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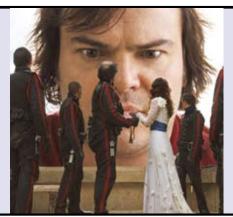
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River Cats Say "Let's Play Ball"



Sacramento Region – The Sacramento River Cats open their 12th season in West Sacramento, on April 7, against the Tacoma Rainiers. Sacramento is aiming for its fifth consecutive division title and 10th in 12 seasons.

When the Sacramento River Cats take the field for Opening Day, there will be plenty of familiar faces around the diamond.

Chris Carter, Michael Taylor, Eric Sogard, Matt Carson and Josh Donaldson were among the last cuts by the Oakland A's, and are expected to start the 2011 season on the River Cats roster. Each of those players was instrumental

in leading Sacramento to a fourth consecutive Pacific Coast League South Division title in 2010.

Carter slugged 31 home runs for Sacramento in 2010, many of which left Raley Field fans in awe. His power was unrivaled in the PCL. Taylor, a right fielder, displayed an all-around game that kept baseball purists grinning ear-to-ear. His combination of size, speed and power makes him one of the organization's top prospects.

Sogard, who narrowly missed making the A's Opening Day roster as the utility infielder, will provide a reliable bat and smooth glove in Sacramento's lineup.

Joining Sogard on the infield will be Steve Tolleson, who hit .332 in Sacramento last season.

Carson, possibly the best defensive outfielder in the PCL last season, has won the River Cats Defensive Player of the Year award for two consecutive seasons. His power from the right-hand side makes him a threat in the middle of the order.

Donaldson, a catcher, is looking to make a bigger impression after making the PCL Mid-season All-Star Team last season.

Sacramento's pitching staff will likely be led by Tyson Ross, a Cal product who has one of the

best sliders in all of baseball. After spending much of last season in Oakland's bullpen, Ross could get a look in Sacramento's starting rotation after competing for the A's No. 5 starter spot in Spring Training.

Over their first 11 seasons, the River Cats have produced Major League Baseball greats such as Cy Young Award winner Barry Zito and All-Stars Nick Swisher and Carlos Gonzalez.

The River Cats, who host 72 games at Raley Field this season, provide fans with a variety of ticket options starting at \$7. For game schedules and tickets go to rivergate com

State Budget Update

From Senator Ted Gaines

With the bulk of the budget completed but final negotiations in the Capitol at a standstill, it is now more important than ever to take a serious look at reforming our broken budget system.

Earlier this month, I voted to support roughly \$7 billion in budgetary cuts to help solve our immediate budget shortfall, but the truth is these measures just do not go far enough to address the structural budget reform California desperately needs.

The remainder of the current budget relies too heavily on future tax increases and does nothing to prevent the abusive budget practices that continue to plague our state. In its current form, the plan actually increases spending by \$26.5 billion over the next three years and includes \$55 billion in total tax hikes over the next five years.

Californians deserve much better.

It is beyond irresponsible for Democrats to seek to raise taxes and rely on revenues that may never come when Californians overwhelmingly voted 'NO' on the budget initiatives in May 2009. We should all agree this is the wrong time to raise taxes on families and rely on yet another bailout from California taxpayers.

Making these tough decisions is painful for everyone, but we must achieve a higher level of budget cuts if we are going to responsibly close our ballooning deficit. For far



Seanator Ted Gaines

too long Sacramento has spent too much of the people's hard-earned dollars on programs it simply cannot sustain.

The budget must go further to close our state's \$25.4 billion dollar deficit and ensure the state will live within its means, preventing future budget catastrophes.

Our first priority should be private sector job growth. That, in combination with pension and regulatory reform and a strict spending cap, is a start in helping solve our state's out-of-control budget crisis.

Now is the time to enact serious, long-term solutions that will not only prevent future financial melt-downs, but will allow California's economy to recover.

Bridge Housing Breaks Ground on Foothill Farms Senior Apartments



Foothill Farms – Groundbreaking of Foothill Farms Senior Apartments at 5400 Auburn Boulevard was held April 4th. This is the first development in Sacramento County by BRIDGE Housing, a leading affordable housing nonprofit.

Foothill Farms Senior will feature 138 affordable apartments and associated community space in four buildings. The anticipated completion is July 2012. The groundbreaking represents the culmination of many years of effort by the community to

bring about the successful redevelopment of an underutilized parking lot as new housing.

"We're delighted to bring affordable housing for seniors to this neighborhood," said Cynthia A. Parker, President and CEO of BRIDGE Housing, "particularly on an infill site that offers easy access to transportation and shopping."

The apartments will be affordable to seniors age 55 and older with annual incomes ranging from about \$15,000 to \$26,000 for a one-person

household (30 to 50% of Area Median Income). Monthly rents are expected to range from approximately \$355 to \$670, depending on income and apartment size.

