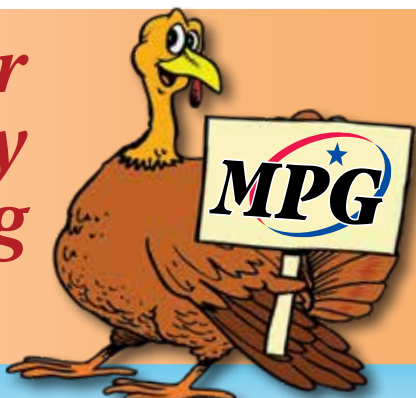




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# The Diaper Bank

*Sunrise Rotary Delivers 2500 Diapers*



Diapers are, like food and shelter, a basic need for infants, who may require up to ten diapers daily. From left to right are: Chris Clark, Mike Daly, Robert Sanger, Mark Ludwig.

**Story and photos  
by Trina L. Drotar**

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - In early October, Mike Daly, president of the Rancho Cordova Sunrise Rotary Club, and other club members placed bins in City Hall, local Starbucks, Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce office, and several other locations throughout Rancho Cordova and Fair Oaks in order to collect diapers for the diaper bank at Folsom Cordova Community Partnership (FCCP). On November 6, the estimated 2500 diapers and 1500 wipes were presented to FCCP's executive director Robert Sanger.

The ability to supply diapers, one of several safety-net resources offered by FCCP, is made possible through diaper drives, individual donations of diapers, and grant funding. The FCCP's diaper bank is one of only a handful in Northern California and has been registered with the National Diaper Bank Network (NDBN) for about five years. It is only one of two registered diaper banks in Sacramento.

"It came to our attention about the stressful effect that diaper needs can have on families," said Sanger, who learned that nearly one third of all families have a need for diapers at some point. "We felt it was important to be a diaper bank and

to be able to offer that service to the community."

Diapers are, like food and shelter, a basic need for infants, who may require up to ten diapers daily. According to NDBN, diapers, which are necessary for children in preschool and daycare, may also aid in children becoming more successful. Without diapers, children can't attend, which means that parents may not be able to work. A monthly diaper cost for a family with an infant can run \$80 or more. That cost must sometimes be weighed by low-income families against the need for food or shelter.

Sanger said that FCCP's diaper  
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# Show Your Support! Shop and Dine at Small Businesses this Holiday Season



**Commentary by  
Michael Vallante,  
U.S. Small Business  
Administration**

The latest National Jobs Report exceeded expectations for the month of October, with record low 3.7 percent unemployment

rate. This fiscal year, SBA guaranteed \$522 million in loans to Sacramento entrepreneurs, creating 4,000 jobs in our community.

As the voice for our nation's entrepreneurs, the U.S. Small Business Administration celebrates the 30 million small businesses that ignite our local economies and enrich our communities throughout the year.

Locally, Sacramento region is home to over 38,000 businesses, of which nearly 3,000 are veteran owned and 18,000 are minority owned.

The Waffle Experience is one of the local veteran-owned business, with three

locations in the Sacramento region (Sacramento, Elk Grove, Folsom), who received support from the SBA.

Marine Corps buddies Michael Donoho and Jeffery Belaski's served our country during Operation Desert Storm. Nearly 22 years after serving in the Marine Corps together, Michael and Jeffery joined forces to create The Waffle Experience in 2014 in Natomas. They reached out to SBA and received a loan guarantee to expand to another location in Folsom. They've now added a third location in Elk Grove. Their leadership and entrepreneurship not only results in savory dishes, but they

are job creators in our local community. Half of working Americans either own or work for a small business; they are our neighbors, coaches, and the parents to our children's friends

During the holiday season, we have the opportunity to support local business. Small Business Saturday, held on November 24, acknowledges small business owners who generate two of every three net new jobs and deliver essential goods and services to our community.

Last year, Small Business Saturday packed a big  
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## Volunteers Now Needed for County Homeless Survey

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Volunteer registration for the 2019 Homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) Count is now open. The count will be conducted on the evenings of January 30 and 31, 2019.

The biennial PIT count is a county-wide special census which provides a snapshot of who is experiencing homelessness on any given night. The data gathered helps shape policy and programs designed to assist some of our most vulnerable residents.

Sacramento Steps Forward is partnering with Sacramento State's Division of Social Work and the Institute for Social Research on this crucial project.

Sacramento Steps Forward will be recruiting hundreds of volunteers who will be trained and grouped in teams to canvass the community in organized deployments during the two evening counts, rain or shine. Volunteering does not require any prior experience but you must: be 18 years of age or older; have a strong interest in helping people who are experiencing homelessness; and attend required training's to learn to safely conduct accurate counts with teams within carefully pre-mapped territories..

If you would like to form a group of coworkers, family or friends, we will accommodate your requests. More information will be provided to registered volunteers as we prepare for the event. Volunteer at Volunteer@SacStepsForward.org

The most recent biennial PIT Count was conducted in January 2017 and found that the total number of people experiencing homelessness in Sacramento had increased by 30 percent since 2015. Of those, people who are living outdoors on the street, in tents, cars, or RVs - increased by 85 percent. Sacramento followed a West Coast-wide trend reporting increasing numbers of people experiencing homelessness.

Sacramento Steps Forward is a nonprofit organization committed to ending homelessness in our region through collaboration, innovation, and connecting people to services. Walking side-by-side with our partners, we seek to provide people experiencing homelessness with the support and services they need to find stability and long-term housing. Since 2012, Sacramento Steps Forward has been the lead agency for Sacramento's Homeless Continuum of Care. ★

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# Stories from the Streets

By Andrea Hatch

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Clearly the homeless population in the Sacramento area is continuing to increase but why? I decided to get out and try to understand what kinds of challenges these people are facing and what about their situation might not be obvious to those of us not in that community. How did they end up in that situation? What I learned was heart breaking.

The first man I encountered was a sweet soul. He told me that he has been homeless for three years. It started when he and his child's mom broke up. He was working, but found it difficult to continue to hold a job while couch surfing, to avoid sleeping on the streets. He eventually lost his job because hygiene became a problem. When I asked him what are some things that he struggles with most, outside of the obvious? He said, "Theft. It's bad enough that we are living on the streets, but to worry about one of our own stealing from us makes it worse. We already have very little and we shouldn't have to worry about it being stolen." This man seemed to be a kind man that just came across a bad situation that he can't pull himself out of. It is interesting to note that most employers require someone to have a physical address in order to be employed. In this gentleman's case no address – no employment.

