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“IF YOU CAN'T FLY, THEN RUN. IF YOU CAN'T RUN, THEN WALK, IF YOU CAN'T WALK, THEN CRAWL, BUT WHATEVER YOU DO, YOU HAVE TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD.”

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Josh Ochner Turns His Passion for Photography Into a Positive Experience



Sunflower Dream (above): The peak of the sunflower season in the Sacramento Valley lasts only a few days out of each year. Ochner's photograph "Sunflower Dream" shows golden flowers in the hundreds of thousands, full of life and reaching towards the sun. Phantom (at right): "Everything around me became colorful and brilliant as if the canyon had become alive," said Ochner. Photos courtesy of Josh Ochner Photography

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - A rough childhood, one brother brutally murdered, another brother tragically killed in a motorcycle accident... photographer Josh Ochner found himself lost. He burnt all of his photographs, had given up on his dream of being a photographer, and was living out of his car until the day he decided to turn his passion for photography into a positive experience. And lucky for us he did. Now every image he takes is filled with emotion that we get to experience with him.

Ochner will be showing his solo work (for the first time in Sacramento) on dye-infused aircraft grade metal at Gallery 1075 in West Sacramento. This unique display of photography brings the photos and Josh's emotions to life. The humble photographer will be there to explain all of the symbolism and emotion that each picture depicts.

The exhibit opened on January 5th and will be running continuously until January 30th.

When you are looking at Josh's photographs, you can see and feel all of the emotions he must have felt while overcoming the tragedies he faced throughout his life.

Speaking about his photograph "Royal,"

Ochner said, "I was on a 14-day, 3,000-mile car drive in late winter specifically to capture images of California, Oregon, and Washington. Besides all of the impressive landscapes, the weather was miserable. Most of the trip was pouring rain, hailstorms, and snow. At times I dreaded sleeping on the frozen ground inside my tent knowing that the next day I would have to backpack heavy photo equipment for miles along driftwood beaches in the rain, wade across frigid rivers, or try to find forest locations through dense fog.

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Ochner's photo "Dark River" is a representation of the deep corridors of the mind and facing one's fears. There is a feeling of being in a labyrinth where the walls are not

climbable and the path ahead is long and distant. The only way to truly free yourself is to follow the dark river upstream into the unknown.

In his description of "Phantom," another of Ochner's iconic photos, he said, "I was exploring the underground canyons of the Arizona desert when this powerful image appeared. The temperature inside the canyon was cold enough that I could see my breath. As I squeezed through this frigid and cramped section of 120-foot vertical walls, I

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Amended Sacramento County Panhandling Ordinance Released

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - As a result of a December 2014 court settlement by the County of Sacramento, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department will be embarking on a 30-day period of educating both their employees and the public regarding the enforcement of the Sacramento County Panhandling Ordinance (sections 9.81.010-070).

Sacramento County has amended its Aggressive and Intrusive Solicitation Ordinance so that it applies to charitable solicitors as well as panhandlers. The new law came into effect on January 12th, 2015.

Prohibitions: The following solicitation activities are prohibited:

"Aggressive solicitation such as abusive language, intentionally touching another person without their permission, using violent gestures toward a person, or closely following a person who does not want to be solicited, or intentionally blocking pedestrians or traffic, will be prohibited."

Aggressive solicitation such as abusive language, intentionally touching another person without their permission, using violent gestures toward a person, or closely following a person who does not want to be solicited, or intentionally blocking pedestrians or traffic; and solicitation within 35 feet of the entrance or exit to a bank during business hours or an ATM at any time; solicitation from the driver or occupants of a motor vehicle that is within 200 feet of an intersection with a street light or stop sign; and solicitation from a median strip; solicitation from the driver or occupants of a motor vehicle located within 35 feet of the driveway of a shopping center or other business establishment; solicitation on public transportation vehicles or within 50 feet of a transit stop; and solicitation from the driver or occupants of a motor vehicle while the vehicle is stopped at a gas station or gas pump.

Penalties: A person who violates this law is guilty of an infraction and may be subject to a fine. A person who violates this law more than two times in a six-month period is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be subject to a fine/and or a sentence in the County Jail.

Alternatives: Solicitors who seek access to social services or assistance can contact any suitable agency, one such option being Sacramento Steps Forward, located at 1331

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Film *Incongruity* Premieres at Gatsby-Themed Event



Angela Marie Rubio Zaniboni, writer and director of *Incongruity*. Her next project is directing the musical theatrical production of *Grease* in spring 2015. Photo by Jex Nguyen

Story by Margaret Snider

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Saturday, December 27th, Red Bench Entertainment held "An Evening with Gatsby," a roaring-twenties-themed premiere of their most recent production, a film titled *Incongruity*.

Angela Zaniboni, scriptwriter and director of the 35-minute

film, said that the creativity was collaborative among all those involved.

"It's pretty creepy," Zaniboni said. "I think we owe that to the lead actor, Andrew (Ramsey). We have some really dedicated actors. But it's also a film that a lot of people, even if they don't like scary movies, would really appreciate and enjoy."

Ramsey, who lives in Carmichael, was the villain of the piece. Ramsey said that Zaniboni has a great passion for her work, and as he watched the

editor's cut of the film, it was wonderful to see her vision come to life.

"I think (the movie) was very intense and people enjoyed my character, Adam Matthews," Ramsey said. "A few people came up to me and told me that I actually scared them, so that makes me feel good."

Executive director and Red Bench CEO Cheryl Rubio Barrios, who is from Citrus Heights, as is Zaniboni, said that a lot of horror films are full of gore, and they wanted to do

something different.

"It's one of those films that keeps you at the edge of your seat," Barrios said. "It's a mind game that makes you wonder what's going to happen next."

Held at Curtis Hall, Sierra 2 Center for the Arts, the five-hour-long event began with food, drinks, and social hour, and moved through a welcome by Barrios and a short address by Zaniboni. This was followed by live skits, monologues, and musical numbers by Red Bench

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Todd Morgan on the Town



Todd Morgan and friends: Carmichael Singer Todd Morgan (front row) was a fan magnet when he hosted a recent video-launch event at the Wilkerson Theater, Sacramento

Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Hot duds, hot dancing, and red-hot music were on the menu when the Carmichael-raised heartthrob treated friends to a night out at Wilkerson Theater in Sacramento. The occasion marked the release of a promotion video for Todd Morgan's song "Crazy Cryin' Blues."

A professional pianist and singer since age 15, the pompadoured prodigy graduated from Rio Americano High School. With his band, The Emblems, Morgan is a Sacramento institution and regular star of the Carmichael and Fair Oaks summer concert

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seasons. His boogie-woogie stylings are on the sound track of a soon-to-be-released scary movie called *1959*, starring Julia Roberts' brother Eric. The feature has won five film awards and is heading for the famous Cannes festival this spring. *1959* should reach American cinemas later this year.

Still living with his family in Carmichael, Morgan (24) has been busy making a new CD called "Sweet Pretender." The album, which features 15 of his original songs, will soon be available.

