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Hawks Blank Rosemont at Homecoming

Quarterback Ryan Ogas and Savanna Garbarino crowned king and queen at halftime, and more than 500 students set a school record at Saturday's dance

By Paige Lampson

GALT, CA (MPG) - Liberty Ranch saved its best for last. After a week of parades, powderpuff games, spirit days and a packed rally, the Hawks capped their Rio-themed Homecoming on Friday night with a 42-0 shutout of Rosemont. At halftime, the school crowned star quarterback Ryan Ogas and Savanna Garbarino as its Homecoming King and Queen.

Twelve campus clubs and all four classes elected their royalty for the Homecoming court. This year's Liberty Ranch

Homecoming royalty are:
Academic Senate: Gabriela Garcia and Abraham Flores
Athletic Senate: Ryan Ogas and Kamrynn Blevins
Cheer: Riley Snider and Joylee Whitford
Color Guard: Maryann Orozco and Lolani Aguilar
Creative Writing: Yelitza Alfaro
FFA (Future Farmers of America): Mason Bussman and Adelaide Gonzalez
Drama Club: Julia White
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Senior Ryan Ogas (Athletic Senate) and senior Savanna Garbarino (Senior Class) were named Homecoming King and Queen at halftime of Friday's varsity game. Photo courtesy of Tom Santillan



The Liberty Ranch Homecoming Court gathers for a portrait. Photo by Paige Lampson

Dinner-Dance Draws Dozens Downtown



The band Missing Gray performs Sept. 26 at the Old Galt Dinner Dance on Fourth Street in Galt.

**Story and photos
by Keith Burbank**

GALT, CA (MPG) - Music, dancing and barbecue Sept. 26 helped residents and dignitaries honor a tradition here that goes back perhaps more than 100 years.

"Even 100 years ago in Galt, on this same area, they would build dance floors and they would have huge dances with live music and thousands of people would come

from all over the Galt area," City Council Member Shawn Farmer said shortly after the Old Galt Dinner Dance started at about 6:30 p.m. on Fourth Street.

"So that was the idea of bringing back an outdoor, old-timey dinner-dance," Farmer added.

Galt was laid out in 1869 by the Central Pacific Railroad Company, according to the city. Local rancher John McFarland asked that the name of the area be Galt in honor of the

Canadian town of Galt, city records say.

The 150-seat event was sold out, Galt Chamber of Commerce Director Kat Seabolt said.

Now in its fourth year, "it's a great tradition," she said.

The event started four years ago as the Old Galt Festival, Farmer said, which took people back in time.

"It was a big festival honoring the tradition of Galt," he said. "We had

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Appointing or Electing Clerk, City Treasurer on Ballot

By Keith Burbank

GALT, CA (MPG) - Voters here will decide Nov. 3 whether the city treasurer and city clerk roles remain elected or appointed positions.

By voting "yes" on Measure L, voters will be telling the City Council to appoint the clerk and treasurer based on professional qualifications.

"The city has evolved," said City Treasurer Shaun Farrell, who has been in office since 1991.

Handling money for the city is now more complicated, he said. The city has more idle cash, he added.

City coffers had \$17 million designated but unspent cash in 1991, Farrell said. Now it has \$175 million, he said.

Farrell wants voters to say "yes" on Measure L, according to an argument submitted in favor of the ballot item.

Others who signed the argument include Kat Seabolt, director of the Galt Chamber of Commerce; small business owner Heriberto Mosqueda; CPA Todd DeVoogd and small-business owner Kirk Smith.

No formal opposition has been submitted to the city, Assistant City Manager Amie Mendes said, but opposition has circulated on social media.

If voters fail to approve Measure L, any registered voter 18 and older living in the city limits could become city treasurer or city clerk. Professional experience and training are unneeded for candidates elected to the roles, according to a fact sheet provided by the city.

If voters pass the measure, appointments would be made in 2028 or sooner if a role becomes vacant, according to city records.

The city clerk administers city elections, maintains agendas and minutes of the City Council, maintains the municipal code, preserves resolutions and ordinances, publishes legal notices and supports compliance with the Brown Act, Public Records Act and Political Reform Act.

The technical side of the role "too has grown over the years," Mendes said.

The council appointed City Clerk Tina Hubert in 2019, when the former city clerk retired. And Hubert ran unopposed in 2020 and 2024. Hubert is a certified municipal clerk, a certification that took her 3½ years to get, she said.

Lodi, Sacramento, Elk Grove and Folsom appoint their treasurers and clerks, according to Galt records. Isleton still holds an election for those roles. ★

Driver Killed in West Stockton Boulevard Crash

By Keith Burbank



GALT, CA (MPG) - A driver is dead following a crash early Sept. 29 just off state Highway 99 in Galt, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The crash was reported at 4:08 a.m. on West Stockton Boulevard south of Twin Cities Road.

A sedan was traveling south on Highway

99 in the right lane when it drifted left and sideswiped a construction-attenuator vehicle in the left lane, CHP officials said.

The sedan veered right following impact and traveled across all lanes and the right shoulder before stopping on West Stockton Boulevard in the path of a tractor-trailer, according to the CHP.

The driver of the tractor-trailer was unable to stop, CHP officials said, and the

truck hit the sedan, setting it ablaze. The driver of the car was pronounced dead there, according to the CHP.

The victim's name has yet to be released. It's unclear whether drugs or alcohol played a role in the crash, according to the CHP.

Anyone who saw it or who has more information about it is asked to call the CHP at (916) 897-5600. ★

Hawks Blank Rosemont at Homecoming

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Diggle and Wyatt Corriea NHS (National Honor Society): Marie Durnell and Maritza Arevalo

Sports Medicine: Alexia Cruz Mesa and Khali Barrantes

The Flock: Scarlett White and Ernie Lujan

Freshman Class: Stella Babcock and Ethan Valencia

Sophomore Class: Aubrey Smith and Malakai Gomez

Junior Class: Ryder Mort and Giovanna Guerrero

Senior Class: Hunter Owen and Savanna Garbarino

Ogas had a big night on both fronts. He accepted his crown in front of a full home crowd, then went back under center and led the varsity through the second half to finish off the shutout. The win closed a week that students and staff called one of the most spirited in school memory.

A Monday Kickoff Under the Lights

The celebration opened Monday with the Powder Puff games and the Royalty Showcase, featuring the royalty elected by the 12 clubs and four



Liberty Ranch Queen Savanna Garbarino poses with her homecoming court. Photo by Paige Lampson

classes. The junior varsity game between the freshmen and sophomores went down to the wire, and the sophomores held on for a narrow win.

Between the two games, the school announced its Top 10 royalty finalists: Ryan Ogas and Kamrynn Blevins (Athletic Senate), Joylee Whitford (Cheer),

Mason Bussman and Adelaide Gonzalez (FFA), Kylie Diggle and Wyatt Corriea (Leadership), Khali Barrantes (Sports Medicine), and Hunter Owen and Savanna Garbarino (Senior Class).