The second man I spoke to was 29 years old and has been homeless for five years. His journey began when an arsonist burnt his home down in the middle of the night. He had no insurance to cover the damage and the arsonist was never caught. He said, "The hardest part is just trying to stay sane. I feel hopeless and I fear that even if I was able to get back on my feet it could be taken from me in a flash, again. Where has humanity gone? When did people stop caring about other people? I would give anything



Encampments are found everywhere throughout the region. Photos by Andrea Hatch



Many homeless are seeking direction to solve their problems.

to change my clothes every day, shower daily, eat whenever I want and to just relax in the comfort of a home." This man was very intelligent and easy to talk to. I asked him what was most difficult about

being homeless and he said sleep. He said that between the police, rangers, sheriffs and even highway patrol it's hard to get enough sleep, which only makes sanity even harder to maintain.

I spoke with two women as well. I wanted the perspective of both genders to see how the stories might differ. One of the women told me she ended up on the streets due to drugs and would give it all up to get off of the streets. She said that her safety is a constant concern. The other lady was one who had been in a program and ended up losing her children and then her money ran out and she has been homeless ever since. Both women mentioned they have been attacked by the men in their community and have to depend on the protection of the other men, which is not

always a reliable protection.

Out of all of the people that I spoke to, it became obvious that every situation came about for different reasons. None of those that I talked to suggested they had a mental illness, but all advised that more than half of the people in their community do. Mental illness, be it drug induced or caused by a traumatic event absolutely adds, significantly, to the homeless population. The women I talked to mentioned that there is only one shelter for women and they can only shower between the hours of 7AM and 11AM, so they have to be close to that shelter or risk not being able to wash. The men's shelter that is closest to the downtown area can only hold 40-50 men at a time and showers are not provided daily.

Many times, I have heard people say, "Well, they did it to themselves," "If they wanted to get off of the streets they would put in some effort." I think that many people are missing that fact that most of the homeless community are not there by choice. Any one of the stories I heard today could be any one of us at any given time. I agree with the second gentlemen that I spoke to, "Where has humanity gone?" It is time that we step up as a community to help those that have less than us. There are so many locations that have multiple showers, why not open them up to the homeless during non-business hours? If you have food in your house that you know will go to waste before you can eat it, donate it to the next homeless person you see walking down the street instead of throwing it away. If you have the ability to hire



Always on the move seeking shelter and food.

someone that has the skill, be okay if they don't have a physical address. It takes ALL of us to make changes, but it takes just one of us to kick start it. I know fear of the unknown is present, but you never know someone's story until you ask and really listen to the journey that led them to where they are. Make a move, change a life. ★



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# Sacramento Children's Home Launches Annual Holiday Giving Program

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento Children's Home has kicked off its annual Holiday Giving Program, bringing the local community together during the holidays to serve children and families in need. Last year, our program provided gifts for 1,200 children, and the community adopted nearly 70 families, providing them with gifts, gift cards and everyday essentials. Once again this year we have 1,200 children participating; many of whom the gifts they receive through our program will be the only gifts they receive this year.

The holidays are a joyful time when we can give thanks for all that we have and give back to those in need. There are several ways for community members to get involved with the SCH Holiday Giving Program, which ends December 14.

**Wish Stars and Ornaments:** The classic yellow wish star includes three wishes from an SCH child. Community members are encouraged to shop for their child and return unwrapped gifts to the Sacramento Children's Home at 2750 Sutterville Road in Sacramento. Financial contributions of \$25, \$50, \$100 or more, as well as gift card donations

help us ensure that all kids and families have their holiday wishes fulfilled and basic needs met. Some male youth in our Residential Program do not have family to spend the holidays with, so financial support specific to our snow trip enables us to send our residents on a snow trip to Mt. Shasta over the holidays.

**Adopt-a-Family:** Community members can also adopt an entire family this holiday season. The adoptees are families that participate in Sacramento Children's Home programs such as the Family Resource Centers and the Counseling Center.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Every year, we rely on community volunteers to help run our holiday donation site. Last year, about 200 volunteers provided nearly 100 hours of support, which included greeting donors, accepting gifts, registering gifts into our system, sorting, and wrapping.

**Giving Tree Sites and Holiday Sponsors:** Local businesses and schools participate by hosting Giving Tree sites with stars available to the public for pick up. Businesses and corporations also have the opportunity to sponsor an SCH Holiday Party for individual programs such

as our Family Resource Centers and Crisis Nurseries to help strengthen families in our highest risk communities.

For more information about all of these options and important dates, please visit [www.kidshome.org/holiday-giving](http://www.kidshome.org/holiday-giving).

The Sacramento Children's Home was founded in 1867 and today it is the most comprehensive child and family service organization in Sacramento County serving more than 7,000 children and 4,300 families each year through a broad spectrum of residential, community-based, mental health and educational programs. Throughout its 151-year history, the Sacramento Children's Home has been at the forefront of trauma-informed care and developing new ways to improve the outcomes of children and families. Through its multiple programs at six sites in the county, the Sacramento Children's Home offers prevention, early intervention and treatment programs that are critical to strengthening families and stopping the generational cycle of child abuse and neglect. More information is available at [www.kidshome.org](http://www.kidshome.org)

*Source: Sacramento Children's Home* ★

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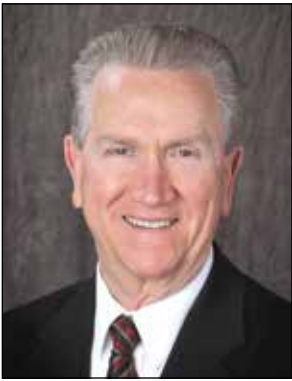
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By Bob McGarvey

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - And the question is, is this really “Black Friday?” Is this the day after Thanksgiving in which people rush the stores in a mad dash to find that one item? Or is this the day after Thanksgiving in which fewer people actually go to the stores in person, and instead do more and more of their shopping online? Many members of my family like to go to the stores and actually touch the tools, clothes, jewelry or whatever, instead of hoping the two-dimensional picture on their PC is what they really want. Quite a few retail stores have closed recently because of the online shopping. If possible, most of my shopping is still in person. I use computers every day at work, of course, because that is the way the world operates now. You have to pay attention to the way people communicate and do their business. With all that said, it will be interesting to see how well shopping is handled the day after Thanksgiving. I stopped working on this

