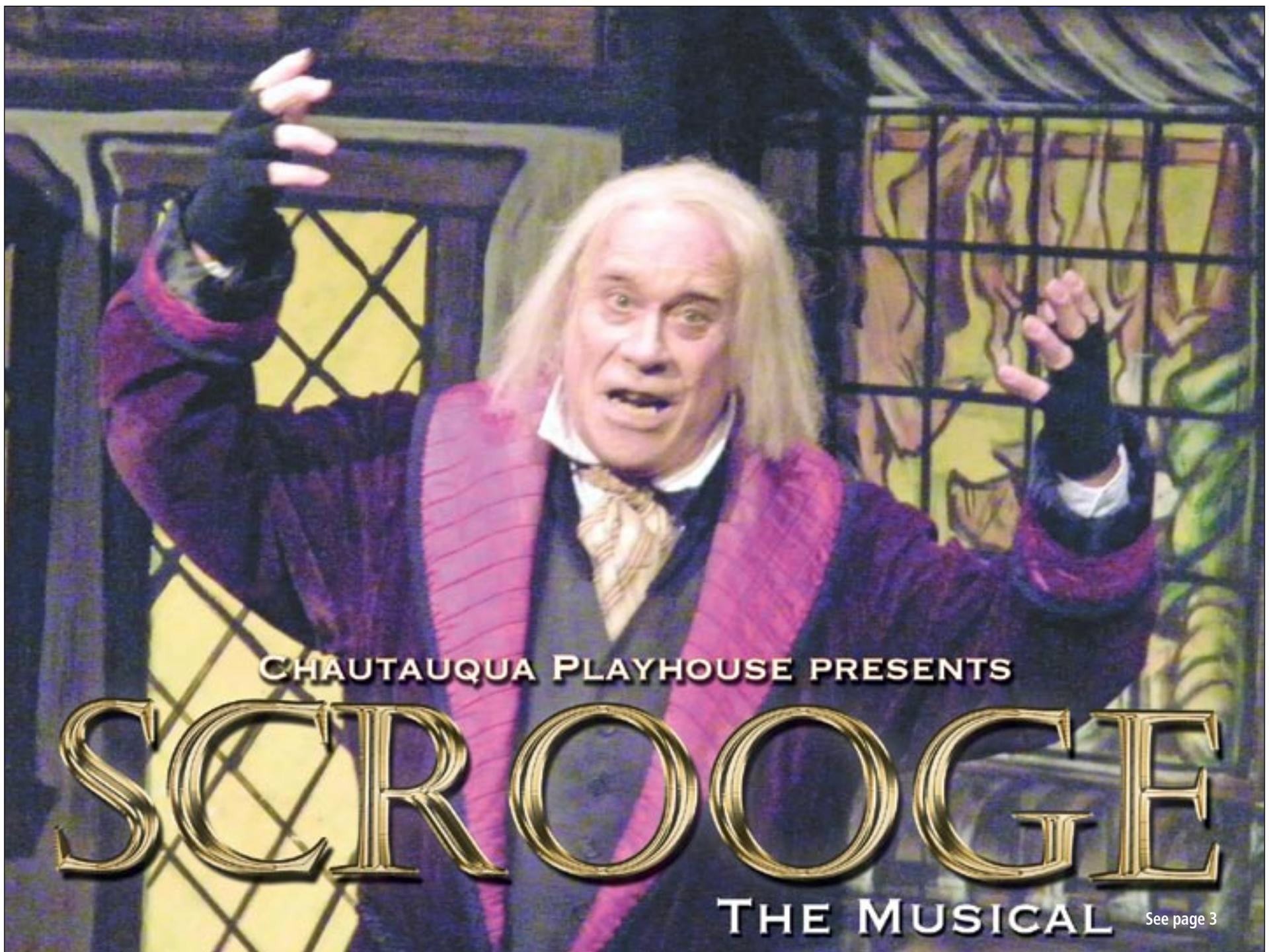


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Deer frolic at Effie Yeaw

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A family of deer frolicked through the riverbanks at the Effie Yeaw Nature Preserve on the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 7.



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Chautauqua Playhouse presents Scrooge, the musical

Northern California's favorite holiday musical, Scrooge, will be presented at the Chautauqua Playhouse, 5325 Engle Road in the La Sierra Community Center in Carmichael. Scrooge will open with a performance at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4 and will continue to play on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Dec. 23. Additional performances will be held on the evenings of Monday Dec. 21 at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 8 p.m. and Wednesday Dec. 23 at 8 p.m.(closing). Admission is \$15 general and \$10 for children age 12 and under. Visit the theatre website at www.cplayhouse.org for ticket information and reservations or call the Chautauqua Playhouse at 916-489-7529. Group rates are available.

The original production of Scrooge opened in 1978 in Cal Expo's Golden Bear Playhouse, directed by Gary McFadyen and featuring Rodger Hoopman as Scrooge. Since then, Scrooge has played each holiday season to enthusiastic audiences throughout Northern California.

With Rodger Hoopman in the title role for his 37th year, the current production of Scrooge, directed by Warren Harrison (who has been with the production for 21 years) will feature a company of local favorites including Chris Lamb, Karen Sandoval, Jerold

McFatter, Jon Jackson and many other local actors.

