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Behind Jacques and Kathy Peasha lies green vineyards that could become a sea of solar panels if the Sacramento Municipal Utility District builds the Twin Cities Solar and Battery Energy Storage System Project. Photo by Keith Burbank

By Keith Burbank

HERALD, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Municipal Utility District is planning to hold a meeting here in November to help determine whether SMUD needs a controversial solar project.

"We're no project. Bottom line," said Jacques Peasha, a Herald resident who is familiar with the project and affected by existing SMUD solar panels.

Peasha at times suffers from "intense glare" from the panels near his home on Kirkwood Road.

Residents are concerned, too, about the loss of property values and views if the Twin Cities Solar and Battery Energy Storage System Project is built.

The project site – east of Herald – is 1,697 acres north and west of the decommissioned Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station, according to SMUD.

The northern part is about 982 acres, and the western section is about 715 acres, SMUD records show.

Residents are concerned as well about heat, the impact on insurance premiums and how a fire at the project site would be extinguished. Herald has a volunteer fire department that might be unable to handle a fire, depending on its size. The fire station, too, sometimes floods during the rainy season.

"We're not moving forward with the project at this time and won't be proposing any new utility-scale solar projects until we complete our comprehensive Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) process in early 2027," SMUD spokesperson Gamaliel Ortiz, said by email Oct. 21.

The planned November meeting in Herald is part of the IRP process, which is "SMUD's long-range planning process to evaluate the region's future energy needs and help guide decisions about what resources may be needed to provide reliable,

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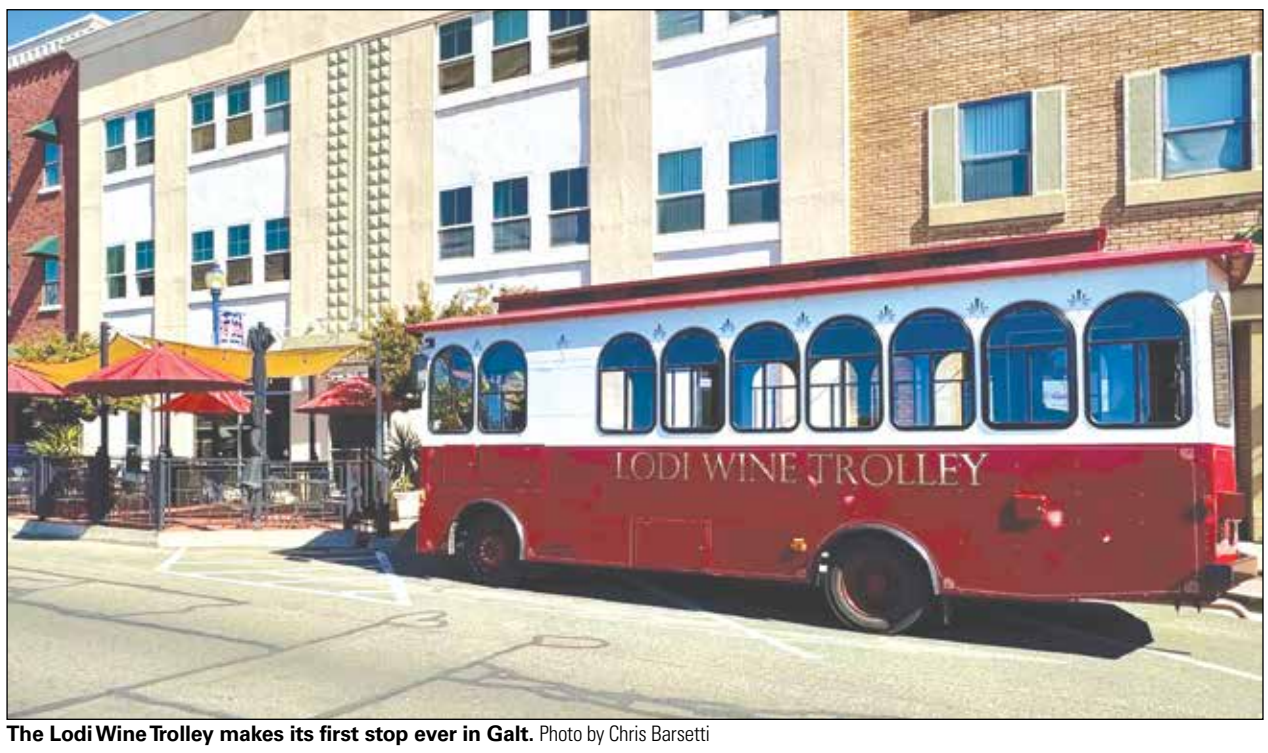
Wine Trolley on Fourth Street



The Lodi Wine Trolley makes its first stop ever in Galt. Photo by Chris Barsetti

By Keith Burbank

GALT, CA (MPG) - Historic Fourth Street is getting more attention.

The vintage-style Lodi Wine Trolley stopped for the first time there in Old Town Galt Oct. 17. Eleven people who came on the trolley visited Barsetti Vineyards tasting room at 400 Fourth St., Suite 150.

"They all seemed to have a very good time," said Barsetti Vineyards' owner Janis Barsetti Gray.

The group stayed for about 75 minutes tasting wines and enjoying a box lunch provided by the Lodi Wine Trolley. It left Fourth Street by way of C Street, capturing the attention of at least one resident on the way.

Barsetti Gray said the owners of the trolley are now partnering with Barsetti Vineyards to make the tasting room one of the 16 trolley stops.

"They thought we were a good fit," Barsetti Gray said. "Whatever helps me, helps Galt."

The Barsetti family has been in Galt since 1912. Janis' father and grandparents in 1941 bought the land where the vineyard is now. The vineyard was planted in 1995 and Barsetti Vineyards established a wine label in 2001.

The 120 acres of the vineyard "is planted in zinfandel, pinot noir and chardonnay," according to the business' website.

Each tour aboard the wine trolley stops at three wineries on Saturday in addition to its beginning and ending point, which is Scotto's Wine & Cider, 14 South School St., Lodi. On Sunday, the trolley stops at two wineries in addition to Scotto's.

The wineries on each tour vary, depending on

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Drone Operator Role Created

By John McCallum

GALT, CA (MPG) - Human resource issues along with annexation and final subdivision agreements in the Sheffield subdivision were the main topics considered by the City Council at its Oct. 20 meeting.

The council unanimously approved a resolution creating a drone first responder position classification within the city's Police Department. The position is part of the department's new "Drone As First Responder" (DFR) program created by council approval in May.

Human Resources Director Tricia Cobey told council the proposal does not add a new position to the department's staff. The department is electing to not fill a currently vacant community service officer (CSO) slot and instead transfer that position's funding to the new drone position.

According to the position description in the staff report to council, the drone first responder will not only operate and monitor the department's unmanned aerial systems but also provide analysis for live and recorded camera and video feeds. The position, which is not a sworn officer position, communicates this information to responding personnel and assists in the "collection, preservation, retrieval and dissemination of video evidence" along with other work-related assignments.

The position carries a salary of $92,420, $14,065 more than the CSO salary of $82,355 it replaces. According to the report, savings from other current department vacancies will be used to fund the salary gap but future funding will need to be included in Measure R budgets and projections.

Council member Shawn Farmer asked if similar positions in other agencies were used to produce the Galt position salary. Police Chief Brian Kalinowski said other agencies' salary ranges don't match with Galt's and instead looked at "internal equity among civilian employees" in the department bargaining unit and other factors to determine the salary.

"It is our intent to open the position internally and we expect somebody internally to apply for the position," Kalinowski said.

Kalinowski added the position was included in the original DFR outline, but they hadn't anticipated bringing it to council until the end of the year. Recent staff departures led to the opportunity to create it earlier than planned.

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A Night Fit for Royalty

Galt High School celebrates 2026 homecoming with school spirit, festivities and the crowning of its king and queen

Galt High School's 2026 homecoming court gathers at midfield under the stadium lights during the school's homecoming celebration. Photo by Paige Lampson

Galt High School's 2026 Homecoming Queen Emily Razo and King Robert Rubio. Photo by Paige Lampson

A Galt High School cheerleader and a crowned student wave to spectators from a holiday-themed float, spreading homecoming cheer beneath the Friday night lights. Photo by Paige Lampson

Galt High School students' wave to the crowd from a decorated float during the homecoming festivities. Photo by Paige Lampson

Galt High School students join in the homecoming festivities, celebrating an evening of school spirit and Warrior pride. Photo by Paige Lampson

Galt High School's homecoming queen waves to the crowd. Photo by Paige Lampson

The Galt High School marching band brings music and energy to the homecoming celebration. Photo by Paige Lampson

Students show off their school spirit alongside a decorated homecoming float. Photo by Paige Lampson

Saying No to Solar

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affordable and sustainable electricity over time," Ortiz added in a subsequent email.

The Twin Cities Solar and Battery Energy Storage System Project would add 850,000 solar panels to an area that has 500,000, said Leanne Carillo, an area resident for about 30 years.

Solar panels for the Twin Cities project would be in front of Carillo's home.

SMUD held a meeting in Herald in June that drew 50 to 60 people from a population of 1,160, according to the 2020 U.S. Census. After that meeting, SMUD put the project on hold pending the outcome of the IRP process.

"The IRP process will be public, and meetings will be open to the public," Ortiz said.

The SMUD board is expected to adopt a final IRP in April, according to SMUD's webpage dedicated to the process.

A picture capturing the intense glare from solar panels Jacques Peasha says he experiences as seen from the pool next to his home. Photo courtesy of Jacques Peasha

Of the project, "It's a big deal to us," Carillo said. "We don't want it." ★

Wine Trolley on Fourth Street

Visitors enjoy a stop at Barsetti Vineyards' tasting room in Galt while on a Lodi Wine Trolley tour Oct. 17. It was the trolley's first stop ever in Galt. Photo by Chris Barsetti

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availability and the wineries next on the rotation, said Toni Singh, business manager for the Lodi Wine Trolley.

The driver and visitors enjoyed making the stop at Barsetti Vineyards, Singh said.

The eleven visitors were new customers at the tasting room, Barsetti Gray said. It's important that people come into Old Town, she said.

"It's all about getting people into this part of town, too," Barsetti Gray told The Galt Herald. "There's a lot of history here." ★

Wilton to Recognize Veterans

By Fran Soto

Area residents enjoy Wilton's Military and Veterans' Appreciation Day breakfast at the 2025 Appreciation Day. Photo by Gary Soto

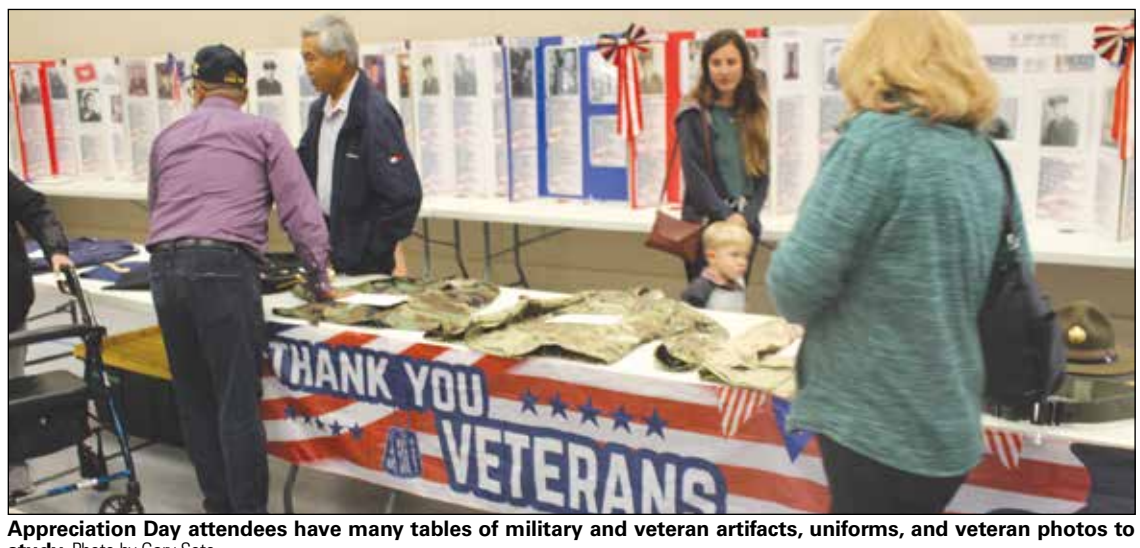
WILTON, CA (MPG) - Members of the Wilton History Group are preparing for their annual Military and Veterans' Appreciation Day to be held Nov. 11. The event will be held at the Wilton Community Center, 9717 Colony Road, on the corner of Dillard and Wilton roads. Ample parking is available in front of the center. The morning program includes a pancake breakfast, veteran and military displays and a short program.

Doors open at 8 a.m., and all attendees are asked to sign in at the welcome table. The pancake breakfast hours are 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The breakfast is free to all veterans and their immediate family members. All others are welcome to enjoy the breakfast by donating.

Veteran and military displays include a large collection of artifacts, uniforms, Wilton veteran photos and information as well as binders with newspaper articles. Wilton History Group member Alice Kutzer has spent many years collecting veteran photos and information and creating artful display boards.

"It has been a labor of love," Kutzer said. "I have enjoyed every minute of working to honor our veterans."

Many of the artifacts and uniforms were donated by Wilton History Group members, their families and the community. Several years ago, Kutzer began a project of gathering newspaper articles about area veterans and area residents and placing these articles in binders. Her project has grown to be a valuable resource that is easy to view and preserves much local information that could have been lost. Those binders referring to veterans will be on display for perusing.