The varsity Powder Puff matchup between the juniors and seniors was just as hard-fought. The

juniors took the field with only seven players and kept pace with the seniors until the middle of the fourth quarter, when the seniors pulled away for a solid win.

Spirit Week Goes to Rio

Each day of Spirit Week took students somewhere

new in Brazil. Monday was "Into the Amazon," with hallways full of camo and animal print. Tuesday's "Copacabana Coast" brought out tropical wear, and Wednesday's "City of Champions" filled classrooms with favorite jerseys. Thursday's "Carnival Craze" lit up campus in bright neon, and the week ended with "Birds of a Feather Flock Together," as the Hawks dressed in green and silver.

Two Parades and a Rally

Friday was the biggest day of the week, with two parades and a rally.

The daytime parade carried royalty nominees in cars, along with four class floats and 11 sports floats, on a route past Marengo Elementary and McCaffrey Middle School, where younger students lined up to cheer.

Back on campus, the afternoon rally featured a standout performance by the cheer squad and a round of games that had every class on its feet. It ended with a grade-level sing-off, as each class tried to outdo the others in spirit.

That evening, the night

parade circled the stadium track between football games, featuring every campus club and the four class floats. Hundreds of students took part in the two parades.

A Record-Setting Finale

The celebration continued Saturday night, when more than 500 students attended the Homecoming dance, a school record. DJ Renteria kept the dance floor full until the final song.

Activities Director Becca Dennis gave the credit to the students who planned the week.

"I couldn't be prouder of our leadership students for putting on a fantastic Homecoming week on such a short time frame," Dennis said. "They poured their hearts into making every detail memorable for their peers. This week wouldn't be possible without our wonderful advisors, athletic director, athletic boosters' team, administrators, teachers and parents helping every step of the way. That's the magic of Homecoming: Our entire community comes together to celebrate our kids." ★

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A Concrete Incubation Story

By Keith Burbank

GALT, CA (MPG) - A small business here is prospering following incubation at the Galt Chamber of Commerce.

JP Masonry Inc. started in 2019 in a Lodi home and rented two offices initially at the chamber to see if the city would be a good fit, according to the chamber and the company.

“We were looking for somewhere to actually put roots,” said Jordan Paraskevopoulos, owner of JP Masonry, which is expecting sales between \$6 and \$8 million this year. “Somewhere that another masonry company isn’t already located.”

He was looking for a place to raise a family, too, he said, and finding somewhere along state Highway 99 where no other commercial masonry business existed was difficult.

A chamber member helped JP Masonry with



JP Masonry owner Jordan Paraskevopoulos poses with his son Anthony Paraskevopoulos in the company's Galt office on Industrial Drive. Photo by Keith Burbank

its logo, another member helped the company with its website and a third member with JP Masonry’s apparel, said Kat Seabolt, community relations director for the Galt Chamber.

Employees in the field wear branded clothing, Seabolt said.

JP Masonry has 24 employees: four in the Galt office and 20 in the field, Paraskevopoulos said. His

son Anthony turns 6 years old in November.

“JP Masonry is our culture, and we care about our people,” Anthony Paraskevopoulos told The Galt Herald.

He had been asking his father the day before about the upcoming interview with the newspaper. The older Paraskevopoulos considers his employees co-workers.



JP Masonry is working on Alder Creek Marketplace in Folsom. Photo courtesy of JP Masonry

“I don’t say they’re employees,” he said, adding, “the business needs them to thrive, right?”

That philosophy appears to be paying off. The company is expanding to the Los Angeles area soon.

“It’s a pleasure to work with him,” said William Kirkland III, assistant

superintendent with Swinerton Builders.

JP Masonry is working with Swinerton on Madera Memorial Stadium in Madera, California. JP Masonry is doing work on five buildings, including the Field House, a concession building and a building for the men’s

locker room.

“His crew has been extremely responsive,” Kirkland said. “And quality driven.”

Swinerton is used to paying for services that JP Masonry provides as part of a package.

“It’s a breath of fresh air,” Kirkland said. ★

Dinner-Dance Draws Dozens Downtown



Kit Carson of Carson's Coatings in Galt and his wife Leanna Carson pose for a photo at the Old Galt Dinner Dance Sept. 26 in Galt.



Twenty-year Galt resident Angie Bousquet at the Old Galt Dinner Dance Sept. 26 on Fourth Street in Galt.



Attendees of the Old Galt Dinner Dance mingle Sept. 26 along Fourth Street in Galt.

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Old West stuff. We had stuff from the 1950s, and '30s and '20s.”

But the festival was a one-time event, Farmer said.

“We couldn’t do the festival again,” he said. “It was such a big endeavor, so we continued the dinner-dance.”

Papas & Wings provided drinks, Todo Al Grill Chef provided the barbecue and several businesses provided desserts to bid on. The band Missing Gray provided music and Galt apparel was on sale.

“It’s just a great Galt tradition,” said Kit Carson of

Carson’s Coatings.

People can “kind of cut loose, drink a little, dance a little, especially after the harvest,” Carson added. “We kind of continued that tradition as Galtonians.”

Tables were set up just north of C Street, between Fourth Street and the railroad tracks. Missing Gray band members, with their back to the tracks, played despite frequent interruptions by passing trains.

“I like how it brings the community together in (a) natural hometown feel,” said Bonnie Estep, commercial development representative with SMUD.

“We hope to keep continuing it,” Farmer said. ★

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Sunday, Oct. 4 Galt 4-H Club meeting, 3 p.m., at either Barbara Payne Community Garden or Grange Hall (depending on weather); see Facebook page GALT 4-H or email galt4h@gmail.com.	Tuesday, Oct. 6 Galt City Council, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.	Friday, Oct. 9 Galt Sunrise Rotary, 7 a.m., Comfort Inn & Suites, 10380 Twin Cities Road, 209-745-6617.	Thursday, Oct. 15 Galt Beautification Committee, 10 a.m., Community Development Dept., 495 Industrial Drive, 209-366-7130. Herald Fire Protection District, 6 p.m., Station 87, 12746 Ivie Road, 209-748-2322. Galt High School Board, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.
Monday, Oct. 5 Lodi Parkinson's Support Group, 10 a.m., GracePoint Church, 801 Lower Sacramento Road (enter off Tokay Street), Lodi: 209-269-1080 or 209-329-1185.	Wednesday, Oct. 7 Cosumnes CSD, 5:30 p.m., Elk Grove CSD boardroom, 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove.	Saturday, Oct. 10 Kiwanis Club of Galt, 8:30 a.m., Comfort Inn, 10380 Twin Cities Road. For more information, visit k13878.site.kiwanis.org/contact.	Friday, Oct. 16 Galt Sunrise Rotary, 7 a.m., Comfort Inn & Suites, 10380 Twin Cities Road, 209-745-6617.
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Sunday, Nov. 1
Pumpkin Patch at Fog Willow Farms Opens for the Season – Fog Willow is a friendly, safe, exciting “Edu-Tainment” farm where you can celebrate all that is agriculture, all that is family and all that is fun. Open daily through Sunday, Nov. 1. See its website at fogwillow-farms.com for information and schedule of activities. *11011 Cecatra Drive, Wilton.*

Continuing through Saturday, Oct. 31
Greetings from Galt Community Photo Contest – annual contest that celebrates our community through photography. For this year’s theme, “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.