Financing for Foothill Farms

Senior is provided by the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, Wells Fargo and the California Community Reinvestment Corp. The property was designed by Kuchman Architects PC, and TRICORP HEARN Construction is the general contractor.

Groundbreaking ceremony speakers included Sacramento County Supervisor Susan Peters; La Shelle Dozier, Executive Director of the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency; Jeff Bennett, Vice President, Wells Fargo; and BRIDGE Housing President & CEO Cynthia A. Parker.

Applications are not yet available, but prospective applicants may call 916.484.4007 or visit http://www.bridgehousing.com/FoothillFarms for information.

Casey Robbins Ships Her Last Load of Textbooks to Liberia



Casey talking with the Truck Driver. Photograph from website.

Sacramento - Mira Loma senior, Casey Robbins, has sent thousands of textbooks to Liberia over the past few years. She has learned about intermodal transportation and shipping methods. She has learned about fundraising and the generosity of people who helped her along the way. Casey has been directly responsible for the education of thousands of Liberian schoolchildren, and a grateful Liberian government recently invited her to tour the school that is named after her. There, she spoke to children about the importance of reading. She met the President and worked with the Ministry of Education to ensure textbooks arrive safely and in a timely manner.

Casey shipped her last load from San Juan Unified School District, consisting of 4,000 textbooks on April 4th. Casey will soon be going off to college and new adventures. However, the project will not die. Casey is training another Mira Loma student to fill her shoes in Sacramento, and they plan to expand their team and bring Textbooks for Liberia to other school districts and communities by finding philanthropic or fraternal organizations willing to help.

The loading of the container with the 4,000 textbooks took place at the San Juan Unified School District Warehouse on Monday. For more information and to help this cause go to www.TextbooksforLiberia.org.

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for posterity." Along with Diana

bride dolls, Susan now has hun-

dreds of wedding and royal birth



Tea party. Author/speaker Susan Maxwell Skinner (center) is joined by royal wedding fans at the American River Community Church. A recent event showcasing royal wedding memorabilia was filmed by The Learning Channel at the Carmichael church, Maxwell Skinner's vintage souvenirs will feature in a documentary scheduled to run nationwide on April 27. Photograph by Susan Maxwell Skinner.

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By Susan Maxwell Skinner

Carmichael - Dozens of churchgoing Carmichael ladies may see themselves on national television in

In a week of royal themed shows running before Prince William's wedding, Carmichael royal expert Susan Maxwell's vintage "Dianabilia" collection will be featured.

Author/photographer Susan began her collection in 1981 when, as a member of the royal press corps, she attended "the Wedding of the Century" in London.

"Diana's marriage was ill-fated," agreed the writer. "But it was fabulous news for British industry. Manufacturers made a fortune. Every British pottery and doll maker issued a souvenir and, in the 30 years since, these vintage items became keenly sought."

Author of three books on her years with the Princess, Susan began her "large and unruly" collection with a first-day stamp issue. "I bought two sets of Charles and Diana stamps in Tetbury, where the couple had their country home," she said. "I had the local Post Office frank them with the wedding date. I mailed one set to my mum and one to myself. Days later, in St Paul's Cathedral, I tucked my wedding program away

and several crew to my house and filmed my stuff. Then they came to a talk I gave at the American River Community Church. It was a lovely tea event, with lots of ladies (and a few men) admiring my dollies and china plates."

Maxwell Skinner predicts her exhibition "may expand slightly" with an avalanche of items commemorating April 29's London nuptials. "I already have some Kate and William china," she admitted. "I guess a Kate bride doll is essential. In 2007, I showed my collection at the California State fair. Thousands of people enjoyed it. I'll seem silly talking about dollies on national TV but it's all in good fun. Gorgeous weddings are a real tonic in these gloomy times..."

The collector considers it poignant that son of the bride whose wedding she attended in 1981 is now a bridegroom. "I often saw William as a little boy," she recalled. "Then I photographed him in New Zealand



Dolls, linen, toys and china form part of the Carmichael collector's treasures that will be featured in an "Extreme Royal Collectors" documentary. Photograph by Susan Maxwell Skinner.

"I don't know how the Learning Channel heard of me but I was contacted from New York a few weeks ago. They had interviewed collectors from all over the world and I was last on their list. I told them my collection was small by some standards but the network seemed to like my memorabilia being relevant to my own experiences with the Royal Family. They sent a producer

last year. It was deja-vu for me... in looks and mannerisms, he so like Diana. He'll make a marvelous husband for Kate. And their marriage should be another timely asset for the souvenir industry."

