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Elementary Board Receives Updates, Hears Public Concerns Over Staffing



Valley Oaks Elementary Choir students perform for the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education during the March 18 meeting.

Story and photos by Idaly Valencia

GALT, CA (MPG) - The Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education received updates on nutrition, safety and its facilities, and heard extensive public comment during its March 18 meeting, with speakers focusing on concerns about potential staffing changes.

The meeting opened with student presentations, including a performance of "Yonder Come Day" by Valley Oaks Elementary Choir students led by music teacher Omar Anzaldua. The board also recognized student Lucas Plascencia, recipient of the Derivi Castellanos Architects student technology award, who was presented with an iPad for

demonstrating his passion for technology in school. Public comment centered on potential staffing changes for the 2026-27 school year, with 10 speaker cards and one online comment submitted. Parents, teachers and community members raised concerns about a proposed schedule that could require physical education and music teachers to split time

across multiple campuses in lieu of hiring new staff to fill vacancies. Although the topic was not an item on the agenda, speakers brought forth the issue based on conversations that have happened in the district and urged trustees to consider it as they prepare for budget revisions, typically adopted in May. Continued on page 2

Council OKs Personnel Realignment, Commission Appointment



By John McCallum

GALT, CA (MPG) - Personnel matters, commission appointments and a donation were the highlights of a light March 17 Galt City Council meeting.

On the personnel side, council approved two side-letter agreements with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 39 modifying and changing the Wastewater Operator-In-Training (OIT) position at the city's plant.

The letters also make changes to the city's personnel manual to "ensure compliance with recently enacted legislation and to clarify internal practices consistent with arbitration standards and organizational needs," according to the staff report.

Human Resources Director Tricia Cobey told council the first letter addresses a unit modification within the Local 39 bargaining unit that began from discussions around a vacant facilities maintenance supervisor position brought to council with another side letter last year.

The city and union agreed to continue discussions on whether the position should be represented or excluded from the bargaining unit should another vacancy occur.

The new side letter confirms the city and union's decision to remove the remaining supervisor classifications from the bargaining unit to the "Unrepresented Mid-Management Unit" and amend salary schedules accordingly.

The second letter modifies the salary range for the wastewater OIT classification previously established as a position but not included on the salary schedule as required by state law. The four individuals currently in this position are paid at a salary equivalent to a Wastewater Operator I, which has higher minimum qualifications than the OIT position.

The letter establishes a lower salary range for future OIT employees. The four current employees will be paid at the established salary until they either move to a higher position or "separate from Continued on page 3

Niello Appointed as a State Allocation Board Member

Office of State Sen. Roger Niello News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - Sen. Roger Niello (R-Fair Oaks) has been appointed as a member of the State Allocation Board by Senate President pro Tempore Monique Limón. The State Allocation Board was established in 1947 and is responsible for awarding state funding for public Transitional Kindergarten through 12th grade school facilities in California.

In response to his appointment, Niello stated, "I am honored to serve on the State Allocation Board. It is important to make thoughtful budget decisions for school facilities, and I will take my role as a board member with the diligence and attention that our schools deserve."

Since 1998, California has authorized approximately \$54.5 billion for the School Facility Program, most recently including \$8.5 billion in new statewide, general obligation bond authority with voter approval of Proposition 2 in November 2024.

The 10-member State Allocation Board is made up of the director of Finance, the director of the Department of General Services,



State Sen. Roger Niello was sworn in Feb. 19 as a member of the State Allocation Board, which oversees state funding for public transitional kindergarten through 12th grade school facilities in California. Photo courtesy of Office of Sen. Roger Niello

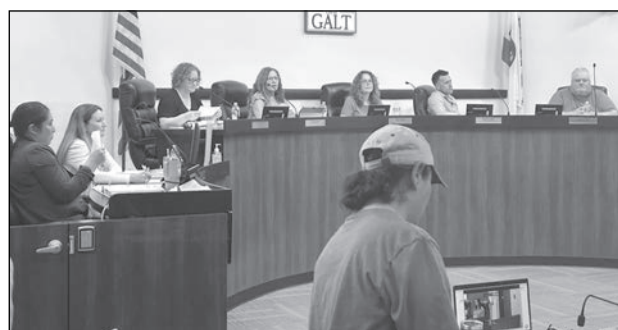
the state superintendent of Public Instruction, three members of the Senate, three members of the Assembly and one gubernatorial appointee.

Details about the board's hybrid public meetings can be found on the

State Allocation Board website at dgs.ca.gov/opsc/Meetings.

Elected in 2022, State Sen. Roger Niello represents District 6, which includes Galt and Herald in Sacramento County and Roseville in Placer County. ★

Elementary Board Receives Updates, Hears Public Concerns Over Staffing



The Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education heard extensive public comment from parents, teachers and community members at its March 18 meeting, reflecting district discussions about potential staffing changes.

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Malia Anderson, a parent and Marengo Ranch Parent Teacher Kids Club president, said the potential reassignment of a longtime teacher would significantly affect campus culture at Marengo Ranch Elementary.

“He’s deeply involved in our school and gives a lot of his time and support to our students, and not only our students, but our staff, beyond his job description,” Anderson said. “Teachers like Mr. Jumper... are not easily replaced.”

Valley Oaks Elementary third grade teacher Christie Burnau highlighted the broader role of physical education staff at elementary schools, noting their physical educator has helped to address and resolve behavioral issues.

“It is so much more than just someone who teaches P.E. for 30 minutes a day,” she said. “Every issue she solves out there is an issue that I don’t have to solve in the classroom.”

One parent said the changes could be harmful for children with anxiety or medical needs who rely on the stability of consistent, familiar educators.

“Children who are experiencing anxiety, especially those on the spectrum, they thrive in a stable environment where they feel safe and supported with familiar people,” Becky Bryce said.

McCaffrey Middle School music teacher Arianne Aguilera, who has worked in the district since



Valley Oaks Elementary third grade teacher Christie Burnau speaks during public comment March 18 on the vital role of physical education teachers at elementary schools, while other attendees hold signs reading, “No cuts to PE.” and “No teacher rotations.”

2003, said the proposed changes could strain the music program. She noted she previously split time between elementary and middle school campuses for 12 years, but the new schedule would be more demanding.

“The schedule that they’re proposing for me for next year is a lot harder than any of my previous schedules,” Aguilera said. “I already have a minimum of 45 hours a week and that’s not counting performances... I’m not going to work more hours and give up time with my family and risk my health and stress.”

Cheri Webster said rotating educators or utilizing substitute teachers would be less effective for students’ learning.

“It would be very difficult for a rotating teacher to learn the rhythm of a school environment or each child’s uniqueness,” Webster said.

“The best solution is to just replace the teacher,” one speaker said.

“Not reshuffle effective programs.”

As the board did not present or discuss the topic, Board President Katherine Harper thanked speakers for sharing their perspectives. After the meeting, in response to a social media post from one of the speakers concerned about the potential loss of choir and band classes, Harper confirmed that the district will not be eliminating either program.

Following public comment, district staff presented several reports. Curriculum Director Stephanie Simonich shared winter reading assessment results from the end of the second trimester, showing gains in early literacy and progress toward end-of-year goals.

A facilities update, known as the Williams Review Report, highlighted positive inspection results at two campuses, with no deficiencies in instructional materials or building conditions. Superintendent Lois Yount

said the sites received an “exceptional report,” with “exemplary conditions” observed.

The district’s food and nutrition services department also provided an update on efforts to expand scratch cooking and reduce processed foods. Food and Nutrition Supervisor Nick Svoboda emphasized food quality and listening to student feedback.

“If I wouldn’t eat it... I’m not going to feed it to your students,” Svoboda said, adding that meals must be “student approved” to be successful.

Safety updates were presented by Educational Services Director Kuljeet Nijjar, who reviewed strengthened campus access controls, emergency drills and coordination with local law enforcement. She also highlighted a monitored, anonymous tip hotline implemented at McCaffrey Middle School called WeTip, with plans to expand it districtwide, allowing community members to provide



City Hall was full on March 18 for the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education’s regular monthly meeting, where several attendees spoke during public comment about potential staffing changes.



McCaffrey Middle School music teacher Arianne Aguilera speaks during public comment at the March 18 meeting, expressing concern about the district’s music program and a potentially challenging schedule for the upcoming year.

safety-related information. Galt Police school resource officer Matthew Walters also addressed the board and cited building trust with students as a huge priority.

“Students need to see... if they see something, they can trust us and say something, and that can end a lot of things,” Walters said.

Financial updates showed the district remains fiscally stable but is facing declining enrollment and reduced revenue projections.

District officials said

enrollment has dropped by more than 200 students, which could affect future budgets and staffing decisions.

The board also approved routine items, including the district’s transportation plan, financial reports, infrastructure upgrades for electric bus charging stations and completion of facility improvement projects funded through grants.

The next scheduled board meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 15 at Galt City Hall, 380 Civic Drive. ★

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County Ag Pass Program Supports Farmer Emergency Preparedness

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - When an evacuation order is issued during a flood or other emergency, farmers face a difficult problem. They must leave quickly, but their animals, crops and equipment stay behind. Once they are out of the area, they cannot go back until officials say it is safe.

Without a way to identify who belongs on the land, law enforcement cannot easily sort out who should be allowed back in first.

The Sacramento County Ag Pass Program was created to solve this problem. It gives registered commercial farm and ranch operators a way to re-enter evacuated areas in an organized and safe manner, as soon as conditions allow.

About the Ag Pass Program

The Ag Pass Program helps to reduce the financial impact of disasters on the farming community. It allows commercial



The county is reminding local farmers of the importance of emergency preparedness by enrolling in its Ag Pass Program, which gives registered commercial farm and ranch operators a safe, organized way to re-enter evacuated areas. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

agricultural producers to return to evacuated areas in a coordinated way, once safety officials have determined it is appropriate to do so.

Ag Pass holders are only permitted to perform tasks that are essential to keeping their farm or ranch running during an emergency. This includes work needed to limit financial losses, as well as helping emergency personnel to identify water sources and access routes.

The program is open to registered commercial

agricultural operations under the Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner's Office. Each primary pass holder may request additional passes for employees, based on the tasks outlined in their application.

Having an Ag Pass does not give anyone special authority. Pass holders must always follow the directions of public safety officials. The pass does not allow anyone to ignore official orders or require employees or other workers, regardless of

immigration status, to do so, either.