## And Another Thing ... *Paradise Lost*

column and looked at the one from last week. I found one error that is in need of correction before I go any further. I said my oldest son was working outside and was using a mask. In fact, it was my youngest son who was working outside and was using a mask to stop the smoke and particulates that are in the air. And another thing that just crossed my mind is after Thanksgiving in November, there are remembrance events like National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, which isn't an official federal holiday but is still remembered by many people. There are also 14 religious holidays, which I just found out, in December. Christmas and Hanukkah are the two major religious holidays celebrated, respectively, in America. But if you look up Herb Scribner, published December 1, 2015 and updated November 20, 2017, you will find many holidays in December if they are of interest to you. I am always interested in things that I wasn't aware of before. During the first two or three days of the fire that was going through the town of Paradise in Butte County, one of the reporters who was very close to the fire said that what they saw of Paradise was more like hell because of the horrific results of the fire. As

we go through our lives, some of the things that we hear, see or read during our youth are connected later in our lives to events that may happen today. One of those readings was John Milton's *Paradise Lost*, and the Paradise today definitely seems to have lost everything except the lives of those who escaped. It is pretty sad how the news seems to be getting worse every day, when usually the numbers go down instead of up. I am writing this column on Friday, and today, the front page of the paper changed the numbers about people who have died and the number of people missing. Sixty-three deaths are confirmed, there are now 631 missing, and the numbers of buildings are now over 9,000. Listening to what some of the survivors from Paradise said and how they escaped the flames could be the material for another book. I don't know if writing such a book would bring back too many memories of what they had to go through as they fled for their lives, or maybe it would be a kind of therapy. I am very glad that so many people continue to do all they can to help those in need. All you can do is try and move forward one day at a time. *From Vice Mayor Bob McGarvey, God bless, and see you next time. ★*

## SMUD X-Rays High-voltage Lines to Prevent Large Power Outages



**Suspended from a helicopter, a lineworker conducts X-ray photography on a SMUD transmission line in the Sierra. The work helps SMUD identify potential issues in advance so they can be repaired and help avoid power outages that could affect thousands of customers.**  
Photo courtesy SMUD

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - SMUD's high voltage transmission lines in the Sierra deliver large amounts of power from SMUD's hydroelectric facilities to customers in the valley. A fault on one of those lines can significantly impact the electrical system, potentially leaving thousands of customers in the dark. Critical to the lines' capability are splices that enable the lines to be continuous. As transmission lines are strung or repaired over time, the splices, which are tubular sleeves, can degrade. To find potential faults SMUD is using state-of-the-art portable X-ray photography to inspect major transmission lines that feed the SMUD grid. Since the X-ray data collected is live, any potential issues are found immediately and repairs are promptly made to arrest future failure. These high-voltage lines are strung atop high lattice-style towers. Maintenance and repairs on them can involve a lot of work, sometimes more

than a hundred feet above the ground, and the work is typically done while the lines are energized so power can flow without interruption. "Having this tool available to us helps eliminate the guesswork," said SMUD Chief Energy Delivery Officer Frankie McDermott. "It provides another level of protection to help prevent outages on our transmission lines and helps us to harden the SMUD grid." To do the X-ray inspections that see inside the critical splices, they brought in lineworkers from Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), who are certified to do what's called "barehand" work on energized transmission lines high above the ground while suspended from a helicopter. Barehanding is a technique that safely allows transmission lineworkers to "bond on" and have direct contact with energized, high-voltage lines to perform work. Special protective clothing, including gloves, socks and boots,

place the lineworker within the field of electricity that surrounds the energized conductor, allowing the electricity to flow around their body. The work is part of many ongoing projects to improve and enhance reliable power delivery. The transmission lines in El Dorado County enable SMUD to deliver power from the Upper American River Project (UARP), SMUD's huge system of hydroelectric power plants in the Sierra. The UARP's nearly 700 megawatts of clean power can provide about 20 percent of SMUD's power in a normal water year, which can be crucial especially in summer months when market power is more expensive. Reliability is a core value of SMUD, a policy set by the SMUD Board of Directors who is elected by SMUD customers. To fulfill that policy, SMUD continues to bolster the infrastructure that comprises SMUD's grid. For more information about SMUD, visit SMUD.org. *Source: SMUD Media ★*

## Golden State Water Donates More Than 8,000 Turkeys

*Going to Families and Individuals in Need Through Operation Gobble*

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - During the month of November, Golden State Water Company (Golden State Water) worked in partnership with elected officials and community leaders to distribute more than 8,000 turkeys to organizations that serve families and individuals with limited resources through its annual Operation Gobble outreach program. "Golden State Water serves 76 communities throughout California, and we are able to make a big impact through the Operation Gobble program which provides holiday meals for those who may otherwise go without," said Denise Kruger, Senior Vice President of Regulated Utilities for Golden State Water. "We appreciate the partnerships we have with

local elected officials and community organizations to ensure the turkeys find their way to those who need them most." Operation Gobble is a philanthropic partnership between Golden State Water, the California Water Association and local and state elected officials. This year, Golden State Water employees distributed turkeys to local community-based organizations, including The Salvation Army, Boy Scouts of America, Lions Club, churches, food banks, senior centers and other nonprofits in the communities it serves. Operation Gobble has been a Golden State Water tradition since 1990. Over the last 28 years, Golden State Water has donated more than 230,000 turkeys

through the program. "Operation Gobble has become an important part of the holiday season for all of our employees who understand the significant impact a warm Thanksgiving meal can make for our neighbors who have limited resources," said Ronald Moore, Golden State Water's Operation Gobble project leader. To learn more about Golden State Water's community partnerships and philanthropic activities, customers are encouraged to visit gswater.com, or follow @GoldenStateH2O on Twitter and Facebook. Golden State Water Company (Golden State Water) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of American States Water Company. ★

## Show Your Support! Shop and Dine at Small Businesses this Holiday Season

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punch to the U.S. economy: 108 million consumers shopped or dined small and generated approximately \$12 billion in reported spending. By shopping locally and dining at independently-owned small businesses we are putting money back into our local economy and

supporting the local businesses that create jobs and boost the economy. This year, Americans are seeing more money in their paychecks following the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and more than six million American workers have seen a bonus as a result as well. This is positive news for small businesses

especially during the holiday season. I encourage you to join us and more than 100 million Americans in shopping and dining small on Small Business Saturday, November 24, your holiday shopping. And, share your stories and where you're shopping via social media using #ShopSmall. ★



