added that he was thinking -- not very modestly -- about the Montgomery bus boycotts, Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King while he took a knee.

It’s certainly true that Kaepernick sacrificed his career to his protests, although he was a marginal player by the end. In his prime, Kaepernick was a top-notch athlete and electric performer. No one can take his exemplary 2012 and 2013 seasons away from him. In one playoff game in 2012, he passed for 263 yards and ran for 181, a single-game record for rushing by an NFL quarterback.

He couldn’t maintain this level of performance, though. In 2015, he lost his starting job to journeyman Blaine Gabbert. He won it back for a time in 2016, although he got benched during one game

Ten years later, Kaepernick Remains Unpersuasive

after throwing for all of 4 yards. The 49ers went 1-10 when he started, and by one metric, he ranked 23rd out of 30 qualifying quarterbacks. So he was hardly the GOAT, instead once-very-good, now-mediocre. Then there was the issue that his style of play didn’t necessarily fit in most offensive schemes.

Layer on top of this the circus he’d bring to town with his kneeling and it’s understandable that teams didn’t find him an alluring proposition in 2017 when he was a free agent. There were myriad options available as backup quarterbacks who weren’t notorious for disrespecting the national anthem immediately prior to games.

TITLE: None of this would have mattered if Kaepernick had maintained his 2012 level of play; in that hypothetical, teams would have signed him even if he started to do the black power salute during huddles.

Kaepernick has now worked himself into a position where he’s compared NFL players to enslaved people (in an absurd Netflix documentary), and he’s bitter that he isn’t numbered among them as a 38-year-old who hasn’t played in 10 years.

Then there’s the substance of his advocacy. The high-water mark for Kaepernick’s anti-police worldview came in the aftermath of the killing of George Floyd, when the NFL basically apologized for not listening to his supposed wisdom and the police were put on their back foot in many cities

around the country.

The result was an increase in violent crime that, of course, disproportionately victimized black people. The country has now recovered from this idiocy -- based on the lie that the police indiscriminately kill black people -- and the country is much safer for the people who Kaepernick purports to care most about. If we ever go anywhere near his preferred policy of abolishing the police and prisons, we’d instantly create the worst crime wave in the country’s history.

Kaepernick is sometimes compared to Muhammad Ali. The legendary boxer sacrificed part of his career by claiming conscientious objector status during the Vietnam War. Ali was hated for a time, but his true greatness as a boxer, his incandescent charisma and his outsized place in the culture allowed him to transcend that political controversy and become a beloved American figure.

That is not going to happen to Colin Kaepernick, whose claim to fame is kneeling on the sidelines during some NFL games. He’s very dismissive of the enduring change wrought in the NFL by his protests and the tumult after 2020. The league has painted the words “End Racism” in end zones. Kaepernick rightly considers these pointless messages performative, but so was his scorn for the anthem of his own country a decade ago.

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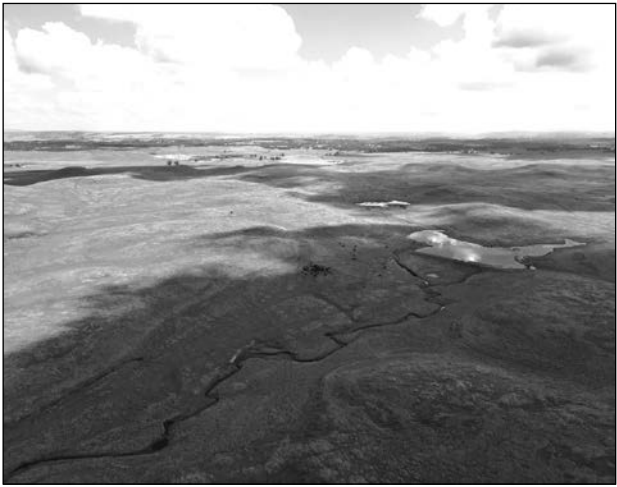
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New Preserves Held by Land Trust Protect Open Space

Sacramento Valley Conservancy News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Valley Conservancy (SVC) added two new open space preserves to the system of protected lands in Sacramento County this summer, one protecting blue oak woodlands and the other open grasslands for Swainson’s Hawk foraging. Hardwood forests and grasslands are among the least-protected landscapes in California, and these new preserves are a small step toward addressing this gap as the state seeks to reach 30X30 biodiversity goals. Westervelt Ecological Services established the preserves as habitat mitigation for a development project in the City of Folsom. The Crevis Creek Oak Woodland Preserve connects to the 4,600-acre Deer Creek Hills Preserve and adds 125 acres of protected oak woodland in Eastern Sacramento County, where SVC has a goal of



The Golden Hills Preserve provides foraging land for Swainson’s Hawk, which is a California threatened species losing habitat to outward urban expansion. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Valley Conservancy

protecting 10,000 acres of blue oak woodlands south of Folsom. Found only in California, blue oak woodlands are iconic landscapes inhabiting the lower foothills of the Sierra Nevada and Coast Ranges. Blue oak woodland habitat supports exceptional biodiversity, providing food, nesting sites, shelter, and movement corridors for more than 300 vertebrate species and thousands of invertebrates, including

birds, mammals, reptiles, pollinators, and amphibians. The preserve remains privately owned and will be grazed for vegetation management and agricultural values. The Golden Hills Preserve provides foraging land for Swainson’s Hawk, which is a California threatened species losing habitat to outward urban expansion. The 118 acres of open grasslands will help connect other large



The Crevis Creek Oak Woodland Preserve connects to the 4,600-acre Deer Creek Hills Preserve and adds 125 acres of protected oak woodland in Eastern Sacramento County, where SVC has a goal of protecting 10,000 acres of blue oak woodlands south of Folsom. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Valley Conservancy

preserves with Van Vleck Ranch to the northeast and the CDFW Cosumnes and Gill Ranch preserves to the southwest. Connected protected areas are critical for wildlife corridors to function and migrate between different habitat zones. Westervelt will own and manage the property, continuing to manage the grasslands with grazing to manage fire risk and vegetation growth.

Sacramento Valley Conservancy holds permanent conservation easements on the properties, ensuring they remain protected for habitat conservation. Together, Sacramento Valley Conservancy and Westervelt have permanently protected more than 1,500 acres within Sacramento County. The partners remain committed to acquiring additional priority properties to

expand protected lands and strengthen the ecological integrity and connectivity of the preserves. Executive Director of the Sacramento Valley Conservancy Kelly Hopkins said, “These two preserves help expand open space and protect important oak woodland in the Cosumnes River Watershed, and near Deer Creek Hills Preserve. These acquisitions represent another important step in our effort to connect and protect contiguous preserves in Sacramento County, and we’re excited to continue working with Westervelt.” President of Westervelt Ecological Services Travis Hemmen said, “We value our partnership with the Sacramento Valley Conservancy and share their commitment to connecting important natural landscapes throughout Sacramento County. These preserves help preserve some of the character and natural habitat of the region for future generations to enjoy.” ★

Sacramento’s Biggest Outdoor Oktoberfest is Coming!