Saturday, Oct. 3
Wilton Community Yard Sale – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wilton Community Center. We’re getting ready to pack the Dillard School parking lot with sellers, shoppers, bargains and treasures. It’s the perfect excuse to finally clean out the garage, closets and storage shed. This sale happens along with the final Dillard Farmers Market of the season, so you can enjoy one last chance to shop your favorite local farmers, makers and vendors before we wrap up another great market season. *9717 Colony Road, Wilton.*

Galt Saturday Market – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the 4th Street Promenade. This open-air extravaganza features 75-plus vendors offering a delightful variety of baked goods, delicious cuisines, home décor, handmade crafts, seasonal flowers, specialty items

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Sunday, Oct. 4
Lodi Street Faire – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Downtown Lodi. Twice a year, the streets of Downtown Lodi, California, transform into a lively marketplace and a massive community event that draws thousands of visitors from across the region. With over 500 vendors, this is one of Northern California’s premier festivals for shopping, dining, and family fun. Free admission. *School and Church streets, Lodi.*

Free Admission Day at World of Wonders Science Museum – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Experience a day of discovery with free admission during the “2026 WOW for All” Days. These special Sundays are designed for families, first-time visitors, and WOW members

looking to share the experience; members can even bring a guest along. Enjoy the museum at your own pace while taking part in hands-on, family-friendly activities offered throughout the day. No tickets or reservations are needed; just arrive and explore. More information at wowsciencemuseum.org. *2 N. Sacramento St., Lodi.*

Karaoke/Band Practice – 1 p.m. 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, Oct. 5 through Sunday, Oct. 11
California Bluegrass Association Fall Campout – at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. Join us for the CBA Fall Campout, which is like a small festival crossed with a family reunion, without any stages to distract you from the picking. If

and learn more about what may be happening beneath the surface. Appointments are limited and pre-registration is required, so be sure to reserve your spot in advance at 800-324-9458 or LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC. *446 Fairway Drive.*

Saturday, Oct. 17
Galt Market Community Garage Sale – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Galt Flea Market. It’s time to turn unwanted items into new finds. Have items ready for a new home? Vendor spaces are available for those interested in selling. Shoppers can spend the morning browsing for bargains, hidden treasures, and one-of-a-kind finds. Local food trucks will also be on site with food available for purchase. For vendor information, contact Venicia Lesley at The Galt Market at 209-366-7168 or vlesley@cityofgalt.org. *610 Chabolla Ave.*

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

Saturday, Oct. 3 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 Parent Council and the Wilton History Group. *9717 Colony 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, Oct. 2: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (G) English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G) Adult book group, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. This month, we are reading and discussing “You’re Not Listening” by Kate Murphy. (WG)

Tuesday, Oct. 6: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (WG)

Friday, Oct. 9: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (G) English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Enter Elfred Payton Jr.

By V.G. Harris

The Sacramento Kings just had a moment to digest the signing of former all-star Ben Simmons and ruminate about the possibilities of what Simmons might bring to the team, when suddenly news arrived that another guard had been signed.

Not a household name, Elfred Payton Jr. is now a proud member of the Sacramento Kings.

Signed by the Philadelphia 76ers with the 10th overall pick in the 2014 draft, Payton brings with him a wealth of experience in what has been an up and down career thus far.

Entriguing is his penchant for triple doubles, something that most NBA players never achieve.

During the 2018-19 season, Payton achieved a feat that only Wilt Chamberlain, Michael Jordan, Russell Westbrook and Oscar Robertson ever achieved in NBA history when he amazingly recorded five triple-doubles in consecutive games.

Add to that the fact that Payton is known more for his defense than his offense, and the Kings just signed a player that potentially could raise some eyebrows in a positive way.

Every NBA team knows the value of a solid bench and how important that is, and although not probably a starter for the Kings, Elfred Payton has seen his share of starting roles in the NBA.

As a junior in college playing for Louisiana-Lafayette Payton was awarded defensive player of the year in division one college basketball.

At just 6-foot-3 Payton drew enough interest to be picked up by the Orlando Magic, New York Knicks, Charlotte Hornets and the New Orleans Pelicans, after leaving the Philadelphia 76ers, and with the recent signing by the Sacramento Kings, Payton hopes to do what Ben Simmons is attempting, and resurrect a stuttering career.

A bio with such broad achievements, it's no wonder that Scott Perry decided to take a chance on this much traveled baller.

Already the Kings have three new rookies that the Sacramento fans can't wait to see in legitimate NBA action, and now they have both a healthy Ben Simmons and a 32-year-old Elfred Payton Jr. to see as well.

Can Elfred Payton Jr. remind Kings fans of what a young Davion Mitchell provided with his high energy defense off the bench and once again bring to the floor a player with true shut-down abilities.

Well, if he can, Scott Perry is beginning to give Doug Christie what he's been praying for in players that are defensive minded first.

Any time a player has been traveled as much as Elfred Payton Jr. the natural question is why, and only time will tell if he has holes in his game, or he simply never found the right fit.

I'm hoping Sacramento is just what the doctor ordered, and Mr. Payton is about to get the jump start he's been looking for.

You won't have to wait long Kings fans, because preseason is just one week away, and what remains to be seen is how Doug Christie will use his new faces, and can he build a team chemistry in under a month?

Everyone loves a feel-good story, and nothing feels better than seeing a player come back and soar to the heights.

Ben Simmons certainly knows what that feels like, and the question is whether he's truly healthy and does he have the motor every Sacramento fan is hoping he has.

I look for a full house on Oct. 23, as the Kings kick off the regular season against the Portland Trail Blazers at Golden One Arena.

After a better than solid draft, and now two very interesting acquisitions, Sacramento fans have plenty to root for, so time to get excited Kings fans and buy your tickets.

Now, along with Domantas Sabonis, the Kings have a legitimate triple-double threat in Elfred Payton Jr., and a player that has a nose for defense.

Make no mistake about it, the rebuild is happening right before your eyes, so now it's time to take stock in what you have and be careful not to trade away a player that is integral to the success of the team.

Let this young team play together and come together, and just maybe, something remarkable may show itself.

Time to watch NBA basketball and find your new favorite player. I know I already have, and I can't wait to see the Kings prove the pundits wrong.

All the best Kings fans!

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Tilting California Voters Toward Raising Local Taxes Often Involves Tricks, Manipulation



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

California's Nov. 3 ballot contains 14 statewide ballot measures and five of them pertain to taxes, including the much-debated Proposition 40, which would tax the wealth of the state's billionaires.