The TLC "Royal Collectors" show is scheduled to run nationally on April 27 at 10 p.m. Learn about Susan at www.susanmaxwellskinner.com



Pastor Richard Reimer

I'll never forget the story of the young preacher who started his ministry by preaching "hell fire and brimstone" sermons. A wise and kindly older woman in the church took the young charge aside and suggested he be more positive and hopeful in his messages. She pointed out that in the bible there were some 800 verses that included the words "glad tidings" and she challenged him to start preaching on those and when he got through with those 800 he could then return to the "hell fire and damnation" theme.

enough bad news in the media to make even the most seasoned

God Controls the Future

person of faith lose a sense of hope. People don't come to church too get beat up with the Bible they come to be comforted, encouraged and inspired. People want and need to hear "glad tidings".

I have most recently been encouraged and inspired by an oft missed scene between God and Moses. God recruits Moses to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt. However, Moses is full of excuses and doubts. Finally, God has had enough. It says in Exodus 4:14 that "the anger of the Lord burned against Moses". Then God reminds Moses that his brother Aaron is a skilled public speaker and (this is the hopeful part) that he is already on the way! Verse 14b says "And moreover, behold, he is coming out to meet you; when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart."

I have hope because I believe Certainly there is more than in a God who not only knows the future but also CONTROLS the

God is always at work and He is working on all sides of the problem or issue! God knew Moses would object and make excuses but God had lined up Aaron long before Moses even knew he needed Aaron's help. We are so limited in our vision and in the number of alternatives we see. God has a plan and He can and will put together the team to execute that plan. When we believe this we discover that hope springs up in our soul. The fear of the unknown dissipates. We face the future with the confidence of faith in our God who promises to provide. God has anticipated our needs and the supply transports are already on the way! When our need shows up the supply is ready and waiting. If God did it for Moses He can do it for you!

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Susan Stickel Appointed as Deputy Superintendent

Sacramento -- Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools David W. Gordon is announcing that, effective May 2011, Susan Stickel will serve as Deputy Superintendent of Schools. Ms. Stickel is replacing Deputy Superintendent Martin J. Cavanaugh, who is retiring after a 35 year career in education, effective May 15.

Ms. Stickel previously served the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) as Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Intervention. She also has served as Director III of Curriculum, Instruction and Intervention services within the County Office. In addition, Ms. Stickel previously served as Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction for the California Department of Education

"We are delighted to have Sue serve as our Deputy Superintendent," Superintendent Gordon said. "She has been instrumental in developing our administrator training program, and showed true leadership when

the California Content Standards Commission. She also has served with distinction as a teacher, union president, district and county office curriculum leader, and State Deputy Superintendent under Superintendent Jack O'Connell."

Ms. Stickel is a recognized expert in instruction, curriculum development and professional development. Earlier in her career, she served as Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum/ Professional Development with the Elk Grove Unified School District and Instructor of Education Administration for California State University, Sacramento. She is a member of the Association of California School Administrators, the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the National Council Teachers of Mathematics. In 1984-1985, she served as President of the Elk Grove Education Association.

Ms. Stickel holds a Masters of Arts in Educational Administration

she served as Project Director for from the University of San Francisco, an Administrative Credential from the University of San Francisco and a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from California State University, Sacramento.

Mr. Cavanaugh joined the Sacramento County Office of Education as Deputy Superintendent in October 2004 after 13 years of service with the Elk Grove Unified School District. He is nationally recognized for implementing the Neverstreaming program, an early intervention and prevention project for at-risk students. The Neverstreaming program, as well as the LINKS program, received the California School Board Association's prestigious Golden Bell Award.

"I want to thank Marty for his many years of exemplary service," Superintendent Gordon said. "He is the architect of our award-winning LINKS program, a strong supporter of student ROP programs, and an active and dedicated mentor to many of our court and community school students."

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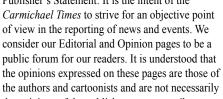
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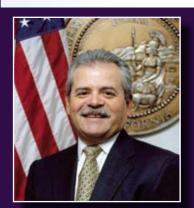




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A: Yes, you must notify the DMV within 10 days if you've changed your address, even if it's out of state. This can be done online at www.dmv. ca.gov. Once you arrive in Florida, it is your responsibility to re-register your vehicle and learn proper licensing information for that state.

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A Case in Point

The Case of the Beautiful Beach House

By David Graulich, Esq.

"You can knock me down, step in my face, slander my name all over the place."

When Carl Perkins wrote "Blue Suede Shoes" in 1955, he introduced the word "slander" into rock n' roll history. However, Carl never got around to explaining the legal meaning of slander and its closely-related claim, libel.

To lawyers, both slander and libel are known as types of defamation.

Defamation is communication that's false and which tends to damage someone's reputation. Slander is conveyed by spoken words or gestures, while libel is printed (in a newspaper, for example) or has some other form of permanence.