Sacramento Bee Arts Critic Robert Masullo wrote: "His Scrooge is singular. He's irascible, inarticulate and mean. Nevertheless and remarkably, he creates something close to sympathy for Scrooge."

Bee Arts critic Alfred Kay scribed... "like Carol Channing as Dolly Levi or Yul Brynner as the King of Siam, the local director and actor has made the role his own. He handles it with a depth of fury and bitterness that makes you wonder how Bob Cratchit ever showed up for work."

Sacramento Union critic Richard Simon wrote: "Hoopman has polished his conception of Scrooge so the character glows with a patina akin to that of rubbed mahogany. He makes his points both as the misanthrope and miser of Christmas eve and the philanthropist of Christmas day with utmost simplicity and directness of speech and gesture."

Patricia Beach Smith, Bee Arts Critic, said: "Rodger Hoopman, as the unlikable yet redeemable title character, was a convincing Scrooge in a tour de force part, honed over many years of practice. His transformation from a persnickety old money-grabber to a generous, almost giddy everybody's uncle, proved his mettle."



Rodger Hoopman as Scrooge.

The production includes an original musical score by Hoopman and Rob Knable (with additional music and lyrics by Warren Harrison) which "weaves about a dozen clever songs through the threads of the original story...making the holiday musical a delight." (Joanne Burkett, Roseville Press Tribune).

"The set captures Dickens' time, place and ambiance. The narrow hous-

es line a narrow street, and though they are rendered on flat canvas, the scene evokes the comforting feeling of an advent calendar and makes one want to open the small windows for the prizes within." (Alfred Kay, Sacramento Bee)

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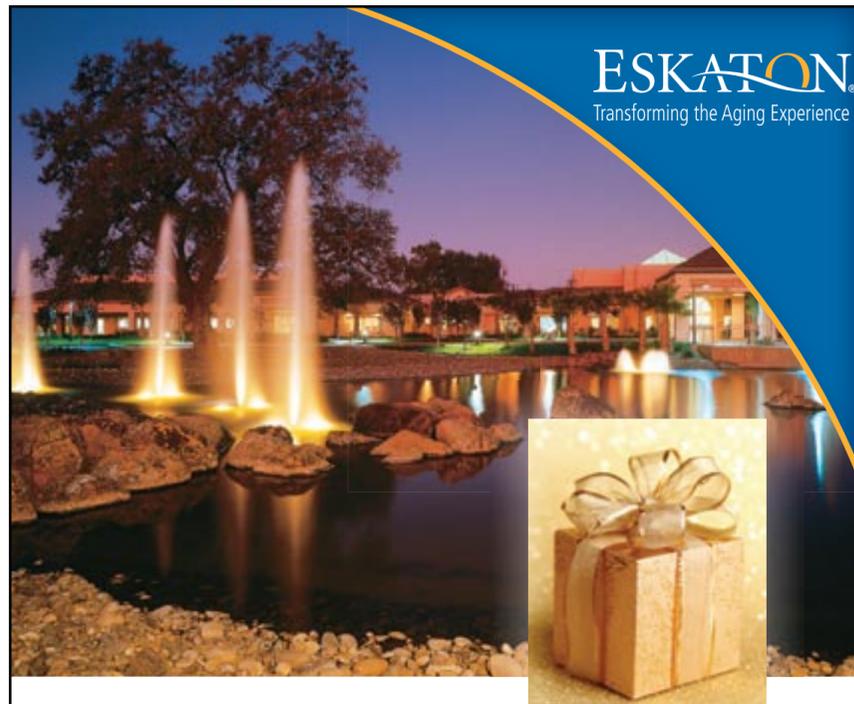
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Free holiday concert set for Dec. 7

Enjoy music from Mozart to Gershwin with a little Sousa in between at Sacramento Concert Band's free Holiday Concert on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at Christ Community Church, 5025 Manzanita Ave. in Carmichael. The Sacramento Concert Band, a community band under the direction of Grant Parker, is embarking on its 48th season. After intermission and a raffle for homemade teddy bears and wall hangings, jump into the holiday spirit when you hear season favorites such as "Fantasy on a Bell Carol," "The Christmas Song" (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire), and "Sleigh Ride". The concert is free of charge, but donations to feed the hungry will be accepted.

The Sacramento Concert Band is sponsored by the San Juan School District and is composed of members of the community who enjoy playing and performing in the Sacramento area. There are almost 50 musicians in the band ranging in age from 27 to 88. The band was formed in 1969 and is known for the quality of its performances and for playing a wide variety of music. Some of the musicians have been with the band since it was formed.

Conductor Grant Parker is chair of the music department at Cosumnes River College where he teaches music theory, history, and musicianship. He has conducted the Sacramento Concert Band since 1990 and says that, "Nothing pleases the musicians more than having a large enthusiastic audience."

The playlist for the concert includes: "The Symphonic Gershwin," "King Cotton," "The Marriage of Figaro," "The Magnificent Seven," and "Yosemite Autumn". Holiday music will feature: "A Fireside Christmas," "Bethlehem Triptych," "It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas," "Fantasy on a Bell Carol," "Sleigh Ride," "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," and "The Christmas Song".

Buy See's Candy, benefit local women and children

For the ninth straight year, Soroptimist International of Sacramento, Inc. (service club for business and professional women) will be raising money by selling See's Candy to fund its service programs.