Meanwhile, local ballots are also heavily loaded with measures that would either raise taxes to benefit school districts or local governments or authorize the issuance of bonds that require new taxes to repay.

The California Taxpayers Association has counted 273 such measures that, if all passed, would levy \$3 billion a year in direct taxes on retail sales and property, and sanction \$19.5 billion in bonds, with interest costs of more than \$1 billion a year.

The largest tax measure asks voters in San Francisco and four other counties to hike sales taxes by nearly \$1 billion a year to bolster public transit services.

In the last decade, a flurry of local sales tax measures has raised rates to over 11% in some jurisdictions. The biennial deluge of local tax and bond measures draws heavy campaign spending by proponents and opponents and some questionable gamesmanship by the local agencies that propose them.

Under the guise of "information," it's not unusual for them to spend taxpayer money on brochures and other forms of communication that approach out-and-out advocacy, often hiring professional campaign consultants to prepare the materials and otherwise use techniques that tout the supposed benefits that taxes or bonds will provide.

If it crosses the line, an "information" campaign violates a state law that declares, "An officer, employee, or consultant of a local agency may not expend or authorize the expenditure of any of the funds of the local agency to support or oppose the approval or rejection of a ballot measure, or the election or defeat of a candidate, by the voters."

However, prosecutions for violation are as rare as the proverbial hen's teeth, although the Fair Political Practices Commission does crack down when instances are brought to its attention.

Another technique officialdom uses to tilt tax elections in its favor is to pretend that ballot measures are not, in fact, tax increases.

Last month, the state Court of Appeal upheld a lower court's finding in Riverside County that the Hemet Unified School District misleadingly declared in the language of a \$225 million bond issue that it would not raise taxes. The declaration hinged on the new measure continuing property taxes that had been collected for a previous ballot measure, but both courts rejected that rationale and ordered that the language be altered.

"While the full text of

the measure may accurately explain the true nature of Measure I," the appellate court ruled, "the term 'no-tax-rate-increase,' on its face, connotes such a conclusive meaning, that voters are likely to find it unnecessary to read the full ballot materials, erroneously believing that 'no-tax-rate-increase' has the plain meaning their tax burden will not increase."

"The impact of such terms in ballot titles and questions has previously been addressed and found impermissible where the terms constitute advocacy or partiality ... Replacing 'no-tax-rate-increase' with 'rate-extension' would be accurate, neutral, and does not mislead voters into believing their tax burden will not increase."

It's also noteworthy that Hemet Unified's board of trustees voted on Aug. 12 to place the bond issue on the November ballot but gave the public just five days to submit arguments on the issue. Compressing the time for opponents to respond is another common technique employed to tilt the game.

Tricking voters is election fraud as onerous as stuffing ballot boxes. Unfortunately, while officials may be a bit embarrassed if caught, such behavior does not invalidate a ballot measure that voters pass.

It should.

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 Mom Worries Daughter Making Bad Social Security Decision



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social
Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My question is not for me, but for my daughter who 62 years is old. She does not want to take her Social Security now. Her husband was a doctor and passed away recently. She had been married to him for more than 10 years and, in the meantime, he married someone else. I thought the President erased taxes on earned money so that people could collect what was due them no matter what they earned. My daughter keeps telling me she has already earned too much this year and cannot collect her widow's benefits until next year. I don't understand what no tax on Social Security means then. Also, she wants to wait until she is 67 before she collects her own money. She has been a nurse and believes her own benefits may be larger than her widow's benefits. Is she correct to wait for that long?

Signed: Worried Mom

Dear Worried Mom: Your daughter is likely correct. There are two factors which come into play in your daughter's circumstance – one is the Annual Earnings Test (for those collecting early SS benefits), and the other relates to Federal income tax on SS benefits received. I'll try to clarify both of these for you:

If your daughter claims her widow's benefit at age 62, her benefit will be significantly reduced (by approximately 20+%) from what she would get at her SS full retirement age, and that would be a permanent reduction. And, if she works (which you imply she does) she would also be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET) which limits how much she can earn by working prior to reaching her SS full retirement age (her "FRA," which is age 67). The earnings limit for 2026 is \$24,480 (changes yearly) and, if her annual 2026 earnings exceed that amount, Social Security will take away \$1 of benefits for every \$2 she is over the annual limit. For example, if she is \$25,000 over the limit, SS would take way benefits equal to \$12,500. That would mean she wouldn't get any SS benefits for the remainder of this year and likely some of next year also. And, if her earnings are significantly more than the annual limit, she may even be temporarily ineligible to receive a widow's benefit (until she either reaches her FRA or earns less money). FYI, the Annual Earnings Test will go away when your daughter reaches age 67 but, until then, the AET will likely restrict her ability to receive Social Security benefits if she continues to work full time.

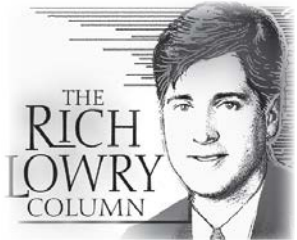
The next factor to be aware of is the so-called "One Big Beautiful Bill" (OB BB) which the President claimed means "no tax on Social Security." This is an entirely different factor than the Annual Earnings Test (AET) described above. The above AET discussion dealt with SS earnings limits while

taking benefits before FRA, whereas the OB BB deals with income tax on Social Security benefits actually received. The OB BB (enacted last year) provides an extra \$6,000 deduction per person (on the tax return filed with the IRS) for those 65 years of age or older. That extra IRS deduction is designed to offset (either totally or partially) any income tax which is levied on Social Security benefits received by those age 65 or older. It's also important to know that the OB BB only provides temporary income tax relief, because the law expires after the 2028 income tax year.

All of which leads me to conclude that your daughter's decision to wait longer to claim her widow's benefit from her deceased ex-husband is a prudent choice. As long as she is working and earning more than the annual earnings limit before age 67, the AET will restrict how much Social Security she is able to receive. If she later stops working or goes to part-time employment, she can revisit her decision at that time. And, depending on her own personally earned Social Security benefit amount at age 67 (vs. her widow's benefit), she can assess whether to claim her personal SS retirement benefit or to, instead, claim her benefit as her ex-husband's widow if that amount is larger than her own SS retirement. And, unless Congress later extends the OB BB prior to 2029, she will, at that time, likely need to pay income tax on the Social Security benefits she receives.

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The Lynching Epidemic that Wasn't

were acts of suicide -- awful in their own right, but not evidence that we are once again living in the Deep South circa 1892. These news stories invariably recount how the local police have concluded a person found hanging on a tree died by suicide -- as well as all the speculation on social media that something more insidious must have been at play.

In one horrifying case, a young African-American woman was found hanging from a tree outside an abandoned house in Jackson, Mississippi, and her death was indeed ruled a murder. A CNN report several days ago related the heightened scrutiny around the crime given "Mississippi's long history of racial violence involving hangings." The police have now arrested a 51-year-old suspect and charged him with murder, although he doesn't advance the narrative of the Pressley letter -- since he, too, is African American.

