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# **Spring Snowmelt Prompts** Water Safety Warning



Outdoor Recreationists Should Take Precautions Against Cold Temperatures and Swift Currents When in or Near Water

Sacramento Region - The spring snowmelt has prompted a warning from Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) and California Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) urging outdoor recreationists to take precautions against cold and swift currents before entering the water.

The utility and state agency cautioned that snowpacks are slightly above normal for this time of year. As warmer weather and longer days begins to melt snow in mountainous regions of the state, water temperatures will continue to drop and flows will continue to rise in waterways and reservoirs.

"Those planning outings near mountain streams, rivers, reservoirs and canals need to be extra vigilant and take appropriate safety measures," said Alvin Thoma, director of PG&E's power generation department. "Water flows will fluctuate with the warming and cooling of the day so always be prepared for a change in conditions."

"Snowmelt and resulting swift and cold river flows can create treacherous conditions for all recreationists - waders, swimmers, paddlers, boaters, anglers and even hikers cooling off at the water's edge," said DBW's Interim Director Lucia C. Becerra. "Stay safe by

wearing a life jacket, avoiding alcohol and being aware of the current."

Lakes and ponds are very attractive on warm spring days but are also cold. Rafters, kayakers, and canoeists should beware of fast river flows and cold water, and should exercise extreme caution by checking local conditions before undertaking their trip. Parents should also exercise caution with young children playing in or near the water.

# **Huber Reintroduces Bill** to Stop Peripheral Canal without Legislative Vote

Sacramento - Assemblymember Alyson Huber (D-El Dorado Hills) and other Delta lawmakers joined with local representatives from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta communities this morning (April 26th) at a press conference to discuss legislation by Huber to prohibit construction of a peripheral canal through the Delta without a full fiscal analysis and vote of the state legislature. Huber and others at the press conference, including authors Senator Lois Wolk and Assemblymember Mariko Yamada, stressed a critical need for legislative oversight that would be provided with the passage of Huber's Assembly Bill 1594, set to be heard in the Assembly Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife tomorrow at 9 am

"We should not have an infrastructure project of this size without legislative oversight. The Legislature should do its job and give it an up-or-down vote once the full details and fiscal impact to residents of the state are penciled out," said Huber, who grew up in the Delta and represents communities in San Joaquin and Sacramento counties.

The press conference, which was streamed live online so concerned Delta residents could participate, highlighted the fact that the new bureaucracy created in the Governor's plan last year will decide whether to approve a peripheral canal and will set fees

for water users throughout the state. There will be no legislative oversight, limited input from the public, and no vote of the people on whether to build the canal.

AB 1594 prohibits the construction of a peripheral canal unless expressly authorized by the Legislature. It further requires the Legislative Analyst's Office to complete an economic feasibility analysis prior to the enactment of a statute authorizing the construction of a peripheral canal.

The bill would also require that the construction and operation of a peripheral canal not diminish or negatively affect the water supplies, water rights, or quality of water for water users within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta watershed.

A recent joint hearing of State Assembly and Senate committees on the funding and implementation of the 2009 legislative package on water raised many concerns about the Delta Stewardship Council and its ability to exercise its independent authority to develop the Delta Plan, in light of decisions being made by the Department of Water Resources and the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

"This bill adds much-needed oversight to the existing process, specifically the actions of a group of unelected appointees many believe are likely to rubber stamp plans for a canal as suggested by the Governor and others," concluded Huber. For more information visit

www.asm.ca.gov/huber

# Stanford Home for Children Receives Grants

Funding will support programs, including new art therapy center

Sacramento - In a year when grant funding has become increasingly competitive, Stanford Home for Children received three grants within six weeks to support its programs that ensure children are safe, healthy and connected to family. Ronald McDonald House Charities Northern California, in partnership Pacific Coast Building Products Foundation, Hanson McClain and Waste Connections, donated \$2,500 for foster care. Club Sacramento of donated \$5,000 to support family emergency needs, and AT&T Foundation donated \$20,000 to create a dedicated art therapy center.