The Soroptimist club's store will be located at 2545 Fair Oaks Blvd. (in Loehmann's Plaza, next to Jack's Urban eats); and will feature a broad selection of See's prepackaged candy. The candy will be sold at regular See's candy retail prices and all the profits from the store will fund Soroptimist programs to assist at-risk women and children.

This year, the club's major projects are Junior Achievement, which prepares youth to be productive members of society, and the Sunburst Project, which helps women with HIV to have healthy babies. Other programs being helped by the candy sales will be scholarships and grants to young women in the Sacramento area, aid to My Sister's House and other programs that assist at-risk women and children.

Members of the public are encouraged to come by the store to do their holiday candy shopping. The store will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., seven days a week from Dec. 1 until Dec. 24, and will be staffed entirely by Soroptimist member volunteers.

Soroptimist International of Sacramento was established here in Sacramento in 1923, and it is part of a world-wide federation of service clubs whose mission is to improve the lives of women and children.



Photo courtesy Rebuilding Together Sacramento
Rebuilding Together Sacramento volunteer installer Sandy Hanson works on putting in a grab bar at a local senior's home.

Rebuilding Together Sacramento offers program to create safe and healthy homes

Free repairs, grab bars and safety aids available for low-income homeowners

Nearly 57 percent of the current housing stock in Sacramento is over 30 years old and 76,000 homes are considered substandard. Thousands of residents in our region struggle financially and physically, making it difficult to pay for basic life necessities, with often nothing left to pay for home maintenance or modifications. Many of these residents are seniors or adults with disabilities, who are at additional risk due to multiple safety and health hazards in their older homes.

"We believe that all homeowners should live in a safe, comfortable and efficient house," says David Grantham, Safe at Home program manager with Rebuilding Together Sacramento. "Our Safe at Home program helps residents age safer at home, by installing safety and accessibility features, such as grab bars and shower and bath aids. These kinds of simple and often low-cost home safety modifications can reduce falls by 50% and also help to increase their physical independence," he adds.

Falls in the home are a critical health concern in the U.S., with one in three persons 65 and older experiencing a fall every year – with 50 percent of these falls occurring in the home. In 2004, fall-related injuries among Californians age 60 and older required al-

most 80,000 hospitalizations at an average cost of over \$40,000 per hospitalization.

Rebuilding Together's Safe at Home program includes an initial assessment of the home to identify environmental risk factors for falls, such as a lack of bathroom grab bars or stair rails, slippery rugs or needed repairs to improve safety or mobility for the homeowner. Trained and fully insured volunteer teams perform the repairs or safety modifications, under the supervision of a licensed contractor. The Safe at Home program is available for free to qualified low-income households, and is available for a reasonable fee for those above the income guidelines.

There are thousands of people living in unsafe housing in our communities. You can also join the effort to create safe and healthy homes by becoming a Rebuilding Together volunteer. Skilled and unskilled volunteers can participate in our Safe at Home programs or other programs at Rebuilding Together.

Rebuilding Together Sacramento is a nonprofit that preserves and revitalizes homes and communities to ensure that people who are low-income, elderly, disabled or families with children, live independently in comfort and safety. For more information on our Safe at Home program, contact 455-1880. If you are interested in being a Rebuilding Together volunteer, please contact David Grantham at 455-1880 ext. 3.

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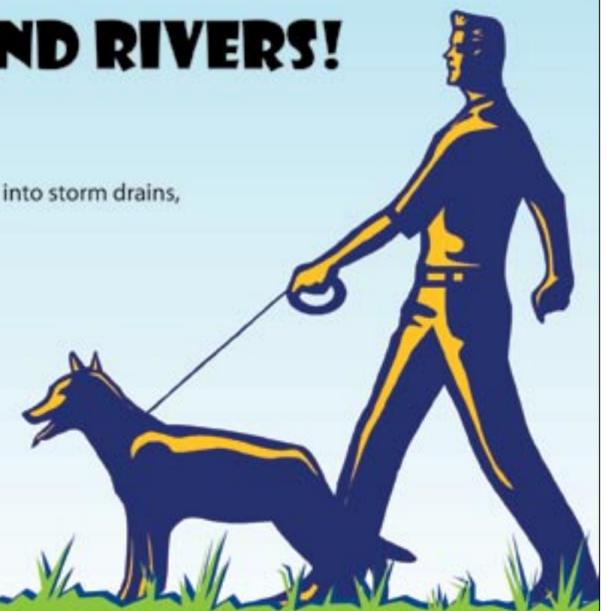
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Matias Bombal's Hollywood

Spotlight

The MPAA has rated this R

Open Road Films offers "Spotlight" with an all star cast, bringing to the screen to the 2001 investigation of the Boston Catholic Diocese by the Boston Globe Newspaper's "Spotlight" department. Specifically, they were uncovering the abuse of children by priests within the diocese. As they began to dig further into the

story, it became apparent that this issue was not limited to handful of priests, but a much larger amount. They also uncovered an almost more worrisome aspect, the fact that this activity had been covered up by more than just the church, but by the majority of the Boston community.

Cardinal Law of Boston is evasive at best when asked about the issue. The Globe's new editor, Marty Baron, played by Liev Schreiber, has a meeting to see how the investigation is going. The reporters assembled on the "Spotlight" team include Walter Robinson (Michael Keaton), Ben Bradlee, Jr. (John Slattery of "Mad Men" fame), Sacha Pfeiffer (Rachel McAdams) and dynamic Mike Rezendes



Elizabeth Banks gets Jennifer Lawrence ready for her big conclusion- Photo: Murray Close- Lionsgate

(Mark Ruffalo) who found with this material for the story.