In the U.S., it's difficult for a plaintiff to win a defamation case. American courts place a priority on the First Amendment and freedom of speech. If the person alleging defamation is a public figure, such as an elected official, the plaintiff's hurdle is raised even higher. European courts, in contrast, are far more likely to side with the plaintiff in a defamation action.

Defense attorneys fighting a defamation claim in a U.S. court have several good options. One effective defense is to argue that what their client said was true. Imagine that Palmer tells Nicklaus and Hogan that Snead cheats at golf. Snead finds out and sues Palmer for slander. At trial, Palmer produces three of Snead's former caddies, who testify under oath that Snead falsified his scorecards to win more prize money. Case

Another defense strategy is that

the alleged defamation was a statement of opinion. If Palmer tells Nicklaus and Hogan that Snead is the most conceited and arrogant golfer he's ever met, Snead may be insulted, but Palmer's description of Snead's personality will probably be ruled as protected opinion under the Constitution.

In an actual California case last year, the court conducted a phraseby-phrase analysis of the disputed speech. Here are the facts:

In 2007, a developer called The Santa Barbara Beach Club remodeled and enlarged a single-family, ocean-front house in a residential neighborhood known as More Mesa Shores. The remodeled building was a beautiful, 6,600-square-foot beach house with a Cape Cod design and spectacular views of the Pacific coast.

The Beach Club advertised that it was selling "fractional ownerships" in the property to multiple parties. Local homeowners were dismayed, as they believed that the neighborhood was restricted to single-family residences.

Homeowners Bonnie and Fred Freeman placed a two-foot by twofoot sign in their front yard, as did several neighbors. The signs said:

"Say No To: Fractional Ownership/ Timeshare Ownership/Beach Club Ownership In Our More Mesa Shores Neighborhood."

The Beach Club threatened the homeowners with litigation if the signs were not removed. When the Freemans and two others homeowners refused to take down the signs, the Beach Club sued, claiming

defamation and interference with the Beach Club's right to sell its property. The case ended up before the Second District Court of Appeals.

In their decision, the appellate judges analyzed the words "Say No To". This phrase, said the court, expressed a point of view concerning an issue that was important to the homeowners. "Say No To" was an opinion, and was entitled to First Amendment protection.

Next, the judges looked at "Fractional Ownership," "Timeshare Ownership," and "Beach Club Ownership." These phrases, said the court, "are not defamatory as a matter of law because they are true." The Beach Club, after all, used "fractional ownership" in its own advertisement

Result? The Beach Club's defamation claims were rejected and the homeowners won, including an order that the Beach Club pay the homeowners' court costs.

The Case of the Beautiful Beach House shows the tough odds that plaintiffs face in a defamation trial. There's a postscript, however. Although the Beach Club lost the suit, it succeeded in its plan to offer fractional ownerships. You can view the beach house and its amenities, which include a gourmet kitchen, wine cellar, walk-in humidor, and spa with sauna and steam room, at www. santabarbarabeachclub.com.

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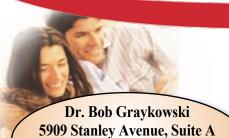
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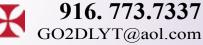
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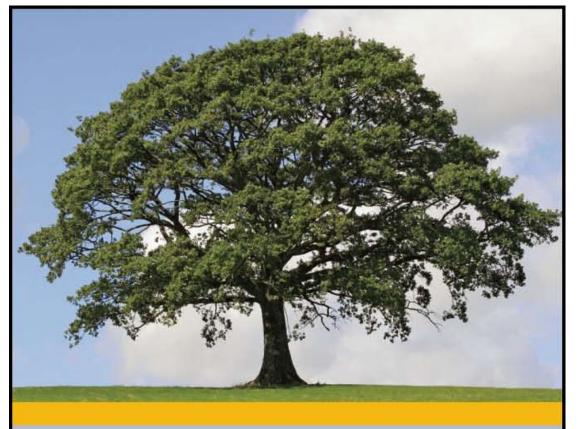


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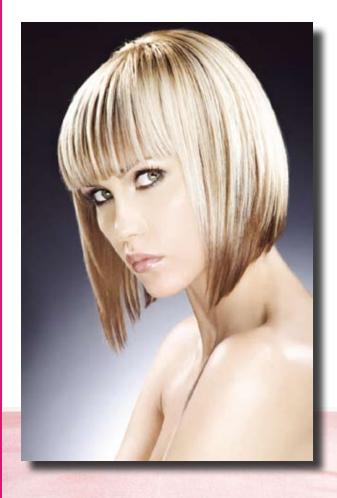
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Singles South of the Border Dance

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The evening features refreshments, a dance lesson in the Salsa by Dancing Dave from 7-8 PM. included in the ticket price and DJ dance music of all types from 8-11:30 by DJ Gene Lane.. The music, both recent and oldies, is a mix of rock and roll, ballroom, Latin, country and Christian music at all dances.