"We are humbled by the generosity of these remarkable organizations

to give back to the community," said Keith Diederich, Stanford Home executive director. "Through gifts like these, children directly benefit with tangible opportunities for positive, lasting change."

that make such a powerful effort

The Ronald McDonald House Partnership funding will be used to train local residents to become Intensive Treatment Foster Care parents. Stanford Home specializes in this form of foster care, which is offered to children whose previous foster care placements have been unsuccessful or who have greater mental health and behavioral needs. There are 4,000 foster children in Sacramento County and close to 1,000 who are in need of Intensive Treatment Foster Care.

The gift from Rotary Club of Sacramento will be used to meet vulnerable Sacramento families' most urgent practical needs so that they can focus on stabilizing their family. When children are in danger of being removed from their home, Stanford Home provides intensive, in-home counseling and support for the entire family. When necessary, Stanford Home provides essential necessities such as transportation, groceries, child care and clothing to help families focus on their treatment.

AT&T Foundation's \$20,000 grant will fund a dedicated art therapy center for abused, neglected and mentally challenged children. AT&T will be a founding partner in furnishing the center and training therapists with the tools to offer effective art therapy. The center is expected to open in late spring.

For 110 years, Stanford Home has worked to ensure all children are safe, healthy and connected to family so they can dream, overcome and thrive. Combining a family-centered approach to care with solutions focused on results, Stanford Home provides comprehensive array of programs that help Sacramento County's at-risk families regain above self-confidence, rise challenges and rebuild their lives

For more information, visit www.stanfordhome.org.

# Vehicle Travels into **Oncoming Traffic**

CHP Special Report

On April 23, 2010, at approximately 12:54 p.m., Joshlynn Pendarvis, a 23 year old female from Sacramento was driving a red 1996 Ford Thunderbird on southbound Watt Avenue approaching the intersection of the eastbound I-80 off ramp in the #2 lane. As Pendarvis approached the intersection the light turned red and she proceeded thru the intersection. She realized traffic ahead of her was stopped; she turned her vehicle to the left traveling across the #1 lane and striking the center median where her vehicle became airborne. The Ford traveled directly in the path of a white 2004 Chevy 3500 County Works truck that was traveling in the #1 lane of northbound

Watt Avenue. The front of the Chevy struck the passenger side of the Ford.

Pendarvis was transported to Mercy San Juan Medical Center with major head trauma and is listed in critical condition. Her 4 year old female passenger was transported to UCD Medical Center for precautionary reasons. She was sitting in the right rear position and properly restrained in a child seat. The driver of the County vehicle, Michael Caldwell, a 28 year old from Rancho Cordova was transported to Mercy San Juan Medical Hospital with moderate injuries. The northbound #1 lane of Watt Avenue was closed for approximately one hour. collision is still under investigation.

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# **Carmichael Couple Celebrates** their 66th Wedding Anniversary!



Charles and Patria Pettingell: celebrating 66 years of marriage

Carmichael - Charles and Patria Pettingell celebrated 66 years of marriage on Friday, April 9, 2010. The couple met on a blind date. Charles was stationed in Puerto

Rico and his roommate pestered him all week to go on a double date with him. Charles was reluctant, but went anyway. When asked it if was "love at first site", Charles says

"Patria gave me that big smile and it knocked me for a loop." They were married in Ponce, Puerto Rico and honeymooned in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. They flew to the islands on a bomber! Once Charles was reassigned to the states, he and Patria made California their home. When asked what the key is to a happy, long marriage, Charles will tell you that you have to be resilient. You can't sweat the small stuff and you have to work at marriage, never taking it for granted. Charles and Patria were recently separated when Patria moved to a senior living community. They now both reside at Sunrise of Carmichael and enjoy every minute together. Their favorite thing about being married is "the feeling of being cared for and loved by someone who feels the same way about you."

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The evening's agenda will include a short business meeting to elect five new board members. We encourage any members who want to get involved to consider joining our board. Welcoming remarks from CCNA's President Dan Bell and Country Board of Supervisors Susan Peters. Other representatives from Empire Golf, Ancil Hoffman Park & the American River Parkway, County Neighborhood Services & Code Enforcement & Effie Yeaw Nature Center will be in attendance. A light refreshment buffet will be provided.



For any further information, contact CCNA P.O. Box131, Carmichael, CA 95609 Or email to: carmichaelcolony@yahoo.com or visit our website at www.carmichaelcolony.org.