This movie is an intense study of journalists searching for truth with an uncomfortable story. The performances are all top notch. There is not one dull moment on screen. It commands your complete attention. The excellent writing and direction from Tom McCarthy combined with these fine players is a joy to behold and great movie making. Mike Rezendes

gets a top lawyer working with the victims, Mitchell Garabedian, played by the brilliant Stanley Tucci, to help him out discretely with key information.

I would be very surprised if this movie does not find some nominations from The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. This is time well spent with a terrific cast.

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2

The MPAA has rated this PG-13

At last, the thrilling conclusion to the long running series of dystopian Sci-Fi movies comes to a close with "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2" from Lionsgate. You may see it in either IMAX or standard presentations. We finally find out what will happen to Katniss Everdeen as realized on the screen by Jennifer Lawrence. If you think I'll give it away here, I am sorry to disappoint you, that would not be fair. I may relate that the saga continues right where it left off, just like a classic matinee serial of the past, but instead of coming back to the theater each week, the studio has staggered the release of each episode to fully wet your appetite for more.

The cast, which photographed both of the "Mockingjay" episodes at one time, includes Josh Hutcherson,

Liam Hemsworth, Woody Harrelson, Julianne Moore, Jeffery Wright, Stanley Tucci, Elizabeth Banks, and 1970's screen legend Donald Sutherland as President Snow. I must admit, due to the nature of the original principal photography being done all at one time, to see Philip Seymour Hoffman on screen, just as present as the rest of the cast stands out since he has now been dead for more than a year. The audience reaction when he first appears on screen is palpable.

Director Francis Lawrence then takes us through the final installment of the characters created by Suzanne Collins. Katniss tries to form an army from the beleaguered districts that surround the Capitol to go get her man, President Snow. Eager to be at the forefront to let not get in the way of her quest, she gets an unexpected setback, as President Alma Coin (Julianne Moore) finds she and her team more valuable for national morale as media figures. We've seen how Katniss usually lets nothing get in her way in that regard, so she'll not disappoint.

This is the most violent of the series, and dark. Not only in theme, but in the case of the on screen image. This was further compounded in my particular advance screening of this picture as the auditorium

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Dyer-Kelly students visit orchard, learn about agriculture

A student reaches for persimmons in a tree. On a recent Thursday afternoon, fifth graders from Dyer-Kelly Elementary School enjoyed lunch sitting atop a hill in the middle of a mandarin orchard.

It was a far cry from the gritty Arden Arcade neighborhood most of them call home. In this Newcastle orchard, the air was quiet, the view full of horses and hills, the fruit so fresh it still hung from the tree. The winding road that brought them there carried them past expensive ranch homes in a bucolic setting most students had never seen.

"Are we in Beverly Hills?" one student asked.

Instead, the students were in Newcastle, visiting the Twin Peaks Orchard as part of a program sponsored by the California Rangeland Trust and Raley's. The "Where Your Food Grows & Grazes" program provides trips to cattle ranches, farms and dairies with the goal of teaching students about agriculture, conservation, nutrition and healthy lifestyles.

"The purpose for these trips, from my perspective, is to provide an opportunity to take students out to places that they may never get the chance to visit," said Randy Gustavus, corporate and community relations manager for the California Rangeland Trust. "I know there are a lot of field trips to parks, capital buildings and historic sites, but our country was founded by people like these ranchers, who possessed a pioneer spirit, and I would love to know that we influenced some of these students to keep alive this same spirit and desire."

Students hold out their hands for pomegranate seeds. At Twin Peaks Orchard, students were delighted to try fruits that were new to many of them, including guavas, pomegranates and three varieties of persimmons. They took careful notes as Camelia Miller, whose family owns and runs Twin Peaks, spoke about the fruits and about caring for the orchards that produce them. Students learned about pruning, the importance of eating fresh and local fruit and the farming lifestyle. They also picked mandarins off trees and selected pomegranates and persimmons to take home to their families.

"I just think it's so important for kids to be exposed to this," Miller said.

She said she was impressed by the students' curiosity and how much they already knew. The increasingly pervasive conversation in Sacramento about food literacy and eating local is "starting to hit home," she said.

Before heading back to school, the students stopped by a Raley's in Loomis that sells Twin Peaks' fruit. During a tour of the store, they learned



Photos courtesy of SJUSD
Shown here are students from Dyer-Kelly who visited Twin Peaks Orchard.

more about fresh fruit and vegetables; the company's sustainability efforts; and job opportunities in the grocery business.

Reflecting on the day, many students said they had never been to a ranch like Twin Peaks. They hadn't wandered through rows of carefully lined trees, ridden a tractor or chased free-range chickens.

"My favorite part was picking our fruit because you get to go out and experience what you actually eat every day," said Elizabeth Rodas, 10.

A student picks a mandarin off a tree. Michael Tudrau, also 10, said he learned about "how (the farmers) produce the food" and keep their orchards healthy.

"You have to take very good care of your plants," echoed Paige Tolleson. "You have to make sure that it gets sun and water."

