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## Get Ready for the Color Fun Fest 5K



Color Fun Fest is a family-owned and -operated event that is currently traveling across America inviting people of all ages to celebrate life at a unique festival and 5K. Color Fun Fest is family friendly, and kids 12 and under can run for free. Photos courtesy of Color Fun Fest

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Color Fun Fest 5K is a family-owned and -operated event that is currently traveling across America inviting people of all ages to celebrate life at a unique festival and 5K. And now the Color Fun Fest 5K is coming to the Sacramento region. This exciting event will be held at Cal Expo on Saturday, February 28th.

Color Fun Fest brings the Holi Festival (the Indian festival of colors) and the electronic dance movement together for the first time with a day and night glowing color 5K run. Two 5Ks will be hosted in one day; participants can choose between the day or night events or can choose to do both!

Join Color Fun Fest at the finish line as they celebrate life with an after party of glowing colors and high-voltage dance music. As day transforms into night and the dust settles from the day color run, they will power up the strongest

blacklights in the world to transition into a nighttime 5k color run festival.

Come one, come all! Come spend your weekend with your family, friends, and loved ones to create an epic night you will never forget.

For tickets to the Color Fun Fest 5K, visit [www.colorfunfest5k.com/locations/sacramento](http://www.colorfunfest5k.com/locations/sacramento). Color Fun Fest is family friendly, and kids 12 and under can run for free (if registered online). Festival tickets are also available for those who would like to attend without participating in the 5K.

In 2014, Color Fun Fest hosted events in 14 cities across the country, with each event bigger and better than the last. In 2015, they will double their tour and hit 30 cities in the course of 12 months. Working with startup nonprofit Just Care More,



Color Fun Fest plans to take the world by storm, getting people off the couch and into a fun, healthy, upbeat environment—bringing loved ones together for a day/night of epic adventure! Just Care More plans to positively impact every city where the event is hosted, encouraging each and every person to develop healthy lifestyles. How do you change the world? Just care more.

Source: Color Fun Fest

## Make Your Choice and Cast Your Vote

*Nominate Your Favorite Local Businesses for the Cordova Choice Awards*

By Shauna Boyd

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - Do you have a favorite spot for a romantic night on the town? Are you certain that your neighborhood burger joint is the best around? Do you swear by a certain hair salon? Is your dentist the friendliest in town? Well the time has come for you to choose your favorites and cast your vote. It's time for the Cordova Choice Awards!

**“The Cordova Choice Awards give local residents the opportunity to show their city pride by voting for their favorite local businesses.”**

The Cordova Choice Awards give local residents the opportunity to show their city pride by voting for their favorite local businesses. The business that wins the most votes will win a \$250 advertising bonus to use in the *Grapevine Independent* anytime in 2015.

To be considered for the Cordova Choice Awards, businesses must be located in Rancho Cordova, Gold River, Mather, Anatolia, or Sacramento zip code 95827. All votes must be received no later than March 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the office of Messenger Publishing Group (MPG). To cast your vote, please visit [www.cordovachoiceawards.com](http://www.cordovachoiceawards.com).

The winners of the Cordova Choice Awards will be presented at this year's “Cork & Fork” event, which will be an evening of gourmet delights from some of your favorite restaurants, breweries, and wineries. Please come out and support this event while giving back to the community. ★



## “Cork & Fork” Raises Money to Support Local Children and Families

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - Rancho Cordova's premier wine tasting fundraiser, “Cork & Fork,” will be held on Friday, March 13th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Sacramento Marriott Rancho Cordova.

“Cork & Fork” is an evening of wine tasting from wineries throughout the region along with gourmet food sampling from many of the area's best-known restaurants and caterers. Some of the featured wineries and restaurants at this year's event include Merlo Family Winery, Carvalho Family Winery, Mint's Euro-Asian Cuisine, and Rancho Cordova's own American River Brewing Company. The event also features live music and a spectacular silent auction showcasing a variety of items ranging from fine art,

golf packages, exotic getaways, unique home décor, and more. Additionally, the best of the best in Rancho Cordova will be honored by the Cordova's Choice Awards. The Cordova's Choice Awards is sponsored by the Grapevine Independent, a local community newspaper in Rancho Cordova.

This event is a key fundraiser for the vital work of the Folsom Cordova Community Partnership that provides a wide variety of programs targeted at reducing the risk of child abuse and neglect as well as impacting generational cycles of poverty. Each year, the Folsom Cordova Community Partnership provides parent education and support, safe youth activities, employment services, and safety-net services to over 5,000 children, youth,

and adults in the local community. They offer a wide range of services in one place to best serve families through a Family Resource Center environment.

You can partner with the Folsom Cordova Community Partnership in supporting and empowering children and families in our local community by purchasing tickets for “Cork & Fork” and enjoying an evening of delightful food, wine, and entertainment. Tickets are \$25 per person in advance or \$40 at the door. Event sponsorships are also available. To purchase tickets, visit [www.CorkFork.org](http://www.CorkFork.org) or call Chris Clark, Resource Development Manager, at (916) 361-8684, ext. 281.

Source: Chris Clark

# Dancers Boogie Through the Weekend at Capital Swing Convention

By Margaret Snider

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - Nearly 1,000 people attended the 23rd Capital Swing Convention held at the Red Lion Hotel from February 12th through 15th. Dani Canziani, formerly from Sacramento and now living in Reno, has been the Chair of the event for the last 20 years. "Some people come for the competition, some people come to watch the show, some people come to take workshops," Canziani said. "You have all those different elements that make it all up."

Many of those attending were from the greater Sacramento area—including Rancho Cordova and Carmichael—but it is an international event, drawing dancers from many different states and internationally.

Glenda Smith of Rancho Cordova has been dancing seriously since 2002 and has participated in West Coast Swing since 2005; she has trophies from competitions all over the United States. In many events, the competitors don't know what type of music will be played or even who their partner will be until the very moment they are to begin the competition. Smith takes it all in stride. At this convention, she and KZ from San Diego placed 5th in the Intermediate Jack and Jill Division.

"It's been a great time," Smith said.



Glenda Smith (left) of Rancho Cordova dances with partner KZ from San Diego at the 2015 Capital Swing Convention. They took fifth place in the Jack and Jill Intermediate Division. Photo courtesy of Bradford Whelan Photography

"I've met so many people from all over the world. We always joke and say, 'if only the leaders (of countries) would dance, we wouldn't have all these

problems going on.'"

Kathryn Mongeau of Rancho Cordova placed third in the Masters Division of the Jack and Jill event and performed a pairs routine with Rob Brown of Fresno. At a convention, the synergy of so many dancers can be electrifying. "When you're in a room with 800 people and the music's playing and we're all dancing, and everybody loves it like you do, oh my gosh, the energy in the room!" Mongeau said. "Everything is just so incredibly fun."

Another Rancho Cordovan, Theresa McGarry, placed fourth in the category of Sophisticated West Coast Swing. "I love creating the dance on the spot with a partner in competitions," McGarry said.