Cal Expo News Release



Enjoy traditional German beers alongside regional beers, ciders, and wine, paired with Oktoberfest favorites like pretzels, sausages, and schnitzel. Photo courtesy of Cal Expo

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Get ready for a brand-new fall tradition coming to Cal Expo! On Oct. 9–10, Saktoberfest is

coming for two days of live music, traditional food, games, family-friendly fun and Oktoberfest celebrations. Get ready to dance, sing along and celebrate! From the lively sounds of a traditional Oompa band to high-energy DJs, enjoy a mix of music and entertainment throughout the Saktoberfest celebration. Come hungry and ready to raise a stein! Enjoy traditional German beers alongside regional beers, ciders and wine, paired with Oktoberfest favorites like pretzels, sausages and schnitzel. Plus, discover



even more delicious options from a variety of food trucks. Bring your family and friends together for games, activities and friendly competition. Play cornhole, explore the pumpkin patch, cheer on contestants during on-stage competitions like yodeling and enjoy activities for all ages. Get ready to prost! Buy now and save! Early bird admissions from Sept. 1-3 are \$5 plus fees, regular admission from Sept. 4 to Oct. 8 are \$8 plus fees and day of the event admission on Oct. 9–10, is \$12 at



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the door, \$12 plus fees online. There will be on-site parking for \$10. To learn more about Saktoberfest or to purchase tickets, visit www.calexpo.com ★

California Small Businesses One Step Closer to Relief from Abusive CIPA Lawsuits

Stop CIPA Shakedown Lawsuits News Release

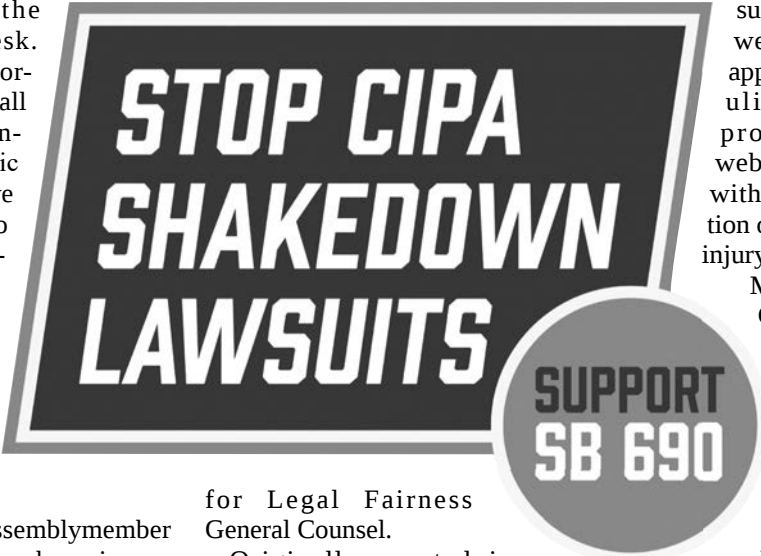
SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Stop CIPA Shakedown Lawsuits coalition has expressed its support for SB 690 following its passage through the California State Legislature and advancement to Governor Gavin Newsom’s desk. Authored by Senator Anna Caballero, SB 690 represents a first step toward addressing the growing wave of abusive lawsuits brought under the California Invasion of Privacy Act (CIPA). The coalition is encouraged to see lawmakers take action to address CIPA’s pen register and trap and trace provision, providing needed relief to small businesses, nonprofits, and public agencies that have been targeted by lawsuits over common website tools, often without any allegation of actual harm or injury.

“We are pleased to see California lawmakers recognize the urgent need for CIPA reform and advance SB 690 to the Governor’s desk. This is a step forward for the small businesses, nonprofits, and public agencies that have been forced to spend valuable resources defending themselves against abusive lawsuits. We thank Senator Caballero for her leadership and we thank Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan for her sincere engagement in moving this issue through the Legislature. We urge Governor Newsom to sign SB 690 into law and deliver this

needed relief to businesses and organizations across California,” said Andrew Kingman, Alliance for Legal Fairness General Counsel. Originally enacted in 1967, CIPA was intended to protect Californians from unlawful wiretapping and eavesdropping. But the

decades-old law, written long before the internet existed, has increasingly been exploited to bring abusive lawsuits over common website tools like appointment scheduling, payment processing, and website chat, often without any allegation of actual harm or injury. More than 4,000 CIPA lawsuits have been filed in just the last four years, in addition to tens of thousands of demand letters shaking down businesses and organizations across California. Plumbers, solar installers, restaurants, rural healthcare

providers, local news outlets, food banks, public schools, and others have been targeted because it is cheaper to settle these claims than to fight them in court – even when no actual harm has been alleged. Notably, SB 690 does not address Section 631, CIPA’s wiretapping provision. Throughout the legislative process, the coalition advocated for a comprehensive solution addressing both provisions being used to bring lawsuits and demand letters against businesses and organizations over common website tools. Without changes to Section 631, the coalition is concerned that many California small businesses, nonprofits and public agencies will remain vulnerable to these claims. For more information about SB 690, visit StopCIPAshakedowns.com. ★



S.A.F.E. Event to Shine Light on Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking

MAD LIT News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The public is invited to attend a powerful event, S.A.F.E. – Stopping Abuse for Everyone, to help bring awareness, education, intervention, prevention and healing to the issues of domestic violence and human trafficking. The event will take place on Sunday, Sept. 27 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Step 1 Dance and Fitness, 4710 Natomas Blvd., Suite 150, Sacramento. Through performance, storytelling, movement and community gathering, S.A.F.E. will create a supportive space for the truth to be seen,



Stopping Abuse for Everyone helps bring awareness, education, intervention, prevention and healing to the issues of domestic violence and human trafficking. Photo designed by Magnific

heard, felt and discussed. Our intention is to move people, open hearts, start conversations and inspire action. S.A.F.E. event includes live performances featuring dance, spoken word and music, a community gathering that connects audiences with awareness resources and artist-driven storytelling that gives voice to survivor-centered experience. Partnerships with local organizations to connect attendees to support networks. For more information, contact Pepper Von, peppervon01@gmail.com, 916-402-1715 or Randi Robinson-Snaer, randirobinson@mac.com, 916- 715-8481. ★

ABOUT TOWN

Continuing through Saturday, Oct. 31
Greetings from Galt Community Photo Contest – annual contest that celebrates our community through photography. This year’s theme is “Places & Character of Galt” – show us the places and details that make Galt recognizable. Capture local landmarks, historic features, architecture, streetscapes, neighborhoods, civic spaces and other unique or familiar sights around town. Whether it’s a well-known landmark or an everyday view that feels distinctly Galt, we want to see our community through your lens. Requirements and submission instructions at bit.ly/GreetingsFromGalt.