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**Cordova Community Christmas Tree Lighting**  
Date: 11-25-18  
Time: 4:00pm to 7:30pm  
Place: Village Green Park 3141 Bridgeway Drive Rancho Cordova, CA  
Contact: 916-273-5705  
Info: The annual lighting of our Cordova Community Christmas Tree is a public event inspiring community unity, showcasing Rancho Cordova community life, promoting local business and providing a community branding experience. Hay Rides, Amusement Rides, Food Trucks, Music Santa Claus, Magic, Train Rides, SNOW! HELP STUFF THE SQUAD CAR Brighten the holiday for needy kids in our community by bringing a new, unwrapped gift

**Carmichael Tree Lighting**  
Date: 12/6/18  
Time: 5pm to 8pm  
Place: Carmichael Park 5750 Grant Ave Carmichael, CA 95608  
Contact: 916-485-5322  
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Date: 12/6/18  
Time: 6:30pm to 9pm  
Place: Citrus Heights City

**Capitol pops Concert Band**  
Date: 12/6/18  
Time: 8pm  
Place: Christ the King Lutheran Church 5811 Walnut Avenue Orangevale, CA 95662  
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**Sacramento Symphonic Winds "With a Song in Your Heart"**  
Date: 12-9-18  
Time: 2:30pm  
Place: Rio Americano High School Center for the Arts. 4540 American River Drive  
Contact: 916-489-2576  
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Diaper Bank: Sunrise Rotary Delivers 2500 Diapers

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bank currently serves a few hundred families each year. Although there are usually enough diapers to supply the needs, the stock has dropped so low that a community request to donate had been issued. “We want to keep diapers stocked.”

The greatest need is infant diapers, number one size, since babies use the most on a daily basis. Between community diaper drives and individual donations, they usually keep well stocked. The most successful drives, said Sanger, are those hosted by businesses or service organizations like Sunrise Rotary. Even local churches have held drives. FCCP supplies the collection bins and a draft poster that the organization or business can personalize.

“We try to work with companies and make it easy for them to host diaper drives.

Sunrise Rotary has participated in many local

events to help the community, including planting trees one Saturday morning, American River clean up, collecting warm clothing and blankets for those in need, so sponsoring a diaper drive seemed a good fit.

Daly said that his club has partnered with FCCP for several years through the Christmas in Cordova event.

“One of our members, Chris Clark, works for FCCP and when he was our president he got us involved,” wrote Daly.

Daly met with Sanger and asked what the three biggest needs were. Diapers and wipes were the first things mentioned.

“I then suggested that our club would do a diaper and wipes drive to help.”

Daly commended Park West Casino, First Bank on Zinfandel, and a local business development park for their donations. Club members also stepped up to add to the collection.

“This is the first year we have done a drive for FCCP and hope to make it an annual event for them.”

FCCP serves between 500 and 600 families annually with its array of safety-net services which include diapers, emergency food, or even utility assistance.

Other safety-net services include Regional Transit bus passes, baby food, referrals, advocacy, and short-term case management for low-income families living in Rancho Cordova, Mather, Folsom, and three zip code areas (95826, 95827, and 95830) of Sacramento.

FCCP also hosts a number of activities for families including its quarterly community baby shower, exercise classes, and its annual harvest festival event. The monthly Connections Café is a drop-in lunch networking opportunities for service providers and organizations throughout the

county. Six times each year, families are invited to the Cordova Lane Center for fun and educational activities.

FCCP has been serving the area for 26 years, this year celebrating 20 years as one of nine Birth and Beyond Family Resource Centers in Sacramento County, and 10 years offering community support services which include emergency diapers. In 2019, FCCP will celebrate another milestone offering employment development services to youth and adults as an America’s Job Center.

For additional information about FCCP, visit: <http://www.thefccp.org/>. For additional information about Rancho Cordova Sunrise Rotary, visit: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/9120>. For additional information about National Diaper Bank Network, visit: <https://nationaldiaper-banknetwork.org/>. ★



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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-18-828643-JB Order No.: 180241171-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/14/2011. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): MICHELLE R. STEADHAM, A SINGLE WOMAN Recorded: 9/28/2011 as Instrument No. xxx in Book 20110928 Page 1514 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California; Date of Sale: 12/4/2018 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the East Main Entrance of the Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$88,340.26 The purported property address is: 3020 RAMSGATE WAY, RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95670 Assessor's Parcel No.: 077-0102-006-0000 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 Web site <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-18-828643-JB. 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. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee.

This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-18-828643-JB IDSPub #0146836 11/9/2018 11/6/2018 11/23/2018 IDS#0146836 11/23/18

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 00000007693799 Title Order No.: 180299310 FHA/VA PMI NO.: ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY APPLIES ONLY TO COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR, NOT TO THIS RECORDED ORIGINAL NOTICE. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED TO YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/03/1989. 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. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 11/22/1989 as Book No. 891122 and Page No. 3095 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: DONALD H. SMITH AND BETTY J. SMITH, HIS WIFE, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 01/04/2019 TIME OF SALE: 9:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: GORDON D. SCHABER SACRAMENTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 720 9TH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2638 CHASSELLA WAY, RANCHO CORDOVA, CALIFORNIA 95670 APN#: 057-0193-005-0000 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, 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, 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 \$17,996.98. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said 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 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 Web site [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com) for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 00000007693799. 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. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AUCTION.COM, LLC 800-280-2832 [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com) BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP as Trustee 20955 Pathfinder Road, Suite 300 Diamond Bar, CA 91765 (866) 795-1852 Dated: 11/12/2018 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A-FN4676010 11/23/2018, 11/30/2018, 12/07/2018 ASAP#4676010 181911 12-7-18

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 130324-5 Loan No. SPAULDING Title Order No. 95312096 APN 072-0183-011-0000 TRA No. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/15/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. as the duly appointed Trustee WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, 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, described as follows: Trustor(s): MICHAEL E. BROWN AND CATHELIN I. TORREZ-BROWN Deed of Trust: recorded on 08/27/2007 as Document No. in Book 20070827, Page 0070 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of SACRAMENTO County, California, Date of Trustee's Sale: 12/13/2018 at 02:00PM Trustee's Sale Location: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 The property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: ALL THAT PORTION OF LOT 4, BLOCK 2, AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL PLAT OF NATOMAS CONSOLIDATED OF CALIFORNIA SUBDIVISION NO. 3, RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, IN BOOK 14 OF MAPS, MAP NO. 46, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT FROM WHICH THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 76, AS SAID LOT IS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL PLAT OF MILLS PARK TERRACE UNIT NO. 1, RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY IN BOOK 53 OF MAPS, MAP NO. 11, BEARS SOUTH 89 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 130.00 FEET; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING NORTH 89 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 72.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES, 12 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST 120.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89