Paul Garcia, a fifth-grade teacher at Dyer-Kelly, said his students were proud to bring fresh fruit home to their families, and have been talking about the importance of eating healthy food since returning from the trip. The experience helped open their eyes to possibilities in life if they work hard, he said.

"I think that for many of our students it was really empowering for them to just be out of their small neighborhood," Garcia said.

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A Celebrity Spelling Bee is a fundraising event, which was held on Nov. 19, full of spelling (and misspelling!) to benefit Reading Partners Sacramento. Each team had a sponsor representative, local celebrity and Reading Partners tutor. With audience support, each team battles it out to see which can win the spelling bee title! Celebrities have an opportunity to fundraise for a "save" if they get a word wrong and can ask the audience to offer a "life line" for \$50 to spell the word for

them. The winner was Team Jumanji with the word "mezzanine!"

With ticket sales, fund-raised passes, sponsorships, the chance auction and donations on site, we raised a total of \$21,000 for students in Sacramento. Around 150 of our supporters attended the event and the food was catered by one of our community partners, Old Soul Co. It was held at the Center at 2300 (2300 Sierra Blvd).

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Sac State to build a \$91 million science facility

By **DIXIE REID**
Special to the Arden-Carmichael News

Sacramento State will begin construction in spring 2017 on Science II, a state-of-the-art education building with cutting-edge teaching labs for the Biology and Chemistry departments. The California State University Board of Trustees approved the \$91 million project on Wednesday, Nov. 18.

"We are grateful to CSU's Board of Trustees for their approval of Sac State's new Science II building," President Robert S. Nelsen says. "The new building will provide much-needed lab space and classrooms in fields where we are critically short on space. Today is a great day for our students and faculty."

Sac State officials plan to issue a request for qualifications on Dec. 1, seeking applications from professionals with experience in developing science buildings. They hope to enter into a contract with a design-build team next spring, says Victor Takahashi, director of Facilities, Planning and Construction Services. The University will break ground on Science II by April 2017.

Plans are to build Science II on a current parking lot adjacent to the Hornet Bookstore and near the University Union.

"Our current science facilities are outdated and deteriorating," says Jill Trainer, dean of the College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics (NSM). "We need a new building to ensure safety and the ability to offer a modern curriculum."

"A modern design will create informal, collaborative spaces to support our students' needs to study, conduct group work, and interact with faculty outside of class. The building will be designed to bring faculty and student research into the heart of our everyday activity," she says.

Science II is the second project of the Campus Master Plan to get underway. Construction continues on Student Housing II, a 416-bed residence hall that will become an important component of the North Housing Village. The first student-occupants will move in just in time for the Fall 2017 semester.

Also in the works is a 62,000-square-foot addition to the University Union. Construction is expected to begin in January 2017. About the same time, University officials plan to break ground on an 1,800-space parking structure for the north end of campus.

Sequoia Hall, the current home of much of NSM, will be renovated to centralize and modernize laboratory space for the Natural Sciences departments.

Two Sacramento legislators who have supported Sacramento State's efforts to build a state-of-the-art science facility shared their congratulations on the project's approval.

"I applaud the CSU's Board of Trustees approval to fund a new science building for Sacramento State," Assemblymember Kevin McCarty says. "In a recent tour of Sequoia Hall, I saw firsthand the aging infrastructure that many of our STEM-major students use each day to achieve their academic goals. With this vote, future students will have access to a state-of-the-art science facility that will improve the quality of education at Sacramento State."

State Sen. Richard Pan adds: "As a physician who majored in science in college, I know how important it is for science education to have facilities that are able to teach the most advanced information possible. ... I am thrilled to hear that the funding has been approved for a very much-needed facility at Sac State. Science II will be a beacon to attract top students entering the STEM field. In addition, Science II will encourage youth to have the opportunity in Sacramento to learn through top-notch courses in STEM and health-related majors."

To our readers:

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season, filled with joy and happiness. If you have children or grandchildren who are writing their wishlist for Christmas, send a copy to editor@valcomnews.com and we will print them in a "Letters to Santa" special section. Letters will run in the Dec. 10 issues of the Arden-Carmichael News. Send a photo of your little one along with the wishlist (not to exceed four wishes). Ages 5 to 10 only please. Deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 2.

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Shown here is the beautiful foliage at Sutter-Jensen Community Park. Much of the area has been kept up and weeded through by wonderful volunteers in the community.



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Sutter-Jensen Community Park features new improvements

The Carmichael Recreation and Park District showcased a brand new trail enhancement at Sutter-Jensen Community Park, a smooth new trail walkway on Saturday, Nov. 21. The walkway connects three separate sites, the Charles C. Jensen Botanical Gardens, Garfield House and Sutter Park. Part of the District's Master Plan since 2008, and incorporated into a site master plan in 2011, this project was completed as part of a partnership with the Carmichael Recreation and Park District and PreserveSutterJensen.org. The improvements are scheduled to occur in several phases. A large portion of phase one entailed adding a new concrete trail walkway that winds through and connects all three sites proving access to areas previously inaccessible to the community. In total, the three separate sites sit on 19.6 acres of land.

The new trail walkway is 8 feet wide and about one quarter of a mile in length, with new handicapped parking access at both ends. The trail winds through beautiful olive and oak groves and is a great way to get out and experience the Sutter-Jensen Community Park in its entirety. The park district gave special thanks to supporters of the project, including PreserveSutterJensen.org, Baker Williams Engineering Group, Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association and the Carmichael Recreation and Park District Foundation. For more information, visit carmichaelpark.com or call 485-5322.