Not everyone comes for the competition. Although they have competed in the past, Billie and Art Swartz of Carmichael attended this year to watch the events and participate in the social dancing. Now in their 80s, they have been dancing for many years. "It's just the beauty of it, the way some people

can get the body to move," Billie Swartz said. "It flows so beautifully when it's

done right."

The Convention is put on by the Capital Swing Dancers club, which also holds a local dance on the third Saturday of each month at the Fair Oaks Community Center.

"We get people that drive a couple hours to come to our club dances every month. The convention is different, more national—international, honestly," Canziani said.

Richard Chung is one of those attendees who came from another country. He grew up in New Jersey, but now lives with his wife in South Korea. They are in the United States for a while to attend various dance conventions. The Capital Swing Convention, he said, is an excellent one. "Compared to other events that I've been to in the States, it has a (special) scale of class and professionalism to it," Chung said.

Everyone registered can participate in the social dancing between events at the conventions, even if they are not competitors. "It doesn't matter what size you are, what age you are, what color you are, what ethnicity you are, everybody dances with everybody," Smith said.

For more information on Capital Swing Dancers club, visit [www.capitalswingdancers.org](http://www.capitalswingdancers.org). ★



Kathryn Mongeau of Rancho Cordova and Rob Brown of Fresno performed a demonstration routine on Saturday evening at the Capital Swing Convention in Sacramento. Photo courtesy of Bradford Whelan Photography



While they have competed in the past, Billie and Art Swartz of Carmichael were at the Convention this year to watch the show and to participate in the social dancing between events. Billie Swartz was one of the first members of the local Capital Swing Dancers club. Photo courtesy of Bradford Whelan Photography



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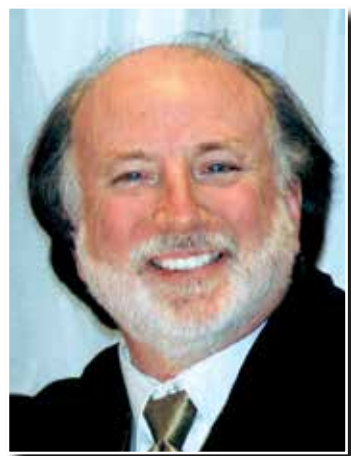
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# Rancho Cordova Deputy Clerk Receives International Certification

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - Stacia George, Rancho Cordova's Deputy City Clerk, has earned the prestigious Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. The designation requires completion of a rigorous program, including classes in education, participation in workshops and Northern California Clerk conferences, and experience in a municipal clerk office.



Stacia George earned the Certified Municipal Clerk designation in two years, the minimum amount of required time. Many applicants take years to finish all the requirements. Photo courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova

of Stacia's name. It is a declaration that she is proficient in her demanding position and that she has demonstrated the mastery of administrative skills critical to good government."

George started at the Rancho Cordova Clerk's Office in January 2013. Her work experience includes being a junior high and kindergarten teacher and working for the Auburn Chamber of Commerce. She has a B.A. degree in Communications/Public Relations from California State University, Sacramento and a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential from California State University, East Bay.

"I love working for the City of Rancho Cordova. I am inspired by the many people who work here, by our City Council's goals, and how staff go above and beyond in their work to help their City team and the residents of Rancho Cordova," said George. ★

Having the CMC designation will enable George to assume additional responsibilities in the City Clerk's Office, which is the link between the public, the City Council, and other City departments. They prepare and publish City Council meeting agendas, document all laws, administer elections, and maintain important City records.

Mindy Cuppy, Rancho Cordova's City Clerk, said, "The

CMC is more than a certificate and three letters at the end

# Sacramento Children's Museum Names Honoree for Inspire! Luncheon

The Inspiring Event Features the Popular Table Top Design Competition

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - Juanita Garcia, Executive Director of the GenCorp Foundation, the parent company of Aerojet Rocketdyne, will be the 2015 Honoree at the second annual Inspire! Luncheon on Wednesday, May 6th in the Rancho Cordova City Hall American River Room, 2729 Prospect Park Drive.

Sponsored by the Sacramento Children's Museum (SCM), the luncheon celebrates the amazing contributions of women and honors an outstanding woman who has made a positive impact on the lives of young children in the Sacramento area.

The event also features a table

top design competition in which each of the 20 luncheon tables are decorated by agencies, organizations, private individuals, or designers.

"Competitors implement a design of their own inspiration for a table of 10," explained Sharon Stone Smith, SCM's Executive Director. "The prize is an after-hours event at the Museum."

Last year, Explorit Science Center won first place with a table that featured foaming test tubes and an electric wave maker. Heidi Foondos won second place with a spring décor that included a four-foot flowering tree, and third place went

to Sierra Oaks with a Dr. Seuss theme.

For information about tickets, sponsorships, and the table competition, contact SCM Membership Manager Molly Mix at (916) 368-7225, ext. 103, or at molly@sackids.org.

SCM is located at 2701 Prospect Park Drive in Rancho Cordova. Its mission is to provide a place where young children are encouraged to think for themselves, expand their problem-solving abilities through creative exploration, and exercise both their bodies and minds.

Source: The City of Rancho Cordova ★



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# SAFE Credit Union Banks on Education With the Sacramento County Academic Decathlon

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - SAFE Credit Union warmly congratulated the decathletes of the 35th annual Sacramento County Academic Decathlon, which was held on February 7th at Inderkum High School in Natomas.

This was SAFE's fifth consecutive year as the event's title sponsor, donating \$10,000 in the form of scholarships awarded to the winning decathletes at the Academic Decathlon Awards Banquet on February 10th.

SAFE also proudly supported decathlon teams from Foothill, Rio Linda, Sheldon, and Center high schools with \$6,000 in financial assistance. This funding provided various resources allowing these high schools to compete against other schools on the subjects of economics, language and literature, music, science, art, mathematics, and social science—culminating in a high-energy team event called



Paula Cinco (left) of Monterey Trail High School in Elk Grove and SAFE Credit Union CEO Henry Wirz. Cinco, the winner of the Academic Decathlon Art Competition, shows off her winning piece of artwork. Photo courtesy of Runyon Saltzman Einhorn, Inc.

the Super Quiz.

"The Academic Decathlon celebrates academic talent, but

more than that, it gives outstanding students a fun, competitive, and rewarding venue to match their skills against other exceptional students. For SAFE, supporting this incredible event is a winning investment in our young people. There is nothing more rewarding and valuable to our region's future," said SAFE CEO Henry Wirz.

In the Super Quiz, teams of students advance in the competition by correctly answering questions from a moderator. The theme of this year's decathlon was New Alternatives in Energy: Ingenuity and Innovation. The annual event is organized through the Sacramento County Office of Education. For more information regarding this year's champions, or to view photos and videos from the event, visit [www.scoe.net/ad](http://www.scoe.net/ad).

