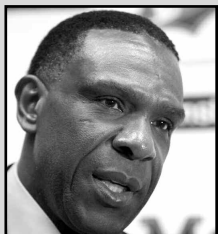


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# NOTABLE QUOTABLES



*"Thank you for welcoming this rookie to your team... It's an honor beyond words. I didn't play this game with this goal in mind, but I'm living proof that if you love this game, the game will love you back. I am proof that any young person who can bear my voice right now can be standing here as I am."*

**ANDRE DAWSON**, during his Baseball Hall of Fame acceptance speech.



*"Imagine what all of this would be without music. If you have to cut, cut something else. Not the music. We need the music. It soothes the savage beast. We need the music."*

**ARETHA FRANKLIN**, following performance with Condoleezza Rice to support the arts.



*"I don't know what else I could do. As an organization, I think we're looking forward to Chris (Paul) leading us and we're looking forward to putting pieces around him. I'm excited about it and he seems excited."*

**DELL DEMPS**, former University of the Pacific star who is the new GM of the New Orleans Hornets about star guard Chris Paul's trade requests.



*"We are ready and prepared ... to participate in the effort to turn the consequences of Ms. Shirley Sherrod's experience into an honorable result, a worthy outcome of which we can be proud."*

**LOCAL ACTIVIST SUZANNE BROOKS**, regarding the firing of former USDA official Shirley Sherrod.

# First 5 Partners With Agencies

*New Partnership Initiative Underway To Prevent Child Abuse*

First 5 Sacramento Awards \$19.6 Million in Funding to Enhance Parent Education and Home Visitation Services to Parents with Children Through Age Five

First 5 Sacramento is partnering with the Family Support Collaborative, which includes the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Sacramento and 7 partner agencies to deliver preventative services for home visitation services, parent education and support services.

**The seven agencies include:**

Sacramento Children's Home, The Effort, Mutual Assistance Network, La Familia Counseling Center, River Oak Center for Children, Folsom Cordova Community Partnership, and Sacramento County Child Protective Services.

The Family Support Collaborative will provide neighborhood-based services through eight Family Resource Centers nestled in eight geographically, culturally and linguistically diverse high need communities representing 36 zip codes (i.e. Oak

Park, Meadowview, Valley Hi, Fruitridge/Franklin, North Sacramento, Del Paso Heights, North Highlands, Rancho Cordova, Arden-Arcade, Galt, and River Delta) throughout Sacramento County.

These areas have the highest rates of poverty, child abuse and neglect and teen births.

Preventative services will include family needs assessments, staff and parent training, home visitation services and support service referrals, which are offered in multiple languages including Spanish, Russian, Hmong, Laotian, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, and Hindi.

"The Commission is looking forward to partnering with the Family Support Collaborative program that will offer parenting services via eight geographically located family centers throughout Sacramento County," said Roger Dickinson, Chair of the First 5 Sacramento Commission and Chair of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors.

"This partnership will allow First 5 Sacramento to provide

the necessary preventative services to families in need before it escalates into a crisis. In addition, the collaborative serves as a vital safety net service for at-risk families who are referred by Child Protective Services."

## About First 5 Sacramento

Research shows that a child's brain develops most dramatically in the first five years and what parents and caregivers do during these years to support their child's growth will have a meaningful impact throughout life.

Based on this research, California voters passed Proposition 10 in 1998, adding a 50 cents-per-pack tax on cigarettes to support programs for expectant parents and children ages 0 to 5.

First 5 Sacramento County distributes approximately \$15 million a year in Prop. 10 revenues to programs and services that meet local needs. Information about First 5 Sacramento Commission programs is available online at [www.First5Sacramento.net](http://www.First5Sacramento.net) or by calling 916-876-5865.

# Dance Team Auditions Held

*Finalists Compete For Spots On The Mountain Lions Cheer Squad*

The Sacramento Mountain Lions of the United Football League will hold their final dance team auditions on Friday, July 30, 2010 at 8 p.m.

These final auditions will be held at Venue Events Center (1417 R Street, Sacramento, CA 95825). They will be open to the public and it's free to attend.

There are 15 remaining spots on the dance team as 17 spots have already been filled. There will be 30 dancers competing for these final spots on Friday.

These 30 dancers were selected out of a group of 51 that showed up to tryout at Venue on Saturday, July 24.

"They will be doing the dance routines that they learned on Saturday as well as their own choreography," Mountain Lions Cheer and Dance Team Director Lindsay Shoemaker said.

Cuts will be made on

Friday night after the auditions.

"I was surprised by the number (51) that showed up on Saturday - as opposed to 36 the first time," Shoemaker said. "And the quality was much, much higher. It's going to be even tougher now to cut down from 30 to 15. At this point any of these 30 could easily make it - it really comes down to showmanship and personality. Interviews will be at least 50 percent if not more."

There will be an after party at Venue following the dance team auditions.

The dance team will perform at all four Mountain Lion home games this fall and will serve as ambassadors for the organization throughout the season.

Mountain Lion season tickets are available at: [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com) or Mountain Lion Ticket Office at (916) 383-LION (5466).

About The United Football League: The UFL provides high-quality professional football during a traditional fall season while embracing innovation and fan interaction with an exciting and memorable game experience. The inaugural 2009 champion Las Vegas Locos will battle the Florida Tuskers, Hartford Colonials, Omaha Nighthawks and Sacramento Mountain Lions for the Williams Hambrecht Trophy in 2010. The UFL is led by Commissioner Michael Huyghue and is funded by a consortium of private investors. For more information on the league and to interact with passionate football fans, please visit [www.UFL-Football.com](http://www.UFL-Football.com).

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