DEGREES 45 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 72.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 120.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 10476 SPAULDING WAY, RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95670. 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, 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: \$31,901.09 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Beneficiary may elect to bid less than the full credit bid. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com), using the file number assigned to this case 130324-5. 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. Date: 11/12/2018 MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. 11707 Fair Oaks Blvd., Ste 202 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 (916) 962-3453 Sale Information Line: 916-939-0772 or [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) LAUREN MEYER, VICE PRESIDENT MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0343867 11/23/2018, 11/30/2018, 12/07/2018 NPP#0343867 181911 12-7-18

### City of Rancho Cordova Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that on **Monday, December 3, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova will hold a Public Hearing at the **Rancho Cordova City Hall, located at 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova**, to consider the following:

#### Bond Opportunities for Land Development Program

The purpose of this public hearing is: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 3, 2018, a public hearing will be held with respect to the proposed participation by the City of Rancho Cordova (the "Local Agency") in the Bond Opportunities for Land Development ("BOLD") program of the California Municipal Finance Authority ("CFMA"). Participation in said program will enable property owners to finance public capital improvements and/or development impact fees for public capital improvements imposed on new development within the boundaries of the Local Agency. Said public capital improvements, if financed, will be among the public capital improvements required in connection with a given development project. Said development impact fees, if financed, will be used by the Local Agency to pay for public capital improvements which will serve the Local Agency, and which will be of a type and nature authorized under the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 (California Government Code section 53311 et seq.). Participation in said program does not itself authorize the Local Agency to impose additional public capital improvements or new or additional development impact fees on any property owner.

The hearing will commence at 5:30 pm or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, and will be held at Rancho Cordova City Council Chambers located at 2729 Prospect Park Drive in Rancho Cordova, California. Interested persons wishing to express their views on the participation in such program and the financing of public capital improvements and/or development impact fees as described above will be given an opportunity to do so at the public hearing or may, prior to the time of the hearing, submit written comments to 2729 Prospect Park Drive in Rancho Cordova, California 95670. Attention: City Clerk

#### NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

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

#### ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Department at (916) 851-8720. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

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#### Annual Stormwater Utility Fee for the Sunridge Village Project

The purpose of this public hearing is: Notice is hereby given that the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Rancho Cordova (the "City") adopted its Resolution Designating a Time and Place for Hearing Protests to impose an Annual Stormwater Utility Fee (the "Fee") for the Sunridge Village Project under the provisions of California Health and Safety Code Section 5471, et seq. Under the provisions of this Code and in compliance with the provisions of Article XIII D of the California Constitution, the Council gives notice as follows:

The Council is undertaking proceedings to impose the Fee for the financing of the maintenance and operations of the stormwater drainage and flood protection system in the new development areas of the City, including the Sunridge Village Project. The text of the Resolution as adopted by the Council, and of the Preliminary Rate Analysis Report for the Stormwater Utility Fee (the "Rate Analysis Report"), is on file with City Clerk and reference is made thereto for the particular provisions thereof. The Rate Analysis Report contains a description of each parcel of real property within the City to which the Fee is applicable (collectively, the "Identified Parcels").

At the date and time set above, the Council will hold a public hearing in connection with the Fee. At the hearing, all interested persons shall be afforded the opportunity to hear and be heard, and the City Council shall consider all protests from property owners subject to the Fee. If written protests against the Fee are presented by a majority of owners of the Identified Parcels, the City shall not impose the Fee. In the absence of a majority protest, the City Council may submit the Fee to a vote of the property owners in accordance with Article XIII D of the California Constitution.

The City of Rancho Cordova encourages interested parties to attend public meetings and comment on the issues being discussed. If you wish to provide testimony and are unable to attend the meeting, written comments that are delivered to the City Clerk's office prior to the time of the hearing will be made a part of the public record. Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the Elizabeth Sparkman, City of Rancho Cordova at 916-851-8700.

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### ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2018-00242965

Blanca Maucicia Santos Ferreira has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Blanca Maucicia Santos Ferreira to Bianca Ferreira Afanasiev. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on January 22, 2019, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: October 19, 2018  
David I. Brown, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: November 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2018  
FERREIRA 180101 11-23-18

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2018-00243291

Muhammad Sabir and FNU Shakillah have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of FNU Shakillah to Shakillah Ghafoori, FNU Hillah to Hillah Ghafoori and FNU Samah to Samah Ghafoori. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on January 23, 2019, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: October 26, 2018  
David I. Brown, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: November 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2018  
GHAFOORI 180101 11-23-18

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2018-00244026

Sean M. A. Vasquez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sean Michael Angelo Vasquez to Sean Michael Angelo Phillipson. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on January 28, 2019, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: November 7 2018  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: November 16, 23, 30, and December 7, 2018  
PHILLIPSON 180101 12-7-18

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2018-00244166

Bernadine Marie Waltrip has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Bernadine Marie Waltrip to Dena Marie Waltrip. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on January 28, 2019, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: November 9 2018  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: November 16, 23, 30, and December 7, 2018  
WALTRIP 180101 12-7-18

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2018-00243901

Raza Ali & Sana Shakoor have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Rijja Khan to Fareeha Ali. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on January 25, 2019, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: November 6, 2018  
David I. Brown, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: November 16, 23, 30, and December 7, 2018  
KHAN 180101 12-7-18

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2018-00243917

Krysta Hilarides and Quinton Johnson have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Quinton Maasai Johnson Hilarides II to Quinton Maasai Johnson II. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on January 25, 2019, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: November 6 2018  
David I. Brown, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: November 16, 23, 30, and December 7, 2018  
JOHNSON 180101 12-7-18

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2018-00243923

Sonja Rachelle Bledsoe have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sonja Rachelle Bledsoe to Sonja Rachelle Goode. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on January 25, 2019, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: November 6, 2018  
David I. Brown, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: November 16, 23, 30, and December 7, 2018  
GOODE 180101 12-7-18

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2018-00244123

Donna Sheeders Patton have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Donna Sheeders Patton to Donna Jean Sheeders. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on January 28, 2019, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: November 8, 2018  
David I. Brown, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: November 16, 23, 30, and December 7, 2018  
PATTON 180101 12-7-18

