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## Braille Production Program Supports Local Business

Society for the Blind News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Nonprofit Society for the Blind in Sacramento is encouraging local businesses and organizations to produce materials in braille for their blind and low vision clients through its braille production program. Since acquiring the Sacramento Braille Transcribers' services in late 2022, Society for the Blind's braille production program has taken on a wide range of companies and organizations who want to ensure their clients who are blind and low vision have the same access to information as those who are sighted.

"It's a win-win because more people who are blind and low vision have access to needed materials in real time, and

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Jill Guilbeau, manager of Society for the Blind's braille production program, creates a brailled document using the Braillo2 machine in the Sacramento office. Photo courtesy of Society for the Blind

## Cardrooms File Lawsuits Over New Regulations

The California Gaming Association News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Gaming Association, with support from the California Cardroom Alliance (CCA) and the Communities for California Cardrooms (CCC), has filed two lawsuits in San Francisco Superior Court challenging new regulations issued by the California Department of Justice's Bureau of Gambling Control, which would eliminate black-jack-style games and significantly restrict player-dealer games that have been legally operated in California cardrooms for decades. The lawsuits seek to block the regulations from taking effect and asks the court to invalidate the rules as unlawful.

According to the Attorney General's own Standardized Regulatory Impact Assessment (SRIA), the regulations would eliminate at least 50 percent of cardroom jobs and revenue, which could force many cardrooms to close. Unless blocked by the court, implementation of the regulations is scheduled to start April 1, with actual changes to cardroom games coming as early as June.

The lawsuit explains that the regulations are an unprecedented power grab by the Attorney General that contradict state law in multiple ways. The rules reverse decades of settled law and practice under which these games were approved as lawful by multiple Attorneys General, including former Governor Jerry Brown and former Vice President Kamala Harris.

The cardroom industry contends the regulations lack any legal or factual basis and were adopted despite overwhelming opposition from cities, workers, and community leaders. The Department of Justice finalized the regulations on Feb. 9, leaving them unchanged despite receiving 1,764 public comments, nearly all of which raised concerns about the regulations' legality and grave economic consequences.

Cities, union members and community organizations across California have warned that the regulations could create severe fiscal crises. Cities have formally opposed the regulations, with some cities relying on cardroom revenues for as much as 70 percent of their general fund. In a recent letter to the Attorney General, the City of San Jose warned that cardroom revenues help fund police, fire and 9-1-1 operations. ★

## BurnBot Wins National Award



Hundreds of people attended the event that featured live demonstrations of tele-operated firefighting robots, mobile solar microgrids and AI-powered lightning detection systems and vulnerability maps. Photo courtesy of Verizon

Verizon News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Verizon announced the winners of the 2025 Community Disaster Resilience Prize on March 5 at Cal Expo. Public officials, including Sacramento Mayor Kevin McCarty and State Senator Henry Stern, along with tech innovators gathered to showcase groundbreaking technology designed to shift the focus from disaster response to proactive preparation.

Hundreds of people attended the event that featured live demonstrations of tele-operated firefighting robots, mobile solar microgrids and AI-powered lightning detection systems and vulnerability maps. These technologies are being deployed to help communities in California build long-term resilience against wildfires, extreme heat and power outages. Learn



Mayor McCarty addressing the audience at the 2025 Community Disaster Resilience Prize ceremony on March 5. Photo courtesy of Verizon

more about the winning companies at: [www.verizon.com/about/news/verizon-investing-new-generation-life-saving-disaster-resilience-technology](http://www.verizon.com/about/news/verizon-investing-new-generation-life-saving-disaster-resilience-technology). Additionally, more than 100

Verizon employees and community partners volunteered to create hundreds of disaster resilience kits, which will be distributed to the United Way of California Capital Region and the United Way of California Bay Area.

Mayor McCarty thanked the crowd for attending and highlighted emerging technologies. He also emphasized how communities can work together with technology and communications partners to find solutions to these issues together.

Senator Stern appreciated the timely nature of this important event, which sits at the intersection of disaster management and policy, especially as California enters severe weather awareness season.

Winners of the prize include BurnBot out of San Francisco, tele-operated robotics designed to

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# Community College Students Can Claim CalKIDS Scholarships

## CalKIDS News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - In a significant step toward strengthening college access and affordability, State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA, announces that CalKIDS, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO), and the California Cradle-to-Career Data System (C2C) have launched a coordinated initiative to help eligible community college students access their CalKIDS Scholarships.

Through this partnership, state education leaders are leveraging existing student data systems to help community colleges pinpoint enrolled students who have CalKIDS Scholarships available to claim and use. The effort identified 40,000 community college students with approximately \$20 million in CalKIDS Scholarships available. These insights will strengthen targeted, campus-level outreach to connect students with those funds for qualified educational expenses.

CalKIDS, administered by the ScholarShare Investment Board and chaired by State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA, is a state-wide automatic scholarship program created to expand access to college and career training. Eligible California public school students automatically receive up to \$1,500 in CalKIDS Scholarships and must claim their account to use the funds for qualified educational expenses until age 26.

Since CalKIDS launched in 2022, the program has supported nearly 70,000 students with more than \$37 million for expenses at community colleges across the state.

"This partnership reflects California's commitment to ensuring that students can access the opportunities already available to them," said California State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA. "Through CalKIDS,



we are investing in students long before they arrive on a college campus, and this effort helps ensure those scholarships are actually reaching the students who need them most."

As part of the initiative, CalKIDS participant information is securely matched through the California Cradle-to-Career Data System, which has an existing data-sharing arrangement with the Chancellor's Office. The matched eligibility report is now available to authorized college staff through their Data on Demand platform. Community college districts can use this information to conduct individualized outreach to enrolled students who have available CalKIDS Scholarships, ensuring students are aware of funds that can immediately support their educational goals.

"This collaboration demonstrates the power of connected systems, with Californians at the heart of our shared goals," said Mary Ann Bates, executive director of the California Cradle-to-Career Data System. "This joint initiative is government efficiency and effectiveness in practice, and the California Cradle-to-Career Data System is eager to continue delivering actionable insights that can directly benefit students in their higher education journeys."

The California Community College system serves more than 2.2 million students annually and plays a central role in advancing economic

mobility across the state. By integrating CalKIDS Scholarship data into existing student support systems, campuses can further strengthen affordability efforts and student persistence.

"Imagine what \$1,500 from CalKIDS can mean for a first-generation community college student juggling two part-time jobs. It can be the difference between stopping out and staying enrolled. That is why the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office has partnered with the Cradle-to-Career Data System and State Treasurer Fiona Ma. Together, we are building the systems that deliver on this promise. This is what Vision 2030 is about: strong partnerships and modern data systems that ensure every student, in every community, can access the opportunity they have already earned," said California Community Colleges Chancellor, Sonya Christian.

Community college districts are encouraged to use the Data on Demand platform to identify enrolled students with CalKIDS Scholarship indicators and conduct targeted outreach through existing campus communications and student support channels.

Students can visit CalKIDS.org to confirm eligibility and claim their scholarship. To claim funds, students will need their Statewide Student Identifier (SSID), a ten-digit number that can be found on their high school transcript or by contacting their former high school. ★

# Life Center Launches Community Drives to Support Local Families

## Sacramento Life Center News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento Life Center is inviting the community to take part in two upcoming drives designed to support local families and provide essential medical services through the organization's free clinic, Sac Valley Women's Health.

Throughout the spring, the nonprofit is hosting both its Annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser and a Founder's Day Diaper Drive, two community-driven initiatives that help fund critical services for women and families across the Greater Sacramento region.

The annual Baby Bottle Drive encourages schools, churches, organizations and individuals to collect spare change, cash or checks in baby bottles distributed across the region. Donations raised through the drive support Sac Valley Women's Health, which provides free medical services and resources to women and families who may not otherwise have access to care.

Funds from the campaign help provide services including free pregnancy testing and limited ultrasounds, well-woman exams, baby essentials and parenting resources, emotional support and guidance and no-cost medical services for women navigating pregnancy and early parenthood.