We look forward to seeing you at this most informative and enjoyable event.

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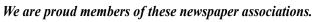
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# First 5 Sacramento Approves Funding for Enhanced Children's Medical Clearance Exams

Child Protective Services improved program will help identify medical needs and uncover hidden abuse in children under the age of five entering foster care.

Sacramento Region - The First 5
Sacramento Commission recently approved funding which will allow Child Protective Services (CPS) not only to provide medical clearance exams for children entering foster care, but to expand services into a comprehensive model of services for children ages zero to five who are placed in protective custody.

Under the grant proposal drafted by CPS, the newly-titled "Health Exams, Assessments, Referrals and Treatment Services (HEARTS) for Kids" program will offer medical and dental screenings for children and home visitations to perform developmental screenings and prevention and education services.

exam program was suspended in October 2009 because of county budget cuts. Clearance exams help identify underlying health issues in children entering foster

medical

clearance

care, including conditions which need immediate treatment. This is important because children under age five – CPS' most vulnerable population — often cannot verbalize medical problems or injuries.

The exams also uncover abuse and neglect that could not be detected during a child welfare investigation. According to data from UC Davis Medical Center, which previously provided the service, 38 percent of all physical abuse injuries were found in children who were placed into custody for reasons other than physical abuse.

"Clearance exams are not required by law, but CPS has offered them because it is a best-practice model which clearly benefits victims of child abuse and neglect," said Laura Coulthard, Director of Child Protective Services. "We were heartbroken to see the program go. In a year of bad budget news, First 5 Sacramento has given the community something to cheer about

"Thank you to the Commission and CPS for being responsible with Proposition 10 funding to create a new program with substantial service enhancements," said Roger Dickinson, Chair of First 5 Sacramento and Chair of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. "A great collaboration has emerged that ultimately will improve the welfare of young children in Sacramento County," Dickinson added.

The First 5 Sacramento Commissioners voted unanimously to provide \$743,281 for the new program, which will run from May 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012, at which time CPS can re-apply for funding. Total cost of the program is \$1.46 million, with half the costs covered by matching federal funds. Exams will be provided by Children's Specialists Medical Group of Sacramento at the Children's Receiving Home Clinic.

# Carmichael RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

# Carmichael Recreation and Park District is announcing the following events:

Canine Craze
Dog Show
Location:
Carmichael Park
Vets Hall Lawn
5750 Grant Avenue
Saturday, May 1
10am-1pm

A dog show for everyone and every dog! Categories include Biggest and Smallest, Best Singer, Longest Ears, Best Dressed and more! If you would like to be a vendor the fee is \$15. Don't forget to stay after the event for the FREE

hot dog BBQ! Sponsored by CRPD and A Mind of Their Own Dog Training.

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Spring Concert with

"Custom Neon"
Saturday, May 15,
7 to 9 p.m.
Danny Bishop Memorial
Pavilion for the
Performing Arts (aka
Carmichael Park Band
Shell) at rear of park

5750 Grant Ave, Carmichael Free admission and parking and open to all ages!

They rocked Founders Day and are now back by popular demand! Custom Neon – the local Sacramento band that covers classic rock from the 60's through the 90's – is ready to once again showcase their talent for the Carmichael Community. Let's get ready for our Summer Concert Series with this band who can heat up any cool night!

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# First Yellow Geranium 2010

CARMICHAEL GERANIUM SOCIETY ANNOUNCES A BRAND NEW GERANIUM.

The very first yellow Geranium, appropriately named 'First Yellow'

was hybridized in Germany in 2009. A very limited number of these marvelous plants will be available at the Society's Show and Plant Sale, limited to one plant per family.

Also available will be the return of 'Lady Carmichael' Geraniums, now in one quart size pots. This and much more as the largest Geranium Club in the world prepares for it's annual Show and Plant Sale scheduled to open Saturday, May 1st from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Carmichael

park Community Clubhouse. 5750 Grant Ave.



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# "Telling: Sacramento"

Sacramento area military veterans and veterans' family members have been working quietly and diligently in the creation of "Telling: Sacramento." On May 14, 15 and 16, eight of these veterans and military family members will perform "Telling: Sacramento" at the Guild Theater, bringing their stories of life and the military to the eyes and ears of their home city.

