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## A CURSE OUT OF LEFT FIELD

# Another asterisk for Giants' legacy

SAN FRANCISCO — Melky Cabrera's story was too good to be true, too tainted to pass a drug test and all too hauntingly familiar for a franchise cursed by steroids.

You thought the Giants and their fans would never go through the wringer with a star left fielder again?  
You believed the joy and sunny good tidings of the 2010 World Series and the post-Barry Bonds era would last forever?  
The answer was provided in sledgehammer form less than an hour before



**TIM KAWAKAMI**  
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Wednesday's game at AT&T Park: No, the dark cloud is back over the Giants and everything they have achieved or might accomplish in 2012.

They harbored, and flourished with, a cheater, again.

On Wednesday, it was announced that Cabrera, this year's All-Star Game MVP and sterling new Giants addition, tested positive for testosterone and had been suspended 50 games,

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Jeff Roberson/Associated Press  
Melky Cabrera, seen at the All Star Game in July, will be suspended 50 games. For more, see **Sports**.

### MELKY CABRERA: A STATISTICAL LOOK

The Giants' left fielder had resurrected his career over the past two seasons after nearly throwing it away from 2007 to 2010.

Year	AB	HR	RBI	AVG.
2007	545	8	73	.273
2008	414	8	37	.249
2009	485	13	68	.274
2010	458	4	42	.255
2011	658	18	87	.305
2012	459	11	60	.346

## AMERICA'S CUP WORLD SERIES

# 'NASCAR ON WATER'



Patrick Tehan/Staff

With Alcatraz in the background, Oracle Team USA sails Wednesday, joined by reporter Julia Prodis Sulek, right.

## Competitors in for a white-knuckle ride on whitecaps as Cup event comes to bay

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"Hold on for dear life!"

That's the warning from sailors aboard the 45-foot racing catamarans that you'll see slicing through whitecaps next week, when the America's Cup World Series brings the thrills and spills of some of the world's most exciting racing to San Francisco Bay.

Imagine a white-knuckle drag race on the back of a bucking bronco — with winds whipping up at nearly 20 mph and a fire hose of saltwater battering over the bow.



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## BAY AREA MARKET

# 4-year high for home prices

July sales were 13th consecutive month of increases in the region

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The Bay Area's housing recovery showed increasing signs of strength in July, as eager buyers pushed prices to four-year highs.

The region logged its 13th consecutive month of yearly sales increases and the median price for all types of homes in the nine-county Bay Area was at its highest — \$421,000 — since 2008, according to a report Wednesday from DataQuick. The median sale price has been rising for five months.

"The bottom of the market is in the rearview mirror," said Lorri Arazi with Pacific Union Real Estate in Oakland. "We're seeing houses selling faster, and the number of days on market is really low. Literally everything we use to

**Online extra:** Check housing prices in your neighborhood at [www.mercurynews.com/real-estate](http://www.mercurynews.com/real-estate).

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