The fundraiser runs throughout March, with bottles returned in the weeks leading up to Easter.

In addition to the regional fundraiser, Sacramento Life Center will celebrate its 54th anniversary with a family-friendly

community event, the Founder's Day Diaper Drive.

The event will take place on March 20 from noon to 3 p.m. outside Leatherby's Family Creamery in Arden, 2333 Arden Way, Sacramento. Community members are encouraged to bring a pack of diapers of any size to donate. As a thank-you, participants will receive a free scoop of ice cream.

Organizers say the event offers a fun and simple way for families to give back while helping stock essential supplies for new parents.

"Diapers are one of the most requested items for families with newborns," said Executive Director Marie Leatherby. "This drive helps ensure parents have the supplies they need during an important time in their lives."

Community members who cannot attend the diaper drive can still participate by donating online through Sacramento Life Center's Virtual Baby Bottle Drive at [saclife.org/donate](https://saclife.org/donate)

Both initiatives highlight the organization's mission of strengthening families by providing compassionate support, practical resources, and access to free medical care for women and parents throughout the Sacramento area.

**About Sacramento Life Center**

To compassionately offer judgment-free support, resources, and free medical services to materially and emotionally equip women and families facing an unplanned or unsupported pregnancy, empowering them to make informed choices and build strong futures. You can learn more at [saclife.org](https://saclife.org). ★

# Rio Linda Lions Club to Host Chili Cook-Off Benefiting Vision Care

## By MPG Staff

**RIO LINDA, CA (MPG)** - Spice lovers and community supporters alike are invited to bring their appetites to the upcoming Rio Linda Lions Club Chili Cook-Off, set for Saturday, March 15 at 1 p.m. at 107 Sutter St. in Roseville.

The event will feature a variety of homemade chili recipes prepared by local participants competing for bragging rights and community recognition. Entry is \$20, with all proceeds supporting the important work of the Northern California Lions Sight Association.

The association, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving Lions Clubs in District 4-C5, focuses on meeting the vision-related

needs of residents throughout Northern California. Its programs help provide medical services, educational resources and support for individuals facing vision challenges. The organization also works to identify community eye health needs and improve access to care for those who might otherwise go without.

By hosting the cook-off, the Rio Linda Lions Club aims to bring the community together for a fun afternoon while raising funds to support eye health services and vision care initiatives across the region.

Residents are encouraged to come out, sample different chili creations and support a cause dedicated to protecting and improving sight for local families. ★

# Braille Production Program Supports Local Business

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companies see increased business for providing their customers with accessible store and product information," said Shari Roeseler, executive director, Society for the Blind. "As we talk to more potential clients, we're hearing the same thing: We would love to offer braille documents, but where would we get it done? That's where we come in."

Society for the Blind's braille production program produces playbills for the Sacramento Theatre Company, menus for restaurants, newsletters for the Braille and Talking Book Library, and lessons and textbooks for school districts, including math, history, foreign language, science and music.

"Most people don't understand how involved it is to create braille documents," Roeseler said. "Transcribers must have a specific certification in Unified English Braille. They also must be certified in specific braille codes to produce documents related to math, science, music, foreign language and more. Proofreading requires additional years of experience. Fortunately, our program has a full complement of skills and certifications to make this an easy process for our clients."

The program has approximately 15 transcribers on contract with a wide variety of expertise and certification. Program staff reviews each new project and provides a quote to create the electronic braille file and produce the embossed documents. ★

This year, the organization is reaching out to chambers of commerce and local businesses, including more restaurants who need braille menus for their customers, organizations that produce directories and manuals, construction companies who need braille signage proofread, and museums and art galleries that could provide braille signage for permanent exhibitions.

Society for the Blind provides its clients with a list of local restaurants and businesses that produce braille items, encouraging them to patronize those companies. To request a quote: <https://societyfortheblind.org/programs-services/braille-production/the-braille-production-training-program/>.

For 72 years, Sacramento-based Society for the Blind has continued to create innovative ways to empower individuals living with low vision or blindness to discover, develop and achieve their full potential. Society for the Blind provides low-vision eye care, life and job skills training, mentorship, and access to tools to maintain independence for more than 5,000 youth, working-age adults and seniors experiencing vision loss each year. Since 1954, Society for the Blind has grown from a dedicated group of volunteers to a nationally recognized agency and the only comprehensive rehabilitative teaching center that provides services for a 27-county region of Northern California. Learn more or donate: [www.societyfortheblind.org](https://www.societyfortheblind.org). ★

# BurnBot Wins National Award



Tech innovators gathered at Cal Expo on March 5 to showcase groundbreaking technology designed to shift the focus from disaster response to proactive preparation. Photo courtesy of Verizon

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reduce wildfire fuel loads in high-risk landscapes. Another winner, FNN out of Gainesville, FL, is an AI-powered ignition detection system that provides real-time insights into emerging fire risk. The Footprint Project out of New Orleans,

LA are mobile solar microgrids that provide clean, resilient backup power during outages. Finally, the Atlantic Council & ClimaSens out of Washington, DC/Melbourne offer climate vulnerability mapping that enables cities to proactively manage extreme heat risk. ★

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## Magic Show to Benefit Children



Dale and Miss Elaine engage with their audience during a magic show. Photo courtesy of Dale Lorzo

By Abbey Wicks

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Magicians Dale and Elaine Lorzo are taking their magic to the Sacramento Scottish Rite, 6151 H St., on April 17 for a Kids Carnival and Magic Show fundraiser benefiting children’s communication.

The family-friendly event will offer food, games, community connection and Dale Lorzo’s Magic Miracles following a casual dinner. The magician, joined by Miss Elaine, has taken his talents across Sacramento performing for seniors, schools and community events for more than 50 years. The Lorzos’ show involves audience participation, humor and good-old fashioned magic.

The duo are members of the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce, with Dale previously serving on the board of directors. The Lorzos are also members of the Society of American Magicians, the International Brotherhood of Magicians and the the Academy of Magical Arts.

“Magic is fun and that’s what this whole thing is about, putting a smile on your face and make your day bigger, brighter and happier,” said Dale. “The same thing

that the language center does is make kids smile who are maybe shy and because they can’t communicate. And then after awhile they can carry a conversation.”

The RiteCare Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program (SRCLP) is dedicated to helping preschool aged children who have difficulty speaking or understanding the spoken word or school-age children who have difficulty learning to read. By supporting children who may have remained educationally behind, these children can now thrive and lead productive lives alongside their peers. All services are available regardless of race, religion or income.

Suggested donations for the event are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children. Net proceeds benefit the RiteCare Childhood Language Center of Sacramento. To secure tickets, visit: [www.casrf.org/event-details/ritecare-childhood-language-center-of-sacramento-kids-carnival-magic-show](http://www.casrf.org/event-details/ritecare-childhood-language-center-of-sacramento-kids-carnival-magic-show).

For more information on the Sacramento RiteCare Language Center or to donate, visit [www.casrf.org/sacramento](http://www.casrf.org/sacramento).

To learn more about Lorzo’s Magical Mysteries, visit [www.dalelorzomagic.com](http://www.dalelorzomagic.com) or call 916-481-2595. ★

## New Superior Courthouse to Open in Sacramento Railyards

**Sacramento County Superior Court News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Preparations are underway to open the new Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye Sacramento Superior Courthouse next month in the Sacramento Railyards.

Located at 500 G St., the new courthouse will replace all court operations currently housed in the Gordon D. Schaber Courthouse, 720 9th St., and the Hall of Justice, 813 6th St.

“This new facility not only enhances the court’s ability to serve the public more efficiently, but also strengthens meaningful access to justice,” said Presiding Judge Lawrence G. Brown. “By bringing services together in a modern, accessible, and secure environment, we are better positioned to meet the needs of all who rely on our justice system.”