According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention figures, more than 11,000 people in the United States died by suicide by hanging or a related means in 2024 -- or, on average, more than 30 a day. Hundreds of these people were African Americans. In this context, a handful of black suicides by hanging occurring outdoors over the course of half a year or more wouldn't necessarily be shocking.

The will to believe the worst, though, is very strong among the people who signed the Pressley letter. They are perpetually convinced that the KKK

is on the verge of riding again and making the U.S. the equivalent of the Reconstruction-era South.

One line in the Pressley letter says that black people have been found hanging from trees in places as dispersed as "Mississippi, Michigan and New York." The geographic randomness suggests a widely dispersed social phenomenon; the signatories conclude instead that there are racist murderers seeded throughout the country, all carrying out brutal, symbolically resonant killings.

This is a terrible thing to believe of one's own country -- not just of its people, but of all the law-enforcement authorities who must be suppressing evidence of systematic racial violence. No matter. The Squad and its ilk have a dim view of the United States and -- as racial obsessives who consider themselves fearless crusaders for justice -- must find great emotional satisfaction in the notion that they are fighting the same battle as, say, the legendary scourge of lynching Ida B. Wells.

Wells, though, didn't have to make up outrages, whereas the current crowd tends to give credence to every story based on a fake noose or a hate-crime hoax. Pressley and Co. clearly hoped to stir up a social panic, but the weakness and irrationality of their argument serve only to underline their own profound and disturbing racial paranoia.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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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@city-ofgalt.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 Regadanz at 916-835-8916.
Nar-Anon Family Group Meetings
Narcotics Anonymous (Nar-Anon) family group

meetings for friends and family members who are dealing with drug addiction are held locally from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Galt United Methodist Church, 571 C St. in Galt. ★

POLICE LOGS

During the time period of Sept. 22 to Sept. 27, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in three arrests.

Sept. 22
7:40 p.m., Fraud reported, Vintage Oak Avenue: Fraudulent online support gained access to obtain bank credentials and passwords.

Sept. 23
3:45 a.m., Stolen Vehicle reported, Fermoy Way: Dodge Durango taken.

Sept. 25
3:26 p.m., Suspicious Person 2609250045
Occurred at Harvey Park on C St.
Disposition: Adult

Arrest.
9:17 p.m., Robbery reported, Carl’s Jr Restaurant on C Street: Three male subjects in a black Nissan approached reporting party and his friend; subjects got out of vehicle, punched reporting party and took all of his items.

Sept. 26
4 p.m., Warrant Served/ Adult Arrest, 5th Street.
10:28 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Walnut Avenue/ Carillion Boulevard.

Sept. 27
11:15 Trespassing reported, Estrellita Ballroom on C Street: Three unknown subjects entered location and used a fire extinguisher inside. ★

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Smile! It's National Custodian Day!

According to the daysoftheyear.com website, National Custodian Day is observed every Oct. 2. It honors the dedicated workers who maintain our schools, hospitals and offices. It's a special day set aside to appreciate the vital role custodians play in keeping environments clean, safe and operational.

While many may not see their hard work firsthand, custodians' contributions significantly impact our daily lives by creating pleasant and sanitary spaces in which we can thrive. This day is celebrated because custodians often perform their duties behind the scenes, typically after hours, ensuring that spaces are ready for the next day. The importance of their work has been highlighted, especially during health crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic. It was then that their roles in sanitizing and maintaining public health standards became more crucial than ever. Recognizing them helps remind everyone of the hard work and dedication involved in custodial jobs.

A little history: National Custodian Day honors janitors or caretakers who maintain cleanliness and order in various facilities. This day highlights the critical role they



play in ensuring safe, clean and functional environments in schools, hospitals and office buildings.

The origins of National Custodian Day track back to a desire to recognize the often-unseen work that custodians do to keep public spaces operational and hygienic. It is a time to express appreciation for their diligent efforts, which go beyond mere cleaning to include maintenance and ensuring public health. Custodial work is invaluable yet often underappreciated.

This is why National Custodian Day is an important occasion to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of these workers. Celebrations this day can involve various activities to make custodians feel valued and respected for their indispensable roles in our daily lives.

Our custodians, gardener and

maintenance staff at all three high schools are amazing. They keep the rooms clean and tidy. The lawns are green and mowed, and the maintenance team keeps the light bright and the air cool along with repairing furniture and equipment. And they are always friendly to staff and students alike.

The next time you see your custodians at work, let them know how much you appreciate them ... and smile when you do, because today is also National Smile Day.

Sometimes all it takes to make the day better is a smile, whether it's one someone gives to you, or one you share with another. Little acts of kindness can bring a shining smile to someone who has otherwise had a terrible day, and it can change everything that follows. Whether it's just a simple compliment, a cheery hello or a gift of something small to help brighten their day, World Smile Day encourages you to take action to bring a few more smiles into the world.

It all starts with keeping your eyes and heart open to the people around you. And it means recognizing when someone nearby could use a momentary lift to their day. Everyone can make a difference on

World Smile Day, just by being caring and compassionate and helping those around them have the best day they can have.

A little more history: It was simple a thing, a circle with a few dots and an upturned curve, but put together, Harvey Ball created one of the most iconic symbols the world had ever seen, and it would quickly come to infect everything from graffiti to modern-day emojis.

We are, of course, writing about the smiley face, arguably the first emoji to enter the world. Harvey would later express concern that the sheer commercialization of his little symbol would strip it of its original intent and meaning. It was out of this concern that he created World Smile Day, a day devoted to the spreading of simple joy and love to everyone, regardless of race, gender or geographic location.

Whether you are simply expressing a bit of silliness or doing a small act of kindness to help someone smile, World Smile Day is your opportunity to help brighten the world and make the world a better place through the simple power of a smile.

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17. "Ringo Starr's instrument, pl.

18. "Home of the bagpipes

20. Big one, at 7-Eleven

21. Contemplate

22. Jewelry stone

23. Hindu queens

26. Something earned

30. Tokyo, formerly

31. "Riddim pair music genre

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40. Post-graduate journey?

42. Always, to a poet

43. Baby bear (2 words)

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47. Cholera

48. Popular pie nut

50. Glazier's unit

52. "Flute player

55. Pointy teeth

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57. Sticky stuff

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60. Code word for K

61. Mauritania's Eastern neighbor

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8. Synagogue

9. Cannabiss plant

10. Store posting, abbr.

12. Old-fashioned carry-on bag

13. Straight ones in drafter's toolbox

14. *Louis Armstrong's instrument

19. "And Then ____ Were None"

22. "Wow!"