Learn about Todd Morgan's music at www.toddmorganandtheemblems.com

SusieCakes Sacramento Grand Opening

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - You are invited to attend a sweet celebration. SusieCakes Sacramento will open its doors on January 24th with a family-friendly celebration from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Sacramento location is at 564 Pavilions Lane in the Pavilions Shopping Center. All guests will be treated to complimentary mini desserts, photo ops in a classic car, face painting,

a balloon artist, and a coloring contest for kids. The kickoff celebration continues all week long with special promotions including a cupcake happy hour and two-for-one slices of cake. Come enjoy the celebration! For more information, visit www.SusieCakes.com or call (916) 865-2250.

Source: Bouchard Communications Group ★

Attend a sweet celebration at SusieCakes' grand opening of its Sacramento location. Photo courtesy of Bouchard Communications Group



Free Weekend Activities at Effie Yeaw Nature Center

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - The Effie Yeaw Nature Center (2850 San Lorenzo Way) is hosting a series of free, fun, and informational events this winter season. There is a \$5 per car county entrance fee into Ancil Hoffman Park (free to members). Donations are gratefully accepted.

Birding for Families: On Saturday, January 17th at 10:30 a.m., bring the family out for a birding and nature walk led by a Naturalist and our special guest guides from the Sacramento Audubon Society. Birdwatchers of all levels are welcomed. Make sure to bring your binoculars, or they can loan you a pair.

Black-tailed Deer: On Sunday, January 18th at 1:30 p.m., you can see the bucks in their winter glory, with beautiful antler crowns. Grab your binoculars, or borrow some, and catch a closer look at the black-tailed deer in their oak woodland habitat. All ages are welcome.

Source: Effie Yeaw Nature Center ★

Arrest Made in Carmichael Dog Torture

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County Sheriff's detectives have arrested a female believed to be responsible for two separate incidents in late December involving the theft and torture of dogs in the Carmichael area. Kayla Lynn Wright (23) was arrested and booked into the Sacramento County Jail on January 7th for charges relating to the grand theft of an animal and felony animal torture.



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In the early morning hours of December 26th, a resident of Cardinal Court in Carmichael reported finding a deceased dog in the garbage receptacle, with what appeared to be a cord tied around its neck. At 7 p.m. that same evening, a resident in the same area reported his two small dogs missing from his front yard. One of the dogs had returned

found unharmed. Sheriff's detectives were able to locate surveillance video in the neighborhood that corroborated the theft of the two small dogs and identified a female in the footage who was later identified as Kayla Wright. Further investigation established Wright to be responsible for the deceased dog initially found in the garbage receptacle.

Detectives wish to thank the Carmichael community for their efforts and cooperation in helping the detectives identify the person responsible for this incident. They also ask anyone who may have any further information about this case, to please contact the Sheriff's Department at (916) 874-5115.

Source: Sacramento County Sheriff's Department ★

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Ron Greenwood Realtors: At the Sacramento Association of Realtors headquarters, Ron Greenwood (second from right) rejoices in his election as 2015 board president. His executive officers are (from left) Ed Anderson, Paula Swayne, and Franco Garcia.

Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Carmichael Colony founder Daniel Carmichael began the Sacramento Association of Realtors in 1908 and took the president's chair in 1910. Almost 105 years later, the 5,800-member organization has elected Carmichaelite Ron Greenwood as its leader.

"Daniel Carmichael's vision resulted in a fantastic organization," said the 2015 president. "It's a kick to think I'm selling real estate in some of the same streets that our founder trod with his own for-sale signs."

Born in El Paso, Greenwood studied at the University of Texas and moved to California after graduation. He held an Orange County banking job before choosing sales as a career. Executive roles for several



Daniel Carmichael was a founder and president of the Sacramento Board of Realtors. Photo courtesy of Susan Skinner Carmichael Archive

men's apparel companies were followed by a 1992 jump to real estate. Greenwood has been a top producer for Coldwell Banker for 18 years. The agent has served the Sacramento

Board of Realtors since 1996.

In 2008, Greenwood was elected to the Carmichael Water District board; he took the presidential gavel in 2010. The Sacramento Regional Water authority named him its 2014 chair. He also serves on the Sacramento County Local Agency Formation Commission.

In volunteer hours, Greenwood (67) is chief financial officer for the non-profit Carmichael Park Foundation and is an active member of Carmichael Kiwanis. Married to San Juan School District speech therapist Cleo Greenwood, he worships at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church on Walnut Avenue. The Greenwood family has occupied the same Carmichael home for 31 years.

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exhaled slowly in amazement. A colorful abstraction started taking shape. The sandstone walls took on a magnificent formation that resembled a human-like face. When my breath finally disappeared, eyes began to glow in the center of the canyon. Everything around me became colorful and brilliant as if the canyon had become alive.”

In “Brothers of the North,” the symbolism of the two ocean rocks and stormy conditions represents Ochner’s older brothers who suddenly died in tragic events. “It was a gloomy day in winter when I first stepped foot on this stone-filled beach,” said Ochner. “The ocean’s high tides erratically crashed against the shore while the howling winds brought gusts of stinging cold rain. The sky filled with darkness and a feeling of solitude came over me. Each step along the shore seemed to be an eternity in these miserable conditions, but turning back wasn’t an option.”

“Near the end of the beach stood two rocks isolated by their massive size. As the storm and blinding mist momentarily

calmed, I had a chance to actually see them beyond their vague monochrome features. Their appearance looked like two strong figures standing tall amongst the tumultuous sea, and each rock was teeming with



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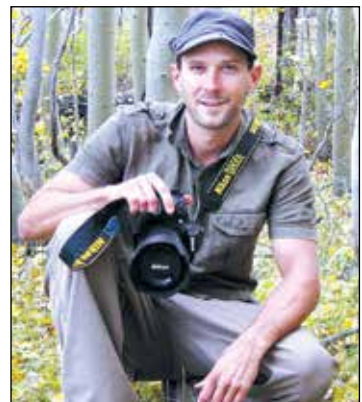
shows golden flowers in the hundreds of thousands, full of life and reaching towards the sun. Ochner said, “As the day was coming to an end, the sky began to orchestrate a symphony of colors that closely resembled an extraordinary dream.”

Speaking of his photograph “Black Bison,” Ochner said, “The rugged face of this wild bison was captured while it took a brief moment from grazing to

existence. I was able to capture this deep expression right before it trampled off on the dry desert grasslands to rejoin its herd, leaving behind a dusty wake.”

Don’t miss the opportunity to see Ochner’s work on display at Gallery 1075 in West Sacramento. For more information about Ochner’s photography, please visit www.joshochner.com.

Source: Josh Ochner Photography ★



Aspen Grove: Josh Ochner will be showing his solo work (for the first time in Sacramento) on dye-infused aircraft grade metal at Gallery 1075 in West Sacramento. Photo courtesy of Josh Ochner Photography



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Arden Middle School Celebrates New Multipurpose Room

SACRAMENTO REGION (MPG) - The San Juan Unified School District and Arden Middle School will celebrate the opening a new \$5.5 million multipurpose room with a ceremonial ribbon cutting on Wednesday, January 21st.