Appreciation Day attendees have many tables of military and veteran artifacts, uniforms, and veteran photos to study. Photo by Gary Soto

A short program will begin at 9 a.m. Wilton History Group member Jim Ring will be master of ceremonies. Pastors Jonathan Vickery, Living Waters Church, and John Schmidt, Wilton Bible Church, will offer the invocation and the benediction. The Trail-Life group will conduct the flag ceremony. Speakers include Chaplin John Kent who will speak on the significance of the missing man's table. The military speakers will be Veteran Jim Koroush, who is turning 90 years old in November, and Erin Radulovich, a retired 20-year Air Force veteran. Kutzer and Ring will read a list of Wilton veterans who have died and are on our 'Memory OF' boards. New this year will be a collection box for used U.S. flags for a future flag retirement ceremony.

At the end of the program all attending veterans will be invited to pose for a group photo. All area residents are invited to attend the appreciation day.

"Although we specifically name our Wilton veterans, all area veterans are invited," Kutzer said. "We honor all our veterans and thank them for their service." ★

Wilton military veterans gather for a group photo at the Wilton History Group's annual Military and Veterans' Appreciation Day. Photo by Gary Soto

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The Skydio drones carry a narrow field, telephoto and radiometric thermal camera along with a spotlight and speaker. According to the company's website, they have a maximum flying speed of 45 miles per hour, flight duration time of 40 minutes and can be airborne in fewer than 40 seconds.

The drones' capabilities integrate with the department's body-worn and car camera systems. Camera footage can be recorded and uploaded to the department's current storage system.

Kalinowski told the council at the May 19 meeting that one drone will be stationed at the Police Department while the other will be located at Cosumnes Fire Department Station 46 on Walnut Avenue. Department research, including talking with other departments such as the Elk Grove Police Department that uses drones as first responders, indicated the approach provided quicker response times to incidents, higher arrest rates and better allocation of resources — such as assistance in finding missing individuals and helping secure search area perimeters.

Council also unanimously approved a resolution at the Oct. 20 meeting making amendments to reflect corrections to the salary schedule in Galt's city manager contract. According to the staff report, the city manager's salary is contractually required to be at least 10% higher than the next-highest-paid employee's base salary.

Recent salary changes for those employees caused the city manager's salary to fall below that 10% threshold. That salary adjustment raises the salary for the city manager by $17,456.

"It's just to comply to our contractual obligations," Cobey said in response to council requests for clarification that the adjustment wasn't a raise for the city manager.

City Attorney Frank Splendorio said the salary adjustment is actually automatic. The only reason council was reviewing and voting on it was a state employee system requirement for transparency in these types of actions.

The drone operator position will assist the Police Department in the collection, preservation, retrieval and dissemination of video evidence along with other work-related assignments. The position carries a salary of $92,420. Photo by DJI-Agras via Pixabay

"It's already in the contract," Splendorio said.

Finally, council unanimously approved several resolutions pertaining to the Sheffield 65 project. The first action consisted of resolutions annexing 9.5 acres within the development project into Community Facilities District No. 2020-1 as annexation No. 12.

The annexation enables the levying of special taxes and fees within the annexation area that will be used to offset law enforcement, fire and maintenance services within the district. Public Works Director Fritz Buchman told council this would bring in another $122,000 annually to help with these expenses.

As its last action at the meeting, council unanimously approved Sheffield 65's "Final Map and Subdivision Improvement Agreement." The Planning Commission approved the map and agreement in December 2025.

Sheffield 65 consists of 65 medium-density single-family residential lots along with four miscellaneous lots of landscaped areas and trails. The subdivision is bounded by East Stockton Boulevard to the west, Ashboro Lane to the south, Need Court to the north and Canyon Creek Park to the east.

According to the staff report, the agreement "sets forth the terms and conditions for completing the required public improvements within a one-year period and sets forth City indemnification, insurance, bonding and warranty requirements." Construction of the almost $2.1 million in required public infrastructure is underway. ★

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Collective Commitment Builds Paths for Student Success

Community Convening Focuses on Feedback and Support Actions

Student community partners, educators and families convened for the "Freedom to Flourish: A Black Student Success Collective Community Convening" on Aug. 27. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Office of Education

A youth panel at the convening provided powerful reflections on students' educational journeys. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Office of Education

Sacramento County Office of Education News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The youth in the room spoke with pride, their voices filling the space with authenticity and resilience as educational leaders from across Sacramento County gathered to listen.

On Aug. 27, students, community partners, educators and families convened for the "Freedom to Flourish: A Black Student Success Collective Community Convening" to address learning experiences and support positive educational achievement for Black youth.

The broader framework aims to gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities within the county's educational system, explore the experiences of Black students and identify key themes to inform meaningful collaborative support.

The convening focused on five core areas: a review of the Black Student Landscape Analysis, a youth panel discussion, the introduction of key strands of support, collaborative discussions and actionable community input.

Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools Jacqueline White and outgoing Superintendent David W. Gordon framed the convening around a commitment by the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) to support Black students. Based on SCOE's Landscape Analysis, discussions centered on four emerging themes:

Bridging the Cultural Gap: Emphasizing the need for culturally responsive education to engage Black students and affirm their identities.

Rebuilding Trust: Focusing on repairing relationships between schools and Black communities, particularly where mistrust and unequal treatment persist.

District leaders and students gathered for a convening meant to address learning experiences and support positive educational achievement for Black youth. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Office of Education

Uncomfortable Truths: Addressing the urgency of honest conversations about race, bias, and systemic inequities.

A Collaborative Approach: Aligning efforts across systems and amplifying the role of community-based organizations.

A youth panel provided powerful reflections on their educational journeys, inviting school leaders to rebuild environments centered on genuine care, trust and academic rigor and move away from heavy oversight. Recognizing that meaningful progress begins with genuine listening, SCOE leaders actively gathered perspectives to help shape future action.

The feeling in the room was urgent and real. Attendees addressed uncomfortable truths about systemic inequity while recognizing that lasting change requires all educators, families and community partners to actively share in the work.

To drive continuous improvement across county schools, SCOE introduced three distinct strands of support based on initial feedback: a Speaker Series to expand historical knowledge, a Community of Practice for local educational agencies (LEAs) to share strategies and a Deeper Dive process offering customized support for LEAs. These efforts ensure Black youth are empowered to belong, live, lead, belong and thrive across Sacramento County. ★

Circular Action Alliance Submits Revised California Recycling Plan

Updated plan incorporates public input and outlines investments to expand recycling under SB 54

Circular Action Alliance News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Circular Action Alliance California (CAA) submitted its revised California program plan to CalRecycle for review, marking a significant milestone in the implementation of California's Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act, commonly known as SB 54.

The revised plan reflects feedback received during the 60-day public comment period led by CAA and includes significant updates intended to strengthen implementation and provide greater clarity into proposed program investments and costs.

"Submitting California's program plan marks a major step forward in establishing a compliance pathway for producers," CAA Chief of Staff Shane Buckingham said. "By recognizing the unique challenges across different material categories, our plan creates a structured strategy that provides the time and framework to overcome complex technical hurdles while making steady, measurable progress towards SB 54's recycling goals."

During the public comment period, CAA received over 2,400 comments from local jurisdictions, trade associations, NGOs, tribal representatives, producers, the Packaging Producer Responsibility Advisory Board and other interest holders. CAA's revised program plan builds substantially on the draft plan submitted to the advisory board in June, with revisions made to multiple sections including environmental justice, reimbursement, materials strategy, Responsible End Markets (REMs), budget development and fee-setting.

The program plan outlines a comprehensive approach to implementing SB 54, with proposed investments and programs designed to deliver outcomes across California's recycling and reuse system. Photo designed by Magnific

CAA also expanded the plan's budget and fees chapters, providing additional detail on proposed investments, anticipated costs, fee-setting methodology and how producer funding would support implementation activities over time.

"Public input has played a valuable role in strengthening this plan," California Executive Director Emily Coven said. "We greatly appreciate the time people and organizations took to share feedback reflecting a wide range of perspectives, and we made meaningful revisions in response. The revised plan provides greater clarity on proposed investments and implementation activities and lays out a practical path toward achieving the objectives established under SB 54."

A public comment summary outlines major themes raised during the review process and the changes made in response.

The program plan outlines a comprehensive approach to implementing SB 54, with proposed investments and programs designed to deliver outcomes across California's recycling and reuse system.

The plan provides for significant investment in California's recycling system, including support for rural and remote communities and a broad range of entities eligible for reimbursement.

Environmental justice considerations are integrated throughout the plan, including a process to identify and consider potential environmental justice impacts during reimbursement application review.

A comprehensive Responsible End Markets Standard is designed to provide greater visibility into where recycled materials go and establish consistent standards for responsible end markets.

The plan outlines strategies to reduce plastic packaging and single-use food serviceware, improve recyclability and encourage the use of post-consumer recycled materials, supporting progress toward California's source reduction and recycling goals.

Producer funding will support infrastructure, programs and other activities needed to strengthen recycling and reuse and advance implementation of SB 54.

CalRecycle will now review the final program plan. In accordance with California's SB 54 regulations, the agency may approve, disapprove or conditionally approve the submission as it determines whether the plan meets state requirements for implementation by Jan. 1, 2027.

CAA will continue coordinating with CalRecycle, producers, local jurisdictions and other interest holders as the plan moves through review and implementation planning continues. ★

Voter Registration and Elections Responds to Federal Charges

The U.S. Department of Justice announced that two Sacramento County residents have been charged with voting by an alien in a federal election. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Department of Voter Registration and Elections (VRE) is aware of a U.S. Department of Justice announcement that two Sacramento County residents have been charged with voting by an alien in a federal election.

Criminal charges are allegations, and all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law. VRE has flagged voter information for the two individuals and will determine any further action based on the outcome of the federal proceedings and guidance from the California Secretary of State, who is "solely responsible for determining eligibility for voter registration, voter preregistration and voting" (California Elections Code Section 2263(b)).

Under California law, individuals registering to vote must attest under penalty of perjury that they are U.S. citizens and meet applicable voter eligibility requirements. VRE follows applicable federal and state laws and procedures, as well as guidance from the California Secretary of State, in maintaining voter registration records and addressing questions of voter eligibility. VRE will continue to administer elections in accordance with the law. ★

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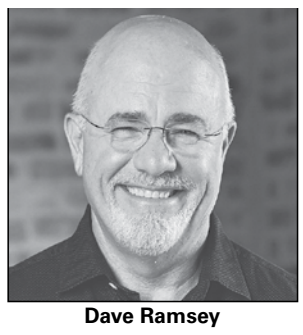

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I've spent most of my marriage not being involved in our family finances. To be honest, I've not been a very good husband. After being introduced to your show and your books by a friend, I realized how irresponsible I've been. When I talked to my wife about it and apologized, I heard for the first time that we have about $100,000 in debt, plus $55,000 in debt on a new car and motorcycle I did know about. Of course, we also have a mortgage on our home. She apologized for making a mess of things, but I know it wasn't all her fault. She hadn't been sneaking around spending and taking out debt, she just made mistakes and was afraid to tell me. Together, we make about $150,000 a year. Do you have any advice for us?

– Caleb

Dear Caleb,

Brother, I am so proud of you. You made some mistakes, sure. But now you've made the decision to man up. And that's a *huge* step in the right direction for you *and* your marriage.

To me, what you described is a lot different than her lying and hiding stuff. The truth is you weren't plugged in. Maybe she wasn't doing a great job, but then, she didn't have anyone to talk to about it, did she? Things got worse, and she probably felt ashamed about how ugly it got and didn't want to tell anyone.

Now you're at the point where you've got to look at all this, and figure out how to fix it with a $150,000 income. It's going to mean beans and rice, rice and beans. It's going to mean a scorched-earth lifestyle and living on a budget, which also means you're not going out to eat, and you're not going on vacations.

I'd sell the car and the motorcycle. Get into a couple of very basic, inexpensive cars, and spend about two years being crazy intense to pay off everything but your home. You can clean this up, but you're basically going to have no life during that time.

The two of you also have some relationship work to do. It sounds like you've already gotten a good start on that, with you owning your part and her owning hers. The thing is not to point fingers. From this point forward you need to always sit down *together*, and make all your decisions—financial and otherwise—*together*. I want you to hug on each other a lot, too.

If you're both willing, you can heal the math problem, the debt problem and the marriage problem all at the same time. God bless you both!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is a nine-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★

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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 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

The following arrests were reported by the Galt Police Department. All individuals are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Galt police responded to a variety of calls and arrested 11 from Oct. 19 to Oct. 25.

Oct. 19

10:27 a.m., Attempt warrant service, South Lincoln Way/Chabolla Avenue, Adult Arrest.

Oct. 20

8:58 a.m., Attempt warrant service, The Galt Place, D Street, Adult Arrest.

Oct. 21

11 a.m., Theft, Beaver Park Way, catalytic converter taken.

2:49 p.m., Fraud, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Twin Cities Road, Branch manager reported "fraudulent Series E Bonds."

5:20 p.m., Adult protective services, Oldenburg Way, Adult Arrest.

Oct. 23

12:29 p.m., Attempt Warrant Service, Fourth and F streets, Adult Arrest.

3:15 p.m., Narcotics violation, Galt Market on Meladee Lane, Adult Arrest.

7:52 p.m., Attempt warrant service, Walnut Avenue, Adult Arrest.