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2018-00244017

Yelena Kisel have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Yelena Kisel to Yelena Zatserkovny. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on January 28, 2019, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: November 7, 2018  
David I. Brown, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: November 16, 23, 30, and December 7, 2018  
KISEL 180101 12-7-18

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2018-0024019

Samuel Adedapo Oluwalade-Fernandez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Samuel Adedapo Oluwalade-Fernandez to Samuel Adedapo Samuels Jr, Olawumi Olaitan Aladapo to Olawumi Olaitan Samuels, and Jayden Adeyimika Oluwalade-Fernandez to Jayden Oluwoloni Samuels. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on January 28, 2019, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: November 7, 2018  
David I. Brown, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: November 16, 23, 30, and December 7, 2018  
FERNANDEZ 180101 12-7-18

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2018-00242963

Brianna Marie Buttram has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Brianna Marie Buttram to Bee Marie. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on January 22, 2019, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: October 19, 2018  
David I. Brown, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: November 23, 30, December 7, and 14, 2018  
BUTTRAM 180101 12-14-18

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHN KARL ACHERMANN. CASE No. 34-2018-00243065

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of John Karl Achermann, deceased A Petition for Probate has been filed by Robert J. Achermann, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento,

requesting Robert J. Achermann, be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows December 12, 2018 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129 at Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento 3341 Power Inn Road Sacramento, CA 95826. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Robert J. Achermann 4115 Kilcher Court Carmichael, CA 95608 916-207-4315 Publish: November 9, 16, and 23, 2018 ARCHER 170622 11-23-18

### CITATION

Superior Court of California, County of Orange  
In the Matter of: XIAN ETHEN VODEGEL  
minor person who  
Should be declared free from custody and control of His/her parents(s)  
FIRST AMENDED CITATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING  
Case No.: 18AD000197  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
TO: ERIC MICHAEL PLUMB as he is ordered to appear. By this court you are hereby advised that you may appear before the judge residing in Department (L-611) of Lamoreaux Justice Center, located at 341 The City Drive South, Orange California, 92868, on ( 01/18/2019 ) at (10:00 am/pm). Then and there to show cause, if any you have, why XIAN ETHEN VODEGEL, should not be declared free from your custody and control for the purpose of freeing XIAN ETHEN VODEGEL for placement for adoption. The termination of custody and control of said minor and set forth in Cal. Family Code 8600 et seq. 1. At the beginning of proceeding the court will consider whether or not the interests of the minor child require the appointment of counsel. If the court finds that the interests of the minor do require such protection, the court will appoint the counsel to represent him, whether or not he is able to afford counsel. The minor will not be present in court unless he requests or the court so orders. 2. If a parent of the minor appears without the counsel and is unable to afford counsel, the court must appoint counsel for the parent, unless the parent knowingly and intelligently waives the right to be represented by counsel. The court will not appoint the same counsel to represent both minor and his parent. 3. The court may appoint either a public defender or private counsel. If private counsel is appointed, he or she will receive reasonable sum for compensation and expenses, the amount of which will be determined by the court. The amount must be paid by the real parties in interest, but not by the minor, in such proportions at the court believes to be just. If, however, the court finds that any of the real parties in interest cannot afford counsel, the amount will be paid by the court. 4. The court may continue the proceeding for not more than thirty (30) days as

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14. R in R.E.M.  
19. Alex Haley saga  
22. \_\_\_\_ pie in a sand box  
23. Blacksmith's hearth  
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25. Fowl perch  
26. Film roll  
27. Ronstadt, e.g.  
28. Infectious protein particle  
29. Bank job  
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41. Not sympathetic  
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**Bid Document No: S030.08.01**  
**Control No: 2018094**  
**Owner: Sacramento Regional Transit District**  
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### SUMMONS

SUMMONS (Parentage-Custody and Support) NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name): Jimenez  
Petitioner's Name is: Felipe Duran  
CASE NUMBER: SCCV CU18-1327  
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp)), at the California Legal Services website ([www.lawhelpca.gov](http://www.lawhelpca.gov)), or by contacting your local county bar association. NOTICE: The restraining order on page 2 remains in effect against each parent until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. This order is enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of it. FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party. The name and address of the court are: Superior Court of California, County of Siskiyou Family Law/ Civil/ Juvenile Division 311 Fourth Street Room 206 Yreka, CA 96097 The name, address, and telephone number of petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney are: Felipe Duran 202 Turre Street Yreka, CA 96097 916-237-7342 Date: October 9, 2018 clerk, by T. Obiron, deputy  
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### NOTICE OF HEARING

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SISKIYOU  
FAMILY LAW/CIVIL/JUVENILE DIVISION  
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CASE # SCCV CU18-1327

NOTICE OF HEARING

PETITIONER: FELIPE DURAN  
RESPONDENT: NIKKI JIMENEZ  
REQUEST FOR ORDER :  
CHILD CUSTODY/ VISITATION  
1. TO: (NAME) NIKKI JIMENEZ RESPONDENT  
2. A COURT HEARING WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS: Date: 12/19/18 Time 8:30am  
Dept. 9 Address of court - same as noted above 3. WARNING to the person served with the Request for Order: The court may make the requested orders without you if you do not file a Responsive Declaration to Request for Order (form FL-320 ), serve a copy on the other parties at least nine court days before the hearing ( unless the court has ordered a shorter period of time ), and appear at the hearing. ( see form fl-320-INFO for more information )  
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TV  
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CHEERS & JEERS

**Cheers to Titans**  
for ruling the DC Universe. Sorry, Batman, but the streaming platform's first original series, centered on ex-sidekick Dick Grayson (Brenton Thwaites) and his band of severely broken heroes, is the kind of brutal, no-holds-barred superhero comic book adaptation that fans didn't even know they needed or deserved.



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**Cheers to Single Parents**  
for treating the kids like people, not simply plot twists. Whether it's over-the-top Halloween parties, sleepovers or pet deaths, the writers of ABC's delightful new comedy could teach a class in mining laughs from hapless adults (including Leighton Meester and Taran Killam) while also finding the heart in how the little ones are impacted by their actions.

**Jeers to House of Cards' Claire**  
for being an enemy of the press. In the series finale, Robin Wright's corrupt President Hale bashed a journalist's damning story about her as being fake news because it broke online and not even in print. That's like saying Netflix isn't TV because it's not on TV!