Continuing through Sunday, Sept. 20
Lodi Grape Festival – Friday and Saturday, noon to midnight, Sunday, noon to 11 p.m. Whether you are coming for the concerts, carnival, food, wine tasting, exhibits or the chance to experience one of Lodi’s signature annual events, the Lodi Grape Festival is a must-do fall tradition in California wine country. See grapefestival.com for a full list of activities, schedule and tickets. *413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.*
“**Hamlet**” – 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday at Changing Faces Theater Company. Experience William Shakespeare’s iconic tragedy in the intimate setting of our studio theater to experience this electrifying and iconic tale, widely known as the world’s greatest play. This production reimagines the classic tale in a surveillance state set in the maybe-not-so-distant future. Tickets available on Eventbrite.com. *720 W. Lodi Ave., Lodi.*

Friday, Sept. 18
Port City Paella Dinner – 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at

Humphreys University. Join us for an unforgettable evening of inspiring conversation, exceptional food and community, all while helping Delta Sculling Center open doors for youth and adults, including veterans and adaptive athletes, to discover the life-changing opportunities found on the water. Tickets and more information at visitstockton.org/events. *6650 Inglewood Ave., Stockton.*
Sunset Paddle on the Mokelumne River – 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This guided paddle launches from the Lodi Boathouse at Lodi Lake, offering the perfect opportunity to unwind, reconnect with nature and soak up the tranquility of the evening. Contact lodiboathouse.com to schedule. *1101 W. Turner Road, Lodi.*

Saturday, Sept. 19
Guided Paddle along the Cosumnes River – 8 a.m. to noon at the 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. Participants must provide their own watercraft (canoe, kayak or stand-up paddleboard), paddle and properly fitted personal flotation device (PFD/life jacket). Register at Cosumnes.org. *13501 Franklin Blvd.*
15th Annual Stockton Pride Festival – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza. Join thousands of attendees for a full day of live entertainment, English and Spanish drag performances, local food vendors, artisan and community vendors, non-profit resource booths, cultural performances, family-friendly activities and opportunities to

connect with organizations serving the LGBTQ+ community and our allies throughout the Central Valley. Free admission, everyone of all ages is welcome. *2 E. Oak 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.*
Kids’ Corner Art Event: Clay Animal Tiles – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lodi Community Art Center. Kids will roll, shape and design their own animal tile from clay in this free class. We provide all supplies. *110 W. Pine St., Lodi.*
German Guys Oktoberfest – 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Waterloo Gun and Bocce Club. Enjoy a beer in the country with authentic German food, gracious hosts, live entertainment and some really tasty beer. Enjoy live entertainment, pretzels, beer, schnitzel, sausage, dessert, sandwiches, sauerkraut and more. Bring your friends and family, put on your lederhosen or dirndl and celebrate. *4343 N. Ashley Lane, Stockton.*
Country Night: An Art and Music Salon – 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. At Sayla Music Academy Courtyard. Lodi Arts Foundation’s event will take place in a lush courtyard. The evening’s music will feature GeorgeTowne, a popular Lodi-based Americana-style band (country folk rock). GeorgeTowne was voted “Best of Lodi – Live Entertainment” by readers of the Lodi News-Sentinel in both 2024 and 2025. Tickets are \$25 plus fees. All proceeds go toward local arts scholarships, community programming and to support the growth

of arts and culture in Lodi. Tickets and more information at lodiarts.com/events. *21 W. Locust St., Lodi.*
Sunday, Sept. 20
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.*

Monday, Sept. 21
Elk Grove Community Concert Band Free Concert – 7 p.m. at Joseph Kerr Middle School. Christopher J. Tootle is musical director of the band, which includes professional, semi-professional and amateur adult musicians, and talented Elk Grove Unified School District school musicians. Free event; donations encouraged. The band’s season continues with concerts on Oct. 19; Dec. 14; Feb. 3, 2027; April 5, 2027; and May 24, 2027. Learn more at elk-grovecommunityband.org. *8865 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove.*

Tuesday, Sept. 22
Multi-Chamber Mixer – 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 32 Brews at Sky River Casino. Join us for an exciting evening of networking, collaboration and community connections. This special event brings together Chamber members, business owners, professionals and community leaders from across the region for an opportunity to expand their networks, build meaningful relationships and discover new business opportunities. Whether you’re a longtime Chamber member or attending your first networking event, you’ll find a welcoming environment designed to help you make valuable connections. Bring your business cards, invite a colleague and join us for an evening

dedicated to building relationships and supporting business growth throughout our region. *1 Sky River Parkway, Elk Grove.*
Thursday, Sept. 24
Jean Harvie Community Center Celebration – 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Join us as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of this Center, originally built as the Walnut Grove School in 1926. The event includes historical displays and photographs, community stories and memories, and light refreshments. Participants are invited to bring old photographs, memorabilia and stories about the center. *14273 River Rd., Walnut Grove.*

Friday, Sept. 25
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.*
Movies Under the Columns – doors open 7 p.m.; movie starts at dusk at Wishek Amphitheatre. We’ll be sharing “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory” under the stars. Gather your friends and family, pack a blanket or two and settle in for a fun evening of movies and community. Free and open to all. *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.
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. Next show will be Sunday, Sept. 27.
Widowed Persons Social Club – Sept. 18, 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.
Sept. 23, 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.
Sept. 23, 5 p.m.: Rudy’s Hideaway, 12303 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova. Contact Addie at 916-682-3609.

Veterans Meetings
American Legion Post 55, Veterans and Auxiliary Units – fourth Wednesdays: dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m. Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove. Breakfast: second Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 8830 Sharkey Ave., Elk Grove.
American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 – fourth Thursdays at 7 p.m., Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Dinner at 6 p.m.
Post 233 Family Breakfast – 9 a.m. first Saturdays, Mimi’s Café.
Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 233 – 5:45 p.m. first Mondays, Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove.
Marine Corps League Detachment #1238 – first Thursdays: dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove.
Veterans of Galt – 9 a.m. third Saturdays at the Galt Place Apartments meeting room.
VFW Post 2073 – second Thursdays: dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove. ★

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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
#26CV014417
Marisa Jasmin Desmond has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Isaac Miguel Vasquez to Isaac Miguel Desmond Vega and IxChel Estrella Vasquez to

IXCHEL ESTRELLA DESMOND VEGA.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 11, 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: June 12, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
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DESMOND 9-18-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV020731
Sarah Elizabeth Perry has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sarah Elizabeth Perry to Sarah Perry Giron.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 26, 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 28, 2026
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Galt Joint Union High School District (hereinafter referred to as "Owner") will receive sealed bids prior to the date and time stated for the bid opening for the award of a contract to construct the

Liberty Ranch High School Concession Stand Modular Building Project (manufacture, procurement, and installation of a modular concession stand building; work excluded from this Contract includes general sitework performed prior to this Contract, and planting, sprinkler irrigation, concrete sidewalks, electrical connection to the building panel, and installation of fire alarm and intrusion alarm systems performed after this Contract, all of which are under a separate, future contract), located at Liberty Ranch High School 12945 Marengo Road, Galt, CA 95632 (the "Contract"),

as per the Contract Documents, including the drawings and specifications, which may now be obtained electronically from the following link: https://www.ghsd.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=3755311&type=d&pREC_ID=2393853

or from the Architect, who is

HMC Architects, 2101 Capitol Ave #100, Sacramento, CA 95816
916-368-7990
Attention: Jennifer Huang

The Owner reserves the right to add or deduct any of the additive or deductive items after the lowest responsible and responsive bidder is determined. The lowest bid shall be determined on the amount of the base bid.