Oct. 24

1:45 a.m., DUI, Fairway Drive/Glendale Avenue, Adult Arrest.

7:36 p.m., DUI, state Highway 99/Mingo Road. Adult Arrest.

Oct. 25

12:33 a.m., Missing person – Adult, Beno Court. Case report issued.

12:40 a.m., DUI, northbound state Highway 99/Mingo Road, Adult Arrest.

3:15 p.m., Assault with a deadly weapon – in-progress, New Hope Road, Adult Arrest.

6:05 p.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, Galt High School on Camellia Way.

6:15 p.m., Domestic violence – in-progress, Olive Canyon Drive. Case report issued.

10:11 p.m., Narcotics violation, Jack in the Box, Adult Arrest. ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

Win a Game

By V.G. Harris

There is good news and bad news. The bad news is that the hometown Sacramento Kings have not won a single game in either the preseason or the regular season. Discouraging, yes without a doubt.

The stands were perhaps 75 percent filled in last night's contest with the Memphis Grizzlies, and to the Kings credit for most of the contest it was actually a game that could have gone either way.

Fans responded with a standing ovation with five minutes to play in the fourth quarter as the Kings knotted the score at 106 apiece. There was genuine pandemonium in the arena, but it was soon to be dashed.

One of Memphis 24 three-pointers came next, and the grizzlies never looked back, eventually winning by 11 points 123-112.

So, where's the good news?

For one, Domantas Sabonis is playing like the all-star he is at both ends of the floor. Domantas along with Zach Lavine have been carrying the team with stellar play and a defensive effort that smacks at the criticism that neither can play defense.

What I saw Sunday night was two veterans who gave it their all, and their effort gave the Kings a genuine chance to win. Couple that effort with that of both Darius Acuff Jr., and Emmanuel Sharp and you have two rookies that are raising eyebrows.

Although Sharp scored only three points in limited action, his intense defense reminded me of former King Davion Mitchell, and it was a joy to see someone on the floor that gave it 100 percent. That is exactly what the Kings need, and it needs to be the ubiquitous energy that is the staple of this team.

Sadly, the preseason was a collage of players that will probably never again be on the court together, and any chance of developing a chemistry was simply lost. Coach Christie and his coaching staff are in all likelihood on a short leash, and the preseason is but one reason why.

Reportedly Keegan Murray was sidelined with a swollen ankle, and now in his fifth season, it's time for Keegan to shine.

The idea that Murray is a power forward needs to be forever abandoned, and finally he should be played at the position he is most comfortable.

Murray is a natural small forward, and he has made it known that is where he is most comfortable.

For once stop pounding a square peg into a round hole. If a power forward is what you need, Precious Achiuwa or Jonathan Mogbo fit the bill, and allow Murray to show the staff what he can accomplish at the position that fits him best. Simply put, this team needs to put players in positions where they can thrive.

Both Sabonis and Lavine are firing out of the blocks, and along with rookie Darius Acuff Jr. are making noises like the second coming of De'Aaron Fox.

Sacramento was in both of the last two games, and with just a little luck could be 2-1 instead of the tepid 0-3 they find themselves in. With a rookie point guard at the helm, closing out games is still on the teaching agenda.

Coach Christie loves to talk about defense while his best defender, Emmanuel Sharp saw 14 minutes of action all night. Foul troubles contributed, but sometimes you need to let them play and live with the results.

Defense aside, where is the offense that led the entire NBA just four years ago?

Once again 3-point shooting is the Achilles heal of this team, and giving up 24 3-pointers will rarely win a game. The focus needs to be on how to effectively guard the 3-point line and do it!. Other teams have no problem guarding it against us, it's high time we committed to defending the line.

Coaches represent more than just X's and O's. They are motivators, leaders, and they challenge players when needed. We need this coaching staff to step up and take accountability for what has happened thus far, and then do something about it.

It has been said before and it's true, this team has NBA talent on it and has every opportunity to turn this losing streak around.

Dream the dream and give the fans a reason to buy tickets and stand to their feet.

All the best Kings fans! ★

Californians' Support for Cutting Carbon Emissions Wanes as New Climate Warnings Arrive

By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Earlier this month, Gov. Gavin Newsom and former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger staged a low-key celebration marking the 20th anniversary of Assembly Bill 32, the landmark legislation committing California to immense reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

It was the most notable achievement of Schwarzenegger's governorship, not only setting a series of deadlines for emissions reductions, but creating as one of its major tools a system for industry buy-in known as "cap-and-trade."

Environmental groups were opposed, favoring direct regulations, but Schwarzenegger insisted. Since then, the state has auctioned off a gradually diminishing number of emissions permits, thus, in theory, incentivizing industries to reduce greenhouse gases.

The Los Angeles Times has calculated that early goals were met. But in recent years reductions have slowed, and the 2030 goal of being 40% lower than 1990 emissions levels is highly unlikely.

Popular and political support for the state's commitment to reach virtual zero emissions by 2045 also has been waning.

Public Policy Institute of California pollsters found that while Californians still support emissions reductions in concept, views on specific programs have slipped. That's particularly true of Newsom's desire to ban the sale of new gasoline-powered vehicles by 2035. Support for that has dropped from 49% in 2021 to just 32%.

"Affordability has become a dominant theme in public discourse today — and it's affecting the public's views on the environment," the PPIC says. "Most Californians choose cost of living as the top issue facing the people of California today; few name environmental concerns."

The declining popularity of climate change programs is visible in the political arena.

Newsom spent months portraying gasoline refiners as price gougers and polluters, but when two refineries announced plans to shut down in 2025, raising the possibility of fuel shortages, he quickly changed his tune.

"We are all the beneficiaries of oil and gas. No one's naive about that," Newsom said at a press conference. "So it's always been about finding a just transition, a pragmatism in terms of that process."

Defying environmental groups, he and the Legislature passed bills designed to increase oil production, and this year the state even redesigned the cap-and-trade program to provide no-cost emissions permits to refineries.

The flip side of declining popular and political support for emissions reduction policies is a new warning from Newsom's administration that California faces a slow-motion apocalypse.

"Climate change is increasing the frequency, intensity, duration, and impacts of climate related events in California, including short- or long-term hazard events like wildfire, extreme heat, drought, flooding, and sea level rise," the administration's 109-page Fifth Climate Change Assessment declares.

It is the latest in a series of such reports issued since AB 32 passed. Newsom endorsed its findings while, as might be expected from a likely presidential candidate, taking a shot at President Donald Trump.

"As the Trump administration turns its back on science, California is doubling down on climate action, on protecting our communities, and on building a safer future," Newsom said in a statement.

Meanwhile, the climate assessment report's warning of potentially catastrophic effects is re-energizing those who prescribe aggressive actions.

UC Berkeley's Center for Law, Energy and the Environment issued what it describes as a "roadmap" of steps that must be taken.

"California is at a critical moment in its efforts to protect residents from the extreme weather caused by climate change," Louise Bedsworth, the center's executive director, said. "The next governor will need to demonstrate strong leadership to help the state navigate the intersecting challenges of worsening climate impacts, affordability, and federal hostility to the state's goals."

Xavier Becerra, the former attorney general almost certain to succeed Newsom, has been noncommittal about the issue, especially about the 2035 halt on sales of gas-powered vehicles. It's smart politics given the reversal of popular support.

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

My Brother Died on December 23rd – Does he Get Social Security for December?

By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My question concerns the passing of my brother on December 23, 2025. Since he passed away before the month was over, does that mean he will not receive a Social Security payment for December 2025? Does the fact he passed before the end of December negate him receiving benefits for December 2025? ***Signed: Executor of my Brother's Estate***

Dear Executor Sister: Please accept our sincere condolences on your brother's passing. FYI, according to Social Security law, all SS benefits are paid in the month following the month they are earned, which means two in things in this circumstance: 1. Any SS payment your brother received during the month of December (his month of death) is legally his (or his estate's) because that payment was for the month before he died (November 2025).

2. Any SS benefits received thereafter (e.g., SS benefits paid in January 2026 for the month of December 2025) must be returned to Social Security (the bank which received his SS payments would normally handle this automatically if they were notified of your brother's death).

Social Security benefits are not paid for the month of death because the beneficiary did not live the entire month, and SS benefits are not paid for partial months. So even though your brother lived about 3/4ths of the month of December, he (his estate) will not get any SS benefits for the month of December. Indeed, even those who pass shortly before midnight on the last day of the month do not get Social Security benefits for the month they died.

For additional information, if your brother was married and his wife is still living, she would be entitled to a one-time, lump sum death benefit of $255 (if she is also eligible for her own SS retirement benefit). And, depending on her own SS retirement amount, she might also be eligible for a surviving spouse benefit as your brother's widow.

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The Anti-French Revolt in France

"All my life," Charles de Gaulle famously said, "I have had a certain idea of France." This, though, was presumably not what he had in mind. France has been wracked by riots targeting public buildings and symbols of the nation, as well as ordinary commercial concerns.

Of course, France has a long tradition of unrest on the streets. If someone isn't setting a car alight somewhere in the country in protest, you almost wonder what's gone wrong. In 1968, President de Gaulle himself briefly fled Paris for fear that student protesters were going to topple the government, before finding his nerve.

So, it's not unusual that things are getting wrecked and burned, but the disorder is portentous all the same. It started as demonstrations against underfunded schools and has morphed into a red-green campaign of mayhem ranging much more widely.

Palestinian flags and the slogan "Free Palestine" are ubiquitous. It's not clear what either of these things has to do with burning down the elegant, 19th-century town hall building in Limoges or looting a Louis Vuitton store. But the Palestinian banner has become the equivalent of the North Vietnamese flag in the 1970s -- a symbol of resistance to the West, and in this case, fierce opposition to Zionism and so-called settler-colonialism.

The flag also speaks to the immigrant component of the riots. France has done a poor job of assimilating immigrants and their children, a large portion of whom are Muslims from North Africa, thanks to France's colonial history and, in particular, its incorporation of Algeria into France for a period of time (an insanely unrealistic project).

The problems that France has been creating for itself were foreseeable and, indeed, foreseen. As long ago as March 1959, de Gaulle is reported to have warned: "The Arabs are Arabs, the French are French. Do you think that the French can absorb 10 million Muslims who will tomorrow be 20 million and after tomorrow 40?"

One way to look at these riots is as Frantz Fanon's revenge. What the great mid-20th century theorist of anti-colonial resistance called "the wretched of the earth" are living in the downtrodden suburbs of Paris and, in effect, seeking to colonize the colonizers.

Make no mistake, though -- white radicals, too, have taken a large hand in the disorder. Jean-Luc Melenchon, the leader of an ascendant left-wing party, has participated in the protests and condemned police for their supposedly brutish tactics. He celebrates the "creolization" of France and views immigrants and their children as part of a potential "bloc de rupture" that can revolutionize French politics and shift it radically to the left.

What's ultimately in play is French identity. The country has traditionally had a universalizing mission (whether advancing Christianity or evangelizing for enlightenment values, depending on the regime) joined to a deep pride in the French nation. The rioters, who are illiberal and unpatriotic, aren't much interested in either. Melenchon has said French identity cannot be "a tradition," but is "a creation in permanent evolution." And here, as has often happened in France's history, it is evolving in the streets.

The unrest also serves as a warning that should the French public reject this left-wing vision and turn to the nationalist Marine Le Pen in next year's election, the country will be made ungovernable. With the disorder spreading elsewhere, other Western European countries will also have to take note.

A key element of de Gaulle's "certain idea of France" was its inherent greatness. His beloved France, though, is already a second-rank power. Its debt-to-GDP ratio is 120%, while much of the public apparently believes it is living under intolerable austerity and there is no political will to pull back on spending. An overmatched President Emmanuel Macron, presiding over a restive country, represents an exhausted center that has done much to bring the nation to this point.