Background

The volunteer group Friends of Jensen Botanical Garden was asked by the Carmichael Recreation and Park District to restore/rejuvenate Charles C. Jensen Botanical Garden and since January 2004, when FJBG went into action, the volunteers have logged more than 6,051 hours clearing ivy, privets and bramble, replanting existing beds, adding a few new beds, installing 11 new metal benches and two wheelchair accessible picnic tables. Since December 2005, they have planted more than 6,000 tulip bulbs.

In an interview with this publication back in 2013, volunteer Pat Rhine, said Jensen Garden is "a peaceful, lovely place that many can enjoy." Rhine said plants were chosen to augment what survived from Mr. Jensen's time and to add to what CRPD has planted over the years. Then there's the 'wow' factor of 6,000 tulips that compliment the design of each bed. Other plants are chosen for their yearlong color and others for their more tactile and fragrant attributes. All, in all, it goes back to keeping with the rustic tradition set by Mr. Jensen.

According to the website, the 3-and-a-half-acre garden was, from 1958 until 1976, the property and master work of Charles C. Jensen. Shortly after his retirement as a produce buyer, Mr. and Mrs. Jensen moved from their home in Oakland to their property in Carmichael.

According to the website, they made many trips to Oakland to bring back



Photo by Sharlene Lal-Hernandez

Shown here are members from the community, who have been actively involved in creating the beautiful pathway at Sutter-Jensen Park in Carmichael, from left to right: Amanda Ness (Co-President Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association), Keith Maddison (Parks Services Manager, Carmichael Recreation & Park District), Gayle Dax-Conroy (Board Member, Carmichael Recreation & Park District), Sandy Helland (Co-Chair of the Citizen Committee, PreserveSutterJensen.org), Sam Varner (Gateway Landscape Construction), Sacramento County Supervisor District 3 Susan Peters, Tarry Smith (District Administrator, Carmichael Recreation & Park District). There was a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 21 to celebrate the new path and the connection between Sutter Park and the Charles C. Jensen Botanical Garden.

plants and trees. The property already had oaks and Coast Redwoods and blackberry brambles. He gradually cleared the brambles. Then he began planting the many Magnolias, Azaleas, Dogwoods and Japanese Maples, which were some of the first plants brought from Oakland. Hybridizing, grafting and acquiring new varieties of plants, he built a garden that caught the eye of passersby. He especially enjoyed showing visitors around his garden and opened it to parties and weddings. He also sold plants from his lath house that was located near the Coast Redwoods. Many of his neigh-

bors built their gardens with plants from Mr. Jensen. After Jensen's death, a group of friends and fellow garden club members formed the Charles C. Jensen Botanical Garden, Inc. Committee to preserve the garden. Their fund raising efforts were successful and the garden became the property of the Carmichael Recreation and Park District in 1976. In January, 2004, the Carmichael Recreation and Park District called for volunteers to restore/rejuvenate the botanical garden. First that required removing knee deep ivy and unwanted tree seedlings.

Reviews:

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in the multiplex in which it was screened had a very dark image because the xenon projection lamp throwing the DCP, or Digital Cinema Package image to the screen was way past due in being replaced.

I was disappointed further that two of the key performers from earlier in the series, Stanley Tucci and Jeffrey Wright, both remarkable talents of the acting profession, were under used and appear only marginally. We'll have no way of knowing if they had greater participation in the first cut that was assembled of the movie which ran two hours and fifty-one minutes. The version I witnessed for this review has a running time of two hours and seventeen minutes, and that is what has been released.

Odd too that in the USA, this is being released as an IMAX experience and in standard screenings, yet internationally it will be in 3-D, the first film in the series in that format, except in the USA. This explains the composition of select shots of cinematographer Jo Willems camera set ups, which seem odd viewed in standard format but would likely be impressive in 3-D. I did see this with fans of the series who were heard in the lobby following the screening commenting about how some things were different from the book, but that

overall they were generally pleased. This last installment brings needed resolution, but did not, for a memorable movie, make.

Brooklyn

The MPAA has rated this PG-13

Fox Searchlight Pictures offer a sweet tale of an Irish immigrant of the 1950s with the movie "Brooklyn". Eilis (Saoirse Ronan) (pronounced Seer-sha) is the lovely young lady who is sent to the USA for a better life and opportunity than her small Irish town may provide. After barely surviving the crossing in steerage, an Irish Catholic priest in Brooklyn, Father Flood (Jim Broadbent), arranges for her to have work at a local department store where she's supervised by a tough floor-walker, Miss Fortini, played by "Mad Men's" Jessica Paré. She stays at boarding house for young Irish women in Brooklyn where her "green" big city life experience is mocked by two slightly older women than she, not unlike wicked step-sisters found in fairytales. Her stern landlady, Mrs. Kehoe (Julie Walters) offers moments of humor and help in her own way, which may charm you. Lonely in a new world, she writes regularly to her sister back home, a sister who doted over her more so that her own mother. Her sister had stayed behind to look after their mother.