"Telling: Sacramento" is the latest production of The Telling Project. The Telling Project works with groups of veterans to produce "Telling" an innovative theatrical production in which military veterans and their

Carmichael - County Supervisor Susan

Peters will be holding "Office Hours"

on Saturday, May 1, at Carmichael

Park during the annual Canine Craze

Fun Dog Show. Peters will set up a

table near the Band Shell where the

event is being held between 10-11:30

a.m. for residents who wish to drop by

and discuss with her items of interest.

No appointment is necessary; visits

will be handled on a first served basis.

"Carmichael's annual dog show

is a great event that provides a lot of

fun and laughs for the entire family,"

says Peters. "Establishing 'Office

Hours' provides the opportunity

to mix business with pleasure. I'll

be available to talk about county

interviews, performance training and rehearsal, stage the 'telling' of their stories of life in the military for their communities. The project is a response to several critical issues: among these are widespread public ignorance of the immediate impact of war on individuals and communities; difficulties that this ignorance poses to soldiers transitioning back to civilian life; and the danger that ignoring the rift between the veteran and civilian populations poses to the nation as a whole. The Telling Project has staged performances in Oregon, Seattle, WA and Washington, DC, this latter performance alongside

for such honors as the "Best Singer'

or 'Biggest and Smallest Dog'."

legged best friend participates in

the annual fun sponsored by the

Carmichael Recreation and Park

District," Peters added, who will be

there with her Welsh terrier, Bryn.

a.m. to 1 p.m. Carmichael Park

is located at 5750 Grant Avenue.

the dog show, call the Carmichael

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The dog contest runs from 10

"I hope everyone and their four-

"Telling: Sacramento" is being directed by American River College theater faculty Todd The cast consists of veterans Josh Allan, Greg Boling, Kevin Baird (US Marines), Austin Sihoe (US Navy), Jeff Weston and John Dustin Miller (US Air Force), and civilians Pia Boling (wife of Greg Boling) and Roni Armstrong (mother of 2 US Marines). "Telling: Sacramento," is written and produced by Jonathan Wei, Executive

For more information on The Telling Project, please vordhome.org.

Director of The Telling Project.

#### Hollywood Stars, Supervisor Susan Peters to Hold Glitter of Old Office Hours at "Canine Craze" matters while people can enjoy watching the canine contestants vie

# Carmichael Oaks Raffles Quilt Art for Alzheimer's

Handmade quilt donated in memory of "Sunny" Johnson

Carmichael - It goes without saying that a handmade quilt says "love." Recently the family of beloved Carmichael Oaks Senior Living resident, Sunny Johnson, donated one of her beautiful handcrafted quilts to the community. In turn the residents of Carmichael Oaks community have elected to raffle this beautiful quilt and to donate the proceeds to the Alzheimer's Association 2010 Memory Walk.

Please help the "Carmichael Oaks Folks" Memory Walk team raise funds by purchasing a raffle ticket for just \$1.00 each. You may view Sunny's quilt and purchase tickets April 24 - July 1 at Carmichael Oaks Senior Living, 8350 Fair Oaks Blvd, www.carmichaeloaks.com. The winner will be notified July 8. If you have any questions please contact Virginia Stone or Denise Brandt via email carmichaelmkg@ islllc.com or at 916 944-2323.

Sunny was a crafter and quilter for over 30 years. In her lifetime, Sunny created over 35 quilts, all gifted to her family members. Each of her quilts is an original and unique in design, and lovingly created. This beautiful hand-stitched, full bed size quilt, was Sunny's last completed project.

"Sunny had a brother in law who passed away from Alzheimer's disease. We are sure Sunny would be honored that we have donated one of her quilts for the cause. You too may know someone who is personally affected by this crippling disease," said Denise Evans, Executive Director at Carmichael Oaks.

The Memory Walk is the signature fundraiser of the Alzheimer's Association and provides the community the opportunity to make a difference for families dealing with this disease. Funds raised for the Memory Walk support programs and services of the Alzheimer's

Association and fund important research to find a cure. There are 5.3 million currently living with Alzheimer's, and that number is expected to triple to 16 million by 2050 if we do not find a way to stop the course of this disease.