### Phased Transition Timeline

The court will relocate operations through a carefully coordinated, phased move designed to minimize disruption to court users and the public. The move will occur over five consecutive weekends:

Initial relocation of select administrative offices and court functions will take place from March 28 to 30. Continued transfer of courtrooms and support staff will occur April 4 to 6. The completion of the civil operations move will take place April 11 to 13 and, finally, the final transition of remaining criminal operations from April 18 to 20 and April 25 to 27.

Civil-related services are expected to open to the public at the new courthouse beginning April 13, following the third move weekend. The courthouse is anticipated to be fully



The new Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye Sacramento Superior Courthouse located in the Sacramento Railyards is set to open next month. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Superior Court

operational, including criminal services, by April 27.

“Our phased transition plan has been designed to ensure that we continue serving the public with minimal disruption throughout this process,” said Court Executive Officer Kelly Sullivan. “By moving operations in stages, we are able to maintain continuity of court services while thoughtfully transitioning into the new facility.”

### Designed to Better Serve the Public

The 18-story, 538,000-square-foot courthouse includes 53 courtrooms supporting a broad range of criminal and civil proceedings. The building addresses longstanding space limitations while improving access, security, and efficiency.

Courtroom features include advanced remote hearing technology with videoconferencing capabilities, enhanced digital evidence presentation, including large media files such as body camera and surveillance footage and multi-view video access with strategically placed cameras that preserve juror privacy.

Additional public amenities include civil self-help

services, a jury assembly room accommodating up to 500 prospective jurors, food services and a children’s waiting room on the first floor, a dedicated Civil Settlement Conference Center and centralized criminal and civil public counters.

The courthouse features a single public entrance with four security screening stations and eight public elevators to enhance safety and efficiency.

With an estimated project cost of approximately \$514 million, the courthouse represents a long-term investment in Sacramento’s judicial infrastructure. The project was developed and overseen by the Judicial Council of California, designed by NBBJ, and constructed by Clark Construction Group.

“The opening of this building is an exciting milestone for our court and our community,” Sullivan said. “As a prominent part of the Sacramento Railyards revitalization, this facility strengthens access to justice while serving as a welcoming and modern civic landmark.”

For updates, visit the court’s website at [www.saccourt.ca.gov](http://www.saccourt.ca.gov). ★

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# SacSewer Connects Five Disadvantaged Communities to Public Sewer

*219 properties transition from aging septic systems to reliable sewer service, protecting public health and the environment*

**Sacramento Area Sewer District News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - In a major achievement for public health and environmental protection, the Sacramento Area Sewer District (SacSewer) has connected five disadvantaged communities to reliable public sewer service, connecting 219 properties. Failing septic systems have the potential to contaminate drinking water supplies and spread infectious diseases, so the completion of this project delivers long-overdue infrastructure improvements, reduces environmental risks from aging septic systems and strengthens long-term protection of groundwater and water quality.

Launched in 2018, SacSewer’s nationally recognized Septic-to-Sewer Program (Program) helped disadvantaged communities transition from aging septic systems to safe, reliable public sewer service. SacSewer connected homes to the public sewer system with newly constructed sewer pipes and manholes, and private septic tanks were safely decommissioned. The high-priority communities of Freeport, Hood, Franklin, Linda Manor and Old Florin Town became project areas for the Program. The sewage from these communities is now safely being conveyed to SacSewer’s EchoWater Resource Recovery Facility.

For many residents, the



**SacSewer connected homes to the public sewer system with newly constructed sewer pipes and manholes, and private septic tanks were safely decommissioned.** Photo courtesy of Sacramento Area Sewer District

transition is life changing. Some households previously limited shower time and daily water use due to deteriorating septic systems. In many cases, parcels were too small to meet current requirements for septic system disposal fields, making system replacement infeasible and financially overwhelming. Failing septic systems can pose environmental impacts, including leaks and groundwater contamination, putting these communities at high risk and in need of an

improved sewage system.

“Our Septic-to-Sewer Program demonstrates how targeted infrastructure investments can protect public health and safeguard water quality while bringing long-overdue, dependable service to historically underserved communities. Transitioning from aging septic systems to public sewer service delivers a reliable means of sewage disposal and ensures long-term protection for residents and the environment,” said SacSewer’s General Manager

Christoph Dobson.

Participation began with public meetings, community outreach and surveys to gauge interest from residents and businesses in the identified communities. After majority support was confirmed, SacSewer worked one-on-one with property owners in each community to design connections, decommission septic systems and complete on-property construction to the public sewer system.

“I worked with my father, Jose

Moreno, in 1969 to install a septic tank at our home during my early childhood, and more than five decades later, this same home is now enjoying public sewer service,” said Mario Moreno, a long-time resident and member of the Hood community. “It’s a good feeling to improve what my father and I built years ago and see the progressing infrastructure of Hood.”

SacSewer’s project team secured \$48 million in grant funding, the majority provided by the State of California, along with federal and Sacramento County grants, ensuring the project could move forward at no cost to residents. Additional non-rate and non-fee funding from SacSewer’s Confluence Program closed remaining funding gaps, ensuring residents received public sewer service without being subsidized by ratepayers. Property owners now benefit from dependable sewage disposal, improved protection of regional groundwater and waterways and long-lasting infrastructure improvements. Additionally, communities at large are benefiting from newly paved roads delivered through a partnership with the Sacramento County Department of Transportation.

SacSewer continues to pursue future projects to bring safe, reliable sewage service to other communities in need. To learn more, visit [sacsewer.com/septic](http://sacsewer.com/septic). ★

# CARE in Action: One Man’s Journey Off the Streets

**Sacramento County News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Lorenzo Leon remembers what life was like before CARE Court.

“Being on the street is no way to live. So, you know I did what I have to do, straightened up so now I have a place to live,” said Lorenzo.

And later this month, he is scheduled to become Sacramento County’s first CARE Court graduate, a milestone not only for him and his family but for the county team that stood beside him every step of the way.

CARE Court, short for Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment, is a civil court process designed to connect individuals living with untreated schizophrenia and other severe mental illnesses, such as bipolar I disorder, to community-based treatment, services and housing support. The program creates a structured plan, ordered by the court, that holds systems accountable for delivering care while providing participants with a pathway toward stability.

Michael Nevans, a mental health program coordinator with Sacramento County, says the program represents a shift in how the community responds to its most vulnerable residents.

“CARE Court as a program specifically has really opened up the possibility for the mental health treatment of people with severe mental illness in our community,” Nevans said. “Historically we have believed in openness and willingness to



**Lorenzo Leon is scheduled to become Sacramento County’s first CARE Court graduate, a milestone not only for him and his family but for the county team that stood beside him every step of the way.** Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

engage for outpatient services. Often, the people with the greatest needs are the most vulnerable and the least likely to seek help. CARE Court allows the County to be responsible for providing mental health services to all people, not just people who can self-advocate.”

For Lorenzo and his mother, that accountability made all the difference.

There were times when Lorenzo would leave home, struggling with his illness and unsure where to turn. But County staff didn’t give up.

“He kept leaving me but every time he’d leave me, she would go look for him,” his mother recalled of a county team member. “And she would find him and bring him back to me. She was really insistent, which I was so happy about because she kept after

him to come back.”

Each month, Lorenzo checked in with the court and his care team. He began taking his medications consistently and accessing additional services. Progress wasn’t immediate, his mother said, but it was steady.

“It took a while to get started, but eventually now it’s been a year and pretty successful,” she said. “I think it was a good experience that he had to go to someone and talk to them, make sure that he is doing what he is supposed to be doing.”

The Honorable Lawrence Brown of the Sacramento County Superior Court, who has presided over CARE Court cases, said he has seen firsthand the impact of that coordinated approach.

“I can recall that the mom in particular was a bit skeptical whether or not this was

going to be able to make any real difference and I think that she was won over by the commitment of the team and by the provider,” said Judge Brown.

Deputy County Counsel Andrew Crouse said Lorenzo’s journey reflects what the program was designed to do.

“Happily, he has accepted those services and has really, really benefitted across his journey so far in CARE Court,” said Crouse. “He is doing much better according to pretty much everyone’s report. His own mother, the psychiatrist, social workers, everyone has seen the difference in how he is living a better life and his symptoms are under control, and he doesn’t have his illness getting in the way anymore of being able to be successful in his life.”