**Jeers to TV's Awful team-up Nicknames**  
Eleanor and her do-good

crew from The Good Place go by the u?ber-geeky "Soul Squad," while A Million Little Things' Eddie, Gary and Rome (David Giuntoli, James Roday and Romany Malco, with Ron Livingston in front) dubbed themselves "The Band of Dads" when trying to help raise their late buddy's kids. It's like nobody has learned from the mistake that was Big Brother's "Chilltown" alliance. ★

ASK MATT

BY MATT ROUSH TV Guide Senior Critic

**Did The Walking Dead Cop Out With Rick?**  
**Question:** [Spoilers Ahead] So all the hype around Andrew Lincoln (Rick Grimes) leaving the show was just in hopes we'd get worked up about a series of Walking Dead movies? Do you feel they copped out with this approach? —Ronald M

**Matt Roush:** I wouldn't call it a cop-out as much as a sell-out. Given the buildup,

any death scenario that didn't involve taking Negan down with him (which would be satisfying) would seem anticlimactic, and his preposterous long ride down memory lane on the most patient white horse ever—until it wasn't—was a chore to behold. If the intent was to get our attention, AMC and the show succeeded. Beyond that, expanding the Walking Dead universe into a series of Rick Grimes movies has more than a whiff of desperation, and

could diminish the franchise as well as further hobble the series he leaves behind. Maybe the world that Rick has been transported to will breathe some life back into the Dead empire. The three episodes leading to the mid-season finale should help determine whether a post-Rick Walking Dead is still worth the effort. I was about to add how much I'll miss Maggie (Lauren Cohan) when her time comes, but watching her fall for Negan's transparent head games—she now won't kill him because he begged her to? (sheesh)—sort of softens that blow as well.

To submit questions to TV Critic Matt Roush, go to: tvinsider.com ★

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



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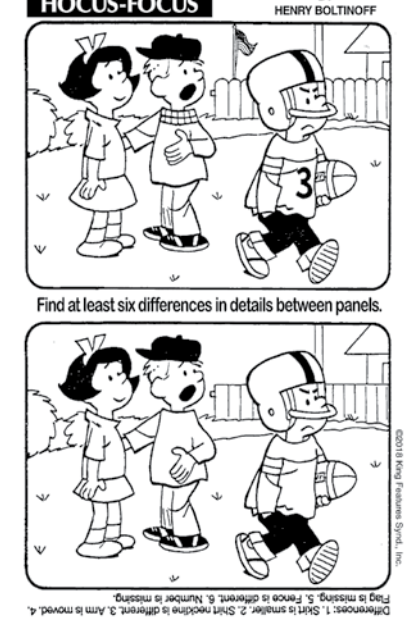
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By Brenda Bongiorno, Sacramento County

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - In California, there are more than 62,000 youth living in foster care and more than 34,000 waiting for a permanent family. In Sacramento County alone, there are less than 2,000 foster youth in need of a loving and affirming home.

Each November during National Adoption Month, Sacramento County reminds the community that you can make a difference in the life of a child by becoming a resource family. These resource parents, once known as foster parents, provide love, parental care, guidance and stability to children until they can either return to their parents or are provided a permanent home through adoption or guardianship.

Whether you are married or single, gay or straight, a homeowner or a renter, an aunt, teacher or simply a loving person that wants to positively impact the life of a child, Sacramento County Department of Child, Family and Adult Services hopes more people in our community will consider fostering a child.

Hundreds of new resource families are needed so that children and youth can live with a caring family in a home-based setting rather than in a group home. The more families who can open their doors to our children, the better. In particular, the County is looking for families who are able to foster teenagers, LGBTQ youth, African-American children, children with medical needs, emergency/last-minute placements and homes for sibling sets.

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On Nov. 15, we pause our busy lives long enough to speak the names of thousands of California children who are waiting in foster care for the love and support of a permanent family. Sacramento County, along with adoption agencies, are hosting the 30th Annual Calling Out of Names on the North Steps of the State Capitol from 9:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

During the seven-hour vigil, adoptive parents, child advocates, community leaders and elected officials will continually read the names and ages of every child in California currently waiting for families. Some names have been read year after year.

“This powerful vigil for the community helps us to come together annually to

raise awareness and hope for children who are awaiting permanent homes in Sacramento County and throughout California,” said Michelle Callejas, Sacramento County Director of Child, Family and Adult Services.

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If you are interested in learning more about becoming a resource family for local foster children or an adoptive parent, attend the next Resource Family/Adoptive Parent Orientation or call (916) 875-5543.

Source: Sacramento County Media

# Getting at the Real Cause of Rising Drug Prices

Commentary by Sandip Shah

Democrats and Republicans alike are lining up to criticize pharmaceutical companies for gouging customers and stranding sick patients.

President Donald Trump tweeted that drug companies “should be ashamed that they have raised drug prices for no reason.” Senator Dick Durbin, an Illinois Democrat who disagrees with the President on virtually everything else, is leading a charge to clamp down on drug prices, which he claims are the “#1 driver for increases in premiums” for health insurance.

These concerns are justified, but the blame is misplaced. Many patients do face high prices at the pharmacy, but that’s not because of drug company predation. The problem: the middlemen sitting between manufacturers and patients.

Pharmaceutical companies regularly negotiate substantial discounts with insurers, pharmacy benefit managers, and other supply chain players. These discounts shave down the price of the average brand-name drug by about a third.

Discounts have kept drug prices in check. Last year, the average cost of brand-name pharmaceuticals increased just 2 percent -- a percent increase well below that of doctor’s visits, hospital stays, and other parts of the healthcare sector.

Generic drugs have also curbed costs. Generics are cheaper than the brand-name drugs they’re copied from. Over the last decade, generic drugs have reduced patient health care costs by



Health insurers and other middlemen have steadily ratcheted up their cost-sharing requirements. The product price holds steady, but patients bare an increasingly large slice of the cost.

an estimated \$1.67 trillion.

By preventing disease, patients don’t develop conditions requiring more invasive, expensive treatments down the road. Every dollar spent on drugs could save up to \$10 in avoided ER visits and hospitalizations for patients with congestive heart failure, high blood pressure, diabetes, and more.

But then, the mystery: Given the heavy discounts on brand name products and the prevalence of low-cost generics, why do many patients still face high prices when they fill their prescriptions?