The Carmichael Oaks Senior Living provides the finest in senior living with three lifestyle options: independent living, assisted living and memory care. Located in Carmichael, California the expert trained staff provides residents with the highest standards of senior care services. It is operated by Integral Senior Living, which manages independent, assisted living and memory care properties. ISL is founded on a care philosophy that fosters dignity and respect for residents and promotes their independence and individuality.

For more information about Carmichael Oaks call (916) 944-2323 or visit www.carmichaeloaks.com.

# Rally Again at CPC

The big Hollywood sign, the red carpet and the Avenue of Stars live again on May 1st at Carmichael Presbyterian Church, thanks to the Annual CPC Womens' Program, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Gloria Heidi will give insight to the days of the movie "Sabrina"

#### starring William Holden, Humphry Bogart and Audrie Hepburn as well as a restored vintage convertible that was driven in the movie. The program includes lunch. Carmichael Presbyterian Church is located at 5645 Marconi Avenue, Carmichael. YOUR FREE WEDDING PLANNING BOUTIQUE

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**Week 3:** July 5-9

Week 4: July 12-16

Week 5: July 19-23

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### Genealogical Association of Sacramento Inc.

The Genealogical Association of Sacramento will meet May 19 2010 at the Colonial Heights Library on Stockton Blvd. at 21st Ave., Sacramento, due to the remodeling at Bele Coolidge Library. We will meet there at Colonial Heights as well in June. Our Speaker for May is Susan Jackman speaking on using tax records in research. She teaches family history through the Folsom-Cordova Adult Education, and conducts seminars through

the Family History Center (where she is a member of the board of Directors). She is also a professional researcher, specializing Pennsylvania German Research

Please invite, or bring any interested person to our monthly meetings. Visitors are always welcome at the meetings. We're having a "sharing" time at the beginning of our meetings which seems beneficial. We'll hope to see you there on May 19th.

#### Monthly Military Retiree/Spouses Meeting

Our next monthly military retiree/spouse meeting is scheduled for 11 May 2010. Meeting place is the North Highlands Park and Recreation District in North Highlands. Address is 6040 Watt Ave. Our Speaker will be Dean Moline, Director of the Sacramento Valley Cemetery in Dixon, CA. It's the place we are all dying to get into. So come on out and enjoy a cup of coffee and listen to what Dean has to say on how to qualify for burial at that location. Questions can be directed to our volunteers at 561-7476, Mon-Thurs, 0900 to 1500 hrs.

#### **Mission Oaks Computer Club** Meeting

The Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet on Thursday, May 13, 2010 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, CA.

The meeting topic will be "Use Your Library at Home", presented by Sacramento Public Library's Ann Owens. A problem solving clinic, led by Adam Lacey of Applications, Etc, will follow the meeting. First-time visitors are welcome.

For additional information (916) 366-1687 visit our website at www. missionoakscomputerclub.org.

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# **Garfield Elementary School Closing Celebration**

MAY 6TH 6:00-8:00 pm

From Judee Shoemaker

Garfield School has always been a safe, caring, loving, teaching, daily experience for hundreds of students each year. On Thursday, May 6th the formal ceremony will begin at 6:00 pm followed by refreshments, display of students' work, art show, picture collages of Garfield's 56 year history and honoring of retirees.

This year we have 5 retirees: Rich Nystrom, Marie Coleman, Nancy Greenhalgh, Sharon Janof and Joe Roy. The last four principals will also be in attendance and honored. Todd Morgan, former Garfield student, will open the formal celebration with music and a special song. Following the brief ceremony, refreshments will

be served as participants enjoy students' special tributes to their educational experiences at Garfield, as well as their art work. There will be memory boards of the five retirees and the stroll down memory lane of life at Garfield. This school will be closing in June and the staff would like to share their memories with current and former families.

# Garfield Elementary School 50'S Rock & Roll Carnival

MAY 14TH 5:00-8:00 pm

From Judee Shoemaker

Garfield Elementary School will be holding their final carnival on Friday, May 14th, from 5:00-8:00 pm. It will have a 50's theme and great prices for games, special activities and food. Former Garfield student

Todd Morgan and The Emblems will play live rock and roll music during the evening. There will also be a classic car show and activities will include balloon animal making, face and hair painting, cakewalk, and games for all ages. Food will

include nachos, corn dogs, hot dogs, chili, popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones, soda and water. Please join us--we don't want you to miss this fun event. Wear poodle skirts, capris, rolled up jeans, saddle shoes and enjoy a great evening.