Passes must be renewed every year. Holders must complete annual training and keep a current release of liability on file to stay eligible.

Required Training

Before receiving a pass, applicants must complete Sacramento County Specific Ag Pass Training (approximately four hours).

To renew an existing pass, a one-hour refresher course is required each

year. Applications that do not include proof of completed training will not be approved until all training requirements are met.

Upcoming Training Sessions

Training sessions for this year are scheduled for Monday, March 30 at the Ag Auditorium, 4137 Branch Center Road in Sacramento.

From 1 to 2 p.m., there will be Refresher Training (renewals) for those renewing an existing Ag Pass and from 2:30 to 5 p.m., there will be an initial training

for new applicants, or those who prefer a later session.

Those interested may find each session and register by visiting the Sacramento Office of Emergency Services Eventbrite page at eventbrite.com/o/8449548691.

Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. For questions, contact the Agricultural Commissioner's Office at agcomm@sacounty.gov or by calling 916-875-6603. ★

Galt Native Joins Highway Patrol Ranks

By MPG Staff

GALT, CA (MPG) - Francisco Javier Gallegos is the oldest of four children to Francisco and Maricela Gallegos. He attended Fairsite Preschool, River Oaks Elementary School and then began Venture Academy in Stockton for high

school.

He attended Cosumnes River College and ultimately started working for Caltrans for three years and City of Galt as a recreational worker simultaneously.

Then in 2025, Gallegos decided to join the California Highway Patrol academy in West

Sacramento.

He graduated Feb. 6 as a California Highway Patrol officer and was placed in the City of Willows.

The Gallegos family said, "We're very proud of him, but give God all the glory for all his accomplishments." ★

Pictured is Galt native and 2026 California Highway Patrol graduate Officer Francisco Javier Gallegos. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol



Council OKs Personnel Realignment, Commission Appointment

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employment," after which the rate will be removed.

Additionally, the equipment mechanic supervisor position has also been moved to the unrepresented classification, with an education incentive reduction from 10% to 5% and the difference being incorporated into the current employee's salary.

"The restructuring of the bargaining unit does not increase overall compensation costs this fiscal year," Cobey said.

Changes to the personnel manual include clearer definitions of promotion and transfer and adding the parks maintenance supervisor and equipment mechanic supervisor to the

education incentive matrix.

Mayor Bonnie Rodriguez noted the city has had difficulty retaining people in the past, and she asked if staff felt these changes might compound that.

"We hope not," Cobey said.

Council also approved the appointment of Nicole Hemenover to a seat on the city's Commission on Aging. The appointment selection came from Councilmember Paul Sandhu due to the recent passing of long-time resident Phyllis Johnson, who Sandhu appointed in 2023.

Hemenover was selected from a pool of three candidates, all of whom Sandhu said were very qualified to serve. A nurse and resident

who has raised her children in Galt, Hemenover has worked for over 20 years in senior care as a nursing director at assisted living communities and the past 10 years in units specializing in memory care.

Finally, during public comment on consent agenda items, council heard an overview of the local homeless services nonprofit Saint Martin Foundation. Started in 2022, the foundation operates a "transitional sober-living housing facility for people recovering from addiction and helping them reintegrate into society through housing, job assistance and recovery."

President and Chief Executive Officer Mark Jackson told council

Saint Martin's mission is to reduce homelessness among male veterans and non-veterans who are transitioning from alcohol recovery programs.

"We help bridge the gap between recovery programs and independent living," he said.

Jackson said since receiving their first resident in April 2023, the foundation has served 28 individuals. The house currently has six residents, with five employed while 16 of the 28 successfully completed their programs, of which 12 are employed and all but one "housed."

"Housed means they either found housing of their own or they united with their family and are living with their family,"

Jackson said, adding seven of the 28 are from Galt.

Jackson thanked the council for its support, including Councilmember Tim Reed who was requesting his \$1,000 council-allotted public benefits fund be allocated to Saint Martin, an item part of the consent agenda approval.

Jackson also acknowledged the contributions made by Councilmember Shawn Farmer, who provided key assistance as the foundation began.

"If it wasn't for the foundation, I don't know if I'd still be clean; I don't know if I'd still be living," current Saint Martin resident Robert Jenkins told the council.

Jenkins said he spent 35

years in substance abuse, some of which included periods of homelessness. While on the street he met someone who knew of Saint Martin's and advised him to reach out to them.

Jenkins said the program requires him to seek employment every week-day, volunteer at the Sunshine Food Pantry, perform nine hours of outpatient service at drug rehab and five alcoholics anonymous meetings weekly. Residents do their own chores, purchase and cook their own food and do their own laundry.

"Living in the house has been great," Jenkins said. "I'm getting skills to live a life of sobriety and success and am being a part of society now." ★

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State Treasurer Honored with Champion of Agriculture Award

California Farm Bureau News Release

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - In recognition of her long record of advocacy for California farmers, ranchers and rural communities, California State Treasurer Fiona Ma has been honored with the Champion of Agriculture Award.

The California Farm Bureau presented the award March 18 at the organization's annual legislative action day. The award recognizes dedicated service to agriculture and honors individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to protecting and advancing the needs of California farmers and ranchers.

Nicknamed "The Urban Cowgirl," Ma is a founder of the San Francisco Farm Bureau and serves as its adviser. As the 34th state treasurer and throughout her career in public service, Ma has backed policies that support the Golden State's diverse farming communities.

"Treasurer Ma has shown a long commitment to California agriculture," said Shannon Douglass, president of the California Farm Bureau, which represents more than 23,000



Treasurer Fiona Ma, center, receives the Champion of Agriculture Award from California Farm Bureau COO Dan Durham, left, California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass, First Vice President Shaun Crook and Second Vice President Ron Peterson. Photo courtesy California Farm Bureau

farmers and ranchers statewide. "Her work on behalf of farmers and ranchers across the state is exactly what this award celebrates."

A member of the state Assembly from 2006-2012, Ma

authored and supported legislation beneficial to agriculture, including the Eat Local Buy California Grown Act, which prioritizes California-Grown products in state institutional purchasing and expanding

market access for small, local and underserved farmers.

She also crafted legislation to create the California Blueberry Commission to help promote California-grown blueberries. In addition, Ma has worked to

secure funding for agricultural programs and infrastructure. In her commitment to understanding California's agricultural landscape, she has participated in numerous farm tours, visiting agricultural operations across the state.

"I'm honored to receive the Champion of Agriculture Award," Ma said. "My appreciation for California agriculture began in 2009 when I helped protect the Cow Palace from being sold – an experience that opened my eyes to the vital role our farmers and ranchers play in producing more than 400 agricultural products and feeding our state and nation."

"California Farm Bureau is proud to honor Treasurer Ma with the Champion of Agriculture Award and for her commitment to California farmers, ranchers and rural communities," Douglass said.

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California Flagged for "Weak Oversight" in Federal Fraud Crackdown

Assembly Republican Whip Macedo Cites Hospice Investigation Showing System "Wide Open" Under Newsom

Assembly Republicans News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - California was flagged for "insufficient safeguards and weak oversight" March 16 in a federal fraud crackdown announced by President Donald Trump.

The White House said states like California have failed to maintain basic safeguards, including verifying eligibility and enforcing oversight standards, creating conditions for

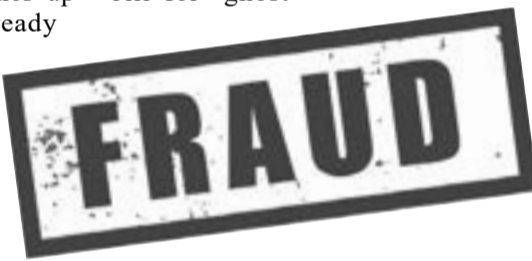
large-scale fraud.

Assembly Republican Whip Alexandra M. Macedo (R-Tulare) said that lines up with what she has already seen on the ground.

"California did not end up on this list by accident," Macedo said. "Seven years into Gavin Newsom's governorship, the consequences of years of negligence are catching up, and the people in the most vulnerable moments of

their lives are the ones being harmed."

"When fraudulent actors bill for 'ghost



patients' or enroll healthy individuals without their consent, they deplete the very funds

intended to provide high-quality care by the legitimate hospice providers for those truly in their final days," Macedo added.

In January, Macedo visited a Los Angeles property linked to 197 hospice licenses, all registered to the same address. Many of the phone numbers were disconnected, and there was no sign any legitimate hospice business was operating there.

A state audit warned that

weak oversight was allowing large-scale fraud, including cases where licenses were approved despite red flags, and complaints have continued to mount.

"Programs meant to help vulnerable people in their time of need are being exploited. The Newsom Administration owns that failure 100%."

The task force, led by Vice President JD Vance, will focus on fraud in federally funded programs, including health care, housing and food assistance. ★

César Chávez Day to be Renamed Farmworker Day

Assemblywoman Alexandra M. Macedo News Release

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - In light of the horrific news reports of César Chávez's sexual assaults of minors and women, Assemblywoman Alexandra M. Macedo (R-Tulare) introduced legislation to rename the March 31 California State holiday to Farmworker Day.

"Farmworkers are essential to our everyday lives – from the food we eat to the economy we enjoy," said Assemblywoman Macedo. "The fight for dignity in the fields was never about one person – it is about the millions of workers who sweat, toil and aspire for a better life."

California is the largest state producer and exporter of agricultural products, including animal products, fruit and nuts. Over a third of the country's vegetables and nearly three-quarters of the country's fruits and nuts are grown in California. With 69,900 farms and ranches, California agriculture is a \$49 billion dollar industry that generates at least \$100 billion in related economic activity, according to the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development.



California is the largest state producer and exporter of agricultural products, including animal products, fruit and nuts. Over a third of the country's vegetables and nearly three-quarters of the country's fruits and nuts are grown in California. Photo courtesy of Freepik

California's agricultural industry depends on farmworkers. Farmworkers ensure food safety and freshness by harvesting within tight windows. Their work supports hundreds of thousands of jobs and contributes to the state's economy.

Without their hard work and dedication, perishable food would remain in the

field – leading to severe shortages and higher food prices for consumers.

Assemblywoman Macedo is amending her current legislation, Assembly Bill 2407, to rename César Chávez's Day to Farmworker Day.