Today, Lorenzo is housed, taking his medication and focused on his future and preparing for his CARE Court graduation. His journey through CARE Court reflects not only his commitment, but the County’s coordinated effort to ensure residents with the most serious mental health needs are not left behind.

For his mother, the outcome speaks for itself. After a year of structure, support and persistence, she sees a difference and a son who is back on track. Lorenzo’s life story can be viewed on YouTube at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=eRL6DZGUE98](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eRL6DZGUE98)

If you or a loved one would like to file a petition to start your own CARE Court journey, visit the Sacramento County website to learn more about eligibility and the process. ★

# Applications Open for Sacramento District Attorney’s Citizens Academy

**Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office hosts the Citizen Academy in partnership with the Sacramento Police Department, Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office and Sacramento County Probation Department. This is a free program for anyone 18 and older who lives or works in Sacramento County.

The 10-week program is designed to engage citizens from all backgrounds and communities in discussion about public safety and criminal justice issues. Participants learn about our local



**The 10-week program is designed to engage citizens from all backgrounds and communities in discussion about public safety and criminal justice issues.** Photo courtesy of Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office

criminal justice system – including the roles of law enforcement, prosecutors and the courts.

Topics include the anatomy of a criminal case; specialized areas of prosecution; CSI and crime lab

analysis; use of force; innovative programs and partnerships; and community-focused public safety

partnerships and initiatives. There is also an opportunity for a field trip to the District Attorney’s Crime Lab and Sacramento Police Department’s 911 Communications Center.

Representatives from the District Attorney’s Office, Probation Department, Public Defender’s Office, law enforcement, the judiciary and community organizations will provide information, answer questions and address community concerns.

Visit the Sacramento County District Attorney’s website at [sacda.org](http://sacda.org) or [sacda.org/in-the-community/citizens-academy/](http://sacda.org/in-the-community/citizens-academy/) for more information and to apply. ★

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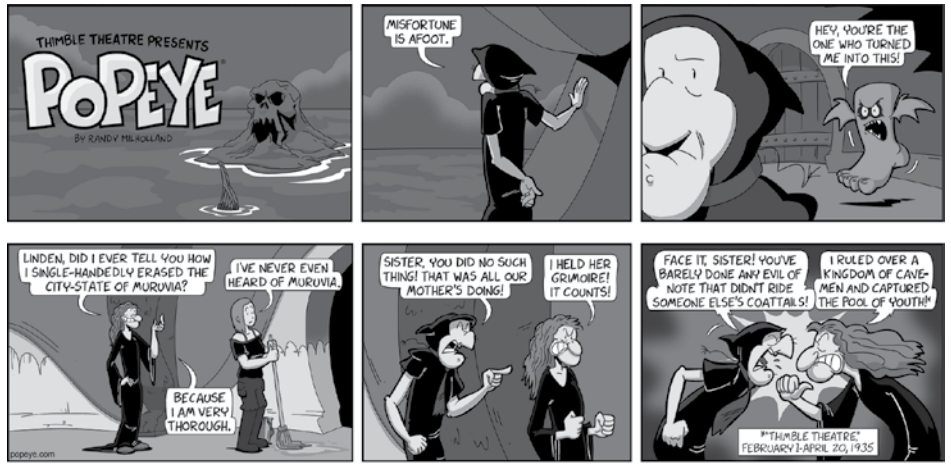
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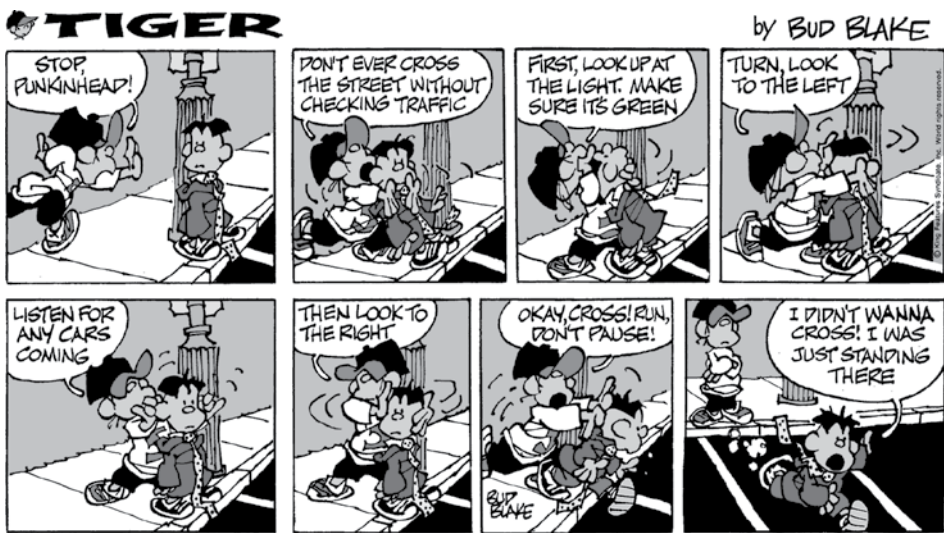


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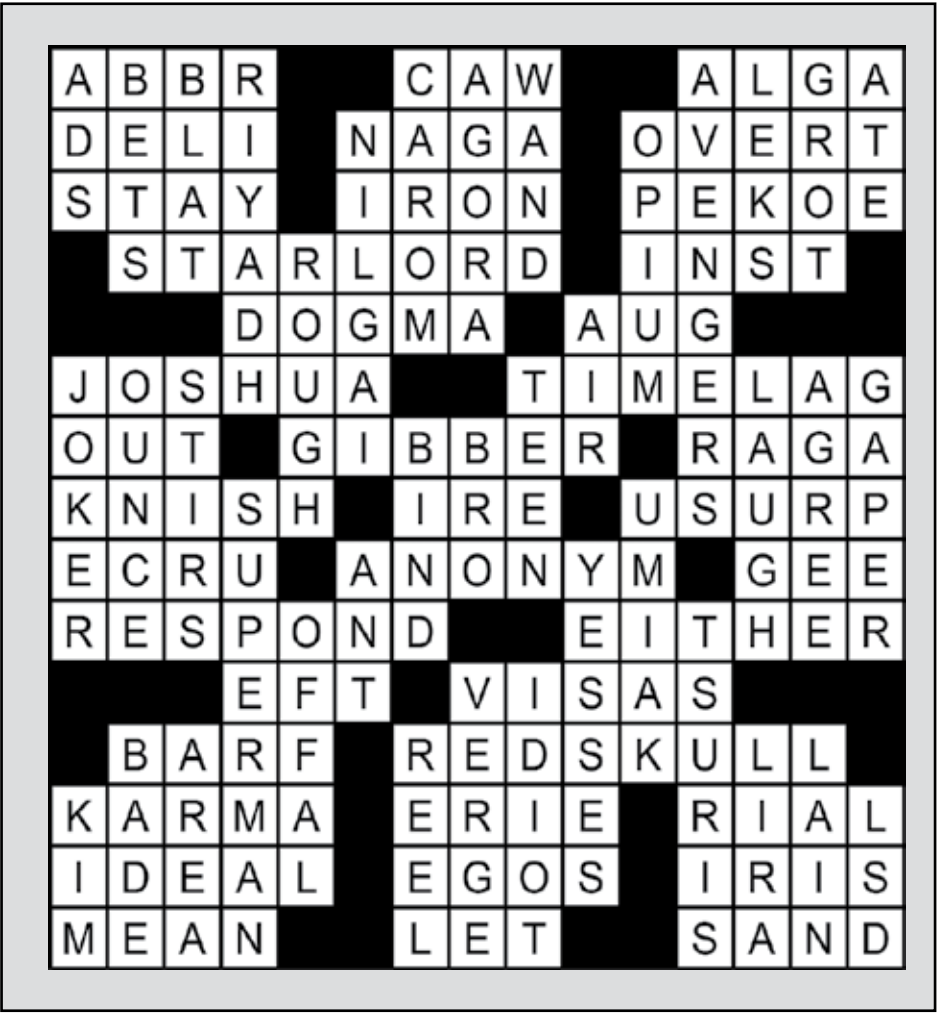
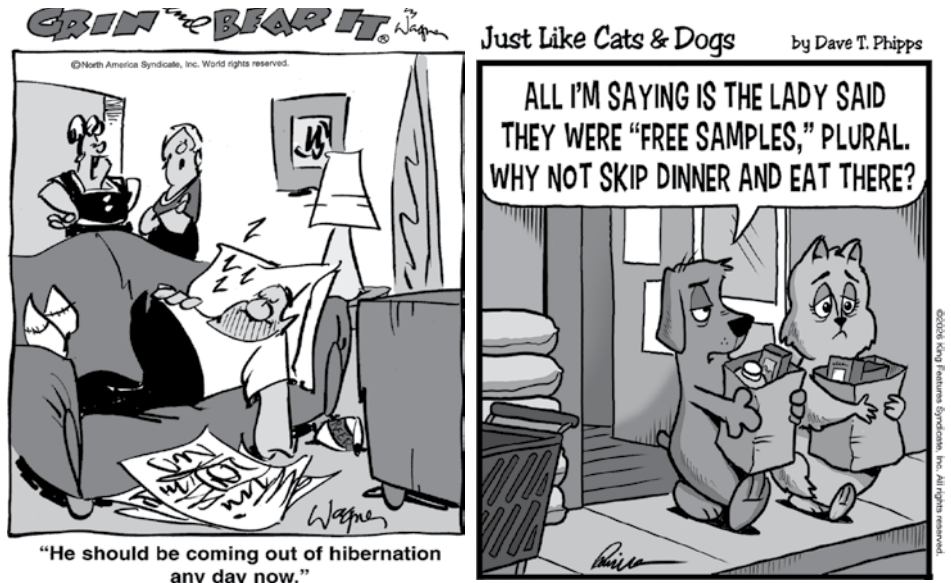