Whatever France's immediate future, greatness is not going to be part of the picture.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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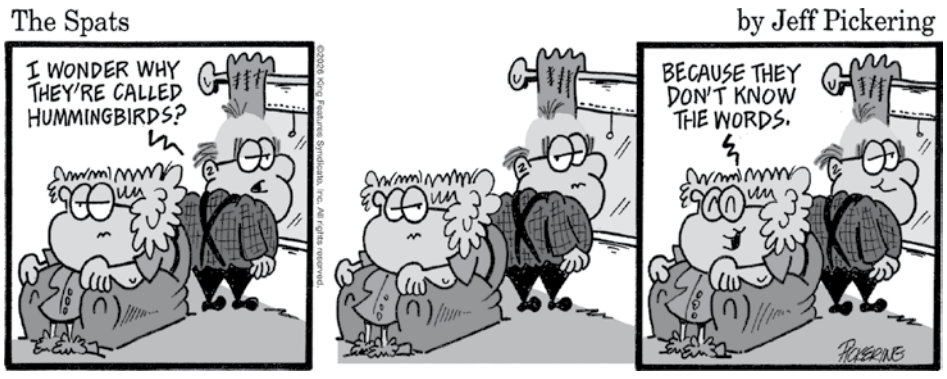

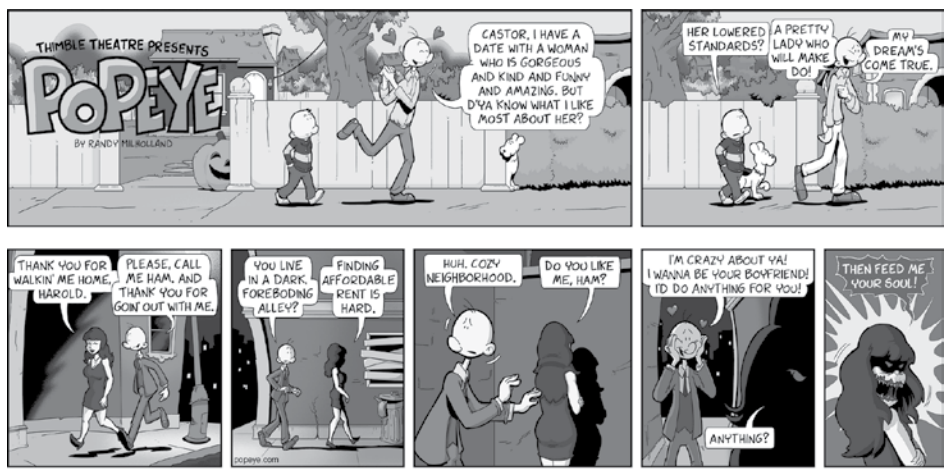

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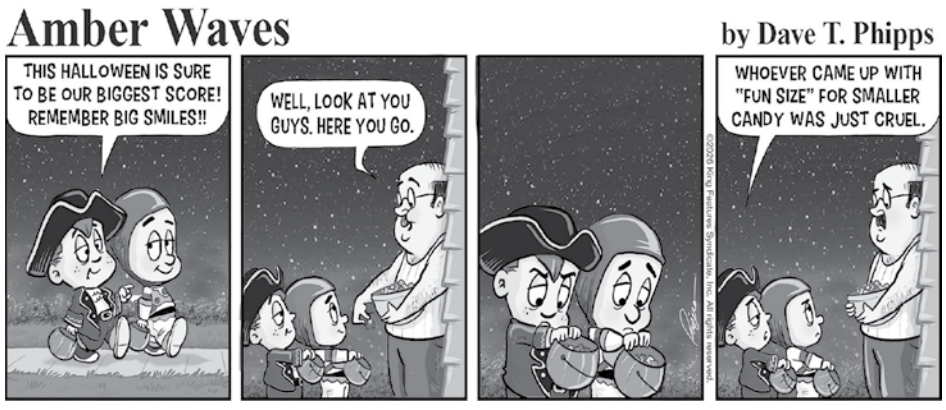

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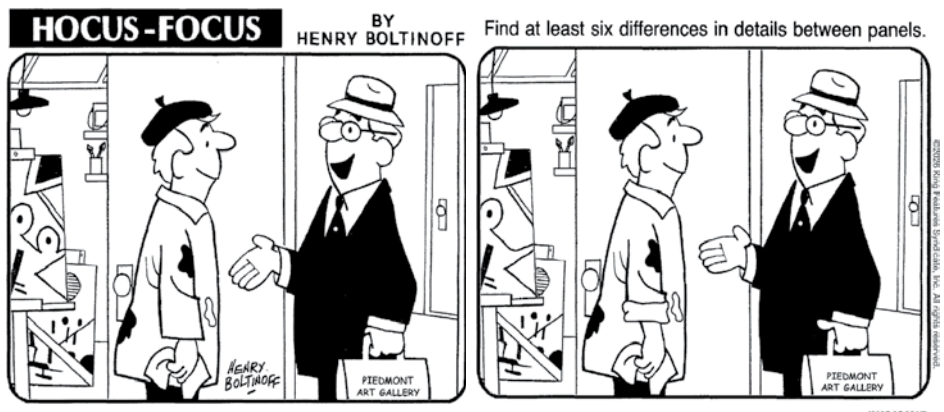

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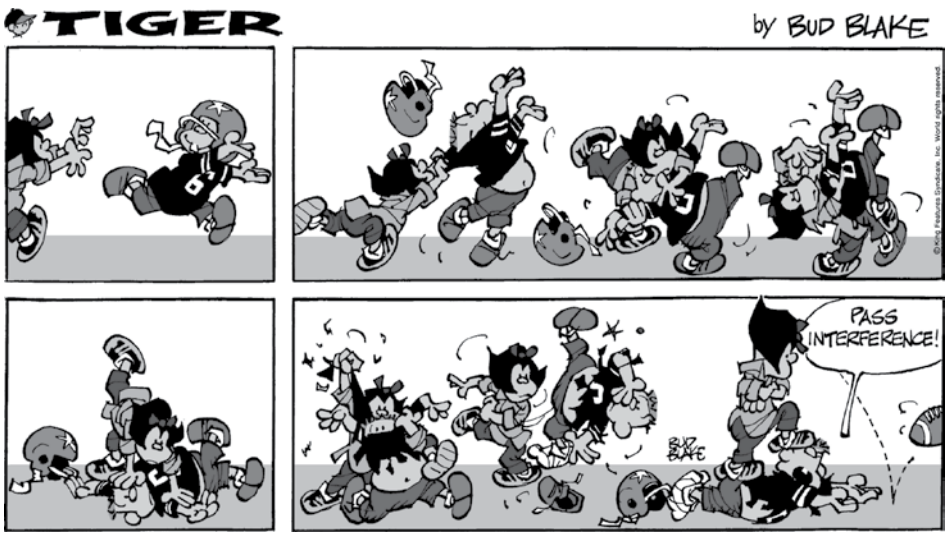

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46. Conventional
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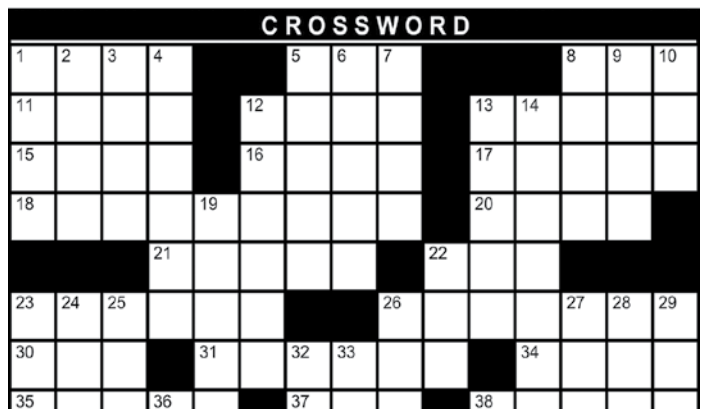

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ABOUT TOWN

Continuing through Sunday, Nov. 1

Pumpkin Patch at Fog Willow Farms

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. See the website at fogwillowfarms.com for information and schedule of activities. 11011 Cecatra Drive, Wilton.

"Oliver!"

Onstage at St. Peter Community Theater. Follow young Oliver Twist through Victorian London in a lively production filled with unforgettable characters, memorable songs, humor, and heart. Evening and matinee performances available at 209-481-8071. 2400 Oxford Way, Lodi.

Halloween at the Fair

3 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds. This October, the Fairgrounds transforms for four huge days of rides, treats, thrills, traditions and Halloween fun for the whole family. Visit the county's largest Trunk-or-Treat and experience the color, culture and traditions of Día de los Muertos with ofrendas, cultural dance, live entertainment, traditional art, food, vendors and more. Free tickets available at halloweenatthefair.com/tickets. 1658 S. Airport Way, Stockton.

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.

Friday, Oct. 30

2026 Monster Mash

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Courthouse Plaza. Main Street Youth & Family Services is excited to welcome our community back for another fun event. Bring the kids, dress up in your favorite costumes, and join us for a free, safe, family-friendly Halloween celebration for children, youth, and families. Candy provided by vendors and community partners. Food options, games, crafts & activities, costumes welcome, and lots of Halloween fun. 306 E. Main St., Stockton.

Stockton Cruise Night

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Waterloo's Gun & Bocce Club. Join us for our annual Trunk-or-Treat finale. It's laid-back evening featuring classic cars, custom builds, lowriders, and modern classics – all in a positive, family-friendly setting. Enjoy local vendors, artists, and small businesses, plus food and cocktails available on-site from Heritage Dining & Provisions. 4343 N. Ashley Ln., Stockton.

Live Music with Phil 'n da Pinots

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Barsetti Vineyards. It's Halloween Party night. Wear your best costume and enjoy a potluck. Call 209-744-6062 for more information and reservations. 400 4th St., #150, Old Town Galt.

Saturday, Oct. 31

Run for the Brains

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Shumway Oak Grove Regional Park. Come have a spooky good time and an even greater run as you make your way through this closed course. This event presented by Kaiser Permanente raises funds and awareness for strokes. Your participation and donations will increase stroke awareness in our community, help reduce the number of strokes, and directly support those with stroke recovery. Registration and more information at runsignup.com. 4000 W. Eight Mile Rd., Stockton.

Halloween at the Historic Ryde Hotel

4 p.m. to 11 p.m. Do you dare to spend Halloween where history never left? Join us for an evening featuring a costume party with prizes for best costume, a spooky dinner buffet, paranormal presentation, ghost hunting with professionals, live music, and more. Choose the event only or packages that include rooms overnight. More information and tickets available at Eventbrite.com. 160 CA-220, Ryde.

Trick or Treat

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at All Roots Allowed. Join us for a costume-friendly night, family fun, treats, and more. 12003 Walmort Rd., Wilton.

Galt Historical Society Halloween

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Rae House Museum. Join us for a free spooky evening, including a haunted house and lots of scary creatures. Plenty of candy available for the kids. 204 Oak St.

Neighborhood Skate Party

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Galt Adventist Church. All are invited to our western-themed neighborhood skate party. We will have skating, food and a live DJ in our gated parking lot. Chili and cornbread will be served. Kids can bring skates, scooters or razors to use. We ask that families bring a bag of individually wrapped candy to share. For more information, call Piper at 916-212-4035 or Toni at 209-327-1010. 619 Myrtle Ave.

Sunday, Nov. 1

4th Annual Dia do los Muertos Festival

Noon to 4:30 p.m. at Big Valley Ford. Celebrate the traditions that bring us together, enjoy live performances and visit ofrendas honoring loved ones. Admission and family activities are free: face painting, Big Al caricatures, a photo booth with a keepsake photo, and trunk-or-treat for kids in costume. Free tacos and beverages while supplies last. Vendors will offer additional items for purchase. 3282 Auto Center Circle, Stockton.

Farm to Table Celebration Fundraiser

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Lindley House. This special gathering supports the Edible Schoolyard's mission of community health and well-being by providing access to food, land, and learning experiences for students and families. Tickets and more information at visitstockton.org/events. 1 Fyffe Ave., Stockton.

Wednesday, Nov. 4 through Saturday, Nov. 8

Sandhill Crane Festival

At Hutchins Street Square. Join us for a variety of tours and activities throughout the Delta. There will also be a Homecoming Banquet on Friday night, painting workshops and family activities, speakers, and more. See lodisandhillcrane.org for a full schedule of activities. 125 S, Hutchins St., Lodi.

Thursday, Nov. 5

Senior Social Dance

Noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Chabolla Community Center. Get ready for an afternoon of music, dancing and fun. Seniors are invited to this free social event. Enjoy snacks and refreshments while catching up with friends and making new connections. 610 Chabolla Ave.

Friday, Nov. 6 through Sunday, Dec. 20

Small Works & Itty-Bitty Mini Art Show

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at the Lodi Art Center. Join us for a joyful 3-in-1 holiday art show featuring small works, itty-bitty mini art, and a special youth division. This event celebrates creativity in small and miniature sizes. There will also be a Reception and Award presentation on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. 110 W. Pine St., Lodi.

Saturday, Nov. 7 and Sunday, Nov. 8

Autumn Pumpkins n'Purrs Cat Show

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. Presented by NexGen Cat Club and Sophisticats Cat Club. See championship cats and kittens, rescue and adoption opportunities, meet breeders and learn about cat breeds. Tickets and more information at nexgencatclub.com/events. 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

Saturday, Nov. 7

Her Fall Forward 5K Run

8 a.m. to noon at Michael Faklis Park. More than just a race, it's a chance to come together and support women and girls in our community. HerVoiceDoesMatter is partnering with Skedaddle to host this event to raise awareness, hope, and remind every woman and girl that their voice matters. A portion of the money raised from this event will be donated to local women and children's shelters to help provide safe housing, food, clothing, and other important resources for families in need. Registration and more details at runsignup.com. 5250 Cosumnes Dr., Stockton.

Galt Saturday Market

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the 4th Street Promenade. This open-air extravaganza features 75+ vendors offering a delightful variety of baked goods, delicious cuisines, home décor, handmade crafts, seasonal flowers, specialty items, and more. This month's theme honors our Veterans, the brave men and women who have served our country. You'll also enjoy live entertainment and activities the whole family can enjoy. Come enjoy sunshine, shopping, and small-town charm. 4th and C Streets.

LOEL Senior Center Lobstermania

5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Lodi Grape Festival Pavilion. Join us for an unforgettable evening as we support and help enrich the lives of seniors in the greater Lodi area. Your participation directly fuels programs that promote nutrition, social connection, and housing stability, strengthening our community together. Tickets and more information at loelcenter.org/events. 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

SAVE THE DATE: Veterans Day Parade

American Legion Post 233 will be the lead Veterans organization for the 2026 Veteran's Day Parade in Elk Grove. Details to follow.

Thursday, Nov. 12

Galt Veteran's Memorial Benefit Lasagna Dinner

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Galt Seventh-day Adventist Church. Adults, $12, children 7 and under, free. Veterans and current service members are served free. Door prize with purchase of dinner ticket and other raffle prize tickets will be available. Take out available too. Sponsored by the Galt Seventh-day Adventist Church. 619 Myrtle Ave.