The ribbon cutting will begin at 3:15 p.m. and will be followed by a student vs. faculty basketball game. Arden Middle School is located at 1640 Watt Ave., Sacramento.

Funded by Measure J, a \$350 million bond measure approved by voters in 2002, the multipurpose room is a much anticipated addition to the school and community for athletics, performing arts, lunch services, and other events for the 950-student campus.

“We’ll be able to have school rallies where we can have everybody involved. Right now we have to break people up into (groups) to do that,” Principal Jeff Banks said. “The stage will allow

for performing arts classes that will reach a different audience. We will also be able to feed all students during one lunch period, which will open up more time for academic intervention courses.”

Features of the multipurpose room with a capacity of 1,000 include a high-school-size basketball/volleyball court, well equipped kitchen and cafeteria tables, a stage with lighting and a sound system, 10 rows of bleacher seating, six basketball hoops, and a parking lot expansion off of Arden Way.

Banks said he anticipates members of the community, specifically youth recreational leagues and drama clubs, to request use of the facility often.

“It can be used for different sporting events and can hopefully generate revenue for the district in terms of renting it out to the public,” Banks said.

Source: San Juan Unified School District ★



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Year of the Fainting Couch

The fainting couch doesn't have the same cachet it did in the 19th century, which is a shame, because it should be more in demand than at any time since the age of corsets and delicate sensibilities.

To put it in Victorian terms, 2014 had a case of the vapors. It needed smelling salts and a fan, and a good rest on a fainting couch to restore its bearings. It was a year when the national pastime of taking offense and of fearing that someone might be offended reached such parodic levels that even North Korean supreme leader Kim Jong Un got in the act.

It was the year that a scientist apologized for wearing a shirt that offended feminists in a TV broadcast;

that Amazon Prime put a label warning of racist content on "Tom and Jerry" cartoons; and that various news outlets refused to say the name of the NFL team from Washington on grounds that even uttering it made them complicit in rank offensiveness.

It was a year when the nation's colleges and law schools cemented their reputations as places where easily offended children go for a few years to become slightly older easily offended children. Colleges canceled appearances by Ayaan Hirsi Ali, Condi Rice (who technically pulled out of her scheduled Rutgers commencement) and George F. Will for fear students might hear something they disagree with from a figure they object to. Occidental College brought in a religious counselor to comfort students who had volunteered for losing Democratic Senate campaigns.

An open letter from law students at Harvard upset at the nonindictments in the Ferguson and Eric Garner cases captured the spirit of the year, and deserves an honored place in the history of the rhetoric of plaint. Its opening included the stirring declaration "We are in pain. And we are tired." It went on to speak of how "traumatized" the students are (multiple times), and of their "distress" (multiple times). It charged that the school's indifference to "the

mental health" of its students violates the Harvard Law School Handbook of Academic Policies.

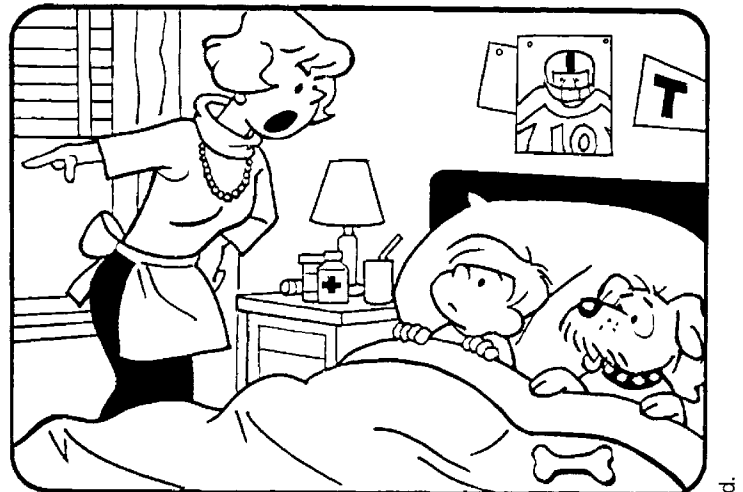
The upshot was that the aggrieved students wanted the administration to offer them a collective pacifier. "We call," the letter thundered, "for faculty to hold special office hours and for the administration to make culturally competent grief and trauma counselors available." And it expected students to be permitted to delay their exams -- because what are the exertions of studying compared with satisfactions of wallowing in a precious self-pity?

The response to these students and their brethren at other elite law schools who made similar appeals should have been "Please, get a grip. If nothing else will buck you up, at least show a little self-respect." If this had been the mettle of the civil-rights movement, it would have collapsed in a puddle of helplessness not long after Rosa Parks was asked to give up her seat.

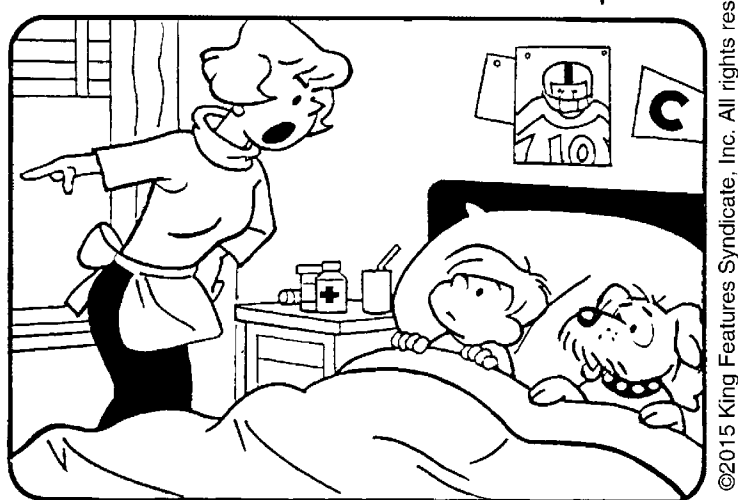
But that, for all its tragic failings, was a different era. It was before so much time and energy were invested in taking offense and coddling the offended. It was before the nation needed a fainting couch.

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Sacramento Rugby Foundation to Host Annual Tournament

By Ray Schwartz

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - What started from humble beginnings as an opportunity to get pre-season playing time for lots of young high school rugby squads has blossomed into the largest youth and high school Rugby tournament in the United States (and likely the entire Western Hemisphere).

The Kick Off Tournament (KOT) is still run today by some of the pioneers who first took on the project in 1984 when seven high school clubs were featured. Jerry Ahlin, Ray Thompson, Pete Deterding, Bob Luttrell, Joe Cavallaro, and a posse of their finest friends come together in a massive volunteer effort to pull off the event each and every year. They do so for the love of the game and for the kids who love to play.

Many of the finest players, coaches, and clubs in rugby in America have been featured over the years, including Jesuit High, now National Champions, many times over. Other top local clubs that began their season at the KOT and went on to compete that spring at the National Championships include the Cougars (Del Campo); Islanders (Burbank); Vacaville; Christian Brothers; and most recently Dixon, Granite Bay, and Sierra Foothills.