This Contract is not subject to prequalification pursuant to Public Contract Code section 20111.6.

Public works projects shall be subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. For all projects over Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), a contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to submit a bid or to be listed in a bid proposal subject to the requirements of Public Contract Code section 4104 unless currently registered and qualified under Labor Code section 1725.5 to perform public work as defined by Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1 (§§1720 et seq.) of the Labor Code. For all projects over Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), a contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to enter into, or engage in the performance of, any contract of public work (as defined by Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1 (§§1720 et seq.) of the Labor Code) unless currently registered and qualified under Labor Code section 1725.5 to perform public work and proof of registration is provided.

The deadline for Completion is May 14, 2027, subject to coordination of the exact construction schedule with the site work contractor and the District. See Article III of the Agreement for details.

Bids must be sealed and filed at Galt Joint Union High School District Office in the following building:

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on September 30, 2026, before 1:00 P.M. on the clock designated by the Owner or its representative as the bid clock. No bid will be accepted by the Owner after this time. Facsimile (FAX) copies of the bid will not be accepted. Bids may be opened immediately after the above deadline for submittal, or at a later time, within the Owner's discretion.

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Pursuant to the Contract Documents, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Payment (Labor and Material) Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, and a Faithful Performance Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum.

The successful bidder will be allowed to substitute securities or establish an escrow in lieu of retainage, pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, and as described in the Agreement Between Owner and Contractor and General Conditions.

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Fire Under Investigation as Intentional Act

By Keith Burbank

GALT, CA (MPG) - A fire here Sept. 5 is under investigation as an intentional act, according to the Cosumnes Fire Department. Firefighters responded at 4:55 p.m. to the 900 block of South Lincoln Way – in front of St. Christopher’s Catholic Church – following a report of a motorcycle crash into a tree.

The blaze destroyed four bikes, including a new e-bike, according to a GoFundMe page set up to raise money to replace the bikes. Nearly \$1,650 had been raised as of 10 a.m. Sept. 15. No one was injured, said Lantz Rey, fire marshal for Cosumnes Fire Department, which serves Galt and Elk Grove. Flames burned part of an

acre along South Lincoln Way, according to the fire department. About 50 by 50 feet of brush and a tree burned, Rey said. No arrests had been made as of Sept. 14, according to the fire department and Galt police. Four Galt teenagers owned the bikes, which they chained together before the teens headed to a nearby creek, the GoFundMe page said.

The family of Bryan Causer, the fundraiser’s organizer, owned the e-bike, according to the GoFundMe page. Funds will replace locks and helmets as well as the bikes, the GoFundMe page said. Causer is trying to raise \$2,000. The fundraiser can be found at: gofundme.com/f/help-galt-kids-replace-bikes-lost-in-fire. ★

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Sept. 1 to Sept. 14, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 14 arrests.

Sept. 1
9:26 a.m., Vehicle Accident-Injury, Galt Market on Meladee Lane.
2:18 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Savemart Supermarkets on C Street.
6:20 p.m., Drunk & Disorderly Person/Adult Arrest, E Street.
7:06 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Far Out Graphic Goods on Chisholm Trail.

Sept. 2
2:11 p.m., Burglary-Auto reported, Winterhart Street: Vehicle broken into.
2:36 p.m., Fraud reported, Paddington Circle: Reporting party sent money via Zelle for car purchase on Marketplace; now unable to make contact with seller. Reporting party declined

report.

Sept. 3
9:34 a.m., Fraud reported, West C Street.
14:43 Fraud reported, Lana Lane.
9:52 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Galt Mobile Estates on North Lincoln Way.

Sept. 4
12:27 p.m., Extortion reported, 4th Avenue: Unknown subject asking for money.
6:43 p.m., Battery reported, F Street/4th Street: Unknown female got out of vehicle and began punching reporting party in the face.
6:59 p.m., Battery reported, Fernando Way: Brother’s girlfriend showed up to reporting party’s residence and was trying to fight reporting party’s sister. Subject grabbed sister’s hair and hit her. Sister declined to press charges.

Sept. 6
7:13 a.m., Theft reported, Vintage Oak Avenue: Subject broke into work truck and took items.

Sept. 8
12:12 p.m., Theft reported, Mimi’s Mini Mart on C Street: Wallet possibly taken. Reporting party declined report for now.
7:32 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, E Street/4th Street 5th Street Alley.

Sept. 9
4:52 p.m., Burglary reported, Marengo Road: Female adult wearing a pink shirt and brown pants, allegedly trespassed and stole items from outside reporting party’s trailer.

Sept. 10
9:36 a.m., Theft reported, 6th Street: Unknown male subject took several bags of recycling material.
11:41 a.m., Vandalism

reported, Bellawood Drive: Broken glass door.
12:47 p.m., Burglary reported, Posey Street: Unknown subject came into reporting party’s garage and took toolbox with tools in it.

Sept. 11
6:46 p.m., Vehicle Accident-Property Damage Only, Fumasi Drive/Sasha Rose Drive.
7:19 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Starbucks, East Stockton Boulevard.
10:51 p.m., Vandalism/Adult Arrest, Sparrow Drive.

Sept. 12
2:35 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Galt Sports Complex, Caroline Avenue.
4:26 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Victorian Park Drive/Oak Avenue.

Sept. 13
1:48 a.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, West Stockton Boulevard/Walnut

Avenue.
12:55 p.m., Theft reported, Ace Hardware on C Street: Firearm stolen.
8:44 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Savemart Supermarkets, C Street.

Sept. 14
3:06 a.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Highway 99 Southbound/Liberty Road.
10:29 a.m., Fraud reported, Stargell Way.
2:40 p.m., Recovered Stolen Vehicle, Days Inn, North Lincoln Way.
3:33 p.m., Vandalism reported, Triple Crown Car Wash on Fairway Drive: Subject damaged vacuum machine.
4:41 p.m., Hit and Run/Non-Injury reported, Benner Court.
8:32 p.m., Vandalism reported, Comfrey Senior Apartments on Lake Park Avenue: Vehicle car cover was ripped and found halfway off. Reporting party requesting extra patrol. ★

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National Cheeseburger Day is celebrated annually on the 18th of September. This celebration of one of the most iconic and delicious foods of the United States has been taking place every year since the early part of the Roaring '20s era. While its plain cousin the hamburger was likely invented somewhere around 1900 in the United States, it is believed that putting the cheese on top didn't enter the picture until 1924.