Source: Runyon Saltzman Einhorn, Inc. ★



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# Drain After the Rain to Prevent Mosquitoes

Warm Temperatures and Recent Rain May Bring Mosquitoes

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District reminds the public to "drain after the rain" to prevent mosquitoes! Wet weather followed by warm temperatures can create the ideal mosquito breeding conditions so it becomes necessary to have good water management practices around the house.

"The recent storm left a lot of stagnant water," said District Manager Gary Goodman. "We urge everyone to inspect their yard and dump out water from household containers such as buckets, flowerpots, bird baths, and old tires that may breed mosquitoes."

Goodman said, "The dry and warm weather conditions expected for the next few days may bring mosquitoes out. You may notice more mosquitoes during your evening walk. ... These are hungry

mosquitoes that had been hibernating over the last few months and are now ready to bite and begin their life cycle." Fortunately, these mosquitoes are not the species that can transmit West Nile virus and so are considered a seasonal nuisance.

While it is still very early in the year, it's important for the public to stay protected against mosquitoes and diseases such as West Nile virus. Last year was a very intense West Nile virus season and 798 human cases were confirmed throughout the state, including 10 in Sacramento County and 10 in Yolo County.

The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District provides year-round mosquito and vector control services. The main goal for the District is to protect public health by preventing the transmission of diseases and

improving the quality of life for all residents.

Practice the District D's of Mosquito Prevention:

- Drain standing water that may produce mosquitoes.
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- Dress appropriately by wearing long sleeves and pants when outside.
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- Door and window screens should be in good working condition.
- District personnel are also available to address any mosquito problems. Call them at (800) 429-1022 or visit [www.FightTheBite.net](http://www.FightTheBite.net) to report any stagnant water breeding sources or if mosquitoes are a nuisance in your area.

Source: Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District ★

# Cordova Choice Awards 2015

**Cordova Choice Awards 2015 will be held during the "Cork & Fork 2015" event to be held Friday, March 13th 6:30-9PM at the Sacramento Marriot Rancho Cordova**

## Instructions and rules for Cordova Choice Awards 2015

Business must be located in Rancho Cordova, Gold River, Mather, Anatolia, or Sacramento zip code 95827. All votes must be received no later than March 10th at 6:00 pm at the office of Messenger Publishing Group. Votes can be made either by mailing this form to MPG at 7144 Fair Oaks Blvd, Suite 5, Carmichael, CA 95608, or by completing the online form at [www.CordovaChoiceAwards.com](http://www.CordovaChoiceAwards.com). Only one vote per person. All voting entries must have complete information or the votes will not be counted. Cordova Choice Awards will be presented at this year's "Cork & Fork" event. This year's event will be held at the Sacramento Marriott Rancho Cordova on March 14, 2014 from 6:30pm - 9pm. "Cork & Fork" will highlight an evening of gourmet delights from some of your favorite restaurants, breweries and wineries. Please come out and support this event while giving back to the community.

## Goals of "Cork & Fork"

Support the Partnership's goal to build a strong community of children, youth, and families. Bring together like minded community members and socially conscious businesses. Generate awareness about the programs and resources the Partnership provides. Raise money to support the mission of the Folsom Cordova Community Partnership. To purchase tickets for this event please contact Chris Clark at 916.361.8684 ext 281 or via email [cclark@thefccp.org](mailto:cclark@thefccp.org). Mail your vote to: The Grapevine Independent, 7144 Fair Oaks Blvd., Suite 5, Carmichael, CA 95608. You can also vote online at [www.CordovaChoiceAwards.com](http://www.CordovaChoiceAwards.com)



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# Hiking, Winter Birding, and an Equestrian Ride this Weekend

## Deer Creek Hills Preserve Offers Three Fun Outings in One Day

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento Valley Conservancy (SVC) is offering three fun outings in one day: a taste of Deer Creek Hills hike, winter birding on upland grasslands, and a guided equestrian ride. The meeting place for each outing is Eagle Camp Corral at the Deer Creek Hills Preserve, 15489 Latrobe Road, Sloughhouse, CA 95683. All three of these outings will be held on Saturday, February 21st. Register online for these events at [www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/calendar.asp](http://www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/calendar.asp).

**A Taste of Deer Creek Hills Hike:** Join Deer Creek Hill's birding, geology, and historian docents from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. as they highlight the many wonderful natural features of Deer Creek Hills. The hike will cover approximating three to five miles. This hike is ideal if you're new to Deer Creek Hills. The SVC encourages you to return for more in-depth hikes on geology, history, and birding at Deer Creek Hills. All ages are welcome to attend, and the cost for the hike is \$10.

**Winter Birding on Upland Grasslands:** The SVC invites you to witness the birds that call Deer Creek Hills their home over the winter months with an approximate four-mile cross country (non-trail) walk on the grass uplands. The early morning



Join Deer Creek Hill's birding, geology, and historian docents from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. as they highlight the many wonderful natural features of Deer Creek Hills. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Valley Conservancy

hours are ideal to bird watch, so this outing will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

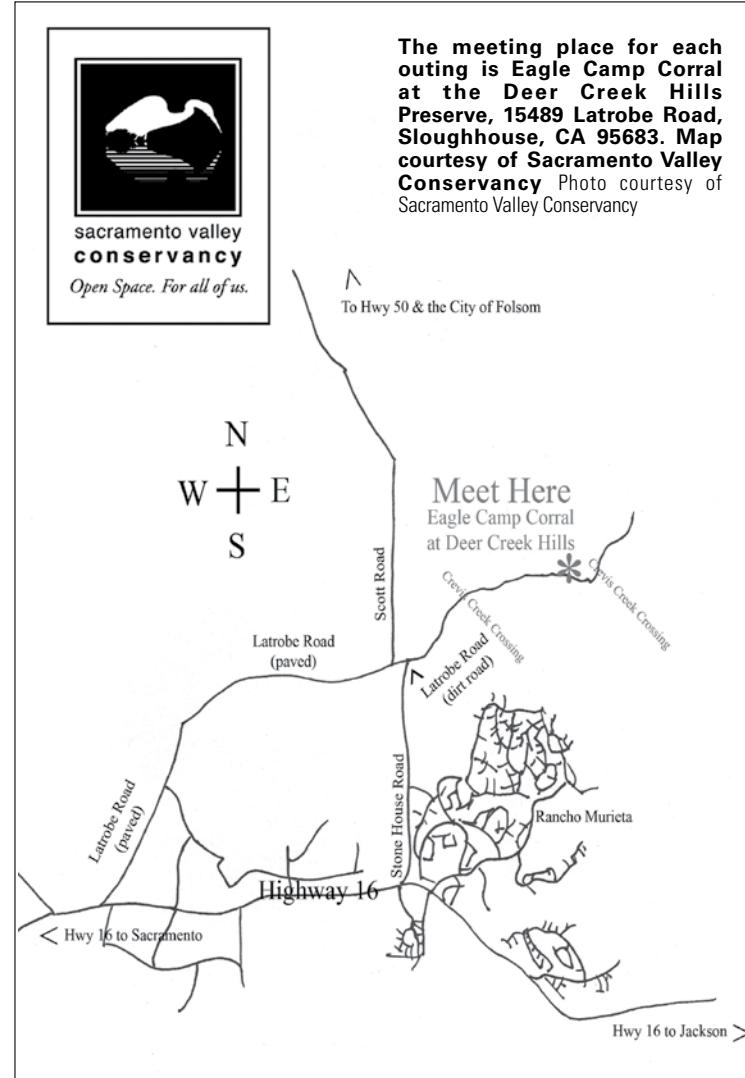
Witness the ground-foraging Horned Lark, the low coursing flight of a Northern Harrier, and the stunning markings of the Wood Duck and Ring-necked Duck—all living in their natural habitat at Sacramento's largest open space preserve.