# Mira Loma High School Awarded \$10,000 Grant from Bush/Sea World

The Mira Loma High School Creek Project was awarded the Sea World/Busch Gardens Award for Environmental Excellence Award for 2010. Eight awards, each for \$10K, were given in the U.S. for this highly competitive Grant! Proposals were first judged at Sea World / Busch Gardens and then the top 20 were sent to the National Wildlife Federation for the final cut. This award is given being awarded

to the Mira Loma High School Arcade Creek Project which, this year, has 260+ kids working on 11 different studies at 7 different sites. Now in its tenth year, this program has gotten several thousand students out of traditional classrooms and into an outdoor lab. The proposal was

written by our Outreach team, with the oversight of the IB science instructors.

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STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE #0909533

The following person(s) has/have withdrawn as a general partner(s) from the partnership operating under the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of Skytrade USA, located at 13711 Cheroke, Galt, CA 95632 Om Parkash Kapoor, 8775 Springhills Orangevale, CA 95662. The Fictitious Business Name Statement for the partnership was filed on Oct. 20, 2009 in County of Sacramento. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 26, 2010. Publish: April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2010. **SKYTRA** 00401 4-28-10

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2010-00074313

WHEREAS. Bich Tram Thi Do has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Bich Tram Thi Do to Kalleena Tram Do. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on May 13, 2010 in Dept. 53. located at 800 9th St. Third Floor, 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: April 1, 2010. Loren E. McMaster Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2010. SUPERIOR COURT OF

CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2010-00073677 WHEREAS, Stuart

James Fellbaum has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Stuart James Fellbaum to Mark James Wolf. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the

above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on May 5, 2010 in Dept. 53. located at 800 9th St. Third Floor, 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 24, 2010. Loren E. McMaster Judge of the Superior Court Publish: April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2010.

00401 4-28-10 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

#34-2010-00074254 WHEREAS, Cynthia Ann Bast has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Cynthia Ann Bast to Cynthia Ann Fleming. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on May 13, 2010 in Dept. 54, located at 800 9th St. Third Floor, 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: April 1, 2010. Shellevanne W.L. Chang

Judge of the Superior Court Publish: April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2010. FLEMIN 00401 4-28 4-28-10

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS STATEMENT #1003394. Robert Wright, 6549 Saint Edgewood Ct. Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Life Behind Bars" at 6549 Saint Edgewood Ct., Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on April 9, 2010. Publish: April 14, 21, 28, May 5, LIFEBE 00402

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #1003107. Sasken Inc., 1700 Alma Dr. #350, Plano,

TX 75075 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Names "Ingenient Technologies; Ingenient" 1700 Alma Dr. #350, Plano, TX 75075. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on April 1, 2010. Publish: April 14, 21, 28, May 5,

00402 CORP20 5-5-10

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME #34-2010-00074491 WHEREAS. Hector and Maria Sanchez have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Emmenuel Sanchez to Emmanuel Sanchez. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on May 17, 2010 in Dept. 53, located at 800 9th St., Third Floor, 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: April 5, 2010. Loren E. McMaster

Judge of the Superior Court Publish: April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2010. SPIT7F 00402 5-5-10

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #1003403. M. Garcia, 6945 Chevy Chase Way, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Alacran Heating & Air Conditioning" at 6945 Chevy Chase Way, Sacramento, CA Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on April 9, 2010. Publish: April 21, 28, May 5, 12, ALACRA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #1002860 Joan S Swanson and Jerry L. Swanson, both of 6616 Stanley Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Creative Piano Workshops" at 6616 Stanley Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608 Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on March 24,, 2010. Publish: April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 2010 00403

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #1003528. Alexey Pankov, 4100 Coloma Rd. #64, Rancho Cordova, CA 95672 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "East West Invest FX" at 4100 Sacramento Inn Way, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on April Publish: April 21, 28, May 5, 12,