The story goes that a teenager, Lionel Sternberger, who was working in his father's sandwich shop, The Rite Spot in Pasadena, California, just decided to put a slice of American cheese on a burger one day.

He found it to be tasty, so he shared the idea with his dad, who liked it too. And thus the cheeseburger was born. Although the idea was thought to be created in California in 1924, the first actual sandwich to be marketed using the word "cheeseburger" was at Kaelin's restaurant in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1934.



But the following year, in 1935, the term "cheeseburger" was actually trademarked in another place, at the Humpty Dumpty Drive-In in Denver, Colorado.

It seems that people all over the United States have taken credit for the invention of the cheeseburger! National Cheeseburger Day is marked in a number of different ways, but it can be celebrated and enjoyed in almost any way a person chooses, as long as it involves a cheeseburger, of course!

I love cheeseburgers, on a toasted sesame bun, slathered with mayonnaise, a thick slice of purple onion on a bed of lettuce with a hot 1/3 pound of grilled ground beef patty, topped with bacon, American cheese and a side of poblano pepper. Yum! Add crunchy skinny fries topped with buttery garlic sauce and to drink: a chocolate malt, and I am a happy camper. OK, that makes me hungry; guess what we are

having for dinner?

Wait! What about dessert? Oh, yes! Another American icon we celebrate today. It is also Rice Krispy Treats Day today. A simple and delicious dessert or snack to enjoy. Today we celebrate everything that has to do with this crunchy, tasty, marshmallow delight!

A cereal made by the Kellogg's Company, Rice Krispies appeared on the market in the United States in 1928. Made from puffed rice, this cereal was well known for the "talking" noise made after milk was poured on it. By 1941, the company took advantage of the sounds and came up with the logo, "Snap, Crackle, Pop."

It's not clear exactly when the idea came about for mixing this crunchy rice cereal with marshmallow and butter to create the treats. But it was probably sometime around the late 1930s.

A woman from Iowa named Mildred Day is credited with inventing them in collaboration with another co-worker from the Kellogg's cereal company.

Since then, recipes for these treats have often been printed on the cereal boxes, and

people all across the United States and other places in the world have loved making them ... and eating them, of course.

These are very yummy and I can hardly wait to make them. I love them with extra melted marshmallows. The gooier the better. I know some people like them mixed with chocolate or peanut butter. Maybe some sprinkles but I am a naturalist. Just Rice Krispies, butter and marshmallows.

Did you celebrate the "Grands" for Grandparents' Day last Sunday? No? Well, no worries; there is still time. Grandparents Day is celebrated the whole month of September. Maybe dinner out, go fishing, see a movie, visit the zoo, buy some scratchers, go bowling, or one grandmother even went skydiving. Whatever you do, video it or write it down and make it an unforgettable memory. And for those who did celebrate, don't stop now; you have the rest of the month to make memories.

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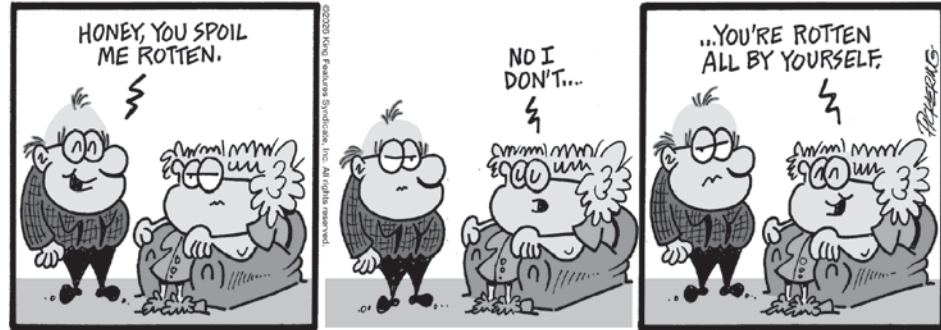
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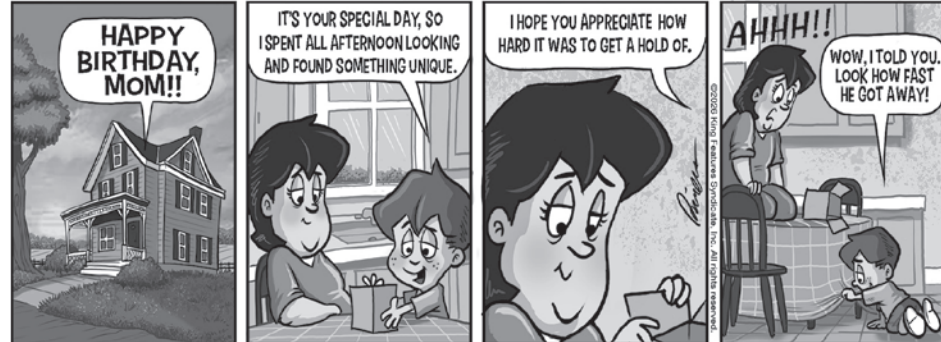
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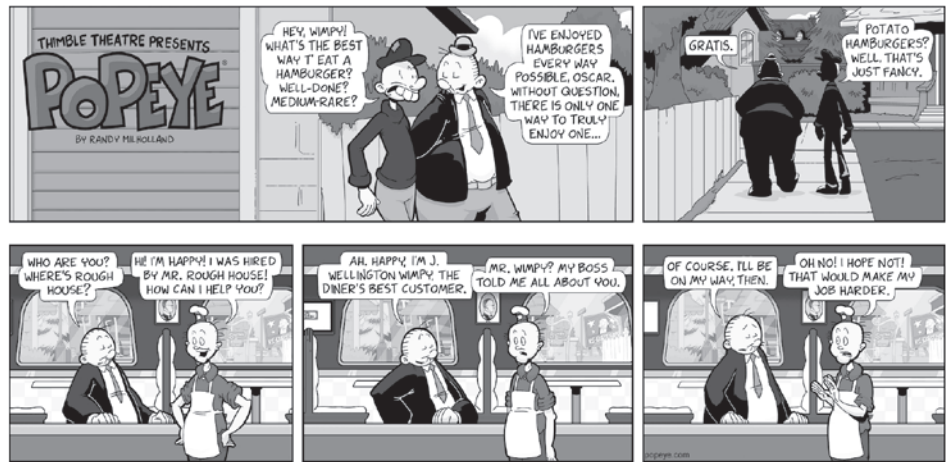