Hushed tones and walking and stopping are the best ways

to bird watch in the upland environment. Wear "quiet," warm, muted earth-tone colors and sturdy boots for uneven surfaces. Cotton or wool fabrics are considered "quiet" and work great! Birding scopes, binoculars, and/or cameras are highly recommended for any birding outing. All ages are invited to attend this winter birding event, which is \$10 to attend.

**Guided Equestrian Ride:** The SVC invites you to experience the partnership of rider and horse (must provide your own horse) at Deer Creek Hills during a guided equestrian ride from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Experience the quiet atmosphere of distant bird calls, the rustle of the tall grass, the creaking of your saddle as you cross a creek, and the satisfaction of knowing you are supporting the SVC's mission statement.

Ride through open country over a variety of terrain, including water crossings and climbing and descending hills. Horses should be accustomed to riding in groups and in open fields. All public outings are led by docents traveling this working cattle ranch; the approximate ride time is two and a half hours. Most groups are from 10 to 20 people



The meeting place for each outing is Eagle Camp Corral at the Deer Creek Hills Preserve, 15489 Latrobe Road, Sloughhouse, CA 95683. Map courtesy of Sacramento Valley Conservancy. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Valley Conservancy

in size and travel at a walk. The cost to attend is \$20, and riders must be at least 16 years old.

Celebrating over 24 years of protecting open space and accreditation by the Land Trust Alliance Accreditation Commission, the Sacramento Valley Conservancy (SVC) is a private, non-profit land trust founded in 1990 on two basic principles: that open lands are necessary for quality of life and that we must save land today so future generations may enjoy its benefits tomorrow. The SVC buys land only from willing

owners and works cooperatively with private landowners and public and private funding sources to create win-win solutions. More information about SVC, including the East Sacramento Blue Oak Hills Area project, the Sacramento Prairie Vernal Pool Area, the Dry Creek Parkway, Elkhorn Basin Ranch, Camp Pollock, and other projects can be found on the organization's website at [www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org](http://www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org).

Source: Sacramento Valley Conservancy ★



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### Pam Young's Corner

*5 Things You Don't Have to Do Today*

**By Pam Young**

I've never been a fan of making a To Do list every day, probably because most of my work is a habit and I've never been too busy to do the next thing that needs to be done on a daily basis. 3x5 cards really helped me when I was a busy, young mom and homemaker, because they gave me direction without having to make a daily list. I've had women admit to me that they put things they've done on a list, so they can cross them off. That strikes me funny! I've never needed to feel that productive.

If you have to make a To Do list, maybe your life's too busy. Think of ways to simplify it so you can appreciate more moments in this thing called life that's whizzing by you without your notice. Just like we

don't know how fast our little planet is spinning and flying through the cosmos, we miss the speed in which our lives are hurtling through time. It's only when we see photographs of the past or run into an old friend we haven't seen in years, that we notice the changes.

So, if you're inclined to make lists and add auxiliary tasks you did that weren't on the list in the first place so you can cross them off and feel more productive, here are 5 things you don't have to do today. Now if you want to write them down so you can cross them off, you're going to have to write the word "don't" in front of each one. Oh, and while you're at it, add to that list, Have a wonderful day!

Today, you don't have to:

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2. Jump off a Bridge
3. Join the Circus

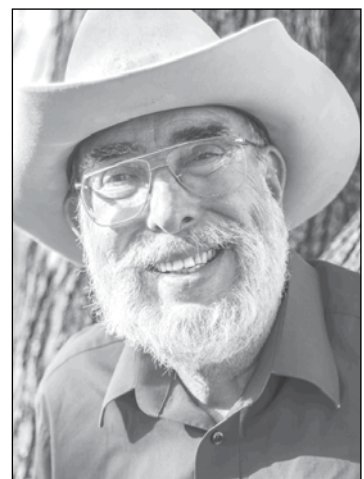
4. Lock Your Kids in a Box Car
5. Run Off with the UPS Guy

If you do make this list, just a word of caution; don't leave it lying around. Your family might think you're certifiable and we need you to be the wonderful, peace keeper in your home that you are.

Thank you for reading my column! I hope you'll share it with someone who otherwise just might be tempted to run off and join the circus.

For more from Pam Young go to [www.cluborganized.com](http://www.cluborganized.com). You'll find many musings, videos of Pam in the kitchen preparing delicious meals, videos on how to get organized, ways to lose weight and get your finances in order, all from a reformed SLOB's point of view. ★

## Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Somehow the snow is a little like Christmas. We can expect it. We can listen to the television weather and expect it. But still, when it comes it's like a gift a wonderful unwrapped gift, because it is the wrapping.

### "...The Snow is a Little Like Christmas"

Doc found it when he turned on the porch light before dawn and the sheer whiteness of it came to him, and he smiled and let the cup of coffee warm his hands and the coffee itself warm his insides.

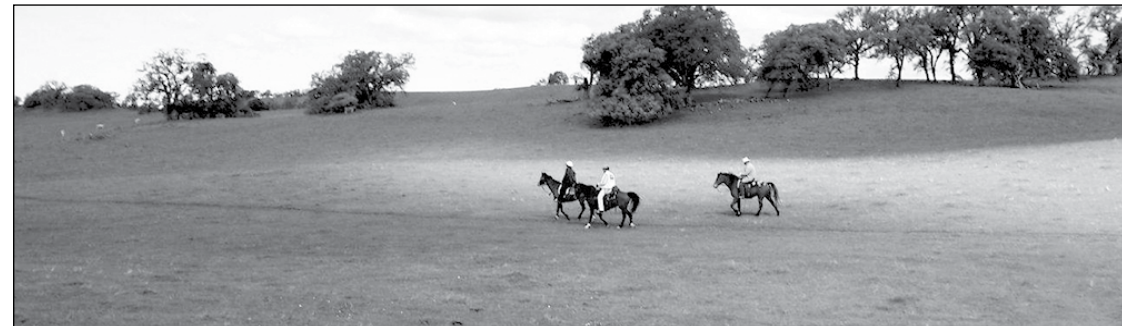
Snow – whether it's an inch or three feet – tucks us in, he thought. It's an act of love, covering each of us equally, as a mother would do. There should be an ordinance, he thought, smiling, that no one should be required to get out and drive in it, shovel it, curse it, until at least the initial magic has passed. Soon enough, we realize, it will be plowed into muddy strips on our streets and slushed into the gutters and our shoes will complain and we'll have to be careful

not to track it in the house. That comes later. Road closures ... they come later, too. When these heavy gray heavens pull back to reveal the moon and the sun, the cold will come, along with the threat of ruptured pipes.