"It is about the movement, not one individual," said Assemblywoman Macedo. ★

California Comment on Latest Small Business Optimism Index

Main Street entrepreneurs thanked for helping keep the 20% Small Business Deduction alive

National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - From John Kabateck, state director for the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) in California, on findings from the monthly NFIB Small Business Optimism Index, which fell 0.5 points in February to 98.8 but remained slightly above the 52-year average of 98. The Uncertainty Index decreased three points from January to 88.

"With tax season upon us, I want to take this opportunity to once again thank every California small business owner who spoke up for keeping the 20% Small Business Tax Deduction alive and preventing it from expiring at the end of last year. I think of small business owners like Beth Booth from San Diego County, who is now chair of our leadership council, for traveling to Washington, D.C. to make a compelling case for preserving a valuable tool for small business solvency. It's members like her and many others who provide optimism when it's needed most."

In conjunction with the February report, NFIB also released a new episode of the NFIB Research Center's "Small Business by the Numbers" podcast. Listen to the latest episode here.

"Although optimism declined slightly, small businesses report feeling more certain in February as they look toward the coming months. High sales and increased profits made February a more positive month for many owners, but competition from large businesses is putting stress on Main Street firms as

they navigate the current economic climate," said NFIB Chief Economist Bill Dunkelberg.

Highlights from the Latest NFIB Small Business Optimism Index include the following.

Seasonally adjusted, a net 34% reported raising compensation, up 2 points from January and the highest level since March 2025.

The frequency of reports of positive profit trends rose 7 points from January to a net negative 14% (seasonally adjusted). The last time earnings trends were this high was in December 2021.

The net percent of owners raising average selling prices fell 2 points from January to a net 24% (seasonally adjusted). This marked the third consecutive month that actual price increases slowed, though the changes remain well above the historical average.

When asked to evaluate the overall health of their business, 12% rated it as excellent (down 2 points), 55% as good (up 1 point), 26% as fair (down 1 point) and 5% as poor (up 1 point).

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The End Is in Sight

Things are happening in Sactown and not every Kings fan is happy. Yes, even though our hometown ballers have won five out of the last eight games, there are long time Kings fans that aren't entirely thrilled.

This is because with each win the Kings statistically have a lesser chance of garnishing the No. 1 pick, or even a top four pick in the upcoming NBA draft.

So, what's the option. To intentionally try to lose a game. I hope our team never stoops to such measures. Tanking is a matter left better to the commissioner's office, and I have no doubt Adam Silver has ideas to fix the problem. In the meantime, playing the youngsters and getting a look at as many players as possible, all while giving it their best effort is why fans are buying tickets.

Sunday afternoon saw a raucous Golden One Arena heartily applauding a consistent effort by the Kings as hometown favorite Malik Monk decided to put on a show, scoring 32 points and adding six assists to boot.

Devin Carter, finally getting a chance to play on a consistent basis, chipped in with 16 points, five rebounds, and three assists.

Maxime Raynaud added a double-double with 22 points and 10 rebounds and has been winning fans literally all season with his consistent play.

The question remains can he complement Domantas Sabonis and play alongside him, or will he become just a capable backup for Sabonis when he's not on the floor.

Although I wish nothing but good things for Raynaud, I think the Kings have found a good backup center for years to come, but I'm not seeing the shot blocking ability that I would like to see from a 7-footer.

In the 126-122 win over the Brooklyn Nets the fans got to see newcomer Patrick Baldwin perform, and Patrick wasted no time in putting up nine points and shooting three for four from 3-point land.

Doug McDermott did the same and the Kings will be faced with some uncomfortable decisions in the off season as they make decisions on who to keep and who to let go. Sadly, McDermott's 3-point shooting could have been used all season, but coach Christie relegated this talented sharpshooter

to the bench for the majority of the season for reasons that have never been very clear.

Yes. Decisions will be made and not all Kings fans are going to like them. Names like Precious Achiuwa, Dylan Cardwell, Devin Carter and others are not promised next season, although I believe all the aforementioned need to come back next year.

The draft will be a mystery until the ping pong balls do their thing but just know this Kings fans. This year's draft is deep, and whether the Kings choose #1 or #7 there is going to be a player with the talent to make the Sacramento Kings a better team.

More than anything what this franchise needs is people that can assess talent better than in the past. People that can separate the wheat from the chaff, the blue chippers from the pretenders.

Please, no more Marvin Bagleys or Thomas Robinsons. Surely, we can do better than the past has seen, and I'm convinced we will.

So, have heart Kings fans and let's continue to put our hands together for players like Russell Westbrook that is breaking all-time records right in front of our hometown fans!

Westbrook has been a bright spot all season and has done everything asked of him.

I'm hoping the younger players have been paying attention because there is much to learn from this can't miss future hall-of-famer.

Here's some positive but I believe very accurate news.

The Sacramento Kings are closer to becoming a playoff team than the NBA expects.

I don't like to dog on a coaching staff, but with the talent the Kings have and even in spite of the bad luck they've had with injuries, this team should have won 30 games.

Coach Christie is like a young rookie finding his way, but he has to do better than spout out that the Kings must play tough defense.

Start with being a better free-throw shooting team and take it from there.

Let's stick together and look forward to a winning 2027!

All the best!

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It's Supposed to be a Race for Governor, but Candidates and Voters Seem Disengaged



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

The shortage and costs of housing are, by any rational standard, one of California's most pressing issues, which is why several thousand advocates of affordable shelter gathered in Sacramento last week to ponder potential solutions.

Housing California, the event's sponsor, invited candidates for governor to participate in a panel discussion of how they would approach the housing crisis.

Neither of the two Republican candidates, Steve Hilton and Chad Bianco, appeared, which was not surprising given the left-leaning tenor of the event.

It was, however, odd that only four of the eight Democratic candidates showed up, since it was a terrific opportunity for them to impress a large audience of political activists, with just a few weeks remaining before voters begin marking and mailing their ballots for the June 2 primary election.

Of the four who participated in the housing panel, just one candidate, billionaire Tom Steyer, is in the top tier of candidates, as revealed in a new poll by the UC-Berkeley's Institute of Governmental Studies, with just barely 10% support.

The other three — state school Superintendent Tony Thurmond, former Los

Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and former state Controller Betty Yee — collectively garnered just 6% support among the sample of voters, with Thurmond and Yee at 1% each.

Although California is a thoroughly blue state, the two Republicans were 1 and 2 in the poll, thus feeding worries among Democratic leaders that they could wind up that way in the June 2 voting if none of the Democrats catches fire.

Among the Democrats, Congressman Eric Swalwell and former Congresswoman Katie Porter polled highest at 13% each, followed by Steyer at 10%, former Attorney General Xavier Becerra at 5%, with Villaraigosa and San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan at 4%.

Mark DiCamillo, director of the poll, told the Los Angeles Times he is stunned by how fragmented and disengaged voters are about choosing the state's next governor.

"This is historic for me," DiCamillo said, "and especially given that none of the candidates have really a positive image rating with voters, also startling. I mean, perhaps one of the reasons why voters are disengaged, they're just not enthusiastic about any of the candidates. They're kind of sleepwalking to this election."

The lethargic nature of the contest is also demonstrated by the inability of the California Federation of Unions to settle on one Democrat, instead giving endorsements to four of the eight.

One could say, therefore, that the passive attitude of candidates vis-a-vis this

week's housing conference captures the broader lack of enthusiasm among candidates and voters.

This should be a referendum on how California deals with not only housing and homelessness but the many other issues that Gavin Newsom will leave behind when he exits the office next January, almost certainly embarking on a quest for the White House.

However, the gubernatorial campaign so far has revealed very few differences among the eight Democratic candidates on those issues, nor any truly novel proposals. In response to questions about housing, homelessness, health care and living costs, the four who did participate in Thursday's panel generally responded that they would spend a lot more money and impose new taxes on corporations and wealthy Californians to pay for it.

Given the paucity of new ideas and the overall lethargy, one could almost hope that Hilton and Bianco do finish 1-2 and give the state a Republican governor for the first time in two decades. The Capitol conflict that would ensue as a GOP governor battles with a Legislature dominated by Democrats would at least be interesting.

It would be karmic justice for a Democratic Party that apparently is incapable of generating enough energy to power a light bulb.

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

Help! Social Security Reduced my Monthly Payment



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My last Social Security payment decreased by about \$400, so I went to my online SS account and found a November 2025 letter explaining that my 2024 tax return showed a greatly enlarged AGI (Adjusted Gross Income). Thus, SSA decided to withdraw monies, as of Jan 2026, from my bank account because I'd owed far more monies to them! The letter itemized my greatly diminished 2026 SSA monthly payment, explaining should my next tax return show a regular AGI, then SSA would return my SS income to regular amounts (and return every prior month's deficits?). Said letter also mentioned an optional recourse, that of compiling an "Appeal" to regain my ongoing decreased income! The extra amounts now withdrawn for Medicare Parts A and D alone are outrageously high. I'm a retired senior citizen on a fixed income.

According to SSA, my having sold a piece of land in 2024 allows SSA to decrease my SS income! Has this become a common practice against USA (senior) citizens? Thank you in advance for your input! **Signed: Feeling Wronged**

Dear Feeling Wronged: From what you have shared, it appears that your SS benefit amount has been affected by a provision known as

"IRMAA" (Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount). IRMAA isn't really a Social Security issue, rather it is a Medicare premium thing. But when IRMAA applies, it reduces your net Social Security payment because Medicare premiums are automatically taken from your Social Security benefit, thus making your net SS payment less. If you look at your gross Social Security payment (at your online "my Social Security" account) you will see that your gross SS payment did not change, but your Medicare premium did, thus affecting your net SS payment.

IRMAA, essentially, makes Medicare a "means tested" program, where those with a higher AGI can pay a higher Medicare Part B (and Part D) premium. However, IRMAA is usually based on AGI from two years prior to the current year (because your current AGI information isn't available from the IRS when Medicare premiums are determined in October of each year). FYI, you may have received a notice in the mail in early December telling you what your 2026 Social Security and Medicare amounts would be. In a nutshell, the land you sold in 2024 apparently increased your AGI to exceed the basic IRMAA thresholds (which are \$109,000 if you file your taxes as a single, or \$218,000 if you file your income tax as "married/jointly"). And the IRMAA supplements are "progressive" (higher if your AGI is more), so if your Medicare premiums went up by about \$400 (about twice the 2026 standard premium) it's likely that your 2024 AGI was over \$137,000 if you filed as a single (or over \$274,000 if you filed as "married/jointly"). FYI, you can see the 2026 IRMAA brackets/

premium amounts at this link: www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/medicare-premiums.html

A couple of additional points:

- Your Medicare premiums will, indeed, revert to the standard amounts for 2027, if your 2025 AGI amount is under the IRMAA threshold for your tax filing status.