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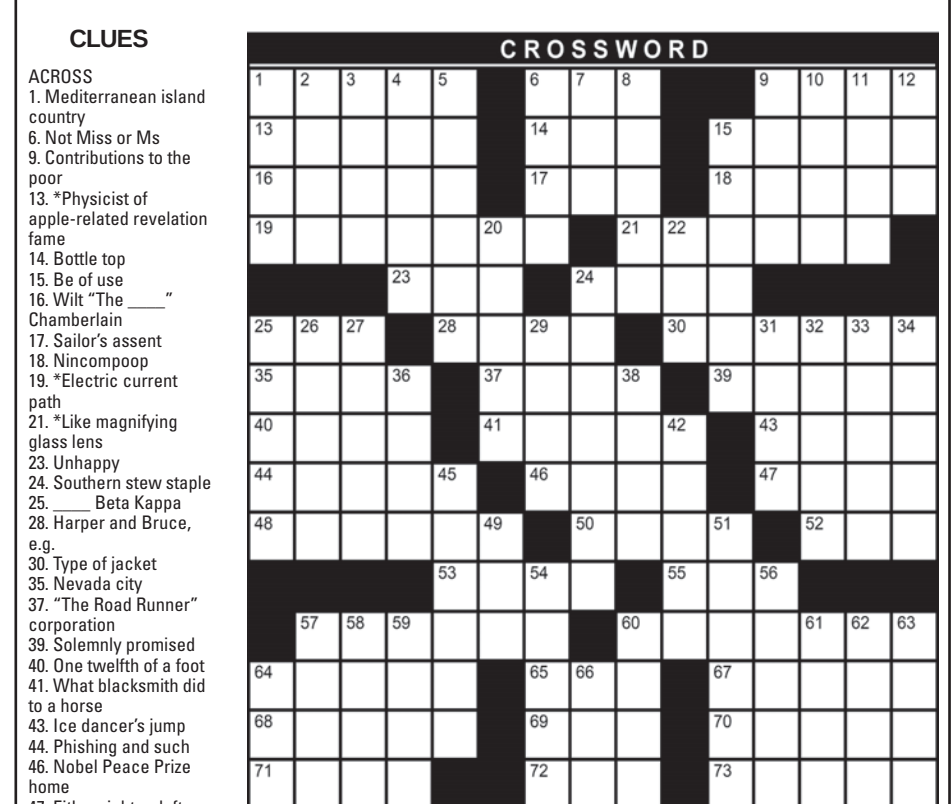


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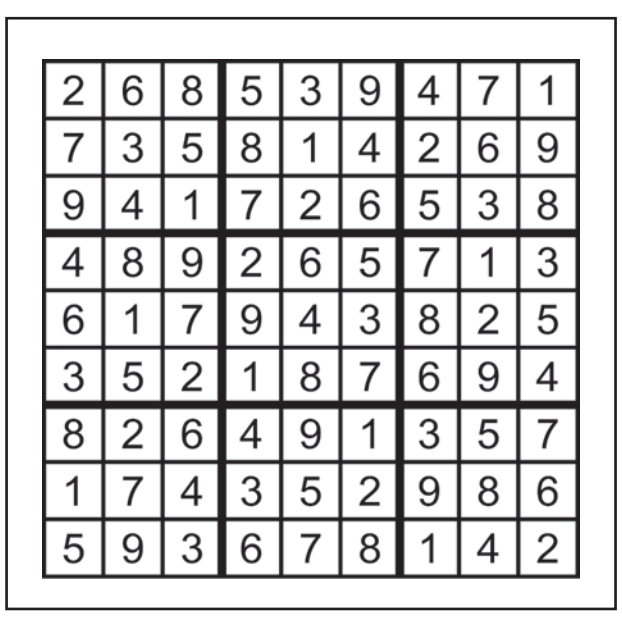
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Second-Set Push Not Enough as Galt Falls to Bradshaw Christian

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Galt's volleyball team found the formula it was looking for in the second set against Bradshaw Christian, but a swarming Pride defense sent the Warriors home with a 3-0 loss, 25-17, 25-23, 25-15.

The middle set was the one that got away. Galt traded runs with Bradshaw Christian deep into the frame and pushed the Pride to 23 before the visitors closed it out, a two-point margin that stood in sharp contrast to the eight- and 10-point gaps that bracketed it. For a lineup leaning heavily on a small group of attackers, that stretch offered a glimpse of what the Warriors can be when their passing holds up and their swings find the floor.

Junior outside hitter Zoey Sanchez carried the offense, hammering 12 kills on 40 swings for a .050 hitting percentage and a 30 percent kill rate: by far the heaviest workload on the roster. Senior middle Morgan Jones was the most efficient attacker on the night, converting five kills in 14 attempts for a .143 mark and a team-best 35.7 kill percentage. Freshman Hattie Shillam continued to earn her minutes on the pin with three kills in 15 attempts across all three sets, while seniors Courtney Brouwer and Lily Cathey added two apiece and junior



Lorelei Flores bumps the ball.

Adelle Werdon chipped in two more. Senior Madi McDonald had a kill in two sets of work.

Galt finished with 27 kills, nine per set, and got contributions from seven different attackers: a sign of how widely the Warriors are willing to distribute the ball. Cathey also got a hand on a Bradshaw Christian swing for the team's lone block.

Senior setter and libero Maliah Phulmati Mangal ran the offense with 15 assists and was the most dangerous server on the floor, delivering three aces on 14 attempts

with only two service errors. Sophomore Emma McDonald added seven assists in two sets as the Warriors moved the ball through a two-setter look, and the team combined for 26 assists and six aces while serving at a tidy 91.1 percent.

Senior Whitney Ehlers and Sanchez each added aces of their own.

Defensively, Galt dug up 51 balls without a single dig error. Ehlers led the way with 13 digs in just two sets, a 6.5 average, while Brouwer added nine, Mary Kate Miller seven, Sanchez six and Phulmati



Morgan Jones takes aim to spike the ball. Photos courtesy of Jimena Iniguez

Mangal five. Brouwer and Sanchez each handled 16 serve receptions cleanly, Werdon took 11 more, and the Warriors passed 65 serves with only four errors.

The result leaves Galt at 1-2 in league play. The Warriors also dropped a 3-0 decision to Union Mine but answered with a 3-0 sweep of Rosemont, proof that the pieces are there

when the passing and the hitting line up.

If the second set against Bradshaw Christian is any indication, the Warriors are closer than the sweep suggests. ★

Every Warrior Sets a Personal Record as Galt Cross Country Shines at Oakmont Invitational

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

ROCKLIN, CA (MPG) - The Galt High School Warriors Cross Country team turned one of Northern California's most demanding early-season meets into a program-wide breakthrough Saturday, Aug. 29, with all 29 Galt runners posting personal records over the 4,000-meter course at the Oakmont Invitational.