By 2005, the event had grown to 30 clubs playing on three fields at Granite Park. But the popularity of youth and high school rugby was beginning to explode at that time, not only locally but across the Bay Area and indeed America. The KOT was uniquely positioned to help foster this growth; 2006 saw the addition of girl's play while 2007 saw the event expand to two days to include a free middle school clinic. For the past three years, seven to nine fields have seen play all day on both Saturday and Sunday, featuring an



Speed and power, choreographed teamwork, brilliant ball handling, and precision kicking are often on display in the game of rugby. Photo courtesy of Rick Sloan Design

average of 130 sides playing a staggering 205 30-minute matches.

Clubs have visited the KOT in the recent past, seeking some warm California sun and the chance to compete with the likes of the Jesuit Marauders, clubs from across the Bay Area (Santa Rosa to Morgan Hill), and also from as far away as Oregon, Utah, Colorado, Washington, Southern California, and even several from Alberta, Canada.

Referees visit from even further, with several coming each year from Canada, Pittsburg, New York, Massachusetts, Hanover, Germany, and Durban, South Africa. In fact, in order for the KOT to grow and to continue to provide quality matches, the word went out across USA Rugby: "Send us your refs!" Four brave souls answered the call in 2006, and more and more refs have come every year since.

As the KOT grew, the need to help produce and develop our own crop of local refs came with the territory. So the KOT has leveraged our wealth of sunshine and matches needing officials to offer a unique Referee Development Program (RDP). The KOT RDP features a free day of referee training at Sac State and two full days of valuable referee coaching throughout the event. Raley's College Greens (as coordinated through Thais Armenta) donates all the food for the referee tent.

As richly rewarding as hosting young



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stars of the game can be (many ruggers who've played at past KOTs have gone on to play for and even Captain the USA National teams), there's no greater joy than watching U-8s and U-10s blossom into feisty U-12s and eventually become skillful, competitive middle schoolers.

It is at these junior levels that the popularity of rugby has finally taken off. Today, top high school rugby players have often learned to compete over six or eight seasons, and in some cases, played under the same coach or program the entire time. The quality at the

top keeps growing finer each and every year.

To some, rugby is a muscular ballet with mud and blood, while to others it just looks like a brawl. A violent contact sport with no padding, in this day and age of heightened concerns over sports concussions? But to those who take the time to peel back the veneer and take a closer look, they see adults who are carefully mentoring the players, teaching them to respect themselves, their opponents, and the game itself.

With top-notch coaching, confidence and skills grow over time. Fitness reigns

supreme in the sport, and the head and neck must never be a part of the rugby tackle. Speed and power, choreographed teamwork, brilliant ball handling, and precision kicking are often on display. But look closer still and you'll notice there are no timeouts. The coach, who runs practices, has little to no input once the match has started. The coach elects a captain, who is the only conduit to the ref. The ref, in turn, tries to manage a fair contest between two sides through the captains.

Rugby is certainly an interesting contradiction. Though the players seem to be trying to tear each other's heads off, they help each other up off the ground, cheer each other, meet to shake hands after every match, and always refer to the referee as "Sir." While the referee is just trying to keep heads from being torn off, a good ref can bring a competitive match to a boil while never allowing it to spill over. All players contribute, all get to handle the ball, and all shapes and sizes of players are welcome.

Most years, weather permitting, Sacramento offers a long winter/spring playing season and local clubs draw upon a wealth of coaches, referees, and administrators to help develop young players and squads to enjoy the game, the same game played in the Olympics of old. The size and depth of the local competition in the Sacramento area remains unrivalled across American rugby's landscape. It is no coincidence that as soon as Sacramento built a top-notch soccer facility, USA Rugby scheduled an international match here.

USA beat Canada in front of a sold-out crowd when over 8,000 fans made it out to Bonney Field this past June. The blazing Sacramento sunshine proved a valuable advantage. When USA played the mighty New Zealand All Blacks at a sold-out Soldier Field in Chicago on November 1st, three Jesuit grads suited up for team USA (Lou Stanfill, Eric Fry, and Blaine Sculley) while another three players came from Bay Area high school programs.

An abbreviated brand of the game of rugby called "Sevens" has traditionally been played locally, though only in the summers. Today it's been introduced to the Olympics with the first Gold Medals, men's and women's, on offer in 2016 in Rio de Janeiro. With USA women presently ranked fifth and the men ranked ninth (and rising) in the World Sevens circuit, we can certainly expect to see Americans and hopefully some Sacramentans competing for the medals in Rio.

So, to get your rugby knowledge and appreciation flowing, plan on attending the 31st annual KOT at Cordova High on January 24th and 25th. Matches kick off early on both days. ★



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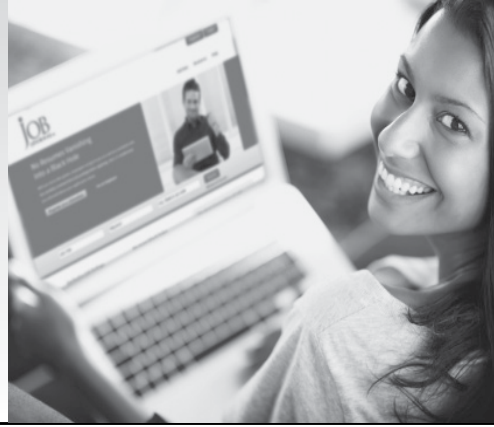
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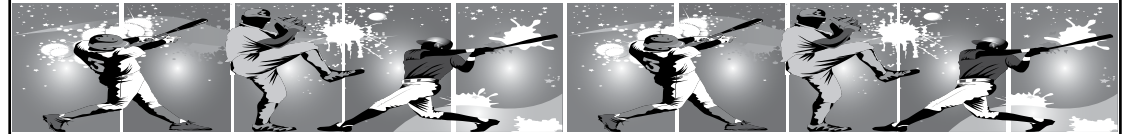
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"This display is just one way we help our residents continue to pursue their interests and hobbies when they move to Atria," said Staci Weisz, Engage Life

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The art show at Atria El Camino Gardens will be held on Saturday, January 24th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (916) 488-5722.

Source: *Atria EL Camino Gardens* ★

Amended Sacramento County Panhandling Ordinance Released

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PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Omar Singh, Adult Sexual Assault Prosecution Unit

District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert announced that Azeem Hosein was convicted by jury of assault with intent to commit oral copulation and felony false imprisonment while armed with a knife.

On July 30, 2014, Hosein attacked and dragged the victim into a stall in the women's restroom of Roosevelt Park where he attempted to force her to perform oral sex on him. A citizen heard the victim's screams and called the police. Responding officers arrived on scene and were able to apprehend Hosein.

Hosein has a prior conviction of aggravated sexual assault of a child. He faces a maximum potential sentence of 22 years in prison. Sentencing is set for February 9, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Department 19 of the Sacramento Superior Court.

CASE: Michael Diaz (01/13/15)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Tate Davis, Elder Abuse Unit

District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert announced that Michael Diaz was convicted by jury of felony elder abuse, and felony assault with a deadly weapon.