- There is no premium for Medicare Part A (which is coverage for inpatient hospitalization care) because you are receiving Social Security benefits. However, there is a premium for Part B of Medicare (which is coverage for outpatient medical services), and you must also separately pay a premium for Part D (which is coverage for prescription drugs offered by private insurers). And these IRMAA supplements apply even if you have a Medicare Advantage plan from a private insurer.

Unfortunately, your only "recourse" is, as SSA suggested, to appeal the IRMAA supplement, but that is usually successful only if you can prove you had a "life changing event" which caused (or will cause) your AGI to be less than that used to determine your IRMAA surcharge. Your best option at this point will likely be to appeal using a "Request for Reconsideration" (Form SSA-561) asking that your 2026 Medicare premium be based on a recent year's (e.g., 2025) lower income.

Finally, IRMAA isn't really a new thing — it was enacted in 2003, effective in 2007. But it does have a profound effect on many seniors, as I explained in this article I recently published on the topic: <https://amacfoundation.org/irmaa-a-medicare-surprise/>

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Iran is Challenging a Bedrock of American Geopolitical Power

oil, but aluminum, fertilizer and any number of other products are being affected. If shipping in the strait remains as constrained as it is now for months rather than weeks, the economic damage could become intolerable.

Iran is the equivalent of a piratical Barbary state that is managing to undermine a defining element of American geopolitical strategy, despite the beating that it is taking otherwise. We have two carrier strike groups in the region, representing alone more firepower than many nations can muster, and the Iranians have some missiles, drones and mines -- and yet, they've effectively closed the strait and we, for now, can't reopen it.

This is a stark demonstration of asymmetrical power, and the longer it goes on, the more it will look like a national humiliation. There's no one who is going to bail us out because we have a world-class navy, whereas our allies don't -- even if they wanted to help.

Trump would like to muster an international force to reopen the strait, but Germany has rebuffed him, and the Japanese and Australians aren't interested. France is putting together a force -- to deploy after the end of hostilities. Imagine if that had been our attitude about the Battle of Belleau Wood. The fact of the matter, though, is that allied countries aren't going to think it's possible to reopen the strait if we haven't managed to do it on our own.

Trump's two basic options are to seek some unsatisfactory accommodation with the Iranians that ends in a ceasefire -- with the Iranians having demonstrated their de facto control of one of the most consequential waterways in the world -- or to break their grip on the strait by force of arms, perhaps up to and including the deployment of ground forces to secure the shores of the strait.

Trump seems inclined to bludgeon the strait free of Iranian control. U.S. officials say we could begin naval escorts in a matter of weeks, and they worked during the Tanker War between Iran and Iraq in the 1980s.

The great 19th-century naval strategist Alfred Thayer Mahan argued, "Control of the sea by maritime commerce and naval supremacy means predominant influence in the world." This was the experience of the British, and has been ours for a long time. "The necessity of a navy," Mahan also said, "springs from the existence of peaceful shipping and disappears with it."

In the Strait of Hormuz right now, peaceful shipping has largely disappeared, while we are deploying a mighty navy. If our forces can't restore free navigation, it will represent a significant failure of a traditional pillar of U.S. power.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2026 by King Features Synd., Inc. ★

POLICE LOGS

MEETING MINDERS

During the time period of March 16 to March 23, Galt Police received and responded to a variety of calls, resulting in 15 arrests.

March 16

4:02 p.m., Recovered Stolen Vehicle, Boessow Road/Crystal Way.

March 17

11:57 a.m., Weapon-Discharge/Adult Arrest, Harvey Park on C Street.

3:48 p.m., Vehicle Accident/Injury, Carillion Boulevard/Ambrogio Way.

3:54 p.m., Hit and Run/Non-Injury, Liberty Ranch High School, Marengo Road.

3:57 p.m., Weapon-Possession/Adult Arrest, High Street.

8:07 p.m., Stolen Vehicle reported, Lapp Automotive on North Lincoln Way: Left voicemail to call back when available.

8:11 p.m., Domestic Violence/Adult Arrest, Denier Court.

March 18

8:43 a.m., Stolen Vehicle

reported, Cardoso Drive. 11:43 a.m., Fraud reported, Elk Hills Drive.

12:30 p.m., Stolen Vehicle reported, Extreme RV's on North Lincoln Way.

March 19

8:35 a.m., Vandalism reported, Galt Market on Meladee Lane.

2:44 p.m., Theft reported, Parkridge Drive.

5:18 p.m., Vehicle Accident-Injury, C Street/7th Street.

March 20

7:25 a.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, City Hall, Civic Drive.

2:10 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Highway 99 Northbound/Crystal Way.

March 21

1:57 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Elm Avenue/North Lincoln Way.

3:15 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, E Street/4th Street 5th Street Alley.

8:35 a.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Galt

Sports Complex, Caroline Avenue.

2:27 Recovered Stolen Vehicle/Adult Arrest, Simmerhorn Road/Highway 99 Northbound.

5:45 p.m., Domestic Violence/Adult Arrest, Sparrow Drive.

6:19 p.m., Vandalism reported, Tradepost Trail: House egged and toilet-papered bushes.

10:20 p.m., DUI/Adult Arrest, Moose Creek Way.

March 22

2:28 p.m., Warrant Served/Adult Arrest, Marian O Lawrence Library on Caroline Avenue.

7:43 p.m., Theft reported, Lake Canyon Avenue: Theft of two softball bats.

March 23

2 p.m., Recovered Stolen Vehicle/Adult Arrest, Twin Cities Road/East Stockton Boulevard.

3:38 p.m., Narcotics Violation/Adult Arrest, Caroline Avenue/South Lincoln Way. ★

Sunday, April 5

Galt 4-H Club meeting, 3 p.m., at either Barbara Payne Community Garden or Grange Hall (depending on weather); see Facebook page GALT 4-H or email galt4h@gmail.com.

Monday, April 6

Lodi Parkinson's Support Group, 10 a.m., GracePoint Church, 801 Lower Sacramento Road (enter off Tokay Street), Lodi; 209-269-1080 or 209-329-1185.

Galt Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

Tuesday, April 7

Galt City Council, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

Thursday, April 9

Lockeford Community Services District Board of Directors, 9 a.m., Old School House, 19456 N. Jack Tone Road.

Galt Planning Commission, 6 p.m., Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive.

Friday, April 10

Galt Sunrise Rotary, 7 a.m., Comfort Inn & Suites, 10380 Twin Cities Road, 209-745-6617. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01140 Robb Roberts, 14100 S Lincoln Way, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DCR Rentals" 215 4th Street, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 6, 2026 Publish: March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 DCR 3-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01496 Magda Guerrero, 913 Lake Canyon Avenue, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Rosegate Real Estate" 913 Lake Canyon Avenue, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 23, 2026 Publish: March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 ROSEGATE 3-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01447 M Nunez Distributing LLC, 841 Bay Heights Court, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "M & N Transport" 841 Bay Heights Court, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 20, 2026 Publish: March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 TRANSPORT 3-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01680 Anita Radosevich, 140 Robin Court, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Career Ladders Resumes" 140 Robin Court, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 27, 2026 Publish: March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2026 CAREER 4-3-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01868 Nathan Silveira Flores, 9786 Twin Cities Road, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Flores Club Lambs" 9786 Twin Cities Road, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 6, 2026 Publish: March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2026 FLORES 4-10-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02199 Daniel R Moreno, 788 Buttercup Circle, Galt, CA 95632 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Data Linx Solutions" 788 Buttercup Circle, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 19, 2026 Publish: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026 DATA 4-17-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-01692 Martin Padilla, P.O. Box 289, Wilton, CA 95693 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Padilla Performance Prospects" 13020 Cherokee Lane, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 27, 2026 Publish: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2026 PADILLA 4-17-26

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #26CV004350 Momona Hikosaka has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Momona Hikosaka to Mona Hikosaka.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on September 1, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: February 23, 2026 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2026 HIKOSAKA 4-3-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #26CV005822 Diane, Kathleen, Dolce has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Diane Kathleen Dolce to Kathleen Diane Dolce. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on September 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: March 9, 2026 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2026 DOLCE 4-10-26

TRUSTEE SALE

APN: 150-0440-016-0000 TS No.: 25-10671CA TSG Order No.: 250611442 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED DECEMBER 13, 2021. 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. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded December 17, 2021 as Document No.: 202112171187 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, executed by: KEITH ROOK, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: April 3, 2026 Sale Time: 9:00 AM Sale Location: East Main Entrance Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 2 File No.:25-10671CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 667 Germaine Drive, Galt, CA 95632. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other

common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, 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 said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$274,917.66 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. 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, (800) 280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website, www.auction.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 25-10671CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924f 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 (800) 280-2832, or visit this internet

website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-10671CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. 3 File No.:25-10671CA If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. For Pre Sale Information Log On To: www.auction.com or Call: (800) 280-2832. For Post Sale Results please visit www.affinidefault.com or Call (866) 932-0360 Dated: February 23, 2026 By: Carlos Quezada Foreclosure Associate Affinia Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 (833) 290-7452 NPP0485379 To: GALT HERALD 03/13/2026, 03/20/2026, 03/27/2026 THE GALT HERALD 3-27-26

T.S. No.: 2025-01446-CA-REV A.P.N.:150-0252-002-0000 Property Address: 418 E ST, GALT, CA 95632 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09/03/2020. 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. Trustor: KATHERINE O. COTE, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 09/10/2020 as Instrument No. 202009100109 and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Sacramento County, California, Date of Sale: 04/07/2026 at 01:30 PM Place of Sale: EAST MAIN ENTRANCE TO COUNTY COURTHOUSE 720 9TH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814 Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$232,885.29 THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: All right, title, and inter-

est conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as: More fully described in said Deed of Trust. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 418 E ST, GALT, CA 95632 A.P.N.: 150-0252-002-0000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. 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 thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$232,885.29. Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. 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 this property. 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/irre-faqs#d_5NOTICE 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 (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx using the file number assigned to this case 2025-01446-CA-REV. 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, if conducted after January 1, 2021, 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 (855)-976-3916, or visit this internet website https://tracker.auction.com/sb1079, using the file number assigned to this case 2025-01446-CA-REV to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by retaining the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 238 Ventura, CA 93003 Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx Date: March 3, 2026 Published 3/13/2026, 3/20/2026, 3/27/2026 THE GALT HERALD 3-27-26

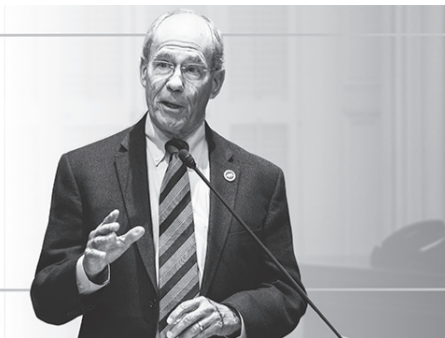
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Roger's Review

By State Senator Roger Niello



Block Elderly Parole Release of Predators

Outrage isn't always the right response to a policy mistake. But the decision to grant elder parole to David Allen Funston, a man whose crimes were neither minor nor distant, shows a system dangerously out of touch with public safety. So today, I write with outrage.