But not now. Right now, in the holiness of early morning, Doc had the best of the snow. The gentle, eternally silent blessing of winter.

It should stay that way at least through breakfast, he thought. At least through breakfast.

Brought to you by that great stocking stuffer, A Cowboy's Guide to Growing Up Right. Check it out at [lpdpress.com](http://lpdpress.com). ★



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Friday, February 13th

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Thursday, February 12th

Breaking & Entering:  
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Wednesday, February 11th

Robbery: 10400 Block, Folsom  
Blvd.

Breaking & Entering:  
2500 Block, Sunrise Blvd.

Tuesday, February 10th

Robbery: Laurelhurst Dr. &  
Rockingham Dr.

Theft from Vehicle:  
1200 Block, Arden Hills Ln.

Theft from Vehicle:  
9600 Block, Linda Rio Dr.

Monday, February 9th

Breaking & Entering:  
4900 Block, Sudbury Way

Theft from Vehicle:  
3600 Block, Data Dr.

Sunday, February 8th

Theft from Vehicle:  
2800 Block, Tiffany West Way

Saturday, February 7th

Assault: 10300 Block, Folsom  
Blvd.

Breaking & Entering:  
1100 Block, Mariemont Ave.

Theft from Vehicle:  
4400 Block, Ashton Dr.

Friday, February 6th

Theft from Vehicle: 10600  
Block, White Rock Rd.

Thursday, February 5th

Assault: Zinfandel Dr. & Olson Dr.

Wednesday, February 4th

Assault: 10600 Block, Folsom  
Blvd.

Theft from Vehicle:  
10400 Block, Malaga Way

Theft from Vehicle: 10700  
Block, Gold Center Dr.

Tuesday, February 3rd

Assault: 1100 Block,  
Eastern Ave.

Assault: 2800 Block,  
La Loma Dr.

Robbery: 10000 Block, Folsom  
Blvd.

Theft from Vehicle: 9400 Block,  
Mira Del Rio Dr.

Source: www.crimereports.com ★

# Door Hangers Publicize Town Hall Meetings

## Share Your Voice and Ideas for How to Spend \$1.7 Million

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - Rancho Cordova residents will soon find a blue-and-gold door hanger on their front door with the dates, times, and places of 14 Town Hall meetings for them to share their dreams and voices regarding how to spend the first funds (approximately \$1.7 million) generated by Measure H that will be paid to the City in June.

Measure H is the ½ cent local sales tax that was approved by Rancho Cordova voters last November. The tax increase is expected to start in April, and the City will begin receiving the funds in June. The projected amount that will be generated from April 1st through June 30th is approximately \$1.7 million. Thereafter, Measure H will generate approximately \$7 million each fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th).

“Council Members and City staff are most eager to hear what residents and the community would like this funding to be used for—what are their priorities and their dreams for Rancho Cordova,” said Mayor Robert McGarvey. “We want the community to have the benefits of Measure H funds as soon as

possible, so we have planned an aggressive schedule of 12 meetings at 10 schools that will start February 25th and end with two meetings for community organizations at City Hall on April 8th. We want our residents to provide input that will help set the course of action of how to spend the first payment of \$1.7 million.”

Projects that have been suggested include funding for public safety (such as police personnel and technology tools but which could include funding for the Neighborhood Services Division and other departments related to public safety), for community investment in public infrastructure, and for projects and programs that support culture and create opportunities in education and academic advancement.

“Come share your voice at one of the meetings—we want your ideas, dreams, and viewpoints,” the Mayor concluded.

For more information about the Town Hall meetings, please call (916) 851-8700. You can also get more information online at [www.cityofranhocordova.org](http://www.cityofranhocordova.org), [www.facebook.com/ranhocordova](http://www.facebook.com/ranhocordova), or [www.twitter.com/CityofRCordova](http://www.twitter.com/CityofRCordova).

• Town Hall Meetings Schedule (6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)

• Wednesday, February 25th: Cordova Villa Elementary School, 10359 South White Rock Road

• Thursday, February 26th: White Rock Elementary School, 10487 White Rock Road

• Tuesday, March 3rd: Cordova Meadows Elementary School, 2550 La Loma Drive

• Tuesday, March 5th: Cordova Gardens Elementary School, 2400 Dawes Street

• Thursday, March 12th: Rancho Cordova Elementary School, 2562 Chassella Way

• Tuesday, March 17th: Peter J. Shields Elementary School, 10434 Georgetown Drive

• Wednesday, March 18th: Riverview STEM Academy, 10700 Ambassador Drive

• Wednesday, March 25th: Williamson Elementary School, 2275 Benita Drive

• Thursday, March 26th: A. M. Winn Elementary School, 3351 Explorer Drive

• Friday, March 27th: Navigator Elementary School, 10679 Bear Hollow Drive

• Monday, March 30th and Tuesday, March 31st: Sunrise Elementary School, 11821 Cobble Brook Drive

• The meetings for community organizations will be held on Wednesday, April 8th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA.

Source: The City of Rancho Cordova ★

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SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS

AWARD AND TROPHY ENGRAVERS LOOKING TO SELL

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Walking into Probert's Engraving, one is greeted by bespectacled owner Jerry Williams, an octogenarian with a ready smile and salt and pepper hair. As one scans the front showroom, plaques waiting to be selected for a lucky recipient line shelves, bronzed military statuettes stand at the ready, and a number of miscellaneous items peek around each other, each potentially the award for someone deserving. Williams has been engraving, drilling, trimming and creating trophies and awards for people for nearly 24 years. But he and his wife of 55 years, Barbara, are ready to retire.

Located near the corner of Rockingham Drive and Mather Boulevard, Probert's stays busy with customers. The shop reaches back into a hallway, and various rooms stretch out like limbs on either side. There is a smaller office where Barbara does the bookkeeping, the hallway houses a large bookshelf with completed orders, a supply room is stocked with necessary tools of the trade, and the large workroom is filled with equipment to fulfill orders.

However, the retired military man is ready to put his hands to rest on this business that has

treated him well, even through the struggling times of the economy. Williams is honest about how the business has seen its ups and downs, but like so many others today, it is bouncing back. Items included in the sale will include everything in the supply room and showroom as well as all the equipment, including the computer with Photoshop and printers, two engravers for metal and plastic, two heat presses, a drill, a plastic trimmer, metal and plastic cutters, a table saw and more. Williams is also willing to have a potential buyer shadow him for a few days to see if the business is a good match for them. Once someone has purchased, Williams will train that person side by side for several days and be available for two to three days a week for up to two months after purchase for any questions or extra training. Williams stresses, "this is a turnkey operation," everything is ready to go.