Dress "south of the border", tropical or casual. The ticket price of \$15 presale or \$20 at the door includes hors d'oeuvres, non-alcohol beverages and the dance lesson. Volunteers attend free. Pre-sale dance tickets are available on line at www.christiansinglesnet.com, or at Berean Bookstore in Sacramento, and Jireh's Bookstore in Placerville; or by mail through CSN, P.O. Box 909, Meadow Vista, CA 95722.

Christian Singles Network celebrates its 18th Anniversary this year, and is Sacramento's oldest and largest Christian Singles group, holding

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2011-00099643

WHEREAS, Angelo Velazquez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name Angelica Karysa Velazquez to Angelica Karysa Velazquez, IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above court at 1:30 p.m. on April 29, 2011 in Dept. 16, located at 720 9th St., Room 101, Sacramento, CA 95814 and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a Newspaper of General Circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: March 18, 2011.

Judge of the Superior Court Publish: March 23, 30, April 6, 13 VELAXQ 10304 4-13-11

SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA** COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME

#34-2011-00099373 WHEREAS, Luster Green Jr. and Keri Green hve filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Brenden Kevin Buckingham to Brenden Kevin Green. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30 p.m. on April 29 2011 in Dept. 16, located at 720 9th St., Room 101, Sacramento, CA 95814 and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a Newspaper of General Circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: March 15, 2011. Kevin R. Culhane

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #1102487. James Reese, Jr., 3939 "J" St. #280, Sacramento, CA 95819 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "MacDonald-Sullivan Interiors" at 3939 "J" St. CA 95819. #280,Sacramento, Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 18, 2011. Publish: March 30, April 6, 13, 20, MACDON 10305 4-20-11

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2011-00099035

WHEREAS, Nasim Khan has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Wahab Salaam Khan to Aakil Khan, IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30 p.m. on April 22, 2011 in Dept. 16, located at 720 9th St. Room 101, Sacramento, CA 95814 and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2011-00098898

WHEREAS, Calava Etoya Denisa Dorsey has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Calaya Etoya Denisa Dorsey to Calaya Denisa Curiale IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30 p.m. on April 22, 2011 in Dept. 16, located at 720 9th St., Room 101, Sacramento, CA 95814 and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the of General Circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: March 8, 2011. Kevin R. Culhane Judge of the Superior Court

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CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2011-00098896

Renfroe has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Lawrence Renfroe to Rai'Shaun

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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 four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Section 9100

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The name and address of petitioner or petitioner's attorney is: William M. Holden, 8115 St., Fair Sacramento 95628; 916-967-7950 Publish: April 6, 13, 20, 2011. 10401

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2011-00100412

Janet Belcher

WHEREAS,

Browning has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Janet Belcher Browning to Janet Costeena Belcher. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30 p.m. on May 13, 2011 in Dept. 16, located at 720 9th St., Room 101, Sacramento CA 95814 and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichae Times, a Newspaper of General Circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the

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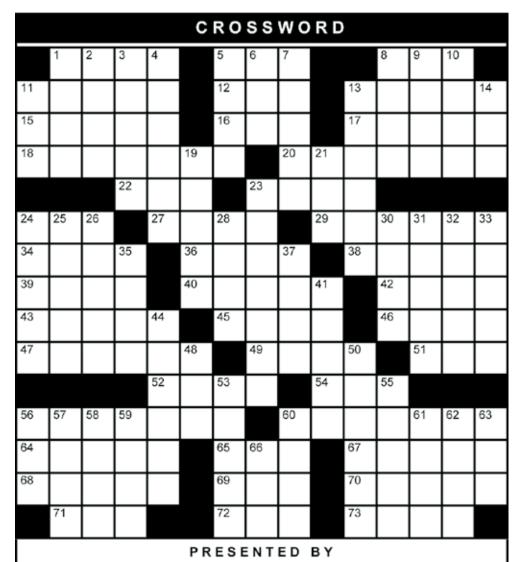
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- 5. Snow runner 8. *Mother, sister, daughter pronoun
- 11. Figure out
- 12. "Put a ___ on it!"
- 13. Arctic or Antarctic, e.g.
- 15. Intestinal obstruction
- 16. Santa ____, CA 17. Wilkes-
- 18. *Maddox to Zahara, Pax, Shiloh, Knox and
- Vivienne
- 20. *Marc Anthony to Jennifer Lopez
- _ About 22. "Much Nothing"
- 23. Impersonate
- 24. Inquire about 27. Pitcher
- 29. Stay clear of 34. 2002 Winter Olympics
- 36. Long nerve fiber
- 38. *Harry Belafonte's
- daughter
- 39. *Delia and sister