Funston was going to be released under California's Elderly Parole Program, which allows the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Board of Parole Hearings to release inmates who have served a minimum of 20 years and are at least 50 years of age.

Funston, age 64, is a serial child predator.

Between 1995 and 1996, Funston kidnapped, assaulted and raped eight children between the ages of 3 and 7. He lured them to his car with toys and candy, only to sexually assault them.

The judge sentenced Funston to three life terms plus 20 years, telling him, "You are the monster parents fear the most. There is no man on the face of this Earth who deserves this sentence more than you, Mr. Funston."

The Elderly Parole Program was initiated in 2014 by a three-judge

panel in the Plata/Coleman v. Newsom class-action lawsuit. The outcome of this decision was an order for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to implement a parole program in which inmates who are at least 65 years old and who have served 25 years of their sentence would be referred to the Board of Parole Hearings to determine suitability for release.

Excluded from consideration were second- or third-strike offenders, those sentenced to death or life without the possibility of parole, and those



State Sen. Roger Niello, pictured speaking at the Protect Our Kids rally March 18, addressed concerns over child predators such as David Funston and Gregory Vogelsang being eligible for elderly parole and discussed legislation to exclude those convicted of such crimes from eligibility. Photo courtesy of Office of Sen. Roger Niello

convicted of first-degree murder of a peace officer or former peace officer due to the performance of their duties. Violent sex offenders, however, were not excluded.

Years later, in the final hours of the last day of the 2020 legislative session, Assembly Bill 3234 passed. This bill expanded eligibility under the Elderly Parole Program by lowering the age threshold from 60 to 50 and reducing the minimum amount of time served from 25 years to 20. It is because of these changes that we are seeing more sexually violent predators released from prison, demonstrating more compassion for criminals than

for their victims.

The saving grace in the Funston case is that Placer County arrested Funston a day ahead of his release for a kidnapping and rape he committed in 1996. The Placer County District Attorney's Office declined to prosecute the case at the time, believing his convictions in Sacramento County meant that Funston would remain behind bars for life.

For the time being, Funston remains incarcerated. However, that will not be the case for other predators in the future, and a person who commits serial violent sex offenses should not be eligible for early release.

I am outraged over the lenient laws that enabled this to occur. That is why I have introduced Senate Bill 1278, which will exclude those convicted of rape, sodomy, lewd and lascivious acts, and sex offenses from being eligible for elderly parole.

I am taking action to provide victims of sex offenses and their families the peace and security of knowing that the person who violated them will not be eligible for early release simply because they turned 50.

I will do everything I can to keep people who commit these terrible crimes where they belong, in prison. ★

ABOUT TOWN

Friday, March 27 and Sunday, March 29

Historical Walking Tour of Downtown Lodi – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., starting at the historic train depot. This walking tour provides a general history of Lodi and includes mention of many of our most interesting stories. Tour participants will be required to sign a waiver before the tour begins. These tours are free, though donations to the Lodi Historical Society are welcome; ask your tour guide. 24 S. Sacramento St., Lodi.

Friday, March 27

Moving Wall Fundraising Breakfast – 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. at the Hilton Stockton. The Moving Wall is a traveling half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and it brings the power of that memorial directly into the communities it visits. As we prepare to welcome the Moving Wall in May, we invite you to join us for this fundraising breakfast as we remember and honor these brave men and women and help ensure their service and sacrifice continue to be honored by all who come to see the memorial. Tickets available at visitstockton.org. 2323 Grand Canal Blvd., Stockton.

Blood, Sweat and Gears Pizza and Pistons – 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Foothill Pizza. Join us for this cruise-in on the Fourth Friday every month. For more information, contact Dave at 209-570-0448 or Paul at 925-219-6057. 18970 N. Highway 88, Lockeford.

Saturday, March 28

Micke Grove Easter Egg Hunt – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join us for a morning full of family-friendly fun, festive activities and 25,000 candy- and toy-filled eggs waiting to be discovered. Bring your baskets and your best bunny spirit for this springtime favorite. Space is limited; must pre-register at sjparks.com. 11793 Micke Grove Road, Lodi.

Hoppy Eggventure & Jamboree – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hutchins Street Square. Celebrate spring in Lodi with a family-friendly event, hosted in partnership with First Baptist Church and the Hutchins Street Square Foundation. This joyful community event is packed with festive fun for kids and parents alike. Interactive games and activities, fun prizes, pictures with the Easter Bunny and an exciting Easter egg hunt. Remember to bring your baskets. 125 S. Hutchins St., Lodi.

Lodi Wine Festival – 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lodi Grape Festival Grape Pavilion. This festival features wine tasting from up to 40 wineries pouring over 200 varietals. This is a unique opportunity to explore what the Lodi wine region has to offer, all in one place. Tickets and more information at grapefestival.com. 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

Sunday, March 29

National Vietnam War Veterans Day Ceremony – 11 a.m. to noon at MLK Plaza, Vietnam Memorial. Let's honor the courage and dedication of those who served. VFW Post 52 invites our community to gather in solemn gratitude as we honor the men and women who served during the Vietnam War: heroes who answered the call of duty and upheld the highest traditions of our nation. Admission is free; open to the public. 2 E. Oak St., Stockton.

Impalas Magazine Stockton Lowrider Super Show – 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds. Enjoy a day

with car collectors showing off their most prized possessions. Over 800 of the best lowrider, bombs, dubs, trucks, motorcycles and imports on display. Live music and entertainment. 1658 S. Airport Way, Stockton.

Tuesday, March 31 and Wednesday, April 1

Spring Break Carnival – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day at the Galt Flea Market west parking lot. Bring the whole family out for two days of springtime fun. Enjoy face painting, carnival rides, delicious food vendors, pony rides and free Easter Bunny photos. For more information, please call 209-366-7168. 905 Meladee Lane.

Thursday, April 2

Senior Tea Dance & Social – noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Chabolla Community Center. Join us for an afternoon of music, tea, desserts and dancing with DJ Brian King. It's the perfect opportunity to connect and enjoy great company. For more information, call 209-366-7165. 600 Chabolla Ave.

Taste of San Joaquin – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Lodi Grape Festival Grape Pavilion. Guests will gather to enjoy tastings from local vendors while supporting the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Foundation for Agricultural Education. Proceeds from the event directly benefit their programs, including scholarships, teacher resources and grants for local FFA and 4-H chapters. Link to buy tickets at grapefestival.com. 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

Saturday, April 4

Easter Parade Cat Show – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds. This exhibition and competition, brought to you by Crow Canyon Cat Club, is open to all of the Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) registered breeds as well as household pet cats. This show will feature over 100 cats in six different judging rings throughout the day. You can sit and watch cats on the judging table or walk around and visit with the cats between judging. There will be a cat costume contest, Nor-Cal Freedom for Paws cat rescue will be here with adoptable cats, and there's lots of shopping for cat accessories. Tickets sold at the door. 1658 S. Airport Way, Stockton.

Galt Saturday Market – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the 4th Street Promenade. Join us for a warm, family-friendly event filled with local vendors, fresh finds, tasty treats and a welcoming atmosphere for all ages. Bring the kids, invite friends and make it a Saturday tradition. This month, the Market will include a "Touch-a-Truck & Safety Expo." From construction equipment and utility vehicles to classic cars, tractors and service vehicles: Kids can see them all up close. This will also be a great chance to discover more about local safety services. Markets are the first Saturday each month through November. More information at 209-366-7115.

Lodi Arbor Day Tree Planting – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Legion Park. Celebrate Arbor Day by helping to grow the community's urban forest. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to participate in this hands-on event that helps to keep Lodi green and thriving. To sign up or learn more, email sdutra1967@gmail.com. 835 S. Hutchins St., Lodi.

April Kids Corner: Dream Catcher Workshop – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lodi Community Art Center. During this free session, young artists will learn simple

weaving techniques while creating their very own dream catcher to take home. 110 W. Pine St., Lodi.

Wilton Animal Rescue Crab Feed – 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Galt Community Center. Join us for a fun-filled evening and make a real difference for dogs in need. Every ticket purchased helps to fund lifesaving rescues, medical care, spay and neuter services, food and shelter for dogs waiting for their forever homes. Enjoy a fresh crab dinner, no-host bar, and live and silent auctions, with all proceeds benefiting rescue dogs. Tickets available online at zeffy.com/en-us/ticketing/wilton-animal-rescues-first-crab-feed. 410 Civic Drive, Galt.

Monday, April 6

Elk Grove Community Concert Band Spring Concert – 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Joseph Kerr Middle School Multi-Purpose Room. Christopher J. Tootle leads the band, which includes professional, semi-professional and amateur adult musicians, and talented Elk Grove Unified School District school musicians. The concert is free; donations are encouraged. Learn more at elkgrovecommunityband.org. 8865 Elk Grove Blvd.

Thursday, April 9 through Monday, April 13

Sacramento Kennel Club AKC Dog Show – doors open at 7 a.m., events begin at 8 a.m. daily at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. The event features conformation, obedience, rally trials and Fast CAT (Coursing Ability Test) competitions hosted by Dog Sports America. Northern California Sporting Group will be holding two trials each day on April 9 and 10; Fast CAT will be April 11 through 13. 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi.

Saturday, April 11

Shred Event – 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Galt Market grounds. Protect your personal information: Don't toss it; shred it. Residents may bring up to three standard storage boxes or one garbage bag of documents for shredding. Must be a City of Galt resident (within city limits): Bring proof of residency or a utility statement. For more information, call 209-366-7130. 610 Chabolla Ave.