Ongoing Events

Galt Café & Cars – every second Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at Café Latte. Open to cars, trucks, bicycles, motorcycles and anything else with wheels. Next event is Saturday, Nov. 14. 1000 C St.

Twin Cities Cruisers Cars and Coffee – last Sunday of every month, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Life's Grind coffee house in the Raley's shopping center. All makes and models are welcome. 10420 Twin Cities Road.

Widowed Persons Social Club – Oct. 30, Noon: Bingo Party at the Oaks Mobile Home Park Clubhouse, 116 Calle Entrada, Elk Grove. Contact DeAnna at 916-760-7474.

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

Wilton Bingo – First Saturday each month. The next bingo will be on Saturday, Nov. 7 in the Wilton Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available for sale and Bingo starts at 6 p.m. All proceeds go to two nonprofits: the local Park Council and the Wilton History Group. 9717 Colony Road at Dillard Road, Wilton.

Library Events

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

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

Tuesday, Nov. 3: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (WG)

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

Friday, Nov. 6: 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 will be reading and discussing "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride. (WG)

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

Veterans Meetings

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

American Legion Post 233 and Auxiliary Unit 233 – general meetings the fourth Thursday each month at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 9240 Survey Road, Elk Grove. Dinner at 6 p.m. EXCEPTION: November meeting will be the third Thursday, Nov. 19, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. No meeting in December.

Post 233 Family Breakfast – first Saturday each month at 9 a.m., Mimi's Café, corner of Laguna Boulevard and West Stockton Boulevard (just off Highway 99) in Elk Grove. For more information, call Henry at 916-205-9296 C or Sue at 916-683-6128 H.

Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 233 – first Monday each month at 5:45 p.m. at the Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove.

Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 has a Rider's Chapter #233 that meets at District 56. Point of contact is Steven Hernandez at shernandez64@comcast.net. Any member of the Legion, Sons and/or Auxiliary who has a motorcycle is welcome to join. 8230 Civic Center Dr., Elk Grove.

Marine Corps League Detachment #1238 – first Thursday each month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove.

Veterans of Galt – local veterans meet at 9 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month at the Galt Place Apartments meeting room. For more information, call Tom at 530-386-2721 or Brian at 209-404-5022. All veterans are welcome. 400 D St.

VFW Post 2073 – second Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove. For more information, call 916-684-3849. ★

Former Contractors Behind Anchored Tiny Homes Face Felony Charges

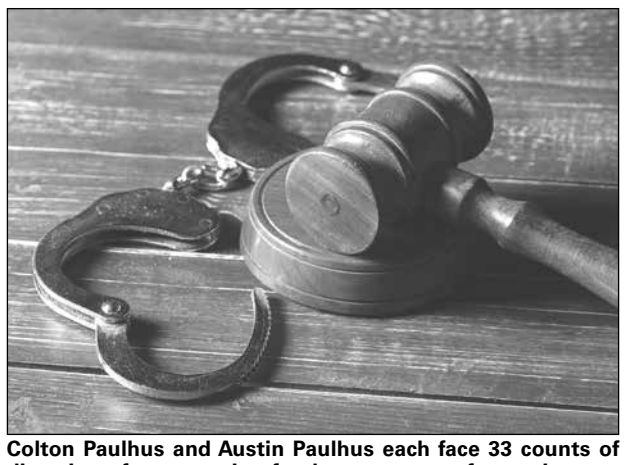
Contractors State License Board News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Following investigations by the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) and Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, two brothers behind former company Anchored Tiny Homes have been charged with 35 felony counts related to unfinished accessory dwelling unit (ADU) projects.

Colton Paulhus and Austin Paulhus each face 33 counts of diversion of construction funds, one count of conspiracy to commit a crime, and one count of employee wage theft. Their charges come after CSLB investigated more than 200 consumer complaints across 18 California counties alleging abandoned ADU projects, unpaid subcontractors, payments in advance of work performed or often not performed and funds paid by homeowners that were not used for the homeowners' projects.

A settlement conference hearing initially scheduled for last week has been continued until Jan. 12, 2027.

Due to the volume and severity of the allegations, CSLB pursued a criminal investigation against Anchored Tiny Homes and took the most serious administrative enforcement action available to the Board by filing an accusation with the California Attorney General's Office seeking revocation of its contractor's license. CSLB revoked Anchored Tiny Homes' license in Nov. 2024.



Colton Paulhus and Austin Paulhus each face 33 counts of diversion of construction funds, one count of conspiracy to commit a crime, and one count of employee wage theft. Photo designed by Magnific

After the revocation, CSLB continued to receive and investigate consumer complaints, and in collaboration with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, began referring cases for possible criminal charges.

CSLB remains committed to protecting consumers from financial harm and ensuring integrity within California's construction industry. The Board's investigative and enforcement efforts play a critical role in reducing and preventing unlawful activity and unprofessional conduct in California's construction industry.

Contractors building ADUs must follow home improvement payment law restrictions regarding down payment and additional payments, known as progress payments. Down payments should never exceed $1,000 or 10 percent of the project's total cost, whichever is less. Any additional payments cannot exceed the value of the work performed or material delivered. CSLB's Fast Facts: Tips for Building a Residential Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) outlines other important information about ADUs.

For ongoing information and updates, visit www.cslb.ca.gov. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

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Hand in Hand Women's Day of Unity, 771 Adare Way, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hand in Hand Women's Day of Unity" 771 Adare Way, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 23, 2026
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Glenda Hart Aitkens and Daryl A Aitkens, 604 Pringle Avenue #79, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Once Upon a Tyne" 604 Pringle Avenue #79, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 16, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-06585
Laura Alicia Origel, 126 S. Emerald Oak Drive, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Laura Cleaning Services" 126 S. Emerald Oak Drive, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 24, 2026
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LAURA 11-6-26

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Bay Area Sign, 868 Lariat Loop, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Aloha Electric Sign Company" 868 Lariat Loop, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 7, 2026
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Freedom Research LLC, 10430 Twin Cities Road #281, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Freedom Capital/ Freedom Performance/ Freedom Consulting" 10430 Twin Cities Road #281, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 2, 2026
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FREEDOM 11-13-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-07889
Twin Cities Espresso Inc, 942 Fermoy Way, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lifes Grind Coffee House" 10420 Twin Cities Road Suite 10, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 9, 2026
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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV025106
Megan Lynne Hausauer has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Rosa Lynn Cardona to Rosa Lynn Hausauer.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 28, 2027, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8C, 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: October 20, 2026
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
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TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No.: 2606090456-4 Notice of Trustee's Sale Loan No.: 1910179 Order No. 95534028 APN: 148-0020-021-0000 Property Address: 12351 East Stockton Blvd Galt, CA 95632 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 12/6/2019. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceeding Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. No cashier's checks older than 60 days from the day of sale will be accepted. Trustor: KFD Family Living Trust, Diane C. Dodge, Trustee Duly Appointed Trustee: Total Lender Solutions Inc, Recorded 12/11/2019 as Instrument No. 201912111119 in book n/a, page n/a of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale: 11/24/2026 at 9:30 AM Place of Sale: outside the south-facing exit of Sacramento City Hall in the courtyard at 916 H Street, Sacramento Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: $1,385,829.75 (estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 12351 East Stockton Blvd Galt, CA 95632 Legal Description: Please See Attached Exhibit "A" The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice To Property Owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (877) 440-4460 or visit this Internet website www.mkconsultantsinc.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2606090456-4. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice To Tenant: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (877) 440-4460, or visit this internet website www.mkconsultantsinc.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2606090456-4 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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF GALT MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

Notice is hereby given that the Galt Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of Galt City Hall, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California, on the date and time indicated below, or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard, to receive and consider all evidence and reports relative to the Galt Municipal Code Amendment described herein. The Planning Commission will take action on the proposed Ordinance amending the Galt Municipal Code.

PROJECT TITLE: Ordinance Amending the City of Galt Municipal Code Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Ordinance will amend Chapter 18 Section 16.080 of the Galt Municipal Code to comply with recent changes to state law that impose new limits on the local authority to regulate Accessory Dwelling Units ("ADUs") and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units ("JADUs"). The Planning Commission's action serves as a recommendation to the City Council.

The project is exempt from CEQA.

OWNER/APPLICANT: City of Galt
495 Industrial Dr.,
Galt, CA 95632

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING:

DATE AND TIME: The Planning Commission for the City of Galt will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 12, 2026, at 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard. The meeting will be in person at the Galt City Council Chambers at City Hall, 380 Civic Drive, Galt.

The agenda packet will be published on November 5, 2026, and will be available for review on the City's website and in person at the Community Development Department, 495 Industrial Drive, Galt, CA 95632 during normal business hours. Please contact Kristyn Bitz, Principal Planner at 209-366-7230 or **kbitz@cityofgalt.org** with questions.

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

Dated: October 23, 2026

\s\ *Kristyn Bitz*
Kristyn Bitz, Principal Planner

\s*Tina Hubert*
Tina Hubert, City Clerk

The Galt Herald 10-30-2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DESIGN REVIEW (PROJECT ARCHITECTURE) FOR LIBERTY RANCH VILLAGE 12 (THE LEGACY BY KB HOMES)

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

PROJECT TITLE: Liberty Ranch Village 12 Design Review

PROJECT LOCATION: North of the Union Pacific Railroad Amador Spur, west of Cherokee Lane, south of Officer Grewal Parkway, and east of McIntyre Street (APN 148-1240-018).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project is in the 56-lot Village 12 of Phase 2 of the Eastview Specific Plan (Liberty Ranch) The Project contains five (5) floor plans. Each floor plan offers three (3) elevation options: Coastal, Farmhouse, and Santa Barbara. Each elevation features three (3) color and material schemes. All floor plans are single-story ranging in size from 1,569 square feet to 2,396 square feet. The proposed square footage for each house and elevation meets the minimum specific plan requirements.

OWNER/APPLICANT: 510 LR Development LLC
650 Town Center Dr. Ste 840
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

KB Home Sacramento Inc.
3005 Douglas Blvd. Ste 250
Roseville, CA 95661

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Date and Time: The Planning Commission for the City of Galt will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 12, 2026, at 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard. The meeting will be in person at the Galt City Council Chambers at City Hall, 380 Civic Drive, Galt.

The agenda packet will be published on November 5, 2026, and will be available for review on the City's website and in person at the Community Development Department at 495 Industrial Drive, Galt, CA 95632 during normal business hours. Please contact Kristyn Bitz, Principal Planner at 209-366-7230 or email **kbitz@cityofgalt.org** with questions.

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

Dated: October 23, 2026

\s\ *Kristyn Bitz*
Kristyn Bitz, Principal Planner

\s*Tina Hubert*
Tina Hubert, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF GALT COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2020-1 (PUBLIC SERVICES) (ANNEXATION NO. 13, LIPPI RANCH)

Notice is hereby given that the Galt City Council will hold a Public Hearing on the date and time indicated below, or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard, to receive and consider all evidence and reports relative to the application described herein. The City Council will take action on the Project.

PROJECT TITLE: Annexation No. 13 (Lippi Ranch) to the Community Facilities District No. 2020-1 (Lippi Ranch)

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed annexation area consists of 1 parcel encompassing the Lippi Ranch project north of Downing Drive, east of Freedom Blvd, south of F Street, west of the Union Pacific Rail Road, in the southwest portion of the City of Galt.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City Council will conduct a public hearing with the following recommendations:

1. Conduct public hearing.
2. Approve resolution of the City Council of the City of Galt, California, calling a Special Election and submitting to the qualified electors of territory proposed to be annexed to the City of Galt Community Facilities District No. 2020-1 (Public Services), County of Sacramento, State of California, the question of levying special taxes within that Territory (Annexation No. 13 Lippi Ranch).
4. Conduct election.
5. Approve resolution of the City Council of the City of Galt, acting in its capacity as the legislative body of City of Galt Community Facilities District No. 2020-1 (Public Services), County of Sacramento, State of California, declaring the results of a special election in such Community Facilities District on the proposition of the annual levy of special taxes within the territory proposed to be annexed to said Community Facilities District to pay the cost of certain services to be provided by the Community Facilities District, determining that the territory proposed to be annexed is added to and part of said Community Facilities District with full legal effect, and ordering the recording of a map of the boundaries of said Community Facilities District including the territory annexed thereto (Annexation No. 13 Lippi Ranch).
6. Conduct a first reading of the Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Galt authorizing the levy of special taxes in Community Facilities District, including certain annexation territory identified as Annexation No. 13 (Lippi Ranch) into City of Galt Community Facilities District No. 2020-1 (Public Services) to complete the annexation of the property to the Community Facilities District.

PROPERTY OWNER: LGI Homes - California LLC
2251 Douglas Blvd, Suite 110
Roseville, CA 95661

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING:

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, November 17, 2026, 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter that the matter can be heard.

Email public comments to the City Clerk at **pubcom@cityofgalt.org**. If you have issues submitting a written public comment via any of these delivery options or have further questions about the hearing or the proposed project, please contact Fritz Buchman at **publicworks@cityofgalt.org** or 209-366-7260.