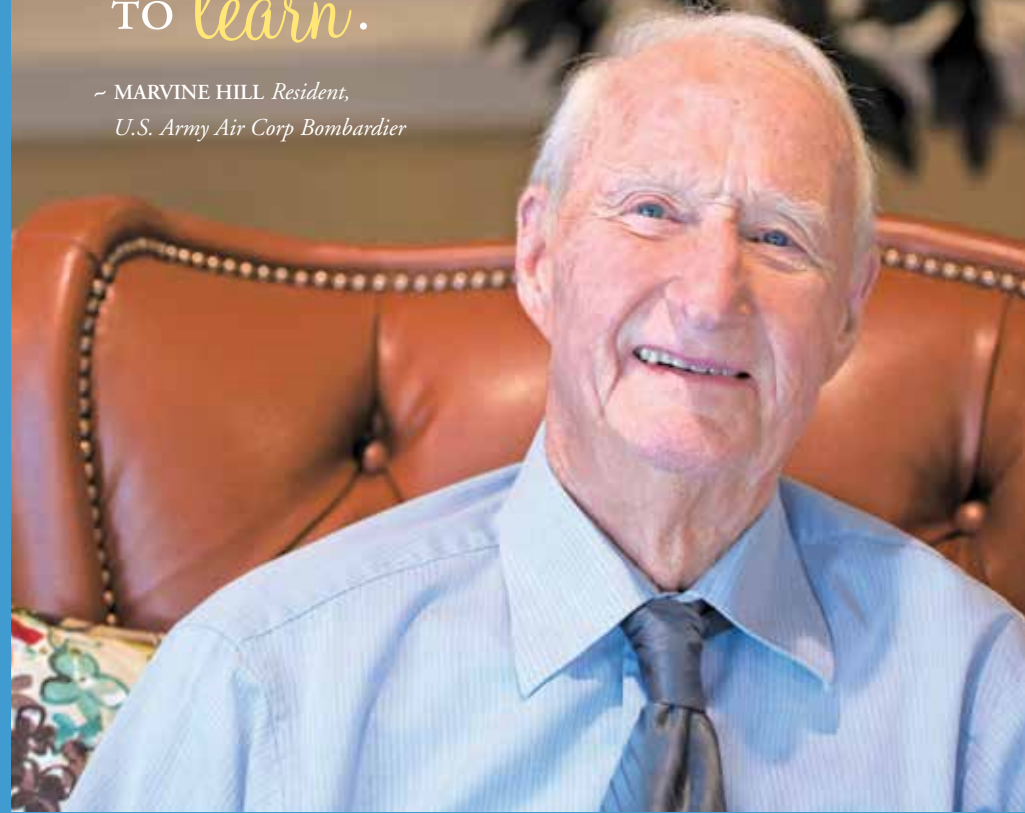
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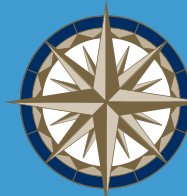
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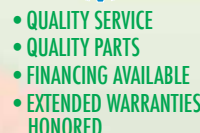
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# CORDOVA SPORTS

## Cordova Wrestlers Are Sierra Valley Conference Champions Ten Wrestlers Will Move Forward to Section Division Tournament



The Cordova Lancer Varsity Wrestling team finished the regular season in a three-way tie for first with El Dorado and Union Mine. It has been over 25 years since this honor has been bestowed upon a Cordova Wrestling team. On Saturday, February 14th, they were presented with a championship banner that will proudly hang alongside all the other banners that adorn the Cordova gymnasium wall of fame.

Story and photo by Rick Sloan

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - The Cordova Lancer Varsity Wrestling team finished the regular season in a three-way tie for first with El Dorado and Union Mine. Each school ended with an identical record of 4-1. It has been over 25 years since this honor has been bestowed upon a Cordova Wrestling team. On Saturday, February 14th, they were presented with a championship banner that will proudly hang alongside all the other banners that adorn the Cordova

gymnasium wall of fame. The banner presentation took place at the end of the SVC League Championships held at El Dorado High School. The entire coaching staff was beaming with excitement and couldn't be more proud of their wrestlers. The SVC Championship Tournament started out with junior varsity matches that included some outstanding wrestling from Seth Verbel, David Khudoteplov, Josh Colvin, Jacob Yang, Chris Frazier, and our lone lady Lancer Alexis Cuevas. As for the varsity, the Lancers had 10 weight classes represented,

and nine wrestlers made it to the finals. At 106 lbs., Zachary Guerrero took second place. At 113 lbs., Angel Frost took first place, making all league. At 126 lbs., Derek Burton took first place, making all league. At 132 lbs., Jafet Ramirez took second place. At 138 lbs., Carlos Cuevas took first place, making all league. At 145 lbs., Timothy Wood wrestled hard taking fifth place and making the alternate for this week's tournament. At 160 lbs., John Graf took second place. At 170 lbs., Dante Hume took second place. At 182 lbs., Armen Gevorkyan took first

place, making all league. And at 220 lbs., David Domashuk took second place, finishing a very productive day for the Lancers. All 10 of the Varsity wrestlers will be competing at Divisionals held on February 20th and 21st at Foothill High School to hopefully qualify for the Masters Tournament to be held on February 27th and 28th at the Stockton Arena. The top four wrestlers in each weight category will advance. Wish the Lancer wrestlers good luck as they compete towards their historical destiny for Cordova athletics. ★

## Lady Lancers Secure Final Playoff Spot

By Mike Bush

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - If the Cordova High School girls basketball team wanted to secure the Sierra Valley Conference's (SVC) third place and final guaranteed playoff spot, a victory was needed in its regular season finale at Rosemont.

Mission accomplished: The Lady Lancers trailed 28-27 entering the fourth quarter but rallied to knock off the second place Lady Wolverines 47-44 at Rosemont's gym on February 12th.

The Lady Lancers trailed 14-10 at halftime. But in the fourth quarter, Cordova outscored Rosemont 20-16 for the win.

Two Cordova players scored in double figures: Cauje Curney had 16 points and Brianna Clark finished with 11. Kelsie Graf followed with six points, Midori Mekata had five, Alyssa Moreno had four, and Leila Cooper and Adrienne Hammond had two points each.

Cordova had 45 rebounds in the game. Curney had seven boards, and Jullissa Reis and Clark had six each. Nikki Jones, Graf, and Hammond had five rebounds each. Curney also had five of the Lancers' nine assists.

The win advances Cordova (6-4 in the SVC, 17-10 overall) into the Sac-Joaquin Section playoffs. The brackets were released late in the afternoon of Wednesday, February 18th. For more information about Cordova's first-round opponent, visit the section's website at [www.cifsjs.org](http://www.cifsjs.org). ★



Cordova Lady Lancer Cauje Curney (No. 10) drives toward the basket against an El Dorado player during a recent SVC home game. Photo by Rick Sloan



Stretching to get the ball to the net is Cordova guard Damion Baldwin (No. 20).