Lodi Art Hop – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Veterans Park. Enjoy live music in the park, an outdoor art market and easy access to nearby gallery exhibits. 305 W. Pine St., Lodi.

Used Oil Filter Exchange – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at AutoZone Auto Parts. For every oil filter recycled, you can receive a new one for free (limit two). Not for use by commercial automotive maintenance or repair facilities. For more information, call 209-366-7260. 1018 C St.

Sunday, April 12

After Easter Car Show – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Old Lockeford Springs Golf Course. Rev up for this show hosted by the Port City F-100 Elites Truck Club. Proceeds from entry fees benefit the Children's Home of Stockton. No spectator fees, so come stroll the lineup and soak it all in. Food will be available for purchase to keep you fueled while you check out the classics, customs and crowd favorites. 16360 N. Hwy. 88, Lockeford.

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, April 11. 1000 C St.

Senior Bingo – most Mondays except holidays, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Chabolla Community Center. Free play for seniors. Come for the fun and socialization. Next date Monday, March 30. 600 Chabolla Ave.

Twin Cities Cruisers Cars and Coffee – last Sunday of every month, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at "Life's Grind" coffee house in the Raley's shopping center. All makes and models are welcome. 10420 Twin Cities Road.

Widowed Persons Social Club – March 27, 10 a.m.: Pinochle at Elk Grove United Methodist Church, 8986 Elk Grove Blvd. A small donation to the church is expected. Contact Jim at 916-768-1923.

March 31, 5 p.m.: Chevy's Restaurant, 7401 Laguna Blvd., Elk Grove. Contact Addie at 916-682-3609.

A widowed person may attend up to three events while deciding if they wish to join WPSOC. 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, April 4 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, March 27: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (G) English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

Wednesday, April 1: English conversation group, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (G)

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

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

Veterans Meetings

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

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

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

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

Marine Corps League Detachment #1238 – first Thursday each month. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District 56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove.

VFW Post 2073 – second Thursday. Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m., District 56 Veterans Hall, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove. For more information, call 916-684-3849. ★

Police Investigate Shooting on 4th and C Streets

City Reminds Residents of Yard Sale Rules

City of Galt News Release



GALT, CA (MPG) - As spring approaches, many residents are busy cleaning out their homes and preparing for yard sales.

The City of Galt encourages residents to follow Chapter 18.56 of the Municipal Code to ensure your sale is compliant and enjoyable for everyone.

Helpful guidelines include yard sales are intended for residential properties only; Limit

sales to two per year and no more than three days per event; Display signs on your property, off-site advertising is not permitted; Avoid placing signs in public areas, including streets, trees, fences or utility poles.

Looking to reach a wider

audience without worrying about signage rules? Join the Galt Market Community Garage Sale on Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to sell your items, connect with the community and have fun.

For questions or guidance on yard sales, contact the city's planning department by calling or 209-366-7200 the Code Enforcement Division at 209-366-7209. ★



found at the scene.

Further investigation by Galt Police Department detectives led to a

residence in Sacramento, where additional evidence and individuals believed to be connected to the incident were located.

An adult male was arrested in Sacramento on an unrelated charge.

The investigation remains ongoing, and Galt police are actively investigating all leads. The department will provide additional information as it becomes available. ★

Galt Police Department News Release

GALT, CA (MPG) - On March 17, just before noon, Galt Police Department officers responded to the area of 4th and C streets following a report from a caller who heard gunshots.

Upon arrival, officers located evidence indicating that a shooting had occurred; however, no victims or suspects were

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Meals on Wheels Cafe Accepting Older Adults

Meals on Wheels is accepting new participants in its Galt All Seasons Café located in the Chabolla Community Center, 600 Chabolla Ave.

The cafe is open at 11:30 a.m. Mondays through Fridays for adults age 60 and older.

Those interested can apply at the Chabolla Center when meals are being served or they can call 916-444-9533.

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.

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.

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.

AA 24-Hour Hotline

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

Nar-Anon Family Group Meetings

Narcotics Anonymous (Nar-Anon)

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

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: 9-9:50am. No charge for first meeting.

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.

Library Offers Older Adults Computer Time

In cooperation with the Galt Commission on Aging, the Galt-Marian O. Lawrence Library will schedule a set time for older adults to use its computers, upon request.

Those 65 and older who want computer time can call the library at 916-264-2920. Staff will help set up the computer or tablet. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at 1000 Caroline Ave.

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.

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. ★

Local Classifieds Advertise in your local community newspaper Call 916-685-5533

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According to daysoftheyear.com website, dating back a few thousand years, theatre is a unique and interesting part of culture that has certainly evolved over time. The word "theatre" gets its roots from an ancient Greek word that means "a place for seeing," and that definition continues to be meaningful today. Even after so many centuries, theatre continues to be used as a way to not only tell stories and see things, but to make an impact on culture and society at large!

World Theatre Day was initiated in 1962 by the International Theatre Institute as a day to pay respect to and celebrate the beauty, creativity, hard work and artistry that goes into all of the aspects of theatre production. And it was meant to remind people about the great power that theatre can bring about, whether it is celebrated locally or globally.

Whether writing and directing, producing and acting, creating beautiful costumes or creating lighting and scene design, theatre is a medium of art that requires a wide range of talented artists involved in a variety of ways. World Theatre Day is here to show appreciation for those who give their time and talent to make sure the show goes on. World Theatre Day continues to be an important time to celebrate each year for those who support and love the theatre.

Patrons of local theatre, costume designers, musicians, scriptwriters, set designers, actors and so many others will take delight in raising awareness for the observance of this day that is so vital to the arts.

And before you go or even after you have been to the theatre, enjoy a dish of Spanish Paella. Yum! A dish of vibrant

colors and bold flavors, each bite of this classic rice dish will transport you to the sunny streets of Valencia.

Paella is a traditional Spanish dish, made with rice, meat, or fish, and a deliciously tasty sauce. While many countries and regions have their own recipes and variations, the best paellas are made in Spain, on the beach, with fresh seafood.

Considered by many gastronomic experts to be the ultimate national dish of the country of Spain, this meal seems to be getting more and more popular all over the world. And now, it even has an entire day dedicated to celebrating it. National Spanish Paella Day is the celebration of this beautiful culinary creation that is delicious, nutritious and filled with cultural fun.

The humble beginning of Spanish Paella hails back to the farmers and farm laborers of the coastal region of Eastern Spain, specifically Valencia, a beautiful port city on the Balearic Sea. They needed to cook a noontime meal over an open fire in the field where they were working. Beginning with rice, the farmers would simply add whatever they could

find around at the time. This might have included tomatoes, onions, beans or even snails, for protein. For special occasions, rabbit or duck. Or chicken may have been added along with saffron or other precious spices.

Of course, Valencia's nearness to the water meant that seafood also eventually ended up as a natural part of the dish. As the culture of this dish continued to develop, certain types of ingredients became more popular, Valencia Rice was more readily available in other regions and paella became a staple for the people of Spain.

Don makes a very tasty version of Paella with rice, sliced spicy sausage and seafood. Maybe he will make some this weekend.

Speaking of the weekend: Happy Birthday to our grandson Paul tomorrow. We love and appreciate the work you put into your YouTube videos. Enjoy your day. Make some more memories. I am pretty sure you will be hiking in the great outdoors on your special day.

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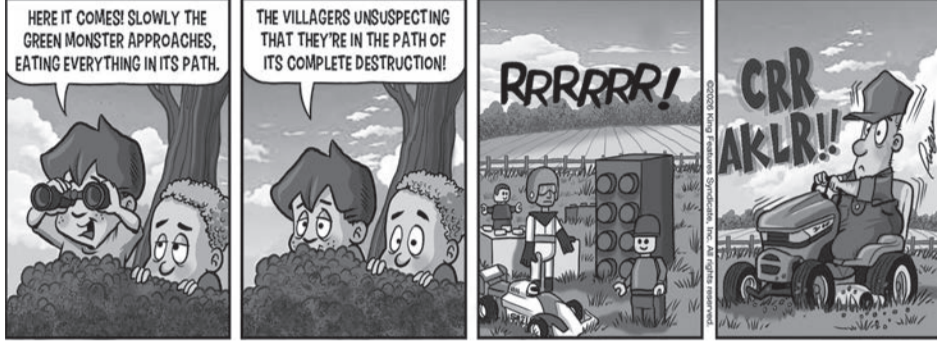
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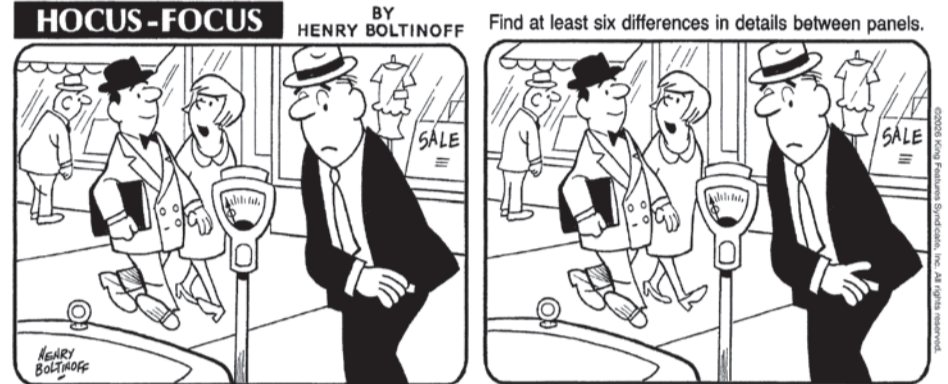
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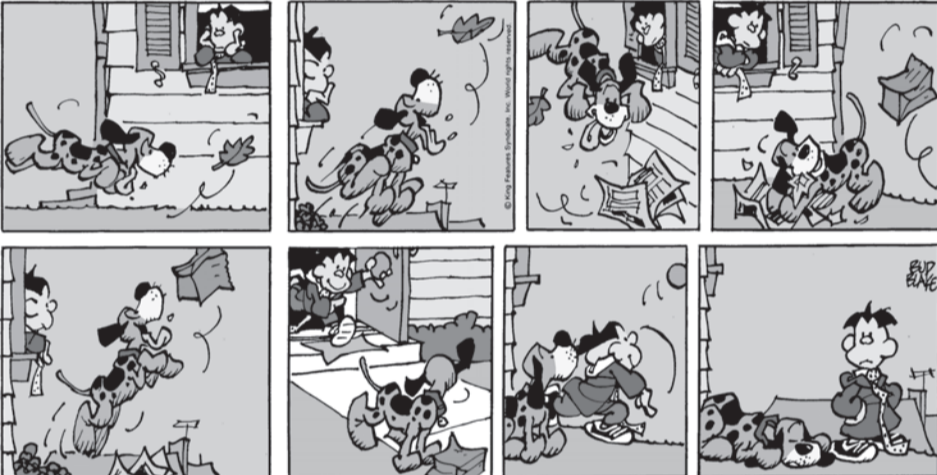