Tony (Emory Cohen) falls for Irish girl Eilis (Saoirse Ronan) in Brooklyn. -FOX Searchlight Pictures

She begins to adapt to life in Brooklyn, and also attends classes in book-keeping. On her free evening she goes to a less than lively Irish dance. There, she is spotted by a passionate Italian-American, Tony (Emory Cohen), who becomes smitten with her. He tells her he has a thing for Irish girls. The two fall in love and the sweet romance of youth blossoms. Suddenly and without warning, Eilis is called over to see Father Flood who relays the news that her beloved sister has died. She longs to go back to her mother, but Tony is hesitant to let her go. Only if they marry before she de-

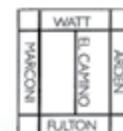
parts, will he accept her temporary departure. She agrees, and once back home, finds that she is needed. A local merchant needs a bookkeeper. A young rugby player, Jim Farrell (Domhnall Gleeson), catches her eye and she begins to see him, ignoring Tony's letters. What will she do?

This movie is beautiful. It takes its time to develop her story, is rich in detail and fine performance and well worth seeing. I did have trouble with the character of Eilis, as written, when she could not choose what she wanted, or at least, took a long time in coming to a decision. Ms. Ronan's face is

almost in every scene. Her luminous blue eyes light up the auditorium. Domhnall Gleeson is consistently good, but only in for short while as her second fling. Young Mr. Cohen as Tony has that old school sincerity that makes him totally believable. Wonderful Jim Broadbent has been one of my favorite English actors for the past 30 years. With his few scenes as Father Flood, he leaves memorable moments of kindness. This was adapted from a novel by Colm Tóibín, and Nick Hornby's screenplay is said to take a slight departure from the novel. This is a lovely, gentle way to enjoy another time and place.

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 Dec. 8, 10; Jan. 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14: All visits begin at 8:30 a.m. To schedule a visit please call 264-4350 x1001. All 6th grade students and their parents are invited to come explore the Sam Brannan campus, visit classrooms and meet our outstanding teachers and students. Plan to experience a day in the life of a Sam Brannan student. Come and see why Sam Brannan should be your choice for middle school! Sam Brannan Middle School is located at 5301 Elmer Way, 95822; Sambannan@scusd.edu

Balance, mobility and coordination
 Dec. 9: Learn a new way of thinking (the Alexander Technique) used to improve your balance, mobility, and coordination. This class is for English-speaking seniors who are able to sit, stand, and walk unassisted. Some floor work included. There will be hands-on guidance from the instructor. Dress comfortably. Pre-registration and pre-payment of \$54 required. No drop-in. Class will begin Wednesday, Oct. 7 through Dec. 9 from 6:30-8 p.m. at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City. For more details, call 393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.org.

Capitol Pops holiday concert
 Dec. 10: The Capitol Pops Concert Band wraps its 18th season with a free, open to the public holiday concert at 7 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 5811 Walnut Ave., in Orangevale. Under the baton of Director Kurt Pearsall, CPCB's one-hour performance will include traditional holiday favorites, seasonal musical hits and carols. Voice and instrumental soloists also will be featured in this family-friendly holiday event. Christ the King Lutheran Church is the band's rehearsal site. Attendees are invited to donate a new or gently used coat as part of the national One Warm Coat effort to provide coats to needy individuals throughout North America. The San Francisco-based organization has been organizing coat drives since 1992, donating more than 4 million coats since then and currently supporting more than 3,000 coat drives each year. Financial contributions to the program also will be accepted. For more information on the Capitol Pops, visit www.capitolpops.org or its Facebook page, or call (916) 725-5214.

Jingle bell run/walk
 Dec. 12: More than 750 people will bring holiday spirit to Sacramento on Saturday December 12th, when they "jingle all the way" to Crocker Park for

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the Arthritis Foundation's annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk event. This festive annual fundraiser aims to fight and cure arthritis, the nation's leading cause of disability. The annual holiday-themed event will start at 7:30 a.m. and will host walkers and runners alike donning their most festive apparel - everything from bells on shoelaces to full holiday costumes. This 5K is sure to spread smiles, holiday cheer and a winning spirit. Taking place in more than 100 cities across the country during the holiday season, the Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis raises funds to support the Arthritis Foundation's life-changing tools, resources, science and advocacy initiatives. To learn more and register for the Sacramento event, visit www.jbr.org/sacramento or contact the Arthritis Foundation at 916-368-5599. To learn more about the fight to conquer arthritis and the Jingle Bell Run/Walk, visit www.arthritis.org/JBR.

12th annual Nuts and Berries event to benefit Wildlife Care Association
 Dec. 13: The Wildlife Care Association's most important fundraising event, and a real good party, are coming up on Sunday, Dec. 13 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The event, the 12th annual Nuts and Berries at Lion's Gate Hotel, offers a special silent auction on holiday gift certificates starting at \$10 up to international travel and camera safari trips all to benefit wildlife care. There will be a silent auction, gift shop, hors d'oeuvres, educational presentations, raffle and a no-host bar. Get your photo taken with an ambassador animal. \$15 at the door; kids

get in free. Everyone welcome. McClellan Park, 3410 Westover St. Advance tickets are available at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2395941.