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Dated: _____

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

\s\Tina Hubert
Tina Hubert, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP, A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR ONE CONVENIENCE MARKET, A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR ONE RESTAURANT WITH DRIVE-THOUGH, A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR ONE CAR WASH, AND DESIGN REVIEW (PROJECT ARCHITECTURE) FOR THE CARILLION BOULEVARD COMMERCIAL CENTER PROJECT

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

PROJECT TITLE: Carillion Boulevard Commercial Center

PROJECT LOCATION: North of Lake Park Ave; east of Carillion Blvd., west of Comfrey Senior Apartments, and south of Twin Cities Road (APN 148-1110-002).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project includes a Tentative Parcel Map (TPM), three Conditional Use Permits (CUPs), and Design Review (Project Architecture). The TPM will subdivide the existing 11.56± parcel into four separate parcels. Parcel 1 (2.26± acres), Parcel 3 (5.98± acres), and Parcel 4 (2.27± acres) have no associated development proposal at this time and will be developed later. Parcel 2 is 1.04± acres and is the site of the proposed commercial development which includes a gas station with eight fuel dispensers, one 3,000 sq. ft. convenience store, one 800 sq. ft. retail space, one 1,800 sq. ft. fast food restaurant, and one 3,000 sq. ft. car wash. The gas station and retail space uses are both permitted by right in the Commercial zoning district. The convenience store, drive-through restaurant, and car wash require approval of a Conditional Use Permit to operate in the Commercial zoning district.

Thie proposed project is exempt from CEQA.

OWNER/APPLICANT: Twin Cities Petro Inc
8012 Goldenleaf Way
Sacramento, CA 95829

Magallon Construction Co., Inc
P.O. Box 787
Hughson, CA 95326

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Dated: October 23, 2026

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Kristyn Bitz, Principal Planner

\s*Tina Hubert*
Tina Hubert, City Clerk

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Defendant Sentenced to 650 Years-Life for Child Sexual Assaults

Sacramento County District Attorney's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Oct. 15, the Honorable Kenneth Brody sentenced Michael Jones to 650 years to life in state prison. On Sept. 17, Jones was convicted by a jury of 16 counts of child sexual assault. Aggravating factors of substantial sexual conduct and multiple victims were also found true.

When the first victim was 11 to 13 years old, Michael Jones committed hundreds of sexual acts against her, including intercourse and sodomy. Jones initially began by grooming the victim and quickly progressed his conduct. When the victim disclosed the abuse, Jones fled and remained hidden from law enforcement for seven years. During this time, Jones began sexually assaulting another child when she was 9 years old.

Under current California law, Jones (age 43) would have become eligible for release at an Elder Parole hearing once he turned 50 years old and served 20 years of his 650 years to life prison sentence. With the passage of AB 2727, Jones will not become eligible for release at an Elder Parole hearing until he turns 65 years old and has served 25 years of his 650 years to life prison sentence.

Also, before any parole, Jones will receive an evaluation to determine if he is a Sexually Violent Predator (SVP). If he is deemed to be an SVP, he will face an indeterminate civil commitment to a secure state hospital facility for psychiatric treatment.

Additional material on Elder Parole can be found at sacda.org. ★

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written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. When submitting funds for a bid subject to Section 2924m, please make the funds payable to "Total Lender Solutions, Inc. Holding Account". If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed upon sale will be issued for covered transfers. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#D_5 Date: 10/19/2026 Total Lender Solutions Inc, 10505 Sorrento Valley Road, Suite 125 San Diego, CA 92121 Phone: 866-535-3736 Sale Line: (877) 440-4460 By: Diana Rivera, Authorized Signatory Exhibit "A" Legal Description All That Portion Of Tract 53 As Shown On The "Map Of The Rancho San Jon Del Los Mokelumnes Shown The Land Awarded To All Parties Interest In Said Rancho According To The Decree, Surveyed And Compiled By Order Of The Referees By Thos S. Stephens", As The Same Is Described In Decree 8577, District Court, 2nd Series In The Case Of John F. Mc Cauley, Plaintiff, Vs. Obed Harvey, Et Al, Defendants, Dated December 11, 1876, And Recorded In Judgment No. 1 Of The District Court, On Page 385, Et Seq. Records Of Sacramento County Clerk's Office, California, Lying East Of The Upper Stockton Road, Containing 204 Acres, More Or Less. Excepting Therefrom The Following: (A) 20 Acres Conveyed By A Deed Dated April 14, 1910, Recorded August 1, 1910, In Book 311 Of Deed, At Page 124, Sacramento County Records, Executed By Edward A. Riley To John Baker And Emma H. Baker, His Wife. (B) 60 Acres Conveyed By A Deed Dated March 21, 1910, Recorded May 10, 1910, In Book 311 Of Deeds At Page 18, Executed By E. A. Riley To Commodore Perry Karr And Clara V. Karr, His Wife. (C) 17.46 Acres Conveyed By A Deed Dated January 2, 1924, Recorded January 16, 1924, In Book 657 Of Deeds At Page 20, Executed By Edward A. Riley To Squire S. Lavering And Mahala Jane Lavering, His Wife; (D) All That Portion Thereof Conveyed By Deed Dated May 2, 1928, Recorded June 11, 1928 In Book 195 Of Official Records At Page 81, Series No. 11038, Executed By Elizabeth D. Riley To The State Of California. (E) All That Portion Thereof Condemned To The State Of California, Plaintiff, From T. E. Riley, Defendant, Case No. 103356, Dated September 18, 1956, Recorded September 18, 1956 In Book 3160 Of Official Records At Page 20, Series No. 68350.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALT, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE GALT MUNICIPAL CODE MEMBERSHIP – APPOINTMENT AND TERMS SECTIONS OF VARIOUS CITY COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

WHEREAS, the Galt Municipal Code currently provides that committee and commission members appointed by individual City Council Members serve terms that run concurrently with the term of the appointing Council Member; and

WHEREAS, having an appointed committee or commission member's term immediately expire when the appointing Council Member leaves office following a municipal election, potentially creating vacancies before new appointments can be made can be logistically problematic; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento County's election canvass period and the timing of City Council appointments may delay committee and commission appointments until February of the following calendar year; and

WHEREAS, vacancies following a municipal election may interrupt committee business, delay quorum, and reduce continuity on the City's advisory bodies; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that clarifying appointed members shall continue serving through January 31 of the calendar year after the end of the appointing Council Member's term will promote continuity of committee and commission operations while allowing sufficient time for appointment of successor members; and

WHEREAS, the Code is also currently silent as to whether a committee/commission member is to remain in his or her office if there is an unscheduled vacancy for the appointing council member's seat (e.g., due to resignation of office); and

WHEREAS, to ensure continuity of government, the updated language clarifies that should such a vacancy occur, the incumbent committee/commission member shall remain in his or her office until the successor council member attends his or her first council meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALT, CALIFORNIA, does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Findings. The recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.

SECTION 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Code Membership – Appointment and Terms sections of the Beautification Committee, Commission on Aging, Galt Youth Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, and the Public Safety Committee to clarify that members appointed to city committee and commissions by individual city council members shall continue serving through January 31 of the next calendar year as reflected in Exhibit A to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Authority. The City Council enacts this Ordinance under the authority granted to cities by Article XI, Section 7 of the California Constitution.

SECTION 4. Amendment to GMC. Galt Municipal Code sections 2.90.050, 2.97.050, 2.85.050, 2.75.050, 2.70.050, and 2.95.050 are hereby amended and replaced, in their entirety, as reflected on Attachment A, incorporated by this reference, as though fully set forth herein.

SECTION 5. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable. This City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof.

SECTION 6. CEQA. Based upon the whole of the administrative record before it, the ity Council hereby finds that amending the Galt Municipal Code Membership-Appointment and Terms Sections of the city created committees and commissions is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.) sections 15061(b)(3), 15320, and 15378(b)(3). Adoption of this Ordinance is an organizational and administrative activity of the City, and does not have the potential to result in either a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and is therefore not a project for purposes of CEQA. (State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15061(b)(3); 15378(b)(5).) In the event adoption of this Ordinance does constitute a project, it is categorically exempt under the Class 20 (Changes in the Organization of Local Governments) categorical exemption. (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15320.) Further, none of the exceptions to the exemptions found in State CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its final passage and adoption. Within fifteen (15) days after its final passage, the City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published in full in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code, or as otherwise authorized by Section 36933.

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced and the title thereof read at the regular meeting of the City Council the 6th day of October, 2026 and by unanimous vote of the City Council members present, further reading was waived.

On motion by Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Sandhu, the foregoing Ordinance was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Galt at a regular meeting thereof, this 20th day of October, 2026 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Council Members: Reed, Pratton, Sandhu, Farmer, Rodriguez
NOES: Council Members:
ABSTAIN: Council Members:
ABSENT: Council Members:

/s/ Bonnie Rodriguez
MAYOR, City of Galt

ATTEST:

/s/ Tina Hubert
City Clerk, City of Galt

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALT AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES IN A COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT, INCLUDING CERTAIN ANNEXATION TERRITORY IDENTIFIED AS ANNEXATION NO. 11 (ELLIOTT), INTO CITY OF GALT COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2020-1 (PUBLIC SERVICES)

A. Recital

WHEREAS, the City Council (the "City Council") of the City of Galt (the "City") has established the City of Galt Community Facilities District No. 2020-1 (Public Services), County of Sacramento, State of California (the "District") for the purpose of levying special taxes on parcels of taxable property therein for the purpose of providing certain services which are necessary to meet increased demands placed upon the City as a result of the development of said real property; and

WHEREAS, the rate and method of apportionment of special tax for the District is set forth in Exhibit "B" to the City Council Resolution No. 2026-73, which was adopted on August 18, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City has conducted proceedings to annex territory into the District and, with respect to the proceedings, following an election of the qualified electors in the territory proposed for annexation (the "Annexation Territory"), the City Council, on October 6, 2026, adopted a Resolution which declared the results of the special election and determined that the territory proposed to be annexed is added to and part of the District.

B. Ordinance

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALT, CALIFORNIA, ACTING IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE CITY OF GALT COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2020-1 (PUBLIC SERVICES), COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. By the passage of this Ordinance, the City Council hereby authorizes and levies the special tax within the District, including the Annexation Territory, pursuant to the Community Facilities District Law, at the rate and in accordance with the rate and method of apportionment of special tax set forth in Resolution No. 2026-73, which rate and method is by this reference incorporated herein. The special tax has previously been levied in the original territory of the District beginning in Fiscal Year 2020-21 pursuant to Ordinance No. 2020-03 passed and adopted by the City Council on June 16, 2020, and the special tax is hereby levied commencing in Fiscal Year 2027-28 in the District, including the Annexation Territory identified as Annexation No. 11, and in each fiscal year thereafter to pay for the services for the District and the costs of administering the District.

Section 3. The City Manager of the City or designee or employee or consultant of the City is hereby authorized and directed each fiscal year to determine the specific special tax to be levied for the next ensuing fiscal year for each parcel of real property within the District, including the Annexation Territory, in the manner and as provided in Resolution No. 2026-73.

Section 4. Exemptions from the levy of the special tax shall be as provided in Resolution No. 2026-73 and the applicable provisions of the Community Facilities District Law. In no event shall the special tax be levied on any parcel within the District in excess of the maximum special tax specified in Resolution No. 2026- 73.

Section 5. All of the collections of the special tax shall be used as provided in the Community Facilities District Law and in Resolution No. 2026-73, including, but not limited to, the payment of the costs of the services, the payment of the costs of the City in administering the District, and the costs of collecting and administering the special tax.

Section 6. The special tax shall be collected in the same manner and at the same time as ordinary ad *valorem* taxes are collected and shall have the same lien priority, and be subject to the same penalties and the same procedure and sale in cases of delinquency as provided for ad *valorem* taxes; provided, however, that the District may collect Special Taxes at a different time or in a different manner if necessary to meet its financial obligations. The City Manager of the City, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to provide all necessary information to the auditor/tax collector of the County of Sacramento in order to effect proper billing and collection of the special tax, so that the special tax shall be included on the secured property tax roll of the County of Sacramento for Fiscal Year 2027-28 and for each fiscal year thereafter until no longer required to pay for the Services or until otherwise terminated by the City.

Section 7. If for any reason any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid, or if the special tax is found inapplicable to any particular parcel within the District, including the Annexation Territory, by a court of competent jurisdiction, the balance of this Ordinance and the application of the special tax to the remaining parcels within the District, including the Annexation Territory, shall not be affected.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its adoption. Within fifteen (15) days after its adoption, the City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance, or a summary of it, to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Galt.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced and the title thereof read at the regular meeting of the City Council the 6th day of October, 2026 and by unanimous vote of the Council members present, further reading was waived.

On a motion by Council Member Reed, seconded by Council Member Sandhu, the foregoing ordinance was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Galt at a regular meeting thereof, this 6th day of October 2026, by the following vote, to wit:

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/s/ Bonnie Rodriguez
MAYOR, City of Galt

ATTEST:

/s/ Tina Hubert
City Clerk, City of Galt

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Where Dedication Creates Champions

Robinson's Taekwondo Galt Shines at 70th UWTA Black Belt Testing & National Championship

By Paige Lampson

RENO, NV (MPG) - Champions aren't made in one weekend. They are built through discipline, consistency, hard work and the determination to keep showing up.

That commitment was proudly represented by the students and instructors of Robinson's Taekwondo Galt at the 70th UWTA Black Belt Testing & National Championship in Reno, Sept. 25–26. The event drew competitors and candidates from across the United States for two days of testing, sparring, forms, and celebration — and the Galt team arrived ready to represent the work they had put in long before the first whistle blew.

"Our students train three to five days every week, developing their skills through countless hours of practice, repetition, correction, and perseverance," said Master Instructor Connie Hilaman.