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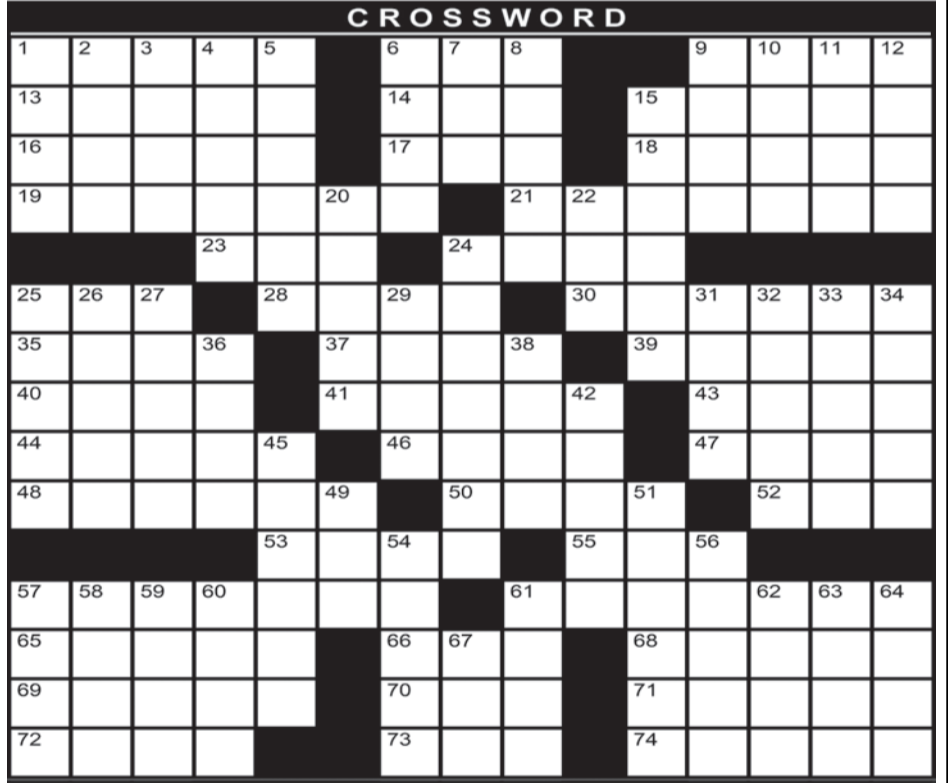
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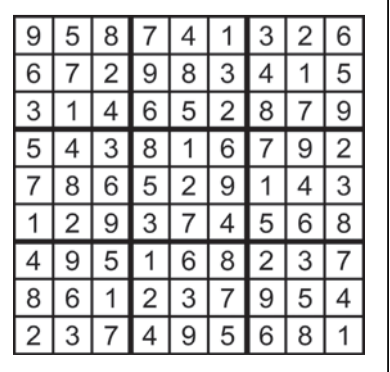
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Warriors Crowned Champions: Para Named Coach of the Year, Stratton League MVP

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - It has been a season for the ages in Galt. The Galt High School Warriors boys' soccer team captured the league championship and followed it with a coveted CIF Section title, cementing its place in program history. Now, the accolades have arrived to match the accomplishments, as Head Coach Julian Para was voted Coach of the Year by his peer coaches and sophomore Noah Stratton was named League MVP: the crowning recognition for a team that gave everything it had for its community.

Para, a Galt High graduate who won a section championship as a player at this very school, has now delivered that same magic as a coach. His Coach of the Year honor reflects not just what happened on the scoreboard, but the culture, identity and community pride he has woven into the fabric of the program. True to his character, Para deflected the spotlight immediately.

"We did it for the community," Para said. "We couldn't have done any of it without the backing and support of this community. We all support each other."

Those words echo the philosophy that has defined Para's program from the beginning. For him, the trophies and honors mean most because of the people they represent: the fans who showed up, the parents who sacrificed and the community that believed from the very first game.

Stratton's MVP selection is nothing short of remarkable for a sophomore. The young forward led the league with 38 goals and averaged an extraordinary 1.8 goals per game, finishing the season with 89 total points: a number that separates him from every other player in the league. His 13 assists demonstrate that he's not just a scorer but a complete attacking player who elevates those around him. Stratton's emergence as the league's premier player at just a sophomore level sends a clear message to the rest of the league: Galt's best days may still be ahead.

Junior Austin Loza provided lethal support, scoring 13 goals and adding 14 assists for 40 points while averaging 0.7 goals and 0.7 assists per game. Loza's ability to both score and create made him one of the most dangerous players in the league and a critical piece of Galt's championship puzzle.

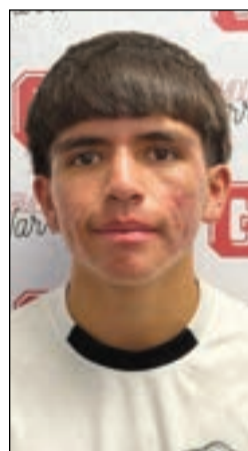
Junior Rafael Bertho was the league's premier playmaker, leading the team with 21 assists and averaging 1.0 assists per game. His 15 goals and 51 total points made him a dual threat that opposing defenses had to account for on every



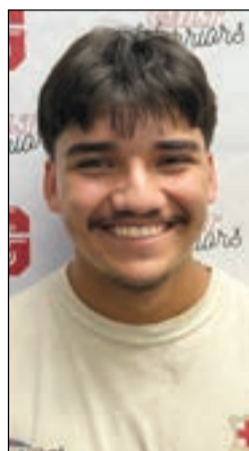
Julian Para-Coach of the Year. Photo by Paige Lampson



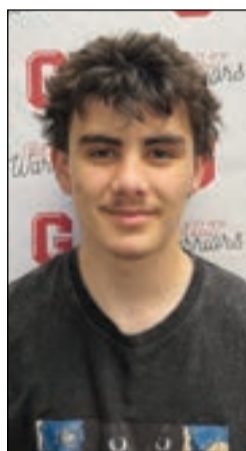
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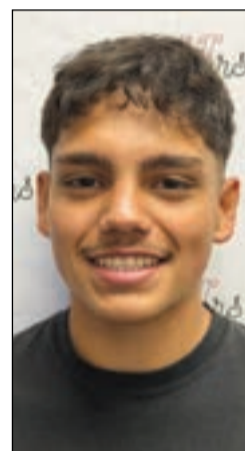
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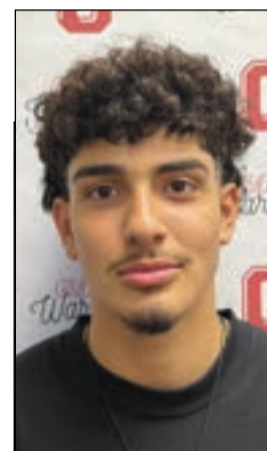
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possession.

In goal, junior Adam Preciado was outstanding throughout the season, recording an incredible 96 saves and averaging 5.3 saves per game while posting a goals against average of zero. His shot-stopping ability and command of the penalty area gave the Warriors the defensive foundation necessary to compete for championships.

The six all-league selections – Brian Arambula, Joshua Rodriguez, Austin Loza, Noah Stratton, Angel Munoz and Adam Preciado – represent the depth and quality of a roster that earned every honor

bestowed upon them. Each player contributed to a season that began with a league championship chase and ended with a section trophy being carried through the streets of Galt.

The road to the section title was close and heartfelt, filled with the kind of dramatic moments that define championship runs. Every game required everything the Warriors had, and every game they delivered. That resilience, that collective will to win for each other and for their community, is what separates this team from those that have come before.

For the Galt community, this season has been a gift. Para, Stratton and their teammates didn't just win games; they reminded an entire community of what it feels like to believe in something together. The section trophy now sits at Galt High, a symbol of what happens when talent, leadership and community unite behind a common purpose.

Congratulations to Coach Julian Para, MVP Noah Stratton and every member of the Galt Warriors soccer family. You did it for the city ... and the city couldn't be prouder. ★

Hawks Host Invitational at Hawk Stadium with Strong Individual Performances

By Paige Lampson
Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Hawk Stadium came alive on Saturday, Feb. 28 as Liberty Ranch hosted a track and field invitational, welcoming nine schools including cross-town rival Galt High. With athletes competing across frosh/sophomore and varsity divisions in both men's and women's events, the meet produced impressive

individual performances and personal bests from athletes representing both local programs.

In the team standings, Galt's men's frosh/sophomore squad was the local highlight, finishing third overall with 57 points behind Chavez and Tokay. Liberty Ranch's women's frosh/sophomore team claimed third place with 47 points. On the varsity side, Liberty Ranch's men tied for seventh with 24 points

while Galt's women finished fifth with 27 points.

Liberty Ranch senior Daniel Sosa turned heads in the varsity 100 meters, posting a personal best time of 11.71 seconds to finish eighth overall: the top local finisher in the event. Senior Francisco Ramos followed in 12th with an 11.86. In the 300 meter hurdles, senior Michael Lamson was outstanding, claiming second place with a time of 43.77

seconds, while junior Jose Lara III finished third at 44.29, giving Liberty Ranch a dominant one-two punch in the event.

Lamson also delivered in the varsity 400 meters, finishing fifth with a solid 54.08 seconds. The Liberty Ranch varsity 4x100 relay team of Lamson, Sosa, Devin Saechao and Ramos finished fourth with a time of 45.45 seconds.

In the frosh/sophomore division, Galt's MC Azubuikie led local sprinters with a fourth-place finish in the 100 meters at 12.03 seconds, while Liberty Ranch's Malakai Gomez was right behind in fifth at 12.16.