23. User's "getaway"

24. Sun-dried brick

25. Water wheel

26. Intense anger

27. Painter's prop

28. Angler's basket

29. Former Russian leaders

32. Snatch

33. Toothy fish

36. *Lute family instruments

38. "Perfect" Buddhist

40. Theatrical prompt

41. Former Portuguese money

44. Edible herb

46. Brain teaser

48. Like average Jane

49. British peers

50. Prefix for "beyond"

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52. Type of fish net

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Lady Warriors Tackle First 18-Hole Match at Mather



Julia Garcia prepares to launch the ball.



Araya Buchholz prepares to tee off.

**By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor**

MATHER, CA (MPG) - The Galt High School girls' golf team hit a big milestone on Tuesday, Sept.

22, playing its first 18-hole match of the season at Mather Golf Course.

For most of the Lady Warriors, it was more than a season first. It was the first time they had ever

played a full 18 holes in competition. Eighteen holes is a real test of stamina, focus and nerve for any golfer. It's even harder for players who picked up a club only



The Galt High girls' golf team. Photos courtesy of Viviannah Gibson

a few months ago. The Galt girls rose to the challenge, cheering each other on from the first tee to the final green.

The roster has just six players, and four of them are freshmen new to the sport. Head coach Neil Martin says his team's attitude and progress stand out more than any number on a scorecard.

"We have a team of six

and four of them are freshmen playing golf for the first time," Martin said. "Every match is an opportunity to learn, improve and grow as golfers and teammates. Looking forward to the next four years."

Senior Kandice Meixner and junior Vivian Gibson lead the team with their experience. Freshmen Araya Buchholz, Aliyah

Rodriguez, Julia Garcia and Kamyla Vera make up the rest of the roster. They form a young core that could grow into a strong program over the next few seasons.

The results will come with time. For now, the Lady Warriors are building the most important parts of any program: confidence, support for each other and a love of the game. ★

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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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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
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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
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the
Superior Court
Publish: Sept 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 2026
PERRY 10-2-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
LUZ MARIA BARRON
CASE NO. 26PR002641
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,
and contingent creditors
of and persons who may be

otherwise interested in the will
or estate, or both, of Luz Maria
Barron.

A Petition for Probate has
been filed by Ricardo Barron, in
the Superior Court of California,
County of Sacramento, request-
ing Ricardo Barron 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
October 26, 2026, 9:00
a.m. in Dept 129; Superior
Court of California, County
of Sacramento, William R.
Ridgeway Family Relations
Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn
Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting
of the petition, you should
appear at the hearing and state
your objections or file written objections
with the court before the
hearing. Your appearance may
be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or
a contingent creditor of the deceased,
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to the personal representative

appointed by the court within
the later of either (1) four months
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of letters to a general personal representative,
as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate
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delivery to you of a notice under
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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:
Andrew D. Smith,
115 W. Walnut Street, Suite 3,
Lodi, CA 95240; 209-333-9292
Publish: October 2, 9, 16, 2026
BARRON 10-16-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
ROBERT DEAN KOYAMA
CASE NO. 26PR002288

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,
and contingent creditors of and
persons who may be otherwise
interested in the will or estate,
or both, of Robert Dean Koyama.

A Petition for Probate has
been filed by Jolene Metcalf-
Koyama, in the Superior Court
of California, County of Sacramento,
requesting Jolene

Metcalf-Koyama 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
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The name, address and telephone
number of the Attorney for
Petitioner is: Andrew D. Smith,
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or national bank, check drawn
by a state or federal credit union,
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bank specified in Section 5102 of
the Financial Code and authorized
to do business in this state will
be held by the duly appointed
trustee as shown below, of all
right, title, and interest conveyed
to and now held by the trustee
in the hereinafter described property
under and pursuant to a Deed
of Trust described below. The
sale will be made, but without
covenant or warranty, expressed
or implied, regarding title, possession,
or encumbrances, to pay the
remaining principal sum of the
note(s) secured by the

Deed of Trust, with interest and
late charges thereon, as provided
in the note(s), advances, under
the terms of the Deed of Trust,
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and expenses of the Trustee for
the total amount (at the time of
the initial publication of the
Notice of Sale) reasonably
estimated to be set forth below.
The amount may be greater on
the day of sale. BENEFICIARY
MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN
THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.
Trustor: Paul Beckworth, II, a
single man Duly Appointed
Trustee: Vylla Solutions, LLC
Recorded 9/28/2021 as
Instrument No. 202109281303 in
book , page of Official Records
in the office of the Recorder of
Sacramento County, California ,
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fully described in the Deed of
Trust Date of Sale: 10/20/2026
at 9:30 AM Place of Sale: Outside
the south-facing exit of
Sacramento City Hall, in the
courtyard at 916 H Street,
Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount
of unpaid balance and other
charges: \$451,126.03
(Estimated) Street Address or
other common designation of
real property: 163 W C ST GALT,
CA 95632 A.P.N.: 148-0530-
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Trustee disclaims any liability for
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to the location of the property
may be obtained by sending a
written request to the beneficiary
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HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE
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TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you
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the property itself. Placing the
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you to free and clear ownership
of the property. You should also
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auctioned off may be a junior
lien. If you are the highest bidder
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be responsible for paying off all
liens senior to the lien being
auctioned off, before you can
receive clear title to the property.
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of outstanding liens that may
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title insurance company, either
of which may charge you a fee
for this information. If you consult
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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 (877) 518-5700,
or visit this internet website
www.realtybid.com, using the
file number assigned to this case
26-39110 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
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Pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation, California Government Sections 65009, 66020, and/or California Public Resources Code Section 21177, if you wish to challenge in court any of the above decisions (regarding planning, zoning and/or environmental decisions), you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing(s) described in this notice/agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the city at, or prior to, this public hearing.

Dated: September 15, 2026

\\s\\ Fritz Buchman
Fritz Buchman, C.E., T.E., CFM
Public Works Director

\\s\\ Tina Hubert
Tina Hubert, City Clerk

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Warriors Routed by Union Mine 56-6 on the Road

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

EL DORADO, CA (MPG) - The Galt Warriors had a rough night on the road Friday, Sept. 25, losing 56-6 to the Union Mine Diamondbacks. Galt's offense never found its rhythm and finished with just 163 total yards. The defense was on the field for much of the night. The Warriors didn't score until very late in the game, when senior quarterback Robert Rubio threw a touchdown pass to senior Marcus Bell.

Rubio went 7 of 15 through the air for 92 yards, with one touch-down and one interception. That's a 46.7 percent completion rate and a 61.0 quarterback rating. His longest completion went for 30 yards. Rubio also ran six times for 19 yards, with a long of 11. That gave him 111 of Galt's 163 total yards.



Warrior quarterback Robert Rubio kicks off. Photo courtesy of Taylor Noah

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for 41 all-purpose yards. Senior Carlo Sterni led the team with three catches for 26 yards. Junior Mark Grammer also had 26 receiving yards on two catches, with a long of 15.