## Cordova Boys Basketball Wins SVC Finale

By Mike Bush

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - With a Sierra Valley Conference (SVC) title secured, the only goal left to accomplish for the Cordova High School boys basketball team was an unblemished conference record.

The Lancers did just that on February 13th as they posted an 86-57 win over conference rival Rosemont at the Lancers' gym. Cordova locked up the SVC title early last week with a win over second place Liberty Ranch (to view the story, visit the *Grapevine Independent* website at [www.ranchocordovaindependent.com](http://www.ranchocordovaindependent.com)).

In last Friday's home game, the Lancers led 33-28 at halftime. But Cordova (10-0 in the SVC, 22-5 overall) furthered its lead with a 27-13 scoring advantage in the third quarter for a 60-41 lead going into the final quarter.

"A lot of distractions," said Cordova head coach Fletcher Johnson, referring to Senior Night for the Lancers' six seniors on the team who were honored at the game. "We just didn't get off to a good start."

Johnson felt his team took a different and positive approach toward reaching their goal of going undefeated in SVC action by their play in the

second half. "We just got refocused," Johnson said. "We went into the locker (at halftime) and made adjustments."

Finishing SVC action with a perfect record was rewarding for the Lancers. "It was a good feeling (to go undefeated)," Johnson said.

Four Cordova players scored in double figures: Jordan Roberson led the way with 27 points, Christian Munoz had 15 points, JaQuan Lewis had 11 points, and Damion Baldwin finished with 10.

Chris Johnson had six points for the Lancers, Kyle Lorena and Joseph Gomez had five each, Devin Baldwin had four,

Ben Danielyan had two, and Moses Avagyan scored one.

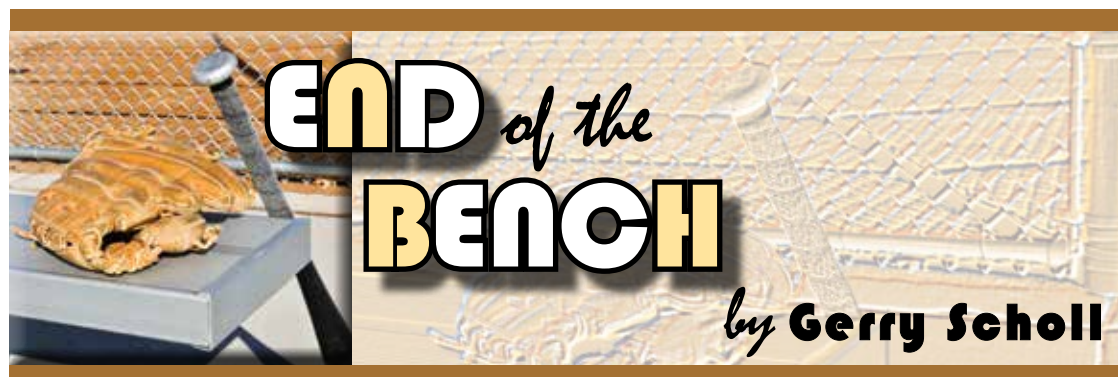
The Lancers pulled down 41 rebounds in the game. Munoz had nine boards, Lewis had seven, and Roberson had five.

The six seniors who were honored at the game were Roberson, Lewis, Munoz, EJ Turner, Chris Johnson, and Lamont Guidry.

Late in the afternoon of Wednesday, February 18th, the Sac-Joaquin Section released its playoff brackets for boys and girls. To find out Cordova's first playoff game, visit the section's website at [www.cifsjs.org](http://www.cifsjs.org). ★



Cordova guard Jordan Roberson (No. 23) shoots over two Rosemont players in last Friday's SVC home finale. Roberson was one of six seniors on the Lancers' squad who were honored on Senior Night. Photo by Rick Sloan



## So, That's Why They Play the Games

It almost looked like the final two minutes of a regular-season NBA game in the final two minutes of Sunday's All-Star Game in New York, won by the West 163-158.

That's right, three hundred and twenty-one points scored in 48 minutes of so-called basketball — an all-time, All-Star Game record. This annual spectacle is not supposed to be real basketball, it's supposed to be a real show.

Defense is an extremely important element of real basketball, but there was next to none of it apparent in this one — evidenced by the total of nine fouls called and 15 free throws shot in the entire game. Until the game was tied at 148-148 with 4:19 to go, the only defense was Matador Defense — Ole!

Not to complain, though... we realize that all-star games are all about the biggest stars getting together and getting loose,

having fun and promoting the product and products. Besides, nobody wants to get hurt in an exhibition. It's simply showtime! It's time to let the showboats showcase their talents and showmanship. The NBA has made a whole All-Star weekend out of it.

West coach Steve Kerr, whose Golden State Warriors boast an NBA-best 42-9 record at the break, understood the tone from the start. "I have a great play planned for the first play," he quipped during the pre-tip huddle. "So, one of you guys get it (the ball) and, like, throw it to one of the other guys, and then you throw it to someone else and you shoot. Alright?" So, they ran the same play over and over and over, again and again.

Nobody had a problem with being the one to shoot — there were 263 shots taken from the field, including 133 three-point

attempts; or, 5.48 shots per minute. More often than not, unless there was a desire to fly to the basket for yet another uncontested slam dunk, the first guy to catch the ball in the frontcourt shot it, no matter how far out he was. In a regular season game a player like that would probably be sent to the bench (unless his name is Carmelo Anthony).

The regular season sorts out the better teams from the worst to set things up for the playoffs, when the real, real basketball is played. The NBA takes a break along the way to jack up the interest with its really big show — or, should that be shoe?

Steph Curry, the shooting star of the Warriors who won the three-point contest with a classic showing that included 13 straight splashes in the championship round, and his peeps took the all-star opportunity to introduce the

guard's new shoe, the Curry One by Under Armour. Commercial spokesperson Jamie Foxx dramatically, in Shakespearean fashion, put it all out there on the stage in the name of the NBA's "new creative genius...the patron saint of the underdog...the league's most unguardable player...the baby-faced assassin." And the word is going out "all the way from SoHo to Shanghai."

The NBA has been marketing globally for quite some time and the efforts have intensified as the number of foreign players in the league has steadily grown. It all seems to be working, as a reported 534 international outlets (about one-third of the total) were issued media credentials for the All-Star celebration. Prime targets such as China, where there are an awful lot of people and plenty of shoes being made, and India, where Sacramento Kings owner Vivek Ranadive is taking a lead role, promise to stuff the coffers with welcomed cash.