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2010-00074805

WHEREAS Shannon Renee Poor has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Shannon Renee Poor to Stella Renee Pierson. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on May 21, 2010 in Dept. 53, located at 800 9th St., Third Floor, 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: April 8, 2010. Loren E. McMaster Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 2010. 00403 **PIERSO** 5-12-10

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2010-00075015

WHEREAS, Sarah Otero has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Monique Deja Alazai Otero to Monique Deja Alazai Otero Buckley, IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on May 21, 2010 in Dept. 54, located at 800 9th St. Third Floor, 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: April 9, 2010. W.L Shelleyanne Chang Judge of the Superior Court Publish: April 21, 28, May 5, 12, OTFRO 00403 5-12-10

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME #34-2010-00075745 WHEREAS. Temesha Lynette Koontz has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name of Temesha Lynette Koontz to Temesha Lynette Albee, IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on June 2, 2010 in Dept. 54. located at 800 9th St.,

Third Floor, 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: April 15, 2010.

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Charley's Aunt: (L) Jeff Thomas, Marc Berman, Nicholas Palleschi. Photo credit: Warren Harrison. Chautauqua Playhouse announces the final show of its 33rd season, the classic comedy CHARLEY'S AUNT by Brandon Thomas, opening on May 7th at the Playhouse. The show will run on Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00pm and Sundays at 2:00 pm through June 13. All performances will be held at the Chautauqua Playhouse, 5325 Engle Road in the La Sierra Community Center in Carmichael. Admission is \$17 general and \$15 students, seniors, children and SARTA members.

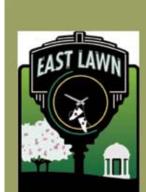
Charley's wealthy aunt from Brazil, where "the nuts come from," will have to delay her visit. Time to press Lord Fancourt Babberly into action - and a dress. Comic confusion results in the world's most famous farce. Guaranteed to move an audience to tears of laughter!

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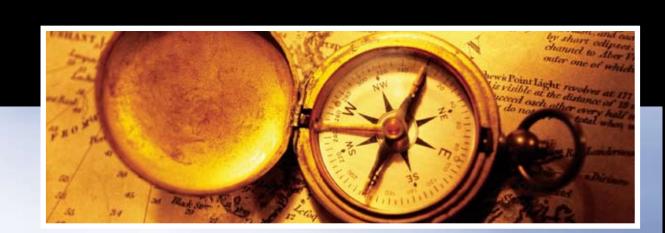
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# SCSO & Conductor Donald Kendrick **Selected Semi-Finalists for American Prize**

The American Prize is pleased to announce that SACRAMENTO **CHORAL SOCIETY** CONDUCTOR **DONALD** KENDRICK of Fair Oaks, CA are among the first semi-finalists for its spring 2010 competitions. Semifinalists in orchestral and choral performance and orchestral and choral conducting were selected from applications recently received from twenty-six states and the District of Columbia. Finalists in all categories will be selected in May; winners of The American Prize will be announced in mid-June.

The American Prize is a series of new, non-profit, national competitions unique in scope and structure, designed to recognize and reward the very best in the performing arts in the United States. The American Prize was founded in 2009 and will be awarded annually in many areas of the performing arts starting in 2010. Complete information on the website: www.theamericanprize.org

The American Prize was founded from the belief that a great deal of excellent music being made in this country goes unrecognized and unheralded, not only in our major cities, but all across the country: in schools and churches, in colleges and universities, and by community professional musicians.

With the performing arts in America now ignored by many media outlets, The American Prize seeks to fill the gap that leaves excellent artists and ensembles struggling for



Conductor Donald Kendrick

visibility and viability. The American Prize recognizes and rewards the best America produces, without bias against small city versus large, or unknown artist versus well-known.

Winners of The American Prize receive cash prizes, professional adjudication and regional, national recognition international based on submitted recordings of their performances. In addition to monetary rewards and commentary from judges, winners will be profiled on The American Prize website, with video and audio links to winning performances.

David Katz is the chief judge of The American Prize. Professional conductor, award-winning composer, playwright, actor and arts advocate, Katz was the founder and for twelve years chief judge of the Friedrich Schorr Memorial Performance Prize in Voice international competition. He is author of MUSE of FIRE, the acclaimed one-man play about the art of conducting. Joining Katz in selecting winners of The American

Prize is a panel of judges as varied in background and experience and as geographically diverse as Katz hopes the winners of The American Prize to be. Made up of distinguished musicians representing every region of the country, the group includes choral and orchestral conductors of professional, school, community and faith-based ensembles, tenured professors and orchestra and choral musicians.