46. Liver delicacy

40. Affirmatives

Norway

- 45. Wind catcher
- 47. Put in motion
- 49. One of the hipbones, pl. _ Lonely Boys" band
- 52. Officer training program 54. *"The Waltons" aired on
- this network 56. *Khloe, Kim and
- Kourtney, e.g. 60. *"Family Ties" family
- 64. Part of an eye that
- contains the iris, pl. 65. Member of Shoshonean
- people 67. Alfred Hitchcock in his
- movie, e.g 68. Third planet from the
- 69. Bobby sox dance
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 - 8. Strikebreaker 9. *Zeus' sister and wife
 - 10. Acquire, as in respect 11. *Bro's sibling
 - 13. Be preoccupied with
 - something
 - 14. Flanders of "The Simpsons"
 - disbelief
 - 21. Consume, as in drugs 23. Humdrum
 - 24. *Your cousin's mom, pl.
 - 25. Place of purchase 26. Gold unit
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- 41. Curving golf shot
- 44. Anew
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- notes are written
- 57. *Director Jason Reitman's
- famous director dad
- 59. UK art museum
- 60. Yachting cap
- 62. Whiskey without water 63. Sun in Mexico
- 48. Hemingway's "_
- 50. Manual calculator
- 53. Japanese sabre guard
- 56. Famous T-Rex
- 58. Withered
- 61. Black cat, e.g.

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April 13 Mixer

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Watercolor Show

Watercolor Artists of Sacramento Horizons will present an annual members' watercolor show, "Awash With Color" from April 5 - 23 at Sacramento Fine Arts Center, 5330 B Gibbons Drive in Carmichael. Gallery hours are Tuedays from 11 am - 7 pm and Wednesdays - Saturdays 11 am - 3 pm. There will also be a special 2nd Saturday Reception on April 9 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm. For more information, contact Sacramento Fine Arts Center at 916-971-3713

Alzheimer's Support Group

Join Carmichael Oaks for an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting on Tuesday, April 12 at 6:00 pm at 8350 Fair Oaks Blvd in Carmichael. Sessions provide families and caregivers guidance and training to assist them in caring for a person with Alzheimer's disease. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to 916-944-2323.

Creek Week Clean-up

Join area residents at Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Avenue, on Saturday April 16 at 9 am to help clean up various creeks in Arden-Carmichael. After the clean-up, volunteers will meet at Carmichael Park for a picnic, exhibits and a "junk and gunk" contest to see who can create the best sculpture out of the items removed from the creeks. For more information, go to creekweek.net.

Equipment Needed

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Carmichael Day at the River Cats

Join individuals, families, businesses, sports teams, schools and churches for Carmichael Community Day at the River Cats, Thursday, May 19th. The game begins at 7:05 pm. Tickets are \$15 and \$10 for parking. The Honorary Mayor of Carmichael, Pauline Gilmour, will throw out the first pitch. Carmichael's own, Susan Maxwell Skinner will sing, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" during the 7th inning stretch. There will be a Chamber Business Mixer at the Solon Club from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Show your support for Carmichael. Purchase your tickets today. Call the Chamber office at 916-481-1002 or 916-203-1681.

Contact us for more information on the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce 6825 Fair Oaks Blvd., Suite 100 • Carmichael, CA 95608 • 916-481-1002 Fax: 916-481-1002 • Cell: 916-203-1681 • linda@carmichaelchamber.com www.carmichaelchamber.com

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\$40 and registration is required.

For more information call Don Anderson at (916) 205-1106 with the Coast Guard Auxiliary.



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by David Dickstein Family Viewing at the

Cinema



Opens April 15, rated PG rio-themovie.com

Learning he's not the last of his kind, a rare macaw makes the trip from Minnesota to a rainforest in Brazil, where he ultimately finds a fiercely independent female who at first balks at becoming feathered friends. Anne Hathaway and Jesse Eisenberg head the voice cast of this animated 3-D adventure from the makers of "Ice Age."

Hop Opens April 1, rated PG iwantcandy.com

While on a visit to America, the heir apparent of the Easter Bunny - actually, that would make him the hare apparent -- gets hit by a car driven by an unemployed slacker (James Marsden). Despite being able to poop jelly beans (all together now, eeewww), the recovering rabbit doesn't make for a sweet houseguest. Voiced by Russell Brand, the bunny is animated while the rest, save for a few other critters, is live-action.

Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil Opens April 29, rated PG hoodwinkedtoomovie.com

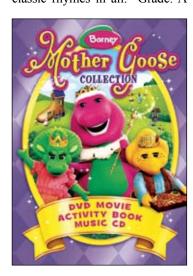
Fans of the sharp-witted 2005 animated feature "Hoodwinked" (me included) finally get their sequel. With Anne Hathaway busy being a bird in "Rio," now voicing our spunky heroine, the riding hood-wearing Red, is Hayden Panettiere. Glenn Close and Patrick Warburton also are back as Granny and Wolf, who join a search team to find Hansel and Gretel ("SNL" alums Bill Hader and Amy Poehler) in a fairy tale land.

Films and DVDs for the Whole Family

Family DVDs

Angelina Ballerina: Ballet Dreams (ages 2-7, March 1, not rated): Camembert Academy's tutu-donning mouse adjusts to a new school, stages her own show and tries to land a leading role in the Mouskinov Ballet in this five-episode DVD. Bonus feature is a "Create Your Own Dream Routine" game. Grade: B

Barney: Mother Goose Collection (ages 3-7, now available, not rated): Mother Goose rhymes and Barney are a natural fit, so it's no wonder "wonderful" describes this DVD movie that also comes with an activity book and music CD. More than 35 classic rhymes in all. Grade: A



The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (ages 6-13, available April 8, rated PG): Disappointing third chapter based on C.S. Lewis' Christian-undertoned book has Edmund and Lucy Pevensie, along with a cousin and royal

friend King Caspian, swallowed into a painting and sent aboard a Narnian ship. Otherworldly obstacles must be overcome on a creature-filled adventure of destiny and discovery. Too bad it all seems slapped together, making for ho-hum characters and story and unspecial special effects. Grade: D+

Gulliver's Travels (ages 6-13, available April 19, rated PG): Jack Black musters a few laughs as Lemuel Gulliver, a travel writer whose latest adventure goes awry after he washes ashore in a land where he is regarded as a threatening giant by the tiny Lilliputians. Comedy misses more than hits. Grade: C

Spanish for Kids: Las Estaciones (The Seasons) (ages 3-7, April 26, not rated): Your child will be speaking Spanish (or more español) by Cinco de Mayo thanks to this immersion DVD that's cabeza y hombros (head and shoulders) above most. Fritzi, a cartoon mouse who interacts with live-action adults and children, makes learning this important language to California muy fun. Check out the other titles in the series by Whistlefritz. Grade: A

Thomas & Friends: Pop Goes Thomas (ages 2-5, now available, not rated): Discovery, friendship and cooperation are lessons learned in every Thomas episode, and the four in this DVD are no different. Thomas delivers goodies to a picnic, Percy joins in a game of hide and seek, and Emily cheers on the Sodor soccer team. Just under an hour of entertainment. Grade: B+





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Attendees are encouraged to bring snacks to share with other book club members. For more information on the following book discussions, please telephone the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit saclibrary.org.

May 3: The Big Burn, by Timothy Egan

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April 7, Thursday, 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Toddler Storytime (1.5 - 3yrs)

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After School Book Club

April 8, Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

School Age Program

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Second Saturday Audio Book Club

April 9, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Book Club

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Nature's Critters - Hidden In Plain Sight

April 9, Saturday, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

School Age Program

How can animals "disappear" right before our eyes? Kids will meet animals that use camouflage to hide from sight. They will touch slimy amphibians, scaly reptiles, feathery bird, soft or poky mammals and crawly bugs. There is even a race between some of the animals!



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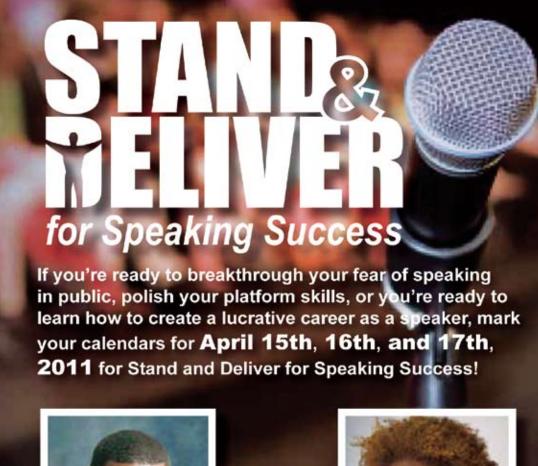
"Fall River - White Rocks" by Pat Mahony

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The Giants won the World Series? The Giants won the World Series?? The Giants won the World Series!!! It's still hard to believe they actually pulled it off after all these torturous seasons, and now here we go again.

But going in, for some reason, this just doesn't feel the same as last fall. The ghost of Barry Bonds has reared its big ugly head and cast a pall over the proceedings. Do you think if the Bonds trial in San Francisco was going on during last season's wild ride our happy little band of misfits could have completed the deal? I have my doubts.

have my doubts.