The All-Star Game and side-shows are tremendous marketing tools that aren't going away just because they aren't real basketball, they are much more likely to grow increasingly ridiculous. The weekend gives the league plenty of time to get into the trending stories around the NBA — like the two sets of brothers appearing in the game: the Gasol brothers (Pau, from the Chicago Bulls, and Marc,

from the Memphis Grizzlies) facing off at the opening tip as starting centers on opposing teams (they weren't banging on each other nearly as much as they likely did growing up playing on the local courts of suburban Barcelona); and the Splash Brothers, Warriors sharpshooters Curry and Klay Thompson. The weekend draws stars from other realms of the entertainment world — music, movies, TV, other sports and so on — also attracting much attention.

Other sports aren't about to give up on their all-star events either, even though those games are aberrations of the real things. There's not much hitting or tackling in the NFL Pro Bowl, and several of the rules are changed to keep players from getting hurt, and many of the voted-in Pro Bowlers don't even show up and are replaced with second-tier players; the score in the National Hockey League stars' game was something close to 312-297; in the Major League Baseball summer classic most pitchers throw an inning or less, the top stars get one or two at-bats and the lesser stars usually end up deciding the game in the end.

Even golf has its version of an all-star event in the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro Am. Most people couldn't care less about the star golfers, though, especially since Tiger Woods isn't there because he has a dentist's appointment. Nobody cares "...

how Jimmy Walker handles his emotions around the greens," as was said in a promo. Most viewers tune in to see the celebs: Buster Posey up close and out of character; what antics comedian Bill Murray has in store; Ray Romano, just because everybody loves him.

These special exhibitions aren't going anywhere, things are only expanding. They're already playing MLB games in Japan and Australia (do they run the bases backwards down under?), and NFL games in London. These things provide tremendous opportunities for the promoters to milk the clock for a lot of extra-long timeouts to fit in two tons of commercials.

So you may as well stop texting on your new Sprint phone long enough to order NBA League Pass. Take a break from your Playstation and place your order on NBATickets.com and make your reservation at Hotels.com. Go out and buy yourself a new set of wheels so you can go to the game in style, but be sure to call State Farm or Progressive to get it insured. Don't forget to use your Degree dry spray deodorant before you head out. On your way, grab some Taco Bell and a Gatorade to wash it down.

From here, we're thinking of hobbling over to Foot Locker for a new pair of sneakers, so maybe everybody will think that pops has hops. ★



# CORK & FORK

## “Cork & Fork” Event Raises Money to Support Local Children and Families

Rancho Cordova’s premier event, “Cork & Fork”, is scheduled to take place on Friday, March 13th 2015 from 6:30 – 9:00pm at the Sacramento Marriott Rancho Cordova. This event is one of the key fundraisers for the significant work of the Folsom Cordova Community Partnership (The Partnership). They provides a wide variety of programs targeted at reducing the risk of child abuse and neglect as well as impacting generational cycles of poverty. Each year, The Partnership provides parent education and support, safe youth activities, employment services and safety-net services to over 5,000 children, youth and adults in our local community. It provides a wide range of services in one place to best serve families through a Family Resource Center environment.

This event will take place at the Sacramento Marriott in Rancho Cordova on March 13th, 2015 from 6:30p.m. - 9:00p.m.

“Cork & Fork” will be an evening of wine from around the region along with gourmet food tastings from many of the area’s best-known restaurants and caterers. A sampling of featured restaurants and wineries includes; Dickey’s BBQ Pit, Barsetti’s Vineyards, Grace’s Vineyards, Mint’s Euro-Asian Cuisine, and Costa Vida. The event also features live music and a spectacular silent auction presented by Pacific Auction Company that will showcase a variety of desired items ranging from fine art, golf packages, exotic getaways, unique home décor and more. Additionally, this year’s Best of the Best in Rancho Cordova will be honored by the Cordova’s Choice Awards. The Cordova’s Choice Awards is sponsored by the Grapevine Independent, a local community newspaper serving Rancho Cordova.

### Goals of “Cork & Fork” Event:

- Support the Partnership’s goal to build a strong community of children, youth, and families
- Bring together like-minded community members and socially conscious businesses
- Generate awareness about the programs and resources the Partnership provides
- Raise money to support the mission of the Folsom Cordova Community Partnership

You can partner with the Folsom Cordova Community Partnership in supporting and empowering children and families in our local community by purchasing tickets for “Cork & Fork” and enjoying an evening of delightful food, wine and entertainment.

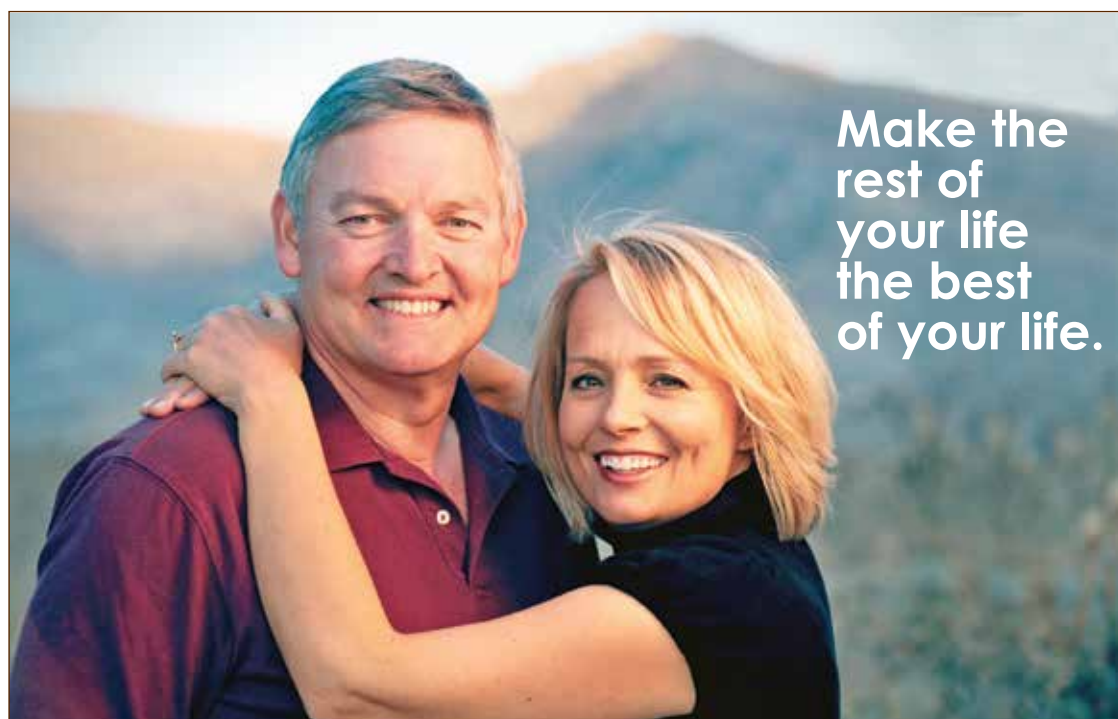
Tickets are \$25.00 per person in advance or \$40.00 at the door.

Event sponsorships are also available.

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