Galt's running game produced 71 yards on 17 carries, an average of 4.2 yards per carry. Senior James Gilbert was the

most effective runner. He gained 48 yards on six carries, averaging eight yards a run, and broke off a 37-yard run, the Warriors' longest play of the night. Other carries went to senior Arthur Cordova (one for two yards), sophomore Sean Mace (two for one yard), Bell (one for one yard) and sophomore

Ricky Akers (one for 0 yards). Galt did not score on the ground.

Union Mine put up 56 points, and Galt's defense was on the field for most of the night. The Warriors made 67 tackles: 22 solo and 45 assisted.

Gilbert led the defense just as he led the running game. He had 10

tackles: three solo and seven assisted. Senior lineman Parker Millard was close behind with nine tackles (two solo, seven assisted). Juniors Dominick Gonzalez and Richard Geier had eight tackles each, with three solo and five assisted apiece. Senior Noah Ojeda added seven tackles, three of them solo.

Junior Bowdyn Beck and senior Taylor White had five tackles each. Cordova, Sterni and senior Axel Olmos Virgen each had four. Bell had two solo tackles, and Mace had one.

On a night with few highlights, Gilbert stood out on both sides of the ball. The Warriors played hard until the final whistle, and that effort led to their late touch-down. Galt will try to move past this lopsided loss next week, with the goal of cutting down turnovers and keeping drives going on offense. ★

JV Warriors Pull Away from Union Mine for 37-15 Win

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Bell scored Galt's only points of the night, catching the late touch-down after the game was already

decided. The Warriors did not convert the try after the touch-down. Bell caught two passes for 40 yards, averaging 20 yards a catch, and his longest was a 30-yard reception. He added a 1-yard run for 41 all-purpose yards. Senior Carlo Sterni led the team with three catches for 26 yards. Junior Mark Grammer also had 26 receiving yards on two catches, with a long of 15.

Galt's running game produced 71 yards on 17 carries, an average of 4.2 yards per carry. Senior James Gilbert was the most effective runner. He gained 48 yards on six carries, averaging eight yards a run, and broke off a 37-yard run, the Warriors' longest play of the night. Other carries went to senior Arthur Cordova (one for two yards), sophomore Sean Mace (two for one yard), Bell (one for one yard) and sophomore Ricky Akers (one for 0 yards). Galt did not score on the ground.

Union Mine put up 56 points, and Galt's defense was on the field for

most of the night. The Warriors made 67 tackles: 22 solo and 45 assisted.

Gilbert led the defense just as he led the running game. He had 10 tackles: three solo and seven assisted. Senior lineman Parker Millard was close behind with nine tackles (two solo, seven assisted). Juniors Dominick Gonzalez and Richard Geier had eight tackles each, with three solo and five assisted apiece. Senior Noah Ojeda added seven tackles, three of them solo.

Junior Bowdyn Beck and senior Taylor White had five tackles each. Cordova, Sterni and senior Axel Olmos Virgen each had four. Bell had two solo tackles, and Mace had one.

On a night with few highlights, Gilbert stood out on both sides of the ball. The Warriors also kept playing hard until the final whistle, and that effort led to their late touch-down. Galt will try to move past this lopsided loss next week, with the goal of cutting down turnovers and keeping drives going on offense. ★



Austyn Gubac catches and sets the ball for the PAT kick. Photo courtesy of Taylor Noah

Hawks Win Crosstown Showdown, Shut Out Galt 28-0

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Galt hosted the crosstown rivalry game, but Liberty Ranch controlled it. The defending league champion Hawks shut out the Warriors 28-0 in girls' flag football Wednesday night. Galt drops to third place in the league standings with the loss.

Senior quarterback Kamrynn Blevins led the Hawks on both sides of the ball. She completed 13 of 23 passes for 151 yards and two touchdowns without an interception. She was also Liberty Ranch's top runner, with 34 yards and a touch-down on nine carries. On defense, Blevins had the only interception of the game and returned it 52 yards.

Liberty Ranch didn't score fast, but it scored steadily. The Hawks took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter and added another touch-down in the second to lead 14-0 at halftime.

The Hawks put the game away in the third quarter, scoring 14 points for a 28-0 lead. Their defense then held Galt scoreless the rest of the way to keep the shutout.

Sophomore Gianna Farren was Blevins' favorite target. She caught four passes for a team-high 59 yards and one touch-down. Her 36-yard catch was the longest play of the night for either team. Senior Savanna Garbarino caught two passes for 24 yards, including a touch-down. Sophomore Tenley Messersmith added three catches for 27 yards, and junior Lexi Williams had



two receptions for 29 yards.

Liberty Ranch spread the ball around. Six different players caught passes, with Olive Gorelick (9 yards) and Ella Quaschnick (3 yards) also making catches. The Hawks finished with 209 total yards.

The Hawks' offense did its job, but the defense won the game.

Lexi Williams was everywhere, pulling 11 flags, more than any other player on either team. Liberty Ranch finished with 30 flag pulls in all, and 10 different players had at least one. Gianna Williams, Farren, senior Fatima Cabrera and Makenlee Robbins each had three. Quaschnick and Kirinjeet Dhaliwal each had two, and Garbarino, freshman Caroline Herring and Olive Gorelick each had one.

The Hawks held Galt to 100 total yards. The Warriors completed just five of 25 passes for 42 yards. Senior quarterback Chloe Goehring-Tassell went 4-for-24 for 29 yards with an interception while facing a Liberty defense that allowed very little. Freshman Abigail Chapin came in for one pass and completed it for 13 yards.

Galt's offense struggled all night, but its

defense kept the game from getting further out of reach and pressured Blevins often.

Sophomore Hayley Sutenfield led the Warriors with eight flag pulls, one sack and three quarterback hurries. Sophomore Lorrena Ponce had five flag pulls and two sacks. Galt finished with three sacks, five hurries and four tackles for loss. Senior Kristine Meixner added five flag pulls and broke up two passes. Jannet Jimenez and Skyler Moore had two flag pulls each, and Lorelei Flores and Danah Godinez had one apiece.

Freshman Berkley Ward was the Warriors' best runner, with 36 yards on seven carries and a 16-yard long. She also caught two passes for 18 yards. Freshman Madison Chapin had Galt's longest play,

a 22-yard catch, and finished with two receptions for 22 yards. Goehring-Tassell added 23 rushing yards on 13 carries, and senior Harper Sutenfield had a 2-yard catch.

Galt ran the ball 27 times for 58 yards, the same rushing total as Liberty Ranch. But the Warriors never got a steady passing game going and couldn't finish drives.

The win shows the defending champions are still the team to beat in the league. Galt drops to third place with plenty of season left. The Warriors' young players showed promise, with freshmen Ward and the Chapin sisters involved throughout the game. If Galt meets Liberty Ranch again, it will need its offense to match the effort of its defense. ★

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Daniel Crownover
Galt High
Cross Country



Emily Razo
Galt High
Cross Country



Lily Pittman
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Ogas Crowned King as Unbeaten Hawks Blank Rosemont 42-0



A Wolverine tries to bring Joe Lara down.