On July 28, 2014, Diaz attacked his 70-year-old relative, who was partially paralyzed from a stroke. He grabbed her out of her wheelchair, threw her onto the ground, pulled her hair and smashed her head on the ground. Diaz's disabled adult brother attempted to come to the victim's rescue. Diaz then assaulted his brother with a deadly weapon.

Diaz has numerous prior felony convictions including false imprisonment, unlawful sexual intercourse, assault with a firearm, possession of a deadly weapon, and multiple vehicle thefts. He also has several misdemeanor convictions including multiple domestic violence batteries, corporal injury to a dating partner, possession of stolen property, and possession of a controlled substance.

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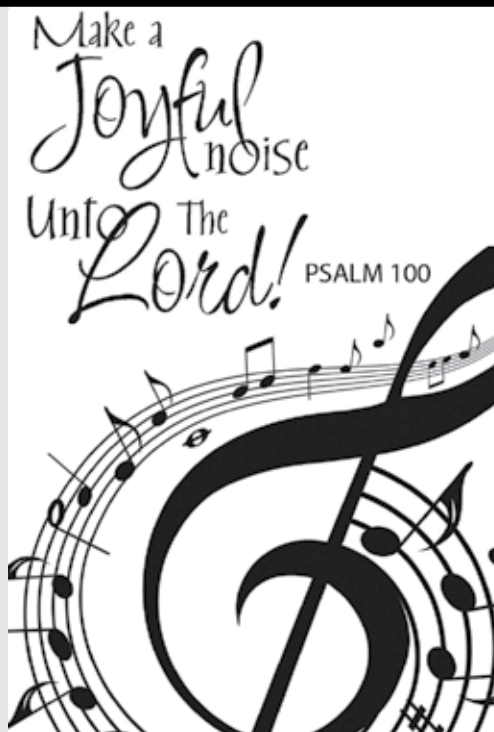
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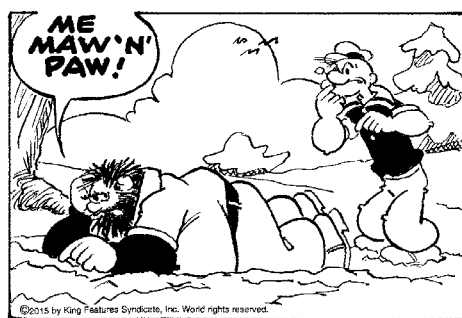
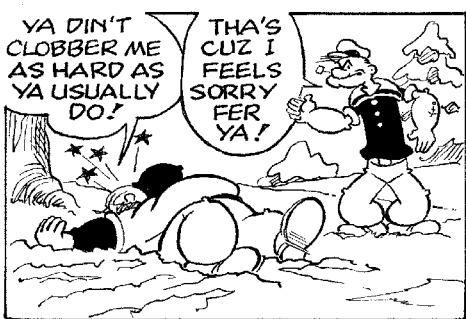
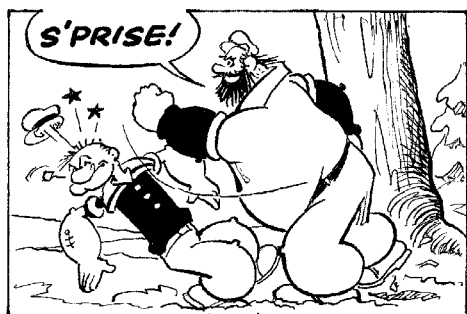
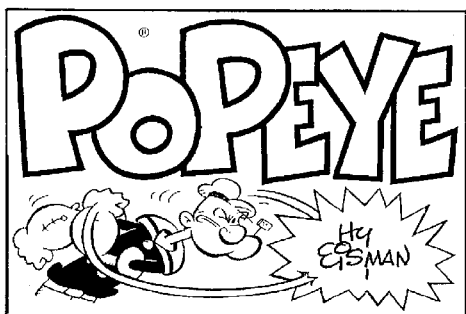


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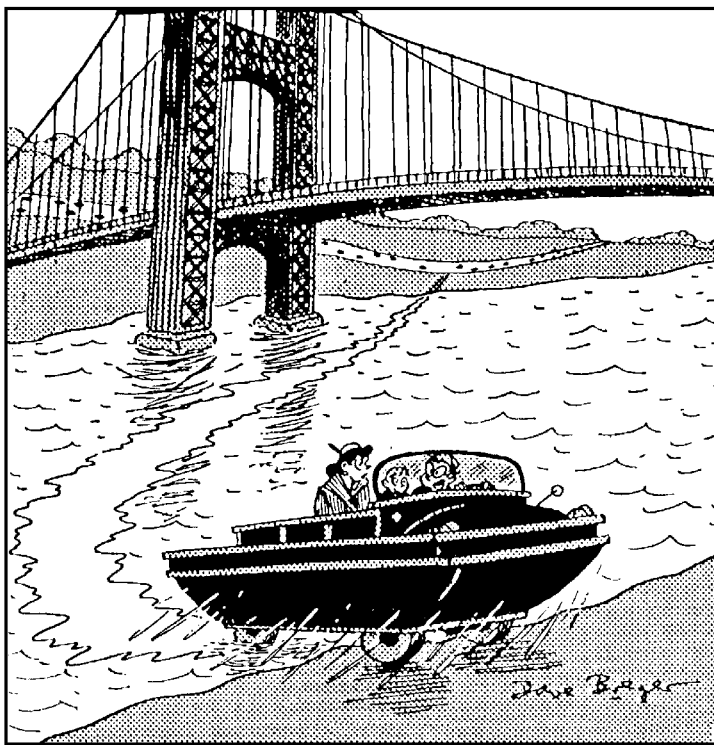


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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Although you might well be tempted to be more extravagant than you should be at this time, I'm betting you'll let your sensible Bovine instinct guide you toward moderation.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An opportunity for travel could come with some problems regarding travel companions and other matters. So be sure you read all the fine print before you start packing.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Make an effort to complete your usual workplace tasks before volunteering for extra duty. Scrambling to catch up later on could create some resentment among your colleagues.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A financial matter could have you rethinking your current spending plans. You might want to recheck your budget to see where you can cut back on expenses until the situation improves.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) One way to make your case for that promotion you've been hoping for might be to put your planning skills to work in helping to shape up a project that got out of hand. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be careful about "experts" who have no solid business background. Instead, seek advice on enhancing your business prospects from bona fide sources with good success records.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Standing up to support a colleague's viewpoint -- even if it's unpopular -- can be difficult if you feel outnumbered. But you'll win plaudits for your honesty and courage.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While progress continues on resolving that recurring problem, you might feel it's taking too long. But these things always need to develop at their own pace. Be patient.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone close to you might have a financial problem and seek your advice. If you do decide to get involved, insist on seeing everything that might be relevant to this situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A personal matter takes an interesting turn. The question is, do you want to follow the new path or take time out to reconsider the change? Think this through before deciding.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Moving into a new career is a big step. Check that offer carefully with someone who has been there, done that, and has the facts you'll need to help you make your decision.