Because health insurers and other middlemen have steadily ratcheted up their cost-sharing requirements. The product price holds steady, but patients bare an increasingly large slice of the cost. Since 2006, insurance deductibles have increased by 350 percent and co-insurance has jumped 89 percent.

Instead of passing discounts to patients, insurers pocket them. More than half of the out-of-pocket requirements for brand name drugs in commercial health insurance are based on the full list price of the drug.

In other words, insurers act as if those discounts don’t exist.

This abuse fuels an odd phenomenon: for some patients, buying a drug with insurance costs more than paying for it directly out-of-pocket. Roughly 40 percent of brand name drugs are more expensive if patients use insurance.

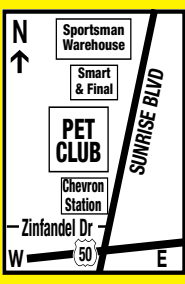
The New York Times recently profiled a UnitedHealthcare customer who went to fill his prescription for a generic cholesterol drug. He was told he owed \$84. That patient later searched online and found the same drug for just \$45. This mismatch happens all the time.

Voters and their elected officials have ample reason to be angry about sky-high drug prices, but pointing fingers at drug manufacturers isn’t helpful. Drug manufacturers have kept prices in check with substantial discounts and low-cost generics.

Sandip Shah is the founder and president of Market Access Solutions, a global market access consultancy, where he develops strategies to optimize patient access to life-changing therapies.

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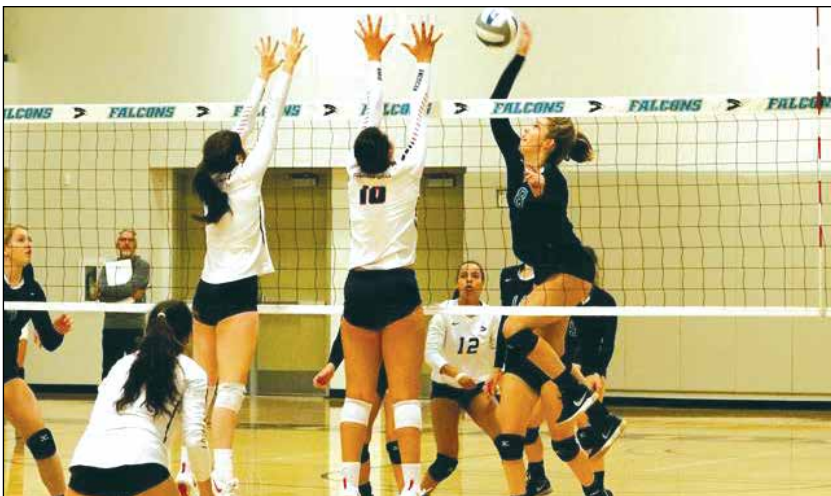
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FOLSOM LAKE COLLEGE SPORTS UPDATE

**Women's Volleyball**  
RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The FLC women's volleyball team took a huge step toward hosting a post-season playoff game with an exciting 4-set victory over Big 8 co-leader American River on Wednesday night at Falcon Gym, winning 25-14, 25-22, 23-25, 26-24. The raucous home crowd saw the Falcons jump out to a big lead early in set one before the final three sets were each decided by three points or less. With Big 8 kills leader Caitlin Dillon still hobbled by a pulled muscle, the Falcons had to rely on spreading the ball around to other weapons. When middle blocker Kristen Whitney went down with a sprained ankle late in the first set, it was all hands on deck. Despite the lingering muscle pull, Dillon still led the team with 16 kills, though she was clearly not jumping as usual. Defensively, Deonna Robinson had 26 digs to go with her 4 service aces. Alicia Wilson and Kennedy Crawford tallied 9 kills apiece, and Valerie Hutton had 5 blocks.

The Falcons' victory bumped the Beavers out of a tie for first place and enhanced the Falcons' hopes of hosting a first-round playoff match by improving their overall record to 17-7. With just two matches remaining, there is an outside chance the Falcons could finish in a tie for 2nd in the Big 8. They will play at Sac City



Kaitlin Bullock hits over the Beaver blockers on Wednesday night against American River. Photo courtesy Folsom Lake College

on Friday night, then finish against Santa Rosa on Tuesday at FLC.

**Women's Basketball**  
Folsom Lake's new women's basketball coach Ali Mollet had the unenviable assignment of opening her head coaching career against one of the top teams in California on Thursday afternoon at the Cosumnes River Tournament. The Falcons lost to L.A. Trade Tech, a 2018 CCCAA State Championship Elite Eight finalist, 76-51, in the season opener. Trade Tech won this same tournament last year with margins of victory of 59, 59, and 45 points, so the 25 point loss was the closest anyone has gotten to the Beavers. Freshman guard Shay Boley led the Falcons with 21 points

on 7-of-9 shooting, while sophomore returnee Alma Perez netted 15 points. Meanwhile, coach Mollet was able to play her entire squad yet still managed to keep the score relatively close. The Falcons will take on Butte College in Friday's second round game at 6:00 pm, with the winner playing either Shasta or Los Medanos on Saturday.

**Women's Soccer**  
On a smoky fall afternoon, the Falcons concluded their 2018 regular season on Friday with a dominant 7-0 victory over Diablo Valley College at Falcon Stadium. After a short pre-game 'Sophomore Recognition' ceremony, sophomores Riley Spitzer and Alhan Bakideh appropriately scored the Falcons' first three goals of the match, all in the first 18 minutes of play. By the time the first half had ended, the Falcons had added two more - one by freshman Sarah Scott and one credited to the team - to take a commanding 5-0 lead into the break. Freshmen Michaela Mayer and Corrine Christmann added second-half goals, and goalkeepers Izzy Chinchay and Hunter Casperson combined to shut out the Vikings. The Falcons finished the Big 8 season in second place at 12-4 and are 16-4-1 overall.

Tuesday's NorCal seeding meeting will determine the Falcons' playoff opponent, but it is expected that they will host at least two home playoff matches - as long as they keep winning - and possibly three. The pairings should be announced by Tuesday night.

Source: Folsom Lake College



Sophomore Riley Spitzer scored twice in 10 minutes against Diablo Valley. Photo courtesy Folsom Lake College

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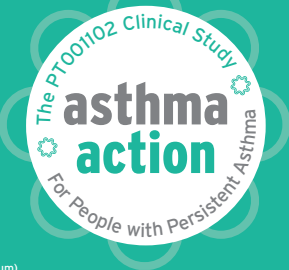
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