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GALT, CA (MPG)— Ryan Ogas had a busy homecoming night at Hawk Stadium on Sept. 25. At halftime the Liberty Ranch senior quarterback was crowned homecoming king, and then he went back out and helped the Hawks finish off a 42-0 shutout of Rosemont.

The win was the first league victory of the season for the defending league champions. Liberty Ranch is now 4-0 overall and 1-0 in league play, and the Hawks look ready to defend their title.

Many of this year’s seniors have been starting on varsity since they were sophomores. After three seasons of playing together, they’re a team of brothers working toward a great senior year, and that showed on the field and on the homecoming court.

Ogas wasn’t the only football player named to the court. Senior teammates Wyatt Corriea and Hunter Owen were also part of the top 10 homecoming royalty. All were among the Hawks’ most productive players in the game.

“This was a great first league win for us as a team against a tough opponent in Rosemont,” Liberty Ranch Head Coach Warren Schroeder said. “The boys came ready to play and executed the game plan well. It was also great to get all of our players on the field in some capacity

to gain some valuable experience.”

Liberty Ranch took control early and never let up in front of the home crowd. The Hawks led 7-0 after the first quarter and then scored 21 points in the second quarter to lead 28-0 at the half. They added two more touchdowns in the third quarter to make it 42-0.

The Hawks ran the ball on almost every play. They gained 433 rushing yards on 46 carries, an average of 9.4 yards per carry, and seven different players ran the ball. Senior Andrew Quinn led the way with 142 yards and a touchdown on 13 carries. His longest run went for 30 yards. Senior Joe Lara added 98 yards and a score on nine carries, including a 34-yard run, the longest of the night.

Corriea had a big game on both sides of the ball. He ran for 70 yards and two touchdowns on nine carries and caught both of the Hawks’ completed passes for 25 yards, giving him 95 all-purpose yards. On defense he led the team with nine tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss.

Owen scored 11 points. He ran for 50 yards and a touchdown on four carries and made all five of his extra-point kicks. Quinn kicked the other extra point. Owen also handled kickoffs, averaging 35.3 yards on six kicks, and on defense he had four tackles, one tackle for loss and two pass deflections.

Ogas ran for 31 yards



Wyatt Corriea drags down the runner and gets caught at the bottom of the dog pile. Photos courtesy of Tom Santillan



Lineman Cutler Perez clears a path for runner Andrew Quinn.

and a touchdown on two carries, including an 18-yard run, and completed two of five passes for 25 yards. He also played in the secondary, where he had three tackles and broke up two passes.

Junior Mason Emslie and senior Thai Huynh each ran for 21 yards.

The offensive line opened big holes all night. Junior Ryan Guthrie led the team with four pancake blocks. Senior Cutler Perez had three and senior Soni Takafua had two. Lara, Quinn, junior Conrad

Dixon and seniors Jayden Sedlacek, Deshaun Jackson and Daniel Swearingen each had one.

Rosemont never got into the end zone. The Hawks made 51 tackles as a team, with four tackles for loss, 20 quarterback hurries and nine pass deflections. Senior free safety Enzo Diaz had the Hawks’ only interception, along with five tackles and three pass breakups. Junior Tanner Swafford had six tackles, and junior Liam Trosko had four tackles and a pass breakup.



Senior Wyatt Corriea cruises into the end zone for a touchdown.

Takafua led the pass rush with six hurries. Quinn had five and Dixon had three.

When the final horn sounded, the scoreboard showed a shutout. The night meant more than that, though.

This group of seniors has been lining up next to each other since they were sophomores. On homecoming night they got to celebrate together, with three of them on the royalty court and almost every player on the roster getting time on the field.

It was the kind of night

that shows what this team is about. They play for each other, they trust each other and they share the credit.

The defending champions are unbeaten, but the Hawks know that another title isn’t going to come easily. Each week is another chance to earn it, and they’ll get the next one on their own field Friday when they host Union Mine at Hawk Stadium.

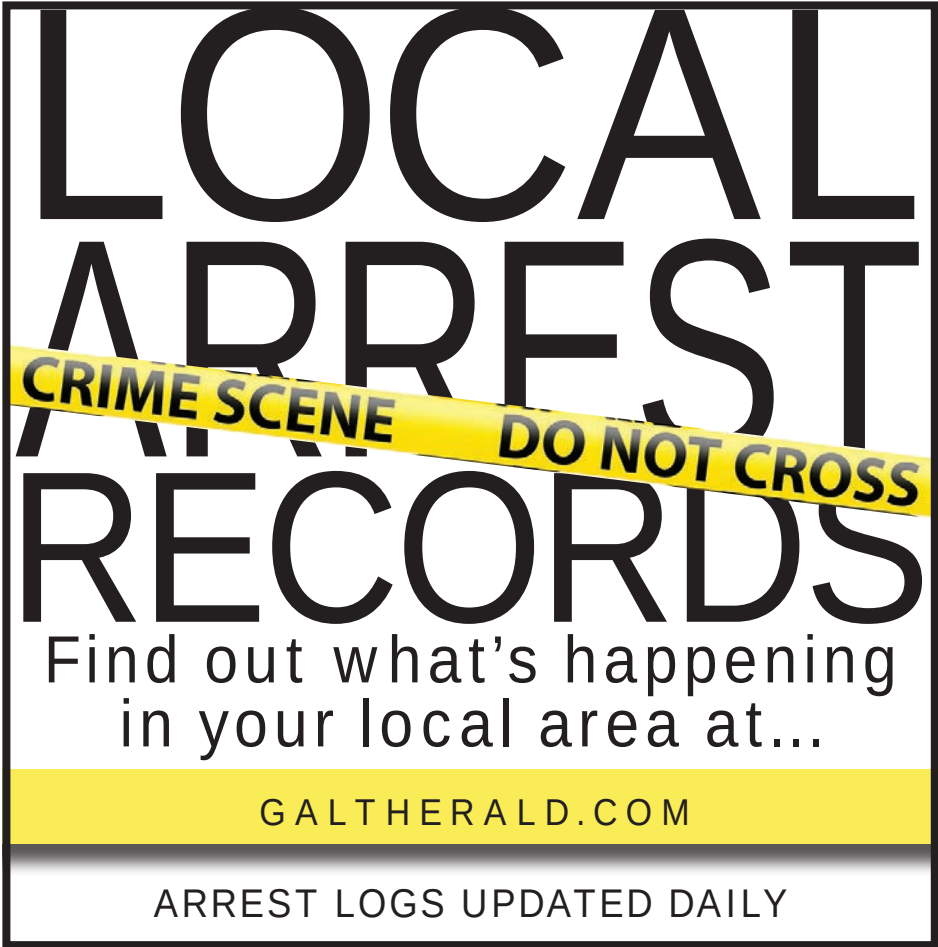
This group of brothers has one more fall together, and they’re making the most of it. ★



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