Gomez proved his versatility, also finishing fourth in the 400 meters with a personal best 57.51 seconds, while teammate Gunnar Rohner placed fifth at 57.97.

Galt's distance runners dominated the frosh/sophomore ranks. Daniel Crownover placed third in the 1600 meters at 5:19.03 and followed with a second-place finish in the

3200 meters at 11:47.01. David Espinoza and Aaron Garcia added fourth and sixth place finishes respectively in the 3200. The Galt frosh/sophomore 4x800 relay team of Crownover, Aaron Gonzalez, Garcia and Espinoza claimed first place with a winning time of 9:45.49: the top team finish of the day for either local program.

Galt's frosh/sophomore 4x100 relay team of Azubuikie, Amilio Gomez, Mark Grammer and Jayden Sirben finished second with a strong 46.71, while the 4x400 team claimed second with a time of 3:56.42.

Liberty Ranch freshman Marwa Yosra was the standout performer of the women's meet, sweeping the frosh/sophomore sprints with a fifth-place finish in the 100 meters at 14.28 seconds, fourth in the 200 at 28.32, and third in the 400 at 1:06.35. The Liberty Ranch frosh/sophomore 4x100 relay team claimed second place with a time of 55.06.

Galt senior Shayla China

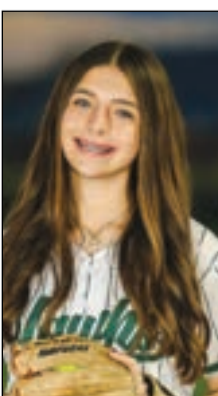
delivered one of the day's most impressive performances, winning the varsity 100-meter hurdles outright with a personal best time of 20.84 seconds. China also placed 17th in the varsity 100 meters at 15.06 seconds.

Liberty Ranch senior Gwen Lindberg was sharp in the varsity 300 meter hurdles, claiming second place with a season best 56.16 seconds. Galt's Nella Feilbach added fifth place in the same event.

Galt's Emily Razo was the top local distance performer on the women's side, finishing third in the varsity 800 meters with a season best 2:48.69 and seventh in the 1600 at 6:07.71. Freshman Danielle Aragon anchored Galt's frosh/sophomore distance efforts with a third-place finish in the 1600 at 6:22.29 and second in the 3200 at 16:13.36.

With league season approaching, both programs showed the depth and talent necessary to compete at the highest level. ★

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Warrior Strong: Tassell Brings 26 Years of Experience to Galt Baseball



Galt Baseball Head Coach Ryan Tassell: "The prize at the end of the day is to not only be a better ball player but hopefully also a better person."

When asked about his goals for the program, Tassell's vision is both immediate and long-term. His first measure of success isn't the win-loss record.

"Are they moving on to play at a higher level? That is my first and most important question," he said. "Did we develop a player to be able to continue in the game they love so much?"

His long-term vision is equally compelling: creating a culture so strong that former players return to give back. "Did we create the environment that brings back former players so they can give back to the program in a way that only they can as teammates?"

As for where Warriors baseball will be in five years? Tassell flashes a competitive grin. "Everyone will know by then."

Community support, he insists, is non-negotiable.

"From the biggest of victories to the smallest of accomplishments, the community should know what the Warrior athletes are doing and achieving."

Ryan Tassell is home. He's coaching. And Galt baseball will never be the same. ★



Coach Ryan Tassell encourages players during the Bradshaw Christian game.

baseball is both philosophical and practical. Tassell has his players keep daily journals, a uniquely fitting tool for an English teacher turned baseball coach.

"We write things down that we need to learn, that we have learned, including the things that have made us better," he explained. "The prize at the end of the day is to not only be a better ball player but hopefully also a better person. We must pursue excellence, not perfection. The pursuit of perfection is a road of disappointments, but the pursuit of excellence is a road paved in achieving what others say is impossible."

That blend of classroom thinking and athletic coaching is no accident. Tassell believes firmly that being a teacher and coach simultaneously creates advantages that off-site coaches simply cannot

replicate.

"Being a teacher, not just an off-site coach, creates stronger bonds, holds students accountable and gives athletes access to coaching and teaching that they would otherwise not have," he said. "Being a faculty member and coach shows student athletes that there is a balance between school and sport, and by that example, encourages their success in both."

His English background also informs how he builds culture in the dugout.

"Using our experiences, both good and bad, to positively influence our players – showing them that success is not just for the few and that it comes in varied ways – helps us build that family-first mentality that is paramount to any successful program."

Story and photos by Paige Lampson Sports Editor

GALT, CA (MPG) - Ryan Tassell is many things at Galt High School. He's an English teacher who believes in the power of storytelling. He's the girls flag football coach who understands the importance of relationships. And now, he's the new varsity baseball coach: a Galt native who bleeds Warrior red and has spent 26 years preparing for exactly this moment.

"I grew up here. I am a WARRIOR," Tassell said without hesitation. "Always have been and always will be. This is Galt, and I wear the name of the town on every hat, my shirt and on my heart. I bleed true red. WARRIOR STRONG. FEAR THE SPEAR."

Tassell's journey to the Galt High dugout is anything but conventional. He began his coaching career in 1999 at Bear Creek High School in Stockton, spent time as a graduate assistant coach and later worked three years at the collegiate level. After graduating from college, where he played football all four years, he served as an assistant athletic director at the same NCAA Division II institution he had attended. It was there, standing in the dugout learning from seasoned baseball professionals, that his love for the game deepened into something he couldn't ignore.

As a young man, Tassell actually played baseball at Galt High before an injury redirected his athletic path toward football and wrestling. Those experiences, he says, shaped his understanding of adversity: a quality he now instills in every athlete he coaches.

His approach to handling adversity in

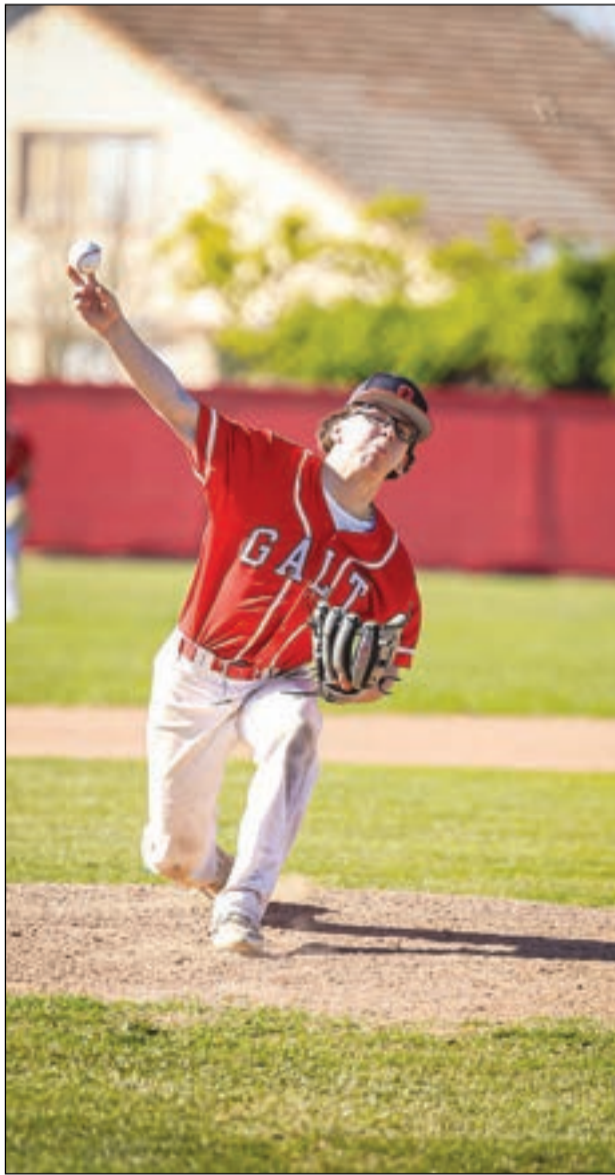
Tassell's Warriors Embrace the Challenge as Galt Baseball Rebuilds

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GALT, CA (MPG) - On a warm, beautiful afternoon at Galt High School's home field last week, the Galt Warriors hosted Bradshaw Christian in what turned out to be a sobering reminder of why the Lions have been the league's baseball powerhouse for years. Bradshaw Christian wasted no time establishing dominance, rolling to a 22-0 mercy-rule victory that improved the Lions to 3-0 on the season: the only undefeated team in the league through three games.

The Lions came out swinging from the first pitch, scoring four runs in the opening inning and never letting up. A two-run second inning was followed by a six-run third that effectively ended any hope of a competitive contest. A massive 10-run fifth inning put the finishing touches on a dominant performance that saw Bradshaw collect 17 hits while holding Galt to just one.

New Galt Head Coach Ryan Tassell turned to four different pitchers in an attempt to slow the Bradshaw attack, but the Lions' lineup proved too deep and too experienced. Starter Anthony Trejo worked 2.1 innings before giving way to Art Cordova, Cash Myrick and freshman Cody Dixon, who finished the game allowing no earned runs in 1.2 innings: a bright spot in an otherwise difficult outing. The four hurlers combined to issue nine walks and hit five batters, with free



Anthony Trejo pitches for the Warriors.

passes proving particularly costly against a lineup that needed little help finding the scoreboard.

Offensively, the Warriors managed just one hit in 15 at-bats, a double by Anthony Trejo that stood as the lone highlight of the day. Bradshaw's pitching duo of Kata Petrunich and Lucas Rancadore was simply untouchable, combining to throw five perfect innings while striking out seven Warriors without allowing a single baserunner.

The lopsided final score

doesn't reflect where the Warriors are headed under Tassell's leadership. This is a young Galt team still finding its identity in the early weeks of a new era, and facing Bradshaw Christian – a program built on years of sustained excellence – was always going to be the toughest early-season test.

For the Lions, the performance was a statement. With a perfect 3-0 record, Bradshaw looks every bit the league favorite it's been in recent years.

For Galt, the lessons



Galt first baseman Jonny Cash catches the throw and forces the runner out.



Art Cordova fields a hit.

from this game are invaluable. Tassell has spoken openly about pursuing excellence rather than perfection and using adversity as a teaching tool.

The Warriors are young and developing, and under their new coach's patient and purposeful approach, improvement will come.

The Lions may have won this battle decisively, but the Warriors are building something. Days like this one will only make them stronger. ★



After fielding the ball, Art Cordova pitches the ball to Cody Dixon to get the out at second.