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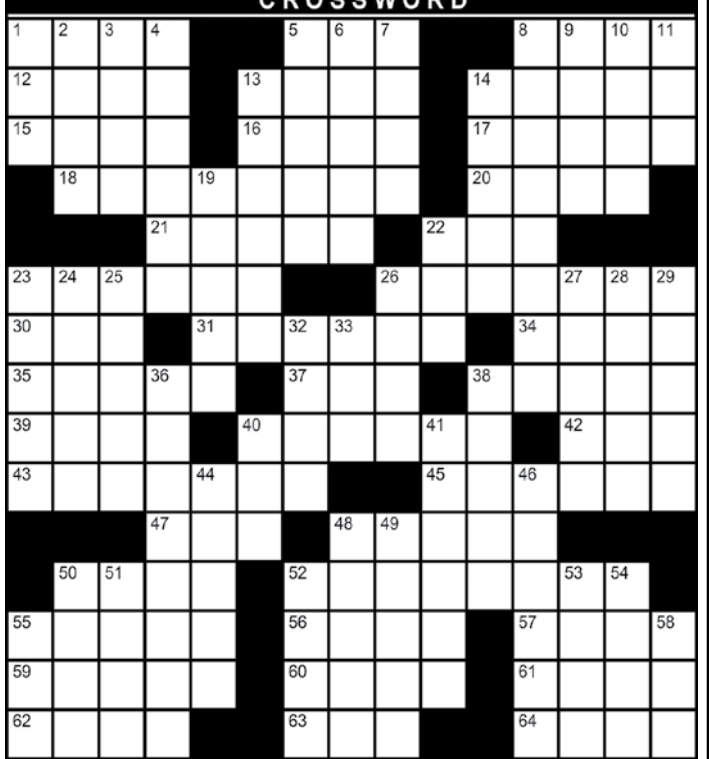
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31. Drunk's speech?
34. Sitar music
35. Doughy snack of Jewish origin
37. Rage
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39. Common hosiery shade
40. Nom de guerre
42. "Wow!"
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45. Choice word
47. Young newt
48. Passport stamps
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57. Iranian money
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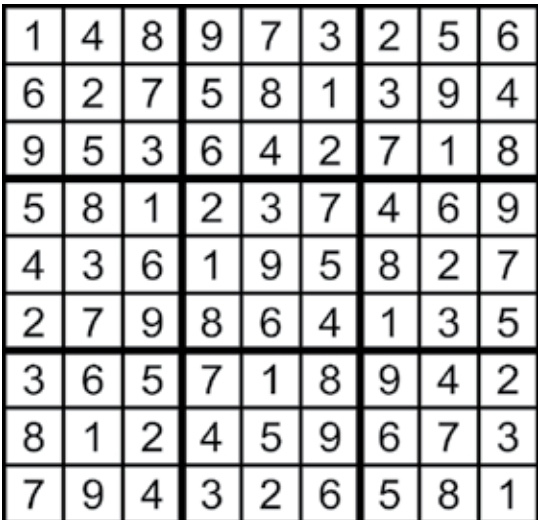
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9. Albanian monetary units
10. Small cave
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12. Largest Asian antelope
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24. 1/16th of a pound
25. Not shakes, as in bartender
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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



### A Win Over Chicago

Well Kings fans, with a 15-50 record and a paltry 17 games to go, is there reason to celebrate the Kings?

If your name is Russell Westbrook there is! Helping the Kings to a 126-110 win over the Chicago Bulls Sunday night at Golden One Arena, Westbrook put on a show with his record setting 208th triple double of his NBA career.

It will likely not be the last, perhaps not even the last this season, so yes, there is reason to celebrate.

For the faithful that turned out to see a spirited Kings team take the court, you were treated to a combination of young and old, as youngsters like Maxime Renauld put up 26 big points to go with 11 boards, and Daeqwon Plowden got his first start of the season adding 16 points of his own.

Once again, Sunday night’s win proved when inspired this team can not only put up points but play together. Although the Kings allowed far too many layups throughout the game, overall, they played a complete game and never allowed the Bulls to think they had a chance at winning.

It was the kind of win Kings fans have been hungry for, and it bodes well for the future.

Of course, much depends on how this team finishes and how the ping pong balls bounce. Without question, the Sacramento Kings will secure a very high round draft choice. My hope is that Scott Perry has his sights set on A.J. Dybantsa from the Utah Cougars. At age 19 and already at 6’9”, A.J. could very well still be growing, and the Kings are in sore need of players that can play the four and five position.

Dybantsa recently made headlines when he scored 20 or more points for the 24th time this season. Without question he can score, and the Kings need to look no further than A. J. if this talented young man is still available when their first-round selection occurs.

You will hear much debate on this issue, as many pundits and fans have been extolling the virtues of Darryn Peterson from the University of Kansas. At 6’6”

Darryn is unquestionably a great college player and ranked No. 1, but he represents another guard on a team that is in desperate need of front court depth.

The other candidate is 6’9” Carmeron Boozer of Duke University, and it’s hard to find fault in that selection. Cameron is the son of former NBA great Carlos Boozer, and at 6’9” and 250 pounds and only a freshman in college, this young man portends to be a carbon copy of his old man.

So, for this writer’s draft picks in order, it would be A.J. Dybantsa, Cameron Boozer and then probably draft and trade Darryn Peterson.

The real question is will the Kings have the opportunity of drafting in the No. 1, 2, or 3 position?

Anyone’s guess, but with just 17 games to go the interest is heating up, and how these three plays in the upcoming NCAA tournament will likely tell the story of how they will be drafted.

For me, the good news is that the Kings discovered Precious Achiuwa and Dylan Cardwell, and these two big men need to be coveted, not traded. Both big bodies are what Domantas Sabonis has been waiting for and with the likely addition of a high and capable draft choice just around the corner, fans are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

I would be remiss if not to mention the stellar play of one Malik Monk who led the team over the Bulls with 30 points off the bench. This stevedore of the hardwood deserves a chorus of at-a-boys for the professional way he has handled his business this season. A constant topic of trade all season long, Malik has been the bastion of how a pro goes about his business, and I for one hope to Malik in a Kings uniform next season.