In Reno, that dedication turned into an impressive weekend of new Black Belts, National Championship placements, tournament victories and prestigious instructor and competitor honors. What the scoreboard recorded over two days was simply the visible portion of a commitment that had been building for years.

Black Belt Testing — Veronica Rodriguez and Luciano Astete, 1st Dan Black Belt; Francisco Ramis and Oscar Garcia, 2nd Dan Black Belt. Courtesy photo

UWTA Kickoff Tournament — Jorge Ramos, Luciano Astete, Fernanda Rivera, Francisco Ramis, Veronica Rodriguez, and Alexis Ortega (not pictured). Courtesy photo

Four new black belt achievements

Veronica Rodriguez — 1st Dan Black Belt

Luciano Astete — 1st Dan Black Belt

Francisco Ramis — 2nd Dan Black Belt

Oscar Garcia — 2nd Dan Black Belt

According to Robnson's Taekwondo, a Black Belt is more than a rank. It represents the discipline to train when training is difficult, the humility to learn from correction, and the determination to continue improving year after year. For Veronica and Luciano, the weekend marked the beginning of a new chapter as first-degree Black Belts. For Francisco and Oscar, it marked the next step — a second-degree promotion that reflects not only technical growth but maturity, patience, and a willingness to be held to a higher standard.

Every one of those four belts was earned in the same way: one class at a time, one correction at a time, one practice at a time.

National championship results

Jorge Ramos — 1st Place, 18 & Over Black Belt Male Sparring

Jorge Ramos — 2nd Place, 15–17 Black Belt Male Sparring

Francisco Ramis — 2nd Place, 13–14 Black Belt Male Sparring

Fernanda Rivera — 3rd Place, 9–10 Black Belt Female Sparring

Victoria Rivera — Competed, 11–12 Black Belt Female Division

Alexis Ortega — 1st Place, 18 & Over Poomsae (not pictured)

Jorge Ramos delivered one of the standout performances of the weekend, taking first place in the 18 & Over Black Belt Male Sparring division and adding a second-place finish in the 15–17 Black Belt Male Sparring division. He entered both divisions — two different age groups on the same national stage — and reached the podium in both. Francisco Ramis fought his way to second place in a deep 13–14 Black Belt Male Sparring bracket, while Fernanda Rivera earned third place in the 9–10 Black Belt Female Sparring division. Victoria Rivera stepped onto the floor in the 11–12 Black Belt Female division, gaining valuable championship experience against elite competition. Alexis Ortega claimed first place in 18 & Over Poomsae, capping the weekend with a national title in forms.

UWTA kickoff tournament results

Jorge Ramos — 1st Place, 18 & Over Black Belt Male Sparring

Luciano Astete — 1st Place, 9–10 Black Belt Male Sparring

Luciano Astete — 2nd Place, Rapid Kick, 9–10

Fernanda Rivera — 2nd Place, 11–12 Black Belt Female Sparring

Francisco Ramis — 3rd Place, 15–17 Black Belt Male Sparring

Veronica Rodriguez — 3rd Place, 31–45 Black Belt Female Sparring

Alexis Ortega — 1st Place, Black Belt Women's Poomsae

The Kickoff Tournament added another layer of hardware to the weekend. Jorge Ramos took first place in 18 & Over Black Belt Male Sparring, and Alexis Ortega won Black Belt Women's Poomsae. Luciano Astete, fresh off his 1st Dan promotion, won first place in 9–10 Black Belt Male Sparring and added second place in Rapid Kick — a strong debut in the Black Belt divisions. Fernanda Rivera earned second place in 11–12 Black Belt Female Sparring, while Francisco Ramis took third in 15–17 Black Belt Male Sparring and Veronica Rodriguez took third in 31–45 Black Belt Female Sparring, stepping into competition in her new rank and leaving with a medal.

Excellence in leadership

The weekend ended with even more reason to celebrate at the 70th Black Belt Testing Celebration Awards at the Reno Ballroom, where two Robinson's Taekwondo Galt instructors received outstanding recognition.

Fatima Rivera — Instructor of the Year

Jorge Ramos — Competitor of the Year & Instructor of the Year

These achievements demonstrate what consistent training can produce. Instructor of the Year is not awarded for a single strong performance; it is recognition of the daily work of teaching — the patience to break down a technique for the tenth time, the eye to catch a small correction, and the consistency to hold students to a standard while still making them want to come back tomorrow. Jorge Ramos's dual recognition as both Competitor of the Year and Instructor of the Year is a rare combination: the same person who steps onto the floor and wins is also the one standing on the side of it, preparing the next generation to do the same.

"People see the medals and the Black Belts, but they don't see the Tuesday nights, the early Saturdays, and the hundreds of small corrections that came before any of it. Our students train three to five days a week — not because it's easy, but because that is what it takes. Dedication is what creates champions. The trophies are just the receipt," said Master Instructor Connie Hilaman.

That philosophy is the thread running through everything the school does. At Robinson's Taekwondo Galt, students don't simply learn how to kick and spar. Through regular training, they are challenged to develop discipline, perseverance, confidence, focus, respect, and the work ethic to pursue meaningful goals — qualities that follow them out of the dojang and into school, work, and life.

The medals are exciting. The Black Belts are milestones. The awards are an honor.

But the greatest achievement is developing students who understand that success must be earned.

To every student who tested, every competitor who stepped onto the floor, and every instructor who helped prepare them: congratulations. Your accomplishments are a reflection of the hours you invested, the challenges you overcame, and your commitment to becoming better with every practice. To the families who drove to class on the days it would have been easier to stay home, and who made the trip to Reno to cheer from the stands — thank you. None of this happens without you.

Reno was a weekend to remember. But the work that made it possible happened long before September, and it will continue long after — in the same room, with the same standard, one student at a time. ★

Fatima Rivera, Instructor of the Year, and Jorge Ramos, Competitor of the Year and Instructor of the Year. Courtesy photo

JV Warriors Can't Close Gap

Story and photo by Paige Lampson

SUTTER CREEK, CA (MPG) - Galt's junior varsity football team made the trip to Sutter Creek on Friday night and came home on the short end of a 27-14 decision against Amador.

Neither team scored in the opening quarter, and the game stayed tight into the half. Galt put eight points on the board in the second period, but Amador answered with 14 to take a 14-8 lead into the break.

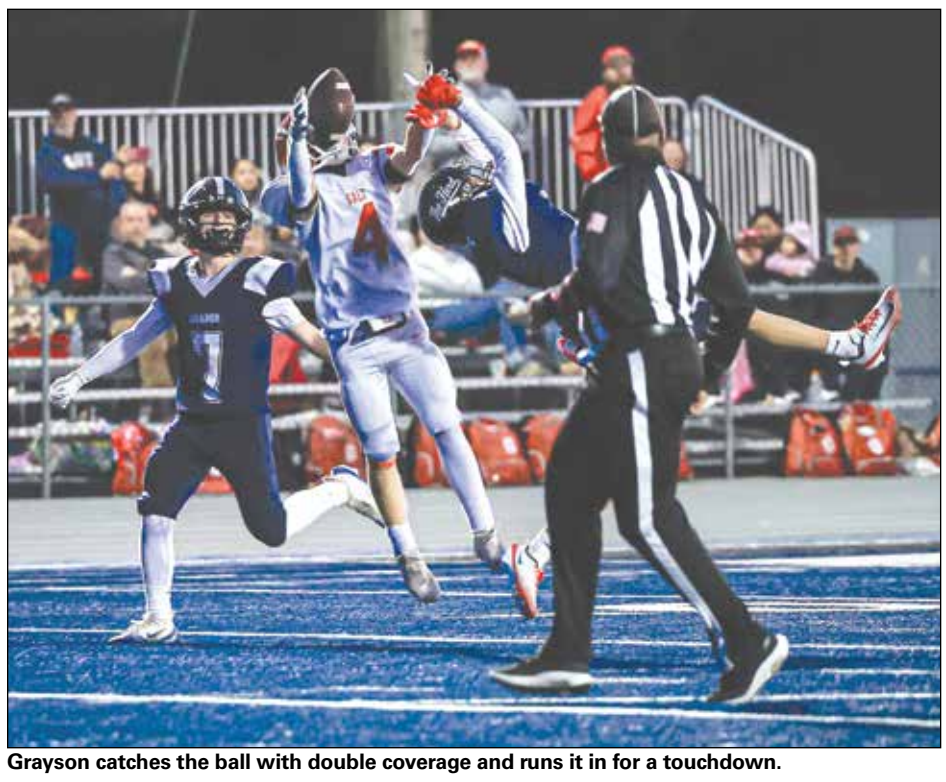
The Warriors stayed within reach after halftime, adding six points in the third quarter while holding the Buffaloes to seven, and went to the fourth trailing 21-14. Amador closed it out with the only score of the final period to seal the win.

Sophomore Michael Silva carried the load on the ground for Galt, running 12 times for 88 yards and the Warriors' rushing touchdown, an average of 7.3 yards per carry with a long of 19. Freshman Austyn Gubac added 35 yards on five carries, freshman Hank Van Steyn ran four times for 32 yards and freshman Grayson Tassell had four carries for six yards. Galt finished with 161 rushing yards on 25 attempts, an average of 6.4 yards per carry.

The passing game was limited but productive. Sophomore Chance George completed 1 of 3 attempts for 45 yards and a touchdown, a passer rating of 121.5, with Tassell on the receiving end of the 45-yard score. That connection accounted for all of Galt's 45 passing yards and gave the Warriors 206 yards of total offense on the night.

Tassell was the Warriors' most versatile weapon, piling up 121 all-purpose yards on six rushing yards, 45 receiving yards and 70 yards on kick returns. Gubac finished with 85 all-purpose yards, Silva had 88 and Van Steyn added 32. Galt totaled 326 all-purpose yards, though the Warriors lost one fumble on the night, charged to Van Steyn.

The Galt defense was busy, recording 41 total tackles, 16 of them solo, with one tackle for loss and a sack. Freshman Andrew Lee and sophomore Nathaniel Stratton each finished with six tackles, with Stratton making one solo stop and five assists. Gubac and freshman Aaron Byrd had five tackles apiece, and Byrd supplied the Warriors' lone sack, dropping the Amador quarterback for an 8-yard loss. Freshman Emilio Viramontes, Van Steyn and sophomore Andy Sanchez each recorded three tackles, while freshman Julián Mojica, freshman Adan Francisco Chaidez, sophomore Brody Patterson and sophomore Charles Patterson also got in on the tackling. Freshman Levi Woodward, freshman Leland Suttenfield, sophomore Kaiden Anderson and sophomore Victor Gutierrez-Landin each added a stop. ★



Grayson catches the ball with double coverage and runs it in for a touchdown.

Turnovers Prove Costly for Warriors

Story and photos by Paige Lampson

Carlo Sterni runs the ball while his teammates block.

SUTTER CREEK, CA (MPG) - The Galt High School football team made the trip up into the foothills to Sutter Creek on Friday night, and what awaited the Warriors was a fast start from Amador that they could never quite answer. The host Buffaloes scored early and often, turning a pair of recovered onside kicks and a handful of Galt turnovers into a 49-12 victory under the lights.

The tone was set on the opening kickoff. Rather than booting the ball deep, Amador went with an onside kick and recovered it, immediately putting the Warriors' defense on a short field. The Buffaloes needed less than a minute to punch it in, and just like that Galt was chasing the game.

The Warriors answered in the most emphatic way possible. On the very next play from scrimmage, senior James Gilbert took the handoff and ran it all the way in for a Galt touchdown. The celebration was muted, though, when the snap on the extra-point attempt sailed over the holder's head, leaving the Warriors with six points and a 7-6 deficit instead of a tie.

From there, Amador's offense found its rhythm. The Buffaloes put together another scoring drive that ended with 7:47 still left in the first quarter. A Galt interception then handed the ball right back to Amador, which took possession again with 4:23 on the clock and promptly scored once more. The Buffaloes followed that score with another onside kick — and recovered it again — keeping the pressure squarely on the Warriors.

Amador ran it in once more with 1:13 remaining in the opening quarter, and by the end of the first period the Buffaloes had built a commanding 28-6 lead. The Warriors were forced to punt to begin the second quarter, and

James Gilbert with a miraculous one-handed catch.

Amador capitalized once more, scoring on a quarterback keeper with 3:38 left in the half to push the margin to 36-6.

Galt's next possession ended in another interception with 1:41 on the second-quarter clock, and Amador turned it into yet another touchdown to take a 42-6 advantage into the locker room. With the score where it stood, a running clock greeted both teams at the start of the second half.

Amador received the ball to open the third quarter and found the end zone again with 10:56 left in the period, stretching the lead to 49-6. To their credit, the Warriors never stopped competing. Early in the fourth quarter, still trailing 49-6, Galt put together its best drive of the night. A series of fantastic catches moved the Warriors into scoring range, and senior quarterback Robert Rubio finished it off with a quarterback keeper for a touchdown. The two-point conversion failed, but the score stood at 49-12 with 10 minutes left to play.

Amador was forced to punt with 6:30 remaining in the game, but the deficit was too large to erase. When the final horn sounded, the Warriors had fallen to 49-12 on a night when field position and extra possessions told the story.

"Amador took advantage of our mistakes," Head Coach JJ Woodward said. "And when you have three onside kicks go against you, you're giving a good football team extra possessions and putting your defense in some really difficult situations. That's tough to overcome. But I was proud that our kids kept battling."

Amid a difficult night for the team, senior James Gilbert delivered one of the brightest individual performances of the season and was named the Warriors' Warrior of the Week.