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PICKS OF THE WEEK



"The Boxtrolls"

"The Boxtrolls" (PG) -- Here's a stop-motion animated feature that is charming in both looks and story. The Boxtrolls are cardboard-clad little dudes who scurry around at night and collect nifty things to bring back to their lair under the little city of Cheesbridge. The townspeople are fooled by the ruling class into fearing the Boxtrolls -- who actually are the whimsical and harmless type of monster. The future lies in the hands of Eggs, a little human boy raised by the trolls, and Winnie, the evil mayor's precocious daughter.

With its handmade look and unique feel, "The Boxtrolls" is a welcome break from the standard kid stuff. LAIKA studios was first introduced to audiences with "Coraline" (which was a bit creepier than it was fun), followed by "ParaNorman" (more fun and still rather creepy). "The Boxtrolls" might be a little unconventional, but they're the monsters you want under your bed.

"Lucy" (R) -- In this sorta-sciencey action flick, Scarlett Johansen kicks butts after she is granted the ability to use her whole brain, not just the 10 percent that we regularly use. Well, first off, I gotta burst this Hollywood bubble: People use all of their brains, the "You only use a tiny part" thing is a silly myth.

Anyway, Super Scarlett gets her powers when she's forced to be a drug mule, and the crazy super-drug gets into her system. With her mega-brain powers, she goes on a quest to shut down the bad guys and keep the super-drug from getting into the wrong hands.

The whole flick goes off the rails pretty fast, starting with that overused and unproven premise about brains. Things actually get less interesting as Johansen grows more powerful. Director Luc Besson tried the worthless gimmick of splicing nature footage into his film -- like a random clip of a cheetah tackling prey cut into a bit of dialog -- but then seems to forget about it halfway through the movie.

"The Drop" (R) -- Some of the bars in Brooklyn are sketchy enough to be used for "drops" -- criminal enterprises leave money with the bartender, and some Mafia guys come to pick it up later. Bob (Tom Hardy) is a quiet guy working behind the bar. Bob works under his older cousin, Marv (James Gandolfini in his last film role), who's still miffed that Chechen mobsters demoted him in the crime game. It's slow-going for parts of the movie, but Hardy and Gandolfini show their true talents while the story pays off in unexpected ways.

"The Green Prince" (R) -- Terry Gilliam sure knows how to make a nightmarish future look really enchanting. The director of "Brazil" and "Twelve Monkeys" teams up with wunder-actor Christoph Waltz for this wild flick about the painstaking task of calculating the meaning of life. Waltz plays a genius with a serious case of the existential-gloomies. His boss (Matt Damon) has given him the assignment to make a computer that can tell us what existence is for, if anything at all. It's a movie that goes deep into cartoonishly cynical territory, so we can all come out the other side.

TV RELEASES

- "Wolfblood: Season 3"
- "LEGO Ninjago: Masters of Spinjitzu: Rebooted: Season 3 Part 2"
- "Swamp People Season 5"
- "Welcome Back, Kotter: Season 2"
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• On Jan. 23, 1775, London merchants petition Parliament for relief from the financial hardship put upon them by the curtailment of trade with the North American colonies. Most critical to the merchants' concerns were the 2 million pounds sterling in outstanding debts owed to them.

• On Jan. 19, 1915, during World War I, Britain suffers its first casualties from an air attack when two German zeppelins drop bombs on Great Yarmouth and King's Lynn on the eastern coast of England.

• On Jan. 20, 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt is inaugurated for the second time as president. The Constitution had originally set March 4 as the presidential inauguration date to allow the winner time to travel to the nation's capital.

• On Jan. 25, 1949, the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences holds its first annual awards ceremony in Los Angeles. The now-famous award statuette "Emmy" was a feminized version of "immy," the shorthand term for the image orthicon tube that was used in TV cameras until the 1960s.

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COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2014-00172386 WHEREAS, Rosa Linda Torres Ochoa has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Rosa Linda Torres Ochoa to Rosalinda Arreola. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on February 19, 2015, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 3, 2014

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2014-00172662 WHEREAS, Jennifer Hagar has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Claire Pamela Benham to Claire Pamela Hagar, Jayden Steven Benham to Jayden Steven Hagar. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on February 26, 2015, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 10, 2014

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RAYMOND OTHELLO CRUTCHER (descendant) ESTATE NO. 34-2014-00171769 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of RAYMOND OTHELO CRUTCHER (deceased): A petition has been filed by MERLIN CRUTCHER AND MICHAEL CRUTCHER (BROTHERS) in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting that MERLIN CRUTCHER be appointed as Executor to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take any 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. Bond is not required. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: February 26, 2015, 9:00 a.m. in Dept. No. 129 at Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, 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 902 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 Attorney for the Petitioner is: Merlin A. Crutcher, 2333 North Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838 (916)715-5958 Publish: January 16, 23 and 30, 2015. CRUTCHER 150109 1-30-15

ORDER AFTER EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS

ORDER AFTER EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS CASE NO. 34-2013-00143494

Loyal A. Miner, Esq. (SBN 176134) Mike R. Kelly, Esq. (SBN 176085) LAW OFFICE OF MINER & KELLY, LLP 813 F Street, First Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 Sacramento, California 95814 Telephone: (916)325-9010 Facsimile: (916)325-9014 Attorney for Claimant GNUNI GRIGORYAN & MARINA EPOVA SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO GNUNI GRIGORYAN & MARINA EPOVA, Plaintiffs, V. JENNIFER LYNN GAY-MOZINGO, and DOES 1-100, Defendants.

Upon review of the filings and evidence consisting of Plaintiffs Application for this Order and the Declaration of Loyal A. Miner, Jr., and it is satisfactorily appearing that Jennifer Lynn Gay-Mozingo, cannot with reasonable diligence be served in any other manner specified in Code of Civil Procedure sections 415.10 through 415.40 and that Defendant is a necessary party to this action; IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Summons be served by publication in The Carmichael Times, a legal newspaper of general circulation published in Sacramento County, CA, hereby designated as the newspaper most likely to give Defendant actual notice of the action, and that the publication is made once per week for four consecutive weeks. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of the Summons, the Complaint and the Order for Publication shall be forthwith mailed to the party if his or her address is ascertained before expiration of the time prescribed for publication of the Summons. Except as otherwise provided by the statute, the publication shall be made as provided by Section 6064 of the Government Code unless the court, in its discretion, orders publication for a longer period. DATED: December 17, 2014, 11:05 AM SACRAMENTO COURTS, DEPT. #54 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT RAYMOND M. CADEI Published: January 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2015. KELLY#2 150102 1-30-15

SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: (NUMERO DEL CASO): 34-2013-00143494

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2014-00172628

WHEREAS, Maninder Singh Khalsa has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Maninder Singh Khalsa to Maninder Khalsa. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on February 20, 2015, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: December 10, 2014

Raymond M. Cadei, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: December 25, 2014, January 2, 9 and 16, 2015 KHALSA 141213 1-16-15

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2014-00171142

WHEREAS, Jory Orion Copesey Horrell has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jory Orion Copesey Horrell to Sapphira Rose Victoria Antoinette-Rothschild. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on January 28, 2015, in Department 53, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: November 5, 2014

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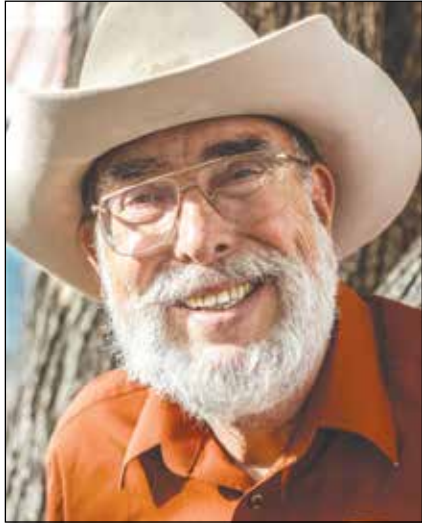
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"Dud Campbell," Anita said the other night, "what are you getting me for Christmas?"