The Bonds aura has always been a distraction. He was one of the greatest players ever and carried the team for years, but there were always issues surrounding him that had little to do with "team." Looking back, even though Bonds' performance is largely responsible for getting the Giants' new ballpark built, I'm glad they didn't get their first S.F. championship with him leading the charge. Would they engrave an asterisk on the trophy?

Largely because Bonds just doesn't seem to be a very likeable fellow, he's been made into the steroid era scapegoat. As a Giants fan, pulling for Bonds was the epitome of "rooting

for the laundry."

There's no doubt the man loves the game. But, it bothered him too much to watch all the other performance-enhancing bums distorting the game and the record books, and stealing the limelight. So instead of being one of the guys he chose to become one of the bums. You have to wonder what his godfather Willie Mays really thinks but won't say about Barry's escapades.

Ultimately, it appears he's been caught in his lies. Unfortunately, his case has finally gone to trial and all the ugliness is coming out just as the Giants take the field for the first time as defending champions. Things just don't seem right at the start. Some nasty vibes have been creeping into the Giants world—the Bonds shroud topping the list. Closer Brian Wilson has been yukking it up a bit much with Charlie Sheen and then comes up lame. Post-season star Cody Ross is out hurt. New shortstop Miguel Tejada does look like he's on the downturn of his career. Certain relievers don't look sharp. The Giants open up losing three of four to the Dodgers in L.A. and we have to endure a bunch of old Dodgers wearing blue in the ESPN TV booth chirping away, including a visit from

Tommy Lasorda— the worst! It's a rather inauspicious beginning.

Superstitions thrive in baseball. This could all be Bonds' fault. Thanks are due Barry for being key in saving and rebuilding the franchise. But if he's found guilty at trial— or not— what punishment would be appropriate in the eyes of Giants fans? A heartless apology wouldn't cut it. Maybe he should have to sign baseballs "I'm sorry, Barry" for every fan at every game for a whole year. Maybe he should have to donate all his Gold Gloves and fancy cars to Junior Giants. Since the Giants will probably erect a statue for Bonds someday, have Barry during games out across McCovey Cove breaking rocks in the hot sun for his own likeness— and put an asterisk on that too. Or make him stand out in left field before a game and eat In-N-Out burgers until he explodes.

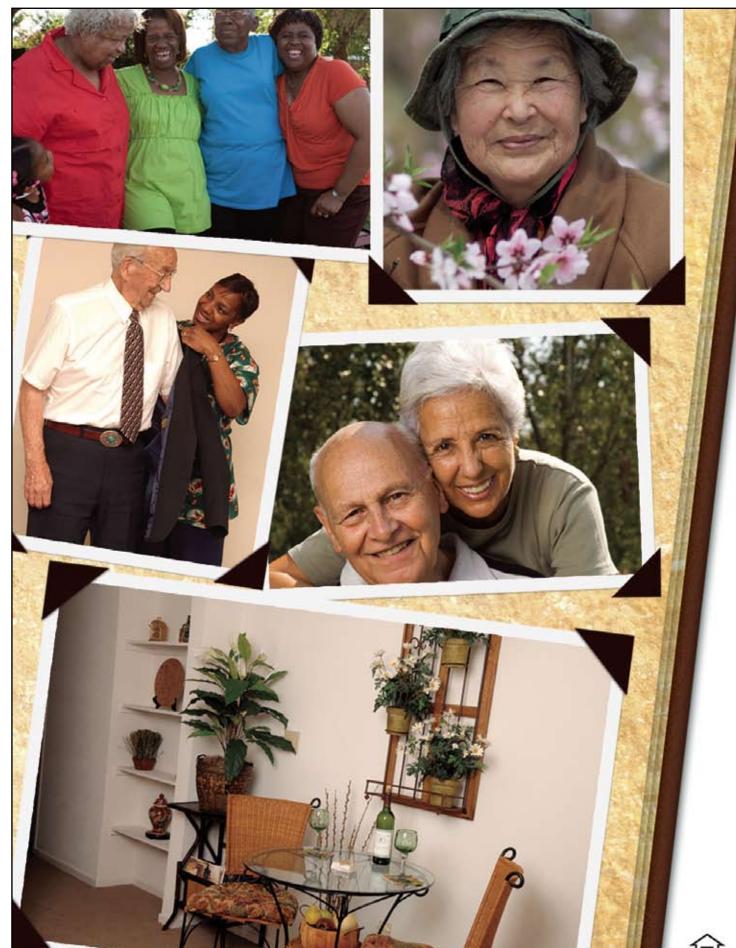
So what will it take to chase these clouds away? Will new prized rookie Brandon Belt and a full year of Buster Posey be enough? Do they need a resurgence from Barry Zito? Good luck. Maybe all it will take is for me to start wearing my new World Series Champions hat around on a daily basis.



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