Once again, we need to hear talk of third man of the year and look for Monk to be the first player off the bench each game.

Keep the faith Kings fans, because this team is about to undergo a facelift, and with it a team that gives Kings fans playoff tickets every year.

*All the best!* ★

## Democratic Angst and Gerrymandering Threaten California’s Political Reforms



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Turmoil within the California Democratic Party over this year’s election for governor and fallout from the party’s naked grab of congressional seats could have long-term effects, undoing two important political reforms — the top-two primary system and redistricting by an independent commission.

The turmoil is over having nine Democratic candidates for governor, creating the possibility that two Republicans could finish one-two in the June 2 primary, thus resulting in a GOP governor being elected in November.

A recent Public Policy Institute of California poll of voters found that Republicans Steve Hilton (14%) and Chad Bianco (12%) are 1st and 3rd in support, with Katie Porter (13%) the leading Democrat, followed by Eric Swalwell (11%) and Tom Steyer (10%). The other six Democrats are all 5% or less.

Filing for the primary ballot closes this week, and Rusty Hicks, the Democratic state chairman, is publicly pleading for lower tier Democrats to drop out and thus reduce chances of a 1-2 GOP finish.

This week, in a public letter, Hicks said a 1-2 GOP primary outcome may be implausible, but “it is not impossible, and I know we are collectively committed to taking the steps required to avoid that possibility.”

So far, none of the bottom six has volunteered to quit. The angst is likely to fuel efforts to do away with the top-two system and return to closed party primaries, thereby eliminating any possibility of a future backdoor Republican win.

Neither party liked the top-two system when it was proposed during a stalemate on the state budget in 2009. Republican Sen. Abel Maldonado, backed by then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, said he’d vote for the budget only if Democrats placed the top-two system on the ballot, arguing that it would reduce polarization.

Democrats caved and Proposition 14, creating the system, was approved by voters in 2010. Given their dislike of the top-two system in the first place and what happened this year, it’s highly likely Democratic leaders will seek to eliminate it.

Leaders of both parties also disliked it when Charles Munger Jr., a wealthy Stanford University scientist, proposed the state shift the redrawing of legislative and congressional districts away from the Legislature to an independent commission. Munger, backed by Schwarzenegger, contended it would end self-serving gerrymanders.

A Munger-financed ballot measure in 2008, Proposition 11, created the commission for legislative districts, and in 2010 Proposition 20 extended the commission to congressional districts. The commission drew new maps after the 2010 and 2020 censuses.

Last year, however, to counter a Texas effort to shift five congressional seats from Democrats to Republicans, Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed and voters passed Proposition 50. It

gerrymanders California’s 52 congressional districts to gain at least five Democratic seats this year.

Newsom said the gerrymander was needed to blunt President Donald Trump’s efforts to skew the 2026 congressional election. Newsom promised that the radically revised districts would last for only three election cycles, and the commission system would return after the 2030 census.

But will it?

Let’s assume that the gerrymander gives Democrats five more California seats, creating a 48-4 partisan split. California is destined to lose at least four and perhaps five seats in total after the 2030 census, due to population stagnation. Nationally, blue states such as California and New York will lose congressional seats to faster-growing red states such as Florida and Texas.

Restoring the commission system could reduce Democratic ranks by as many as 10 seats, since the state’s more conservative interior counties are outpacing the liberal coastal region in population growth.

For all of these reasons, California Democratic leaders will be under tremendous pressure from the national party — and the Democrats who won seats in 2026 — to minimize losses. They can only do that by eliminating the commission and returning redistricting power to a Democratic-controlled Legislature.

*Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state’s political, economic, social and demographic trends.* ★

## Social Security Matters

### Is There Income Tax on Social Security Benefits?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** The Trump Administration is saying that now there will be no taxes on Social Security benefits. Since we’re getting ready to start our 2025 income tax return, can you explain how this all works? **Signed: Confused Taxpayer**

**Dear Confused Taxpayer:** You are obviously referring to the so-called “one big, beautiful bill” and how that bill affects income tax on your Social Security benefits. And this is because of the publicity surrounding the so-called “one big, beautiful bill” (OBBB) enacted last year, which claims to “eliminate income tax on Social Security benefits.” Well, that bill did, yet technically didn’t, fully eliminate income tax on benefits.” Allow me to explain.

The OBBB does eliminate income tax on most SS benefits, but it does so in a somewhat unique way – by providing an additional \$6,000 (per person) deduction to your federal taxable income as reported to the IRS. Thus, you will pay less total income tax when you file your taxes with the IRS because of that additional deduction to your taxable income. The extra deduction is available to those over age 65 and is meant to offset the income tax

which will still be levied by the IRS on the SS benefits you received in 2025.

Essentially, the rules governing income tax on Social Security benefits have not changed. The IRS will still levy income tax on your SS benefits if your combined income from all sources (known as your “provisional income”) is over \$32,000 as a married couple filing jointly, or more than \$25,000 if you file as an individual. If your provisional income is below the threshold for your IRS filing status, you will pay no income tax on your received 2025 SS benefits. But if your provisional income exceeds the threshold for your IRS filing status, then somewhere between 50% and 85% of your received SS benefits will be taxed (how much SS income to be taxed depends on your combined income in 2025).

By now, you should have received form 1099-SSA which advised of your 2025 Social Security income, including any income tax you had withheld from your SS benefits. This income should be reported when submitting your 2025 income tax return. If your “provisional income” is over \$32,000 as a married couple filing jointly (or over \$25,000 as an individual filer), then your 2025 SS benefits will still be taxed by the IRS. But when completing your 2025 Income Tax Return, you will also be able to claim an additional \$6,000 per person (\$12,000 if you file jointly), which will likely offset any income tax you must pay due to the SS benefits you received in 2025. If you use a tax preparer (or tax preparation software), they will guide

you through this calculation. Note, too, that the \$6,000 per person deduction amount will be less if your combined taxable income is more than \$150,000 as a married couple (or more than \$75,000 as a single filer).

Be aware, though, that the OBBB is temporary tax accommodation which expires after tax year 2028. And that’s because the process used to pass the bill in Congress (a “budget reconciliation” process) didn’t actually change SS law; rather it provided a way around it to offset income tax paid on SS benefits.

So, to recap, the IRS can still levy income tax on your received Social Security benefits but, because of the OBBB, you will likely also (depending on your provisional income level) receive an extra deduction which offsets any taxes calculated on your Social Security benefits.

Finally, be aware that if your first husband also predeceases you, you will then become eligible for a surviving ex-spouse benefit from him, even if he has remarried.

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Joe McCarthy was famously undone by the rhetorical questions at a 1954 congressional hearing: “Have you no sense of decency, sir, at long last? Have you left no sense of decency?”

If the same queries were directed to Candace Owens at such a forum, she’d sail on unperturbed -- since she has no idea what “decency” means. The conspiratorial podcaster has embarked on an investigative series on Erika Kirk, the widow of Charlie Kirk. In this context, “investigative series” means a loosely stitched together collection of sewerish falsehoods and innuendo smearing Erika Kirk.

Perhaps Owens can follow up with a franchise devoted to sully the reputations of the widows of assassinated husbands throughout U.S. history. Are we sure that Mary Todd Lincoln was as innocent as she seemed? Didn’t Jackie Kennedy act kind of weird in Dallas? What did Ida Saxton McKinley know and when did she know it?

The narrative and commercial logic always suggested that this is where Owens was headed. It didn’t make any sense to libel TPUSA as being connected to the murder of its leader and founder -- as Owens has for months now -- without implicating its new leader, Erika Kirk. And, as the shock value of her anti-TPUSA campaign wore off, Owens had to stoke outrage

and interest anew with something even more perverse. And what is more demented than portraying the wife of the victim of a shocking assassination as a black widow?