"Now Honey, it wouldn't be a surprise if I told you, would it?"

"That means you haven't bought it yet, doesn't it?"

"Well, I won't say I have and I won't say I haven't, but, uh, don't get in that cupboard out in the garage now..."

"I won't, Honey," she said, purring.

Ten minutes later, Dud was flipping his coffee cup upright and sliding into his place in the line of scrimmage at the philosophy counter of the Mule Barn truck stop.

"I'm dead meat, guys," he said.

We inquired as to why this emotional putrefaction should be setting in, and he said, "I don't have anything for Anita for Christmas and I have no idea what to get her."

"Let's look at this scientifically for a moment," said Steve. "What kinda stuff does she like?"

"Uh ... well ..."

"You don't know, do you?" said Doc.

"Not a clue."

"Does she read? You can pick up a couple of books."

"I don't really know."

"Does she knit?"

"Beats me."

"I got it," said Herb Collins. "You can get her a gift certificate to a store and let her pick out her own gift."

"She said if I ever did anything so insensitive, she'd brain me with a skillet."

So Dud headed home, only to find the garage door open and Anita standing there holding his brand-new Homelite

XL chainsaw. He only had time enough to mumble "Our Father..." when Anita set it down gently and flung herself in his arms.

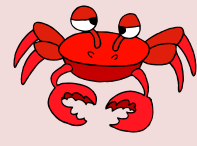
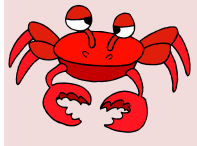
"Oh Honey, how did you know I wanted a Homelite XL with automatic oiler and a 16-inch bar?"

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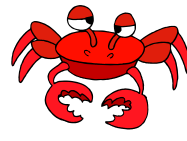
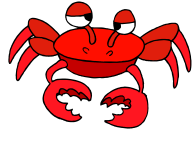
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Giants Trophy Tour Starts at New Home

By Jared Isham

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The River Cats got a taste of the World Series championship on January 7th, 2015, when the Giants Trophy stopped by on their tour. The event took place during a one-hour timeframe where the most committed fans received a picture next to the trophy. With the weather sunny and temperatures in the 70s, you couldn't ask for a better day to participate in such a memorable event.

The line to see the World Series Trophy wrapped around the entire stadium with an estimated 3,000 to 5,000 people seizing the opportunity to get a picture with it. Speaking with people in line, many of them grabbed their spot as early as 1:30 p.m. for the 3 p.m. event. Once inside, the fans were directed down the left field line and a professional photographer was there to capture their memory in center field where they could exit back down the right field line.

The hour-long event was accompanied by the On Deck Shop providing Giants apparel and showing off the new River Cats merchandise. Not only was this a great moment for baseball in Sacramento, but donations were also accepted for the Junior Giants program providing at-risk youth an opportunity to learn confidence, integrity, leadership, and teamwork. ★



The River Cats got a taste of the World Series championship on January 7th, 2015, when the Giants Trophy stopped by on their tour. Photo by Ben Barber

END of the BENCH by Gerry Scholl

Winning Ugly Is Still Winning

Ohio State's "big uglies" played much bigger and uglier than Oregon's fine-feathered Ducks in the first-ever College Football Playoff national championship for the big boys Monday night in Arlington, Texas.

The Buckeyes overpowered the Ducks in the second half, scoring the final 21 points to win going away, 42-20, despite committing four turnovers of their own. Oregon came into the game as a team accustomed to capitalizing on its opponents' mistakes, but OSU's defense was able to stifle the Ducks' running attack at key moments in the contest, while the Buckeyes' offensive front controlled the trenches as well.

Ohio State ran the ball a dominating 61 times for 296 yards, creating a 15-minute differential in time of possession that helped limit the opportunities for Oregon's Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Marcus Mariota. OSU's Ezekiel Elliott, named offensive MVP of the game, rushed 36 times for 246 yards.

The line paved the way to success for the Buckeyes' third-string quarterback, Cardale Jones, in just his third start. The 250-pound bruiser had plenty of time to complete 16 of 23 passes for 242 yards and used his size to advantage to power through defenders to gain important first downs running the ball. Jones' short resume now includes wins in the Big Ten Championship Game a (59-0 blowout of Wisconsin), a come-from-behind, first-round playoff win over then-No. 1 Alabama, and this unique victory.

Mariota did manage to go 24 of 37 for 333 yards, but was bottled up in the running game, gaining only 39 yards on ten carries. His receiving corps proved to be the ugly ducklings. Though Byron Marshall caught eight passes for 169 yards

(70 yards on one touchdown reception early in the third quarter to make it 21-20), the group was hampered by the absence of two of its three top receivers (one by suspension, one by injury) and two key dropped passes in the early going that prevented Oregon from gaining the upper hand.

And, it was probably bad karma that the typically well-plumed Ducks chose to sport those stylish silvery uniforms that were free of the Oregon school colors of green and yellow.

The fact that the four-team playoff system and championship game finally became a reality (though playoff formats have been used in the lower divisions for decades), and that the title will now be decided on the field are wins for the fans of college football, who no longer will be told by computers and polls what team is the best in the land. It also sure looked like a winner for the money-men to have an exciting new championship event to hype --- a full house at AT&T Stadium, big-time TV exposure and lots of advertising to sell; and they don't have to pay the players anything (or relatively little). Those movers and shakers are sure winning ugly.

At least in the NFL the players are well-paid, as long as they stay healthy and don't get cut because they cost too much.

There is plenty of constant ugliness around the NFL and the way it operates, but jumping to the forefront these days in the playoffs are the problems with the rules, penalties and replay reviews. Confusing rules, a proliferation of flying flags and issues with the replay system are making the made-for-TV-sport harder to watch. Replay delays have created more down time to squeeze in a few more commercials, but sometimes when they come back from those timeouts

they still don't make the correct calls.

The Dallas Cowboys defeated the Detroit Lions with the help of a Dallas pass-interference penalty that, upon review, was negated to the surprise of many (except maybe the commissioner and the TV brass that knows what a great draw the Cowboys and their cheerleaders are).

The next week the Cowboys got theirs when a catch near the goal line by Dez Bryant that could have set up a potential game-winning TD was ruled to not be a catch after all, and the Green Bay Packers and their commercial superstar quarterback Aaron Rodgers held on for a 26-21 win to reach the NFC Championship Game against those ugly (if you ask 49ers fans) Seattle Seahawks.