Held on the trails of Johnson-Springview Park in Rocklin, the meet drew more than 1,600 runners from 63 schools across Northern California, Nevada and the Tahoe

basin. With that kind of depth on the starting line, the Oakmont Invitational felt less like a season opener and more like a mid-season championship, and the Warriors answered the challenge from the first race to the last.

"We are off to a good start and everyone is contributing," Head Coach Bruce Peterson said. "It is a testament to a great summer training block that clearly prepared them for the demands of the 2026 season."

The loudest statement of the day came from Galt's underclassmen. In a Sophomore Boys race that featured 270 runners, the

Warriors placed ninth out of 24 teams overall and second in the Division IV classification.

Sophomore Aaron Garcia set the tone with a 14th-place finish in 13:49.24, holding a fast pace to crack the top 15 of a massive, multi-state field. Isaac Rodriguez followed in 31st at 14:30.46, and Christian Juarez took 42nd in 14:39.71, giving Galt three runners inside the top 50. Trevor Rojas (83rd, 15:26.90), Jayden Sirben (116th, 15:57.21), Damian Miller (127th, 16:05.47) and Ayden Abarca (152nd, 16:24.95) rounded out a deep scoring group, with Wyatt Wymer, Robin Miller and Diego Flores all recording personal bests as well.

In the freshman ranks, Parker High made an early mark in just his second high school race, leading Galt's ninth graders with a 67th-place finish in 15:49.54. Nico Rodriguez (164th, 18:44.26) and Kaleb Smith (195th, 20:49.24) also competed in the Freshman Boys race.

"We have a great young team, especially a deep and talented sophomore squad," Peterson said. "As a team they are learning to race together in big races, which will pay off as the year goes on."

The Varsity divisions at Oakmont traditionally attract some of the strongest runners in Northern California, and Galt's upperclassmen did not back down.

Junior Daniel



Zakery Forney in action. Courtesy photos



Mason Garcia works to pass runners.



Olivia Rodriguez leads the way for Galt.



AnaLucia Alvarado runs for the Warriors.

Crownover anchored the Boys Varsity squad, finishing 115th in a field of hundreds with a time of 13:32.80, the fastest Galt time of the day. Juniors David Espinoza (252nd, 15:18.08), Aaron Gonzalez (255th, 15:22.35) and Kole Pierce (262nd, 15:27.87) finished within 10 seconds of one another, followed by seniors Zakery Forney (268th, 15:38.12), Julian Alvarado (299th, 16:47.32) and Mason Garcia (305th, 17:06.33).

On the girls' side, junior Danielle Aragon led the Varsity charge in 18:02.73, good for 174th, with senior Morgan Jones close behind in 18:20.96 (179th). Senior

Courtney Brouwer crossed in 19:20.74 (207th) and junior Angie Romero finished in 22:26.69 (235th).

The defending Division IV section champion Girls Frosh/Soph squad handled its first major invitational of the season with poise in a 263-runner field.

Sophomore Olivia Rodriguez led Galt with a 76th-place finish in 18:25.36. Freshman Natalia Angel secured a top-100 result, placing 89th in 18:48.38, and sophomore AnaLucia Alvarado showed grit to break the 20-minute barrier at 19:59.09 for 131st. Sophomores Jade Garcia (164th, 20:48.60) and

Crystal Lamb (170th, 21:03.60) completed the group.

"We have a deep and talented group of girls where everyone is contributing," Peterson said.

With every runner on the roster leaving Rocklin with a personal best, the Warriors have set an early benchmark for a season that appears to be building toward something bigger.

"It should be fun to watch everything unfold as the year progresses," Peterson said.

Galt returns to action this week at another large-field meet, the Kim Duyst Invitational in Ceres. ★

GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Carlo Sterni
Galt High Football



Chloe Goehring-Tassell
Galt High Flag Football



Maritza Arevalo
Liberty Ranch Volleyball



Kamrynn Blevins
Liberty Ranch Flag Football

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Galt Rushes Past Natomas 42-31 for First Win of the Season

Story and photos
by Paige Lampson

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - For the first time this season, the Galt Warriors walked off the field Friday night on the right side of the scoreboard, riding a punishing ground game and a near-flawless night from their quarterback to a 42-31 non-league victory over Natomas High School.

The Warriors piled up 493 rushing yards on 48 carries – an average of 10.3 yards every time they handed the ball off – and turned a tight first half into a comfortable cushion they never surrendered.

Galt led 20-19 at the break in a game that traded blows early, but the Warriors seized control coming out of the locker room. With 5:16 left in the third quarter, Galt had stretched the margin to 28-19, and the lead held at 36-25 in the opening minutes of the fourth after both teams found the end zone. When Galt scored again with 3:56 to play to make it 42-25, the outcome was all but settled. Natomas answered one last time to pull within 42-31 with two minutes remaining, but the Nighthawks never got closer.

“I was really proud of the way our offense played Friday night,” Galt Head Coach JJ Woodward said. “We rushed for almost 500 yards, averaged over 10 yards a carry, and Rob was very efficient in the passing game, completing five of six passes with two touchdowns and two 2-point conversions. What I liked most was that it wasn’t just one guy. We had a lot of different players contribute, our offensive line did a great job creating opportunities, opening holes, and when Natomas answered, our kids kept responding. We’ve been talking about playing together, handling adversity and finishing, and Friday night I thought we took a big step in all three of those areas. There are still plenty of things we need to clean up, but this was the kind of progress we’ve been looking for. I think the biggest thing we can take away from this game is that



Marcus Bell runs the ball for the Warriors.

when all 11 guys do their jobs, this offense is hard to stop.”

Senior Carlos Sterni was the headliner, needing only five carries to rack up 168 yards and two touchdowns, including a 92-yard sprint that stands as the longest play of the Warriors’ season. Senior James Gilbert was the workhorse, carrying 14 times for 104 yards and two scores of his own, giving Galt a pair of 100-yard rushers on the night. Junior Mark Grammer added 69 yards on two carries with a long of 68, senior Arthur Cordova ground out 54 yards on 11 attempts, junior Richard Geier contributed 48 yards on seven carries, sophomore Richard Akers added 23 on the ground, senior Taylor White chipped in 16 and senior Marcus Bell 11.

Senior quarterback Robert Rubio did not need to throw often, and he did not waste the chances he got, completing five of six passes for 65 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions for a 156.3 rating. Both scoring strikes went to Akers, who caught four balls for 63 yards, including a 36-yarder. Sterni hauled in the other reception. Rubio also handled the Warriors’ lone punt, a 42-yarder.

“Honestly, what made the game

successful was that we didn’t give up on each other, and no matter what happened we stayed together as a team and finished the job this week,” Rubio said.