Whereas most of have seen in Erika Kirk a Christian woman bearing up under an intolerable burden and stunningly forgiving the alleged murderer of her husband, Owens purports to see Clytemnestra, the mythical Greek figure who betrayed her husband Agamemnon upon his return from the Trojan War.

The title of her series is “Bride of Charlie.” Get it? Like the “Bride of Frankenstein.” As a so-called investigator, Candace Owens is like Perry Mason if the fictional attorney had been a schizophrenic high on crack. Her method is to pile will-o’-the-wisp connections on top of another, often buttressed by flagrant factual mistakes, and insist that if she’s debunked, it just shows how she must be on the right track.

Her mantra is that “we don’t know-know, but we know” -- in other words, her malicious, irrational intuitions are superior to actual knowledge backed by facts. She now says that “Erika Kirk should be dragged into a police precinct for questioning,” and anyone who disagrees is “a full-blown fraud.” According to Owens, “the amount of evidence that is now piling up, I would say, against Erika Kirk, is almost akin to an NBC Dateline episode.”

Usually, conspiracy theories spring up around as-

sassinations that are hard to fathom or have some ambiguity about them. It is clear that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing JFK, but it’s understandable that there have been questions about the event. It is the depraved achievement of Candace Owens to make a bonkers true crime drama, with all sorts of mysteries and twists, out of an open-and-shut murder case.

Kirk’s accused killer, Tyler Robinson, had a motive, left a trail of damning evidence and confessed to multiple people. To dismiss all this and call for Erika Kirk to be frogmarched into a police station is so mad it makes Owens’ conviction that both the moon landing and dinosaurs are fake look well-grounded by comparison.

It is a symptom of our time that such malevolent buffoonery is rewarded with a huge audience. It is impossible to discredit Owens because she is not in the credibility business to begin with. In the attention economy, denunciations are just as useful as praise, especially if a media figure is posing as a brave truth-teller -- so brave that, in this case, she’s willing to drag through the mud a mother of two who saw her beloved husband murdered less than six months ago.

It’s not just that decency is not necessary in the Candace Owens business model, it would be an obstacle.

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MO 65101 is doing business  
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Mix/Folsom Ready Mix, Inc./  
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"Overbyte IT/SF Bay IT/San  
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BBQ" 4244 Monhegan Way  
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Valley Rim Way, Antelope, CA  
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Jarvis Way, Sacramento, CA  
95834 is doing business under  
the Fictitious Business Name(s)  
"Book Sky Fares" 2540 Greg  
Jarvis Way, Sacramento, CA  
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18, 2026  
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BOOK 3-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-01422  
AMIZZ Corporation, 3162 Osuna  
Way, Sacramento, CA 95833  
is doing business under the  
Fictitious Business Name(s)  
"Division One Plumbing" 3162  
Osuna Way, Sacramento, CA  
95833. Filed with the Clerk of  
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DIVISION 3-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-00817  
Sisters Creative LLC,  
1212 Mariemont Avenue,  
Sacramento, CA 95864 is do-  
ing business under the  
Fictitious Business Name(s)  
"Poppy & Thread Needlepoint"

1212 Mariemont Avenue,  
Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed  
with the Clerk of Sacramento  
County January 28, 2026  
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POPPY 3-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-01406  
Miguel A. Zapata and Raquel  
Zapata, 12309 Tawana Dome  
Way, Rancho Cordova, CA  
95742 is doing business under  
the Fictitious Business Name(s)  
"USA Pro Carpet Care" 12309  
Tawana Dome Way, Rancho  
Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with  
the Clerk of Sacramento County  
February 18, 2026  
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USA 3-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-00622  
Mariah Benavides, 5513  
Woodleigh Drive, Carmichael,  
CA 95608 is doing business  
under the Fictitious Business  
Name(s) "The Pretty Platter"  
5513 Woodleigh Drive,  
Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed  
with the Clerk of Sacramento  
County January 21, 2026  
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PRETTY 3-20-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-01379  
Jessica Antram, 8344 Deville  
Oaks, Citrus Heights, CA 95621  
is doing business under the  
Fictitious Business Name(s)  
"Lucky Paws" 8344 Deville Oaks,  
Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed  
with the Clerk of Sacramento  
County February 18, 2026  
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LUCKY 3-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-01411  
SOE Investments, 2678 Forrest  
Street, Sacramento, CA 95815  
is doing business under the  
Fictitious Business Name(s)  
"Star Fashion" 2440 Northgate  
Boulevard, Sacramento, CA  
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STAR 3-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-01294  
Clara Senior Living Inc., 4665  
Freeway Circle, Sacramento, CA  
95841 is doing business under  
the Fictitious Business Name(s)  
"Hollister Care Home" 3734  
Hollister Avenue, Carmichael,  
CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk  
of Sacramento County February  
13, 2026  
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HOLLISTER 3-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-01463  
Ilia Bolshin, 2980 Marysville  
Boulevard, Sacramento, CA  
95815 is doing business un-  
der the Fictitious Business  
Name(s) "True Lock Solutions"  
2980 Marysville Boulevard,  
Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed  
with the Clerk of Sacramento  
County February 20, 2026  
Publish: March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026  
TRUE 3-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-01460  
Eagle Auto Works LLC, 2108 N  
Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA  
95816 is doing business under  
the Fictitious Business Name(s)  
"Eagle Auto Registration  
Services" 2539 Tesla Way,  
Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed  
with the Clerk of Sacramento  
County February 20, 2026  
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EAGLE 3-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-01154  
RJ Mac Holding LLC, 1125  
Scarlett, Allan, TX 75002 is do-  
ing business under the Fictitious  
Business Name(s) "Twisted  
Mac" 4790 Manzanita Avenue,  
Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed  
with the Clerk of Sacramento  
County February 9, 2026  
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TWISTED 3-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-01474  
Harmony Medical Staffing  
Solutions LLC., 1586 Golden  
Cypress Way, Sacramento,  
CA 95834 is doing business  
under the Fictitious Business  
Name(s) "Harmony Supported  
Living Services" 1586 Golden  
Cypress Way, Sacramento, CA  
95834. Filed with the Clerk of  
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20, 2026  
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HARMONY 3-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-00706  
Jessie Richards, 6016  
Westbrook Drive, Citrus Heights,  
CA 95621 is doing business  
under the Fictitious Business  
Name(s) "She Tech Collective"  
6016 Westbrook Drive, Citrus  
Heights, CA 95621. Filed with  
the Clerk of Sacramento County  
January 23, 2026  
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SHE 3-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-01007  
Jefferson A. McGee, 8105  
Cottonmill Circle, Sacramento,  
CA 95828 is doing business  
under the Fictitious Business  
Name(s) "Florin Mortgage  
Company/Florin Capital" 8105  
Cottonmill Circle, Sacramento,  
CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk  
of Sacramento County February  
3, 2026  
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FLORIN 3-27-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-01209  
Terrence Miller, 7006  
Checkerbloom Way, Citrus  
Heights, CA 95610 is doing  
business under the Fictitious  
Business Name(s) "Clarix Water"  
7006 Checkerbloom Way, Citrus  
Heights, CA 95610. Filed with

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February 10, 2026  
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# Hornet Football to Join Mid-American Conference

## Sacramento State Athletics News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Mid-American Conference recently announced the addition of Sacramento State as a football-only member beginning July 1.

“Today’s exciting announcement is about strengthening our competitive profile and creating value for the membership,” said MAC commissioner Jon Steinbrecher. “We were presented with an opportunity to add an institution with demonstrated success in football, a record of investment and commitment to the continued growth of the institution and community. Sacramento State is ready and poised for this next step. I welcome the Hornets to the Mid-American Conference and expect they will become a competitive and contributing member to the long history and legacy of one of the oldest Division I conferences.”

The Sacramento State football program has won seven conference titles, including three consecutive Big Sky championships from 2019-2022, and was just one of just 12 FCS programs to win at least seven games in five of the last six seasons. During that time, the Hornets made four NCAA FCS Playoff appearances and held a top 25 ranking for 50 weeks.