"He was outstanding for us, rushing for 117 yards and a touchdown on just eight carries, including an 80-yard run, and he added four catches for 21 yards," Woodward said. "He finished with 138 yards of offense and also contributed defensively."

"James has been one of the guys we can count on every week," Woodward said. "No matter what the scoreboard says, he competes, plays physical and gives us everything he has."

Mark Grammer catches a kick off.

Galt finished the night with 224 yards of total offense, splitting that almost evenly between 153 yards on the ground and 71 through the air. The Warriors ran 23 times for an average of 6.7 yards per carry and scored two rushing touchdowns, but they were undone by two interceptions and the field position they surrendered on special teams.

Rubio completed 6 of 12 passes for 71 yards with two interceptions, a completion rate of 50 percent and an average of 11.8 yards per attempt. His longest completion covered 28 yards. He also carried three times for 11 yards and a touchdown on a keeper.

Gilbert did the bulk of the damage on the ground, carrying eight times for 117 yards and a touchdown, an average of 14.6 yards per attempt, with his 80-yard scoring burst accounting for most of that total. Sophomore Sean Mace added five carries for 14 yards, Rubio had three for 11 and a score, sophomore Ricky Akers ran twice for nine yards and senior Carlo Sterni carried five times for two yards.

Through the air, Gilbert led the Warriors with four receptions for 21 yards, an average of 5.3 yards per catch and a long of 16. Akers turned his lone catch into a 37-yard gain, and freshman Ben Gilbert added one reception for 13 yards. Gilbert's 138 all-purpose yards accounted for well over half of Galt's 224 total yards on the night.

Defensively, Akers led the Warriors with seven total tackles, six of them solo. Gilbert, junior Bowdyn Beck and junior Dominick Gonzalez each finished with four tackles, with Gilbert making three solo stops and Gonzalez adding two solo and two assists. Sterni had three tackles, two of them for loss, while senior Taylor White and senior Axel Olmos Virgen finished with three tackles apiece. Junior Richard Geier, sophomore Alfonso Lira, freshman Ben Gilbert and Rubio each added two tackles, with Ben Gilbert credited with a tackle for loss, and Mace chipped in one. As a team, Galt recorded 37 total tackles, 21 of them solo, with three tackles for loss.

The loss drops the Warriors into the heart of their league schedule, and Woodward's message after the game was clear: the fight his players showed — particularly Gilbert, who competed to the final whistle — is the foundation the team will build on moving forward. ★

Richard Akers hauls one in for the Warriors.

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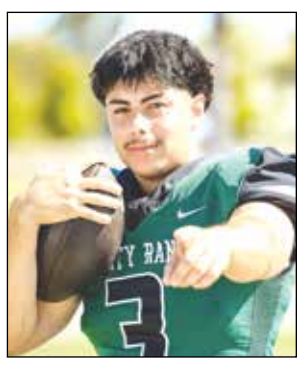
Maliah Phulmati Mangal
Galt High Volleyball

Parker Millard
Galt High Football


Joe Lara
Liberty Ranch Football

Offensive Line
Liberty Ranch Football

GALT HERALD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK - OCTOBER 30

Hunter Owen
Liberty Ranch Football

Soni Takafua
Liberty Ranch Football

James Gilbert
Galt High Football

Carlo Sterni
Galt High Football

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Hawks Shut Out Cougars

Hunter Owen runs the ball for the Hawks. Photo courtesy of Tom Santillan

By Paige Lampson

EL DORADO HILLS, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch Hawks have spent the fall answering every question put in front of them. Friday night at El Dorado High School, they answered the loudest one yet with a performance that was equal parts efficient, explosive and unforgiving.

Liberty Ranch dismantled El Dorado 46-0, scoring 22 points in the first quarter and 21 more in the second before cruising through a scoreless third and adding a final three points in the fourth. The Hawks are now 8-0 overall and 5-0 in league play, still unbeaten and in control of their season.

The final numbers were as lopsided as the scoreboard. Liberty Ranch piled up 428 total yards — 325 on the ground and 103 through the air — on just 21 rushing attempts and five pass attempts. That is 15.5 yards per carry. The defense pitched a shutout, racked up 42 total tackles, six tackles for loss, four sacks and 27 quarterback hurries, and turned an interception into points.

Head coach Warren Schroeder was measured afterward.

"The players did exactly what we asked them to do," Schroeder said. "They executed well on both sides of the ball and improved on special teams. Now our focus is on competing with a very strong Bradshaw Christian team this week."

For an 8-0 team, the next test is always the one that matters most. Liberty Ranch hosts Bradshaw Christian on Friday, Oct. 30, and the Hawks know a perfect regular season will not be handed to them.

Whatever El Dorado hoped to accomplish defensively, Liberty Ranch erased it quickly. Three touchdowns and two two-point conversions in the opening 12 minutes turned the game into a formality, and 21 more points made it 43-0 at the break. From there the Hawks emptied the bench and let the defense finish the job. The third quarter was scoreless, and Hunter Owen's fourth-quarter field goal pushed the margin to its final 46.

By the time the clock ran out, Liberty Ranch had scored six touchdowns, converted both two-point tries, hit all three PAT attempts and made its only field goal attempt, a 23-yarder — 46 points in 26 offensive snaps.

The headline performance belonged to unstoppable senior Joe Lara, who finished with four touchdowns while touching the football only nine times. Lara carried four times for 172 yards — 43.0 yards per carry — including an 85-yard scoring run that was the longest play of the night. He added one reception for 45 yards and another touchdown, and returned an interception 43 yards for a score on defense. Add it up and Lara produced 260 all-purpose yards and 24 points.

His 172 rushing yards came on just four carries, more than most teams gain in a half. The 85-yarder was the exclamation point, but the 65-yard touchdown run by senior Andrew Quinn was nearly as demoralizing for a Cougars defense that could not get the Hawks on the ground. Quinn finished with 78 rushing yards on three carries — 26.0 per attempt — plus a two-point conversion and a 23-yard field goal.

Senior quarterback Ryan Ogas did not need to do much, and that is precisely the point. Ogas completed 4 of 5 passes for 103 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions, posting a rating of 160.4. His scoring strikes were models of efficiency: a 29-yard touchdown to senior Enzo Diaz and a 45-yard touchdown to Lara. Junior Rex Machado chipped in a 12-yard reception. The Hawks threw the ball five times all night and scored twice.

Diaz finished with two catches for 46 yards and a touchdown, plus 38 punt-return yards for 84 all-purpose. Owen added 88 all-purpose yards, including 51 rushing and a 37-yard kickoff return.

A shutout is rarely an accident, and this one was built in the trenches. Senior Soni Takafua was unblockable, finishing with six total tackles, three tackles for loss and two sacks among his seven quarterback hurries. Quinn matched him with four tackles, two tackles for loss and a 10-yard sack, adding six hurries of his own. Senior Daniel Swearingen contributed four tackles and half a sack, while junior Liam Trosko and junior Jack Rowe chipped in four and five tackles respectively. Rowe broke up four passes, and Owen and Trosko each had two as part of a 10-pass-defended night for the secondary.

The Hawks finished with 16 solo tackles and 26 assists for 42 total stops. Six different players recorded a tackle for loss, and the 4.0 sacks for 23 yards lost were spread across four players: Takafua (2.0), Quinn (1.0), Lara (0.5) and Swearingen (0.5). The hurry column tells the fuller story: 27 pressures, with Takafua (7), Quinn (6) and Swearingen (3) leading a rotation that never let the quarterback set his feet. Then there was the takeaway. Lara's interception and 43-yard return for a touchdown was the dagger, turning a rout into a runaway. Diaz added a fumble recovery.

Schroeder mentioned special teams as an area of improvement, and the numbers back him up. Owen handled all seven kickoffs, averaging 47.6 yards with a long of 53, and hit all three PATs. Quinn's 23-yard field goal in the fourth quarter was true, giving the Hawks points in every phase. Diaz returned two punts for 38 yards, including a 31-yarder, and Owen took a kickoff back 37 yards. Liberty Ranch finished with 75 combined return yards, and the coverage units never allowed a short field.

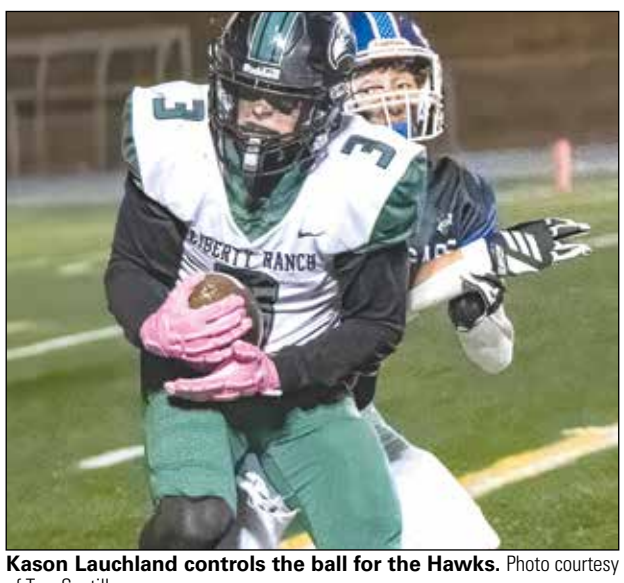
The stat sheet includes a category that does not get enough attention: pancake blocks. Liberty Ranch recorded eight. Senior Cutler Perez led the way with five, senior Jayden Sedlacek added two and junior Ryan Guthrie had one. Those eight pancakes are the quiet reason the Hawks averaged 15.5 yards per carry and 25.8 yards per pass attempt.

Eight games, eight wins. Five league games, five league wins. A shutout on the road. A defense with four sacks, 27 hurries and a defensive touchdown. And yet the message out of the Liberty Ranch locker room was not about what had just happened, but what is coming.

"Now our focus is on competing with a very strong Bradshaw Christian team this week," Schroeder said.

Bradshaw Christian comes to Liberty Ranch on Friday, Oct. 30, and it will be the Hawks' toughest test to date. Liberty Ranch has spent two months proving it can win every way — with explosive plays, with defense, with special teams, with the line dominating up front. The scoreboard read 46-0, and the stat sheet read like a statement. ★

JV Hawks Roll Past Cougars



Kason Lauchland controls the ball for the Hawks. Photo courtesy of Tom Santillan

By Paige Lampson

EL DORADO, CA (MPG) - The Liberty Ranch junior varsity football team scored 48 points and limited host El Dorado to 8 on Friday night, keeping the Hawks unbeaten in Sierra Valley Conference play.

The victory moves Liberty Ranch to 5-0 in league and 7-1 overall.

The Hawks controlled the game from the start, building a comfortable lead and never letting the Cougars mount a serious threat. Liberty Ranch's defense turned in another stingy performance, holding El Dorado to a single score on the night.

Liberty Ranch returns home next, hosting Bradshaw Christian in a Sierra Valley Conference matchup on Friday, Oct. 30. The Pride enter the game coming off a 44-3 league win over Union Mine of El Dorado and carry a 5-3 record.

With a league title still within reach, the Hawks will look to protect their perfect conference mark against a Bradshaw Christian squad riding momentum from its lopsided win. ★

Senior Night Sweep

The Liberty Ranch High School volleyball team honored its eight seniors during Senior Night ceremonies. The Class of 2025 seniors are Kylie Diggle, Maritza Arevalo, Vivian Frame, Lily Pittman, Daphne Najar-Meza, Katelynn Hubbard, Gabriela Garcia and Tatiana Valderlegro.

Katelynn Hubbard jumping high for the kill.

Story and photos by Paige Lampson

GALT, CA (MPG) - Liberty Ranch closed out its volleyball season on a high note, sweeping Galt High in three sets on Senior Night before grinding out a five-set road win at Rosemont in the finale.

The Hawks honored eight seniors before the Galt match — Kylie Diggle, Maritza Arevalo, Vivian Frame, Lily Pittman, Daphne Najar-Meza, Katelynn Hubbard, Gabriela Garcia and Tatiana Valderlegro — then sent them out with a 3-0 victory. Liberty Ranch followed with a 3-2 win at Rosemont to finish the year 10-4 in league play and fourth in the standings.

Hubbard, a senior, powered the attack all season, leading the Hawks with 291 kills and a 3.2 kills-per-set average to go with a team-best .185 hitting percentage and 76 total blocks. Sophomores Lacey Smith (160 kills) and Charlee Miller (140) gave Liberty Ranch a strong second and third option at the net, while junior Olivia Mays added 16 blocks and a .156 hitting percentage.

Pittman anchored the back row and the service line, finishing with 405 digs, a 4.4 digs-per-set average, 500 receptions and 45 aces — all team highs. Arevalo ran the offense with 630 assists and chipped in 247 digs, 33 aces and a 2.7 digs-per-set average. Hubbard added 146 digs and 30 aces, Garcia contributed 30 assists, and Najar-Meza recorded 178 receptions.

Liberty Ranch's Senior Night roster also included juniors Sofia Palomares and Aryah Winkler and sophomores Paisley Longstreth and Lacey Smith. ★

GALT HERALD JUNIOR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Xander Deems
Liberty Ranch 8U

Caden Goes
Liberty Ranch 8U

Waylon Strapp
Liberty Ranch 10U

Richard Hall
Liberty Ranch 10U

Xion Much
Liberty Ranch 12U

Kessler Lauchland
Liberty Ranch 12U

JoJo Ornelas
Liberty Ranch 14U

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