The 49ers, as we all know, have had more than their unfair share of well-documented, unattractive happenings going on all season. If owner/CEO Jed York's intentions are to "win with class," his outfit has a long, long way to go.

Perhaps Ohio State's Urban Meyer would be York's kind of guy as a future coach for his 49ers. If Cardale Jones is any indication, Meyer's players know how to win without (going to) class. Meyer has his tendencies. He won his other two college titles at Florida with a roster dappled with players that had records; arrest records, that is (31 players over six seasons).

In our modern sports world, the meaning of "winner" has become so convoluted. It is too often the case that someone can be a winner and a loser simultaneously. What is the right approach?

Should it be "winning is everything," "win at all costs," "just win, baby," "if you're not first, you're last?" For far too many, "winning is the best deodorant." ★

"DMC to NYC" All Star Campaign

By Ben Barber and Jared Isham

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Do you want to see DeMarcus Cousins in the NBA All Star Game on Sunday, February 15th? Here's your chance: This year, instead of having a panel of broadcasters and media members deciding the vote, the NBA is bringing it to the fans. In this grassroots support-style campaign, each NBA player is eligible for a vote, and that vote is in your hands.

19th, it's up to you to vote in DeMarcus Cousins. The Kings are calling it "DMC to NYC." Show him your support by voting him up to the top 60 ranking so he can represent the Kings in the 64th All Star game at Madison Square Gardens.

Here's how you can vote for Cousins: daily votes through NBA.com ballots, daily tweets which must include both DeMarcus Cousins and #NBABallot, daily Facebook status posts that include both DeMarcus Cousins and #NBABallot in your message,

daily Instagram posts that include DeMarcus Cousins and #NBABallot in your description, daily voting via SMS text---text Cousins to 69622, and daily voting through NBA Game Time and NBA Game Time applications.

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Film *Incongruity* Premieres at Gatsby-Themed Event

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members. After awards and presentations, the screening of *Incongruity* provided the climax of the evening, with open dancing and a silent auction finishing off the night.

One of those attending the gala was Patricia Dronoff, whose daughter Eden played Beth earlier this year in the Red Bench theater production of *Little Women*. The family has since moved to Utah, but they were able to attend the film premiere and Gatsby event since they were here to visit family for the holidays. "My daughters and I agree that the original storyline, written by Angela, was gripping and terrifying," Dronoff said. "In the role of the evil spirit, Jenae Noble was so convincingly evil and creepy that she made our skin crawl; she gave me goose bumps."

In addition, Dronoff said that since moving away they have been unable to find another theater and entertainment group like Red Bench. "My daughter Eden is looking forward to coming back to Sacramento in the summer to participate in their production of *The Wizard of Oz*."

Red Bench will also be presenting a musical production of *Grease* in 2015, with auditions beginning in January.

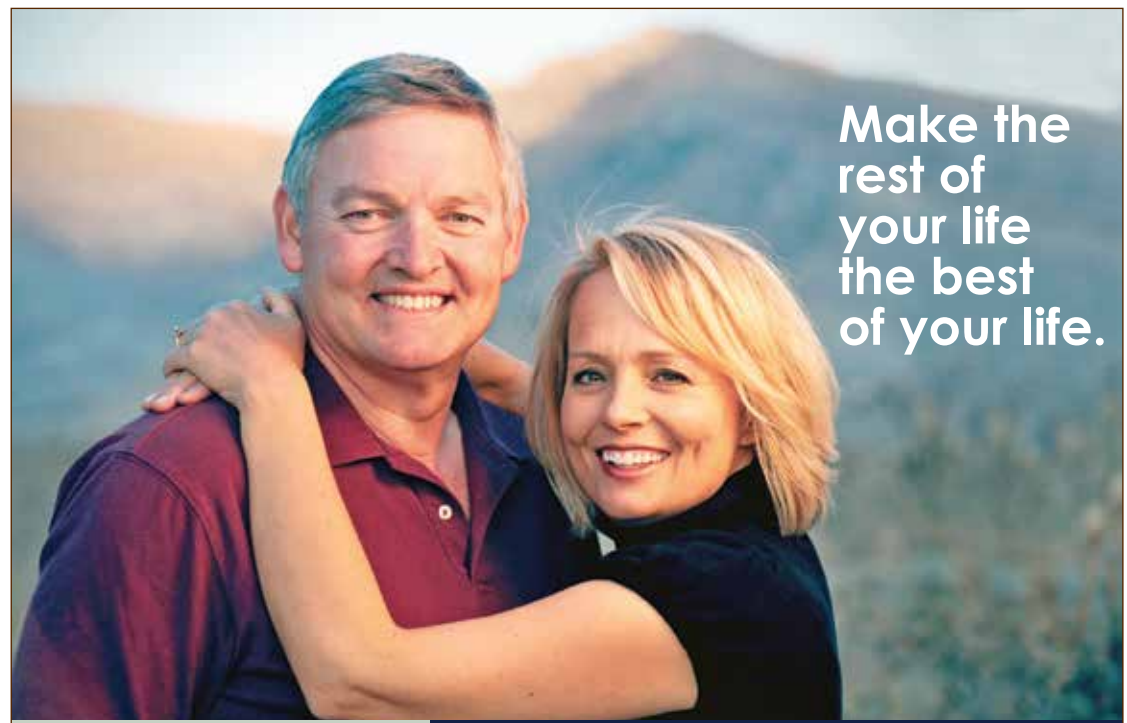
Red Bench Entertainment is a nonprofit organization that aims to help some of the talented actors



Angelica Fey Burger of Sacramento (left) and Kara Maria Schunk of Rancho Cordova appeared at the gala premiere arrayed in roaring-twenties style. Both performed in the movie *Incongruity* produced by Red Bench Entertainment.

and artists in the community to follow their dreams in spite of any personal situations that might hamper them. "No experience needed to join," their website states, "just a willingness to learn."

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After the impact, the Buick came to rest in the two-way left turn lane and immediately burst into flames. The Subaru came to rest in a south-bound lane. A good samaritan was able to pull two females out of the Buick and the male driver out of the Subaru. Due to the severity of the collision, two females and two males in the Buick succumbed to their injuries. One female was transported to Mercy San Juan along with Mazur, both with serious injuries.

The female who survived the collision has been identified as Michelle Figueroa. The four individuals inside the Buick who died at the scene have been identified as Michael Rodriguez, a 36-year-old-male; Daniel Figueroa, a 25-year-old

male and the driver of the Buick; Judy Guzman, a 34-year-old female, and Brianna Rodriguez, a 21-year-old female. The toxicology report is still pending from the Coroner's office. All affected family members have been notified.

CHP investigators believe a third vehicle may have been involved in this collision and are asking for help from the public in locating the driver and vehicle. If you have any information regarding this collision, you are encouraged to contact either Officer Dave Longo or Sergeant Troy Rivers at the North Sacramento CHP office at (916) 338-6710.

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