"Most artists will probably never win a Grammy award, or a Pulitzer, or a Tony, or ever even be nominated," Katz said, "but that does not mean that they are not worthy of recognition and reward. Quality in the arts is not limited to the coasts, or to the familiar names, or only to graduates of the most famous schools. It is on view all over the United States, if you take the time to look for it. The American Prize exists to encourage and herald that excellence.

By shining a light on nationally recognized achievement, winners of The American Prize get worldclass bragging rights to use in promotion right at home. "If The American Prize builds local pride, or helps increase the audience, or grows the donor base, or stimulates recruitment for winning ensembles and their conductors, then we have fulfilled our mission," Katz said.

American Prize administered by Hat City Music Theater, Inc., a 502(c)3 non-profit performing arts organization based in Danbury, Connecticut.

# **National Foster Care** Month Highlights Need for Foster Parents

By Roger Niello and George Runner

All children deserve a safe, happy place to call home. But for at least 75,000 children in California, there is no such place.

Each May, as we celebrate National Foster Care month, we salute the compassionate people who make a difference by serving as foster parents, relative caregivers, mentors, advocates, social workers and volunteers. Thanks to these unsung heroes, many formerly abused or neglected children and teens will safely reunite with their parents, receive care from relatives, or join a loving families through adoption.

Most communities across the country are urgently seeking more everyday people to help these youth overcome their troubled childhoods and realize their full potential. No matter what their age, every young person in foster care benefits from a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in his or her life. But studies have shown that as many as 1 in 8 families have considered adoption, but don't know where to begin the process.

On May 15, we will host an event

at Arcade Church in Sacramento where these families can work with state and local foster care agencies, local adoption centers, law firms, child advocates, and courts to get information about the process and to understand the legal and financial issues involved in the process.

Many prospective families have been surprised to learn that adopting a child from foster care is virtually free and that adoptive families receive tax breaks for giving one of California's overlooked children a new, permanent home. The state also provides families and adopted foster care children assistance in creating a permanent, lifelong bond.

Statistics show that children in foster care who reach the age of 18 without the love and stability of a family or permanent connection are some of the highest at-risk children in the state. Within two to four years of leaving foster care, 50% of these foster children will be on drugs, homeless, in prison or dead.

However, when these kids are provided the love of a stable, caring family, they go on to thrive, becoming strong individuals who may become healthy, loving parents that break the cycle of neglect and abuse.

To find an adoption agency in your area and information about National Adoption Day activities on the internet visit: californiaadoption.org/county. To see some of the California children looking for a home, go to: cakids connection. com/FindChild.php, where you can learn about each child's interests, accomplishments, lifetime goals, and need for a permanent home. And to learn more about the event on May 15, visit communityrenewal. net/pdf/homeforgood.pdf

Adopting a foster child is a way for each family in California to make a direct, meaningful, and lasting beneficial contribution to the future of our state. Please join us on May 15 and find out how you can begin the process.

Roger Niello represents the communities of Arden-Arcade, Citrus Heights, Folsom, Granite Bay, North Highlands, Orangevale, Carmichael, Fair Oaks, and Natomas in the California State Assembly. He has five grown children and four grandchildren. George Runner is a California state senator who represents communities in North Los Angeles County. He and his wife, Sharon Runner, adopted their daughter Rebekah.

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Gregory open juried art show Kondos. There will the Sacramento be a 2nd Saturday Center Reception on May 8, 5:30-8:30pm.

This art show is a April 27-May 8, 2010. preview of the Gala and Regional artists have Art Auction to be held at paintings the Effie Yeaw Nature of the American River on May 15, 2010. Parkway and the wild Tickets 916-489-4918.

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"Negro Bar", a watercolor submission by Ken Potter.

Sacramento Fine Arts Center is located at 5330 - B Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608. Phone: 916-971-3713 Website: www.sacfinearts.org Hours: 11 am-7 pm Tuesday, 11 am-3 pm Wed through Saturday. Show Chair: David Peterson, 916-717-5951