Defensively, Galt was led by Gilbert with six total tackles, including a tackle for loss, a forced fumble recovery and a quarterback hurry. Geier finished with five tackles, a tackle for loss and a seven-yard sack, while Akers matched him with five stops, three pass breakups and a 23-yard interception return. White had three tackles, a tackle for loss and a five-yard sack. Senior Parker Millard added three tackles, Sterni had four, Bell finished with two tackles and three pass breakups, and junior Dominick Gonzalez recorded two tackles and two hurries. Junior Alberto Arroyo also pressured the quarterback and handled the kicking duties, converting a point-after attempt. As a unit, the Warriors registered 34 tackles, four tackles for loss, three sacks for 20 yards, seven pass breakups, an interception and a fumble recovery.

Galt totaled 558 yards of offense and 603 all-purpose yards, with Cordova returning a kickoff 17 yards and Bell adding a five-yard return.



Jacob Miranda on the line for the Warriors.



Carlo Sterni scores on a 92-yard run with Robert Rubio guarding him.



Richard Akers flies through the air to snatch a ball intended for the Natomas receiver.

Woodward also announced the team’s Warrior of the Week.

“Our Warrior of the Week is senior Carlos Sterni,” Woodward said. “Carlos rushed for 168 yards on just five carries, including a 92-yard run, and gave us explosive plays at some really important moments. But Carlos being selected isn’t just about the numbers. He brought energy, toughness and confidence to our team, and he made the most of every opportunity he got. He was a huge part of this win and is very deserving of Warrior of the Week.” ★

Galt Saves Best Quarter for Last, Stays Perfect at 3-0

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - For three quarters, Bradshaw Christian had an answer for everything Galt did. Then the fourth quarter started, and the Warrior Girls scored 13 points – more than they had managed in any frame all night – and the answers ran out. Galt closed it 33-25, moved to 3-0 in league and did it the hard way for the first time this season.

The Warriors had opened the year by handling Union Mine 33-18 and then burying Rosemont 52-0 in a game that never had a pulse. Bradshaw Christian was the first opponent to genuinely trade blows, and Galt’s response – a fourth quarter that was its best eight minutes of the night – is the most useful thing to come out of the win.

Galt drew first, as it has all year, taking a 6-0 lead behind an offense that simply refused to leave the field. Quarterback Chloe Goehring-Tassell, the senior who plays quarterback, running back and receiver depending on what the Warriors need in a given moment, kept the ball herself 20 times for 75 yards and a score. That is not a typo and it is not a gimmick: 20 carries out of the quarterback position, grinding out 3.8 yards a pop, is a full night’s work for a back, let alone someone who also threw the ball 28 times.

The second quarter was traded evenly, 6-6, and Galt walked into halftime up 12-6. The third was Bradshaw Christian’s best stretch: 12 points in the frame cut the lead to 20-18 and turned a comfortable evening into a genuine contest. Goehring-Tassell’s passing line tells you how contested it was: 13 completions on 28 attempts for 159 yards, three touchdowns and five interceptions, a .464 completion percentage and a 60.6 quarterback rating. Those are the numbers of a player fighting for every yard against a defense that had decided it was going to make her pay for throwing the ball.

She threw it anyway. And the reason she could keep throwing it was Harper Sutenfield.

The senior athlete was the most dangerous player on the field, catching five passes for 87 yards and all three of Galt’s receiving touchdowns, averaging a preposterous 17.4 yards per reception with a long



Chloe Goehring-Tassell runs for some yards in a previous game. Photo courtesy of Kaylie Gomez

of 38. Every time Galt needed a chunk, Sutenfield produced one. Every time the Warriors needed six, she was the one who got there. Three touchdown catches in a game decided by eight points is the kind of line that ends up on a wall somewhere.

Balance kept the rest of the offense honest. Freshman Berkley Ward was the most efficient player in the building, breaking off 108 yards on just 11 carries – 9.8 per attempt, with a 45-yard burst – and adding a rushing touchdown plus three catches for 28 yards. Freshman Abigail Chapin chipped in two carries and three receptions for 24 yards, and sophomore Allie Schmidt added two grabs for 20. In total,

Galt piled up 187 yards on the ground on 33 carries and 159 through the air: 346 yards of offense against a team that came to Galt believing it could win.

Then came the fourth. Thirteen points pushed the lead out to a place Bradshaw Christian’s seven-point answer could not reach, and the Warriors played the closing minutes as the team dictating terms rather than the team hanging on.

Holding that lead took a wrecking ball, and Galt had one. Sophomore Hayley Sutenfield finished with 13 flag pulls, seven of them for a loss, four sacks that cost Bradshaw Christian 12 yards, and two hurries. Thirteen pulls in a game where

the team recorded 38 total means she was in on better than a third of everything the defense did. Four sacks means she was, functionally, unblockable.

She had help. Sophomore Lorelei Flores added seven pulls, junior Skyler Moore had five along with three passes defended, and senior Danah Godinez recorded four. Sophomore Lorrena Ponce had three pulls, one for a loss. Freshman Lilyana Ruiz generated three quarterback hurries of her own. Seniors Jannet Jimenez, Brittany Jaramillo and Kristine Meixner, junior Ximena Corrales and Harper Sutenfield – playing both ways – each recorded a pull.

Meixner supplied the cleanest defensive moment of the night, picking off a pass and returning it 21 yards. She also broke up three passes. As a unit the Warriors defended nine balls, hurried the quarterback five times and held a 25-point offense scoreless in the opening quarter, which is often where games are actually decided.

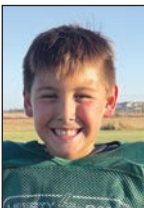
Three games, three wins. Galt has now scored 118 points and allowed 43, and it has shown three different faces doing it: the steady win over Union Mine, the blow-out of Rosemont and now a game won late against a team that would not go away.

The Warrior Girls are 3-0. The schedule will get harder. On the evidence of Sept. 10, so will they. ★

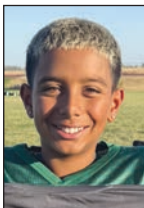
GALT HERALD JUNIOR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Mathew Pruitt
Liberty Ranch
8U



Samuel Garcia
Liberty Ranch
8U



Titus Lewis
Liberty Ranch
10U



Maverick Harris
Liberty Ranch
10U



Luke Kunz
Liberty Ranch
12U



Taysom Messersmith
Liberty Ranch
12U



Eli Schweigert
Liberty Ranch
14U



Turner Budesilich
Liberty Ranch
14U



Cort Nelson
Galt Jr. Novice



Brooks Aarseth
Galt Jr. Novice



Stephen “SJ” Gray
Galt Novice



Clayton Sutenfield
Galt Jr. Novice



Not pictured: Leo Castro
Galt Jr. Novice



Chris Lemus
Galt Novice



Jaxon Bulahan
Galt Novice



Josh Gomez
Galt Jr. Varsity



Diego Guerrero
Galt Varsity



Mason Kohlenberg
Galt Varsity