“This partnership will immediately strengthen the Mid-American



Sacramento State is joining the Mid-American Conference as a football-only member beginning July 1. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State

Conference’s competitiveness, and it will provide flexibility for the future,” said Geoffrey S. Mearns, council of presidents chair and president of Ball State University. “In this period of dynamic transformation, we believe we must be proactive and innovative. This relationship demonstrates the enduring viability of our conference, and it provides our member institutions with additional confidence.”

“I am pleased to welcome Sacramento State to the Mid-American Conference,” said Scott Wetherbee, chair of the MAC council of directors of athletics and vice president/director

of athletics at Eastern Michigan University. “I want to commend Commissioner Steinbrecher for his forward-thinking leadership and creative approach in identifying opportunities that enhance value for our membership. The addition of Sacramento State as a football-only member strengthens our conference and positions us well for continued collective success.”

Sacramento State is the only public university in the capital of California that has the world’s fourth-largest economy. Founded in 1947, Sac State has grown into one of the region’s leading centers

of research, innovation and community engagement with an enrollment of nearly 31,000. It is an accessible and inclusive place of learning, located on a picturesque campus along the American River.

“This is a historic moment for Sacramento State — a bold leap into the future,” said Dr. Luke Wood, president of Sacramento State. “Our move to the FBS represents more than a change in classification; it is a declaration of who we are and where we’re going. We are elevating our university, our student-athletes, and the entire Greater Sacramento

region onto the national stage — committed to competing, leading and winning at the highest level.”

“This is bigger than football. It’s about opportunity, visibility and momentum. It’s about attracting the next generation of students, fueling enrollment and innovation, and building partnerships that will transform Sacramento State for decades to come. Together, we are proving that belief, vision, and hard work can redefine what’s possible.”

“We extend our sincere gratitude to the MAC Commissioner and the MAC university presidents for their leadership, trust, and confidence in our program. The future is bright, the mission is clear and the climb continues.”

“This is a special day for Sacramento State. I am ecstatic for our football student-athletes, coaches, and staff who work so hard to represent our university,” said Sacramento State Director of Athletics Mark Orr. “Our student athletes will now have the opportunity to showcase their talent on the highest level of college football in front of national audiences. I am grateful to Commissioner Steinbrecher, the University Presidents, and all the dedicated staff that played a pivotal role in making this possible. The support for our football program continues to expand, and we are so proud to bring FBS football to Sacramento.” ★

# Republic FC Signs MLS All-Star Mark-Anthony Kaye

## Sacramento Republic FC News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento Republic FC announced that the club has signed Canadian international and MLS All-Star midfielder Mark-Anthony Kaye. He will be added to the team’s roster pending league and federation approval. Per club policy, the terms of the contract were not disclosed.

“When a player with Mark-Anthony’s experience and quality decides that this is where he wants to be, it validates everything we’re building,” said Republic FC Head Coach Neill Collins. “He’s a proven winner, a leader in the locker room and a competitor who sets the tone every time he steps on the pitch. He elevates those around him and is going to make our entire squad strong as we begin our pursuit of Championship silverware.”

Collins continued, “Our ownership has made it clear that the expectation here is to compete for trophies every season. Their willingness to invest in top talent reflects that ambition, and this signing is another example of that commitment in action.”

“It’s clear that this club has its sights set on reaching a new level and I’m excited to be a part of that,” said Kaye. “I want to use my experience and my talent to help the team win, but at the end of the year we want to be able to count the number



Sacramento Republic FC announced that the club has signed Canadian international and MLS All-Star midfielder Mark-Anthony Kaye. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

of trophies we’ve put in the cabinet. The USL is a competitive league, and I’m here to win.”

Kaye joins the Indomitable Club after a lone season with San Jose Earthquakes. He was acquired by the Bay Area club ahead of the 2025 campaign in a trade with New England Revolution including two other players for \$500,000 in general allocation money. Last year, he featured in 30 of 37 matches for San Jose – and started

one-third of the matches where he was part of the team sheet.

The 31-year-old standout has established himself as one of the most-consistent two-way midfielders in American soccer. After spending the early years of his career in USL, winning the league championship with Louisville City in 2016, Kaye was named to Los Angeles FC’s inaugural 2018 roster. As a member of the Black & Gold, Kaye emerged as a starter

and in 2019 was a central figure in a historic campaign that saw LAFC capture the Supporters’ Shield with a then-league record 72 points. In 31 league appearances, he scored four goals and added eight assists to earn a selection to the MLS All-Star Team. Kaye continued to be a regular contributor in 2020 as LAFC advanced to the Concacaf Champions League Final. Across four seasons in Los Angeles, he made 89 appearances with nine goals and 17 assists across all competitions, including three consecutive playoff appearances.

He continued his career with stints at Colorado Rapids, Toronto FC and New England Revolution, where he continued to serve as a leader and consistent contributor. Across his entire MLS career, Kaye has made 201 appearances in league and postseason play with 16 goals and 26 assists, as well as a stellar 85% passing accuracy.

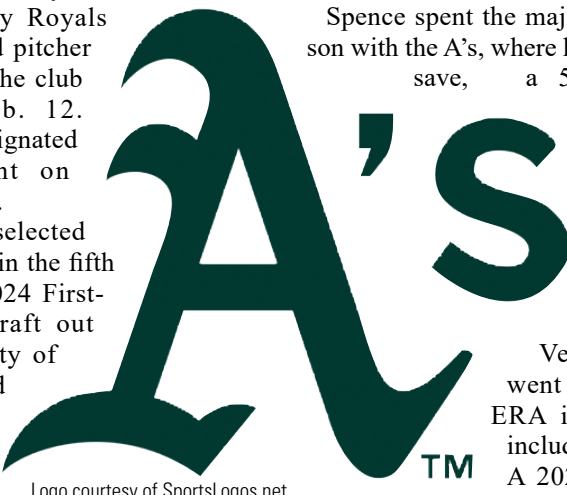
On the international stage, Kaye earned his position in a rising Canadian side. Since his debut in 2017, Canada has climbed the FIFA rankings from 93 up to 26th in the world. During that time, Mark logged 40 senior caps – including 5 goal contributions during qualification to help Canada reach its second ever World Cup berth. In addition to World Cup play, he has represented Canada in the Concacaf Gold Cup, Concacaf Nations League and various international friendlies. ★

# Athletics Acquire A.J. Causey from Royals for Mitch Spence

## Athletics News Release

**LAS VEGAS, NV (MPG)** - The Athletics have acquired minor league right-handed pitcher A.J. Causey from the Kansas City Royals for right-handed pitcher Mitch Spence, the club announced Feb. 12. Spence was designated for assignment on Tuesday Feb. 10.

Causey was selected by Kansas City in the fifth round of the 2024 First-Year Player Draft out of the University of Tennessee and made his professional debut in 2025. He combined for an 11-5 record, nine saves and a 1.72 ERA in 48 relief appearances with High-A Quad Cities and Double-A Northwest Arkansas. The 23-year-old



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right-hander held the opposition to a .176 batting average and did not allow a home run in 40.1 innings. Causey struck out 44 and walked 11 and will join the A’s camp as a non-roster invitee.

Spence spent the majority of last season with the A’s, where he was 3-6 with a save, a 5.10 ERA and a .816 opponents OPS in 32 games, including eight starts. He also had a two-month stay at Las Vegas, where he went 0-1 with a 6.21 ERA in eight games, including seven starts. A 2023 Rule-5 Draft selection, Spence made his Major League debut with the A’s in 2024 and went 11-16 with a 4.77 ERA in 67 games, 32 starts, in two seasons. ★

# Samiya Jenkins Selected to Big 8 All-Conference Team



Photo courtesy of American River College Athletics

## American River College News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - American River College forward Samiya Jenkins has been named to the 2025-26 Big 8 All-Conference Team, recognizing her standout performance and leadership. A key contributor for the Beavers, Jenkins, an Inderkum High School alumna, was highlighted for her defensive presence and consistent offensive impact. ★