Sacramento Symphonic Winds, a 60-piece symphonic band presents "Winds of Change"
 Dec. 20: Bring the entire family to this extraordinary concert season entitled "Winds of Change" at the Crowne Plaza Northeast. The Sacramento Symphonic Winds is a 60-piece adult symphonic band conducted by Dr. Les Lehr who is retiring after this season, and guest conductor Timothy M. Smith. Selections during the season will include Chorale and Shaker Dance by John Zdechlik, Pas Redouble by Camille Saint-Saens, A Christmas Festival by Leroy Anderson, La Fiesta Mexicana by Alfred Reed, American in Paris by George Gershwin, Irish Tune by Percy Grainger, and more! Show starts at 2:30 p.m. at Crowne Plaza Northeast, 5321 Date Ave. Tickets are sold at the door. Children 10 and under Free; Student/ Senior (65+) \$10; General \$15. Contact number is 489-2576; www.sacwinds.org;

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Crowne+Plaza+95841>

Ring joyous bells!
 Dec. 20: The holiday season provides an opportunity to help others at 4 p.m. with an afternoon of traditional holiday music as celebrated by Bel Tempo, a community handbell choir sponsored by Northminster Presbyterian Church. This year's concert benefits the Sacramento Children's Home, a nonprofit agency dedicated to caring for our community's most vulnerable children and families. The concert is a holiday tradition for music lovers of all ages. "Ring Joyous Bells!" will feature traditional and Latin carols. In addition to handbell music, Bel Tempo will be joined by a soloist on English horn and a variety of percussion instruments. Audience members will have a chance to try their skills with hand chimes and join in carol sing-alongs. Northminster is located at 3235 Pope Avenue. The afternoon of music is free. A freewill offering will be taken at the end of the concert with all donations going to benefit the Sacramento Children's Home. For more information, call (916) 487-5192 or visit northminsteronline.org.

Casa Gardens Craft Show

Handcrafted only craft show
 November 30th - December 4th, 2015
 11am - 3:00 pm daily

Bring an unwrapped toy for the Sacramento Children's Home
 2760 Sutterville Road - Sacramento
 Consider making a reservation for the Casa Restaurant - 452-2809

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The Folsom Symphony
 Peter Ja?e, Music Director & Conductor

MASTERPIECES
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015 7:30 PM

Copland: Fanfare for the Common Man
 Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 1
 Musorgsky/Ravel: Pictures at an Exhibition

with Alon Goldstein, piano
"Goldstein poured out crisp, strongly etched torrents of bravura chordal runs and passionate lyrical song."
 - Chicago Sun-Times

Harris Center for the Arts
 Three Stages at Folsom Lake College
 10 College Parkway, Folsom, CA 95630
 Visit www.folsomsymphony.com
 or call 916-608-6888 for ticket information

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Our 37th Year ~ Over 150 Crafters

Friday, Dec. 4 5 - 9 p.m. (\$5.00 at door)
 Saturday, Dec. 5 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Free)
 Sunday, Dec. 6 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Free)

St. John the Evangelist School
 5701 Locust Avenue - Carmichael, CA 95608

2016 annual Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Sacramento Chapter, Crab and Spaghetti Feed; January 30, 2016, 6 p.m., Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento, 95818. Doors open at 5 p.m. \$50, general ticket; \$10, ages 6 to 10; free, 5 and under. Please join us for all-you-can-eat food and fun with raffle prizes, games, and a performance by UC Davis's Bakuhatu Taiko Dan group. Contact Janice Luszczak (916) 903-6645 or janice.luszczak@gmail.com for tickets or information.

To the members of the 1966 class of C.K. McClatchy High School 50 year REUNION is in October 2016. We are looking for you, PLEASE contact us McClatchyreunion66@yahoo.com Facebook: McClatchy High school class of 1966

Crockett-Deane Ballet & Deane Dance Center present...
Nutcracker & Christmas Angels
 Saturday, Dec. 12th, 2 & 7 p.m.
 Sunday, Dec. 13th, 2 p.m.
 The Center 2300 Sierra Blvd, Sacramento \$15 Adults; \$12 Seniors/Students; \$10 Children (Saturday night add \$5 per ticket)
 (915) 453-0226 DeanDanceCenter.com

CALL AND PLACE YOUR EVENT TODAY!
 (916) 429-9901

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The Fulton Avenue Association • 9th Annual
 Visit Santa

HOLIDAY
 TREE LIGHTING 2015

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
 5:00PM FREE EVENT!

Coffee Cookies Cocoa Hot Dogs Chickin' Music & Entertainment Christmas Tree Raffle

Find our holiday schedule & directory at www.fultonavenue.com

Sacramento County Sheriff's Department
Toy Drive
 Bring a new, unwrapped toy for a child between the ages of 0 and 16 and get a FREE photo with Santa! All gifts will be given to children who reside in the Arden-Arcade area.

Food Drive
 Bring a can of food for the Arden Arcade Food Drive, and get a FREE photo with Santa!

At FULTON AVENUE

Visit CallSara.com to Search for Properties and Open Houses

Craftsman Bungalow



2815 21st Street \$475,000

Original 1910 built-ins, plate rail and cove ceiling. Spacious floor plan with 3rd bedroom upstairs and a lofty feel. Hardwood floors, updated baths and basement. Large lot w/garden boxes, detached garage and small shed. Great front porch and backyard deck.

This Could Be The One!



5501 80th Street \$249,000

Wonderful 3bed/2 bath home with 2 car garage. New central heat & air, freshly painted, built-in book cases, kitchen hardware, bathroom mirrors, master bath vanity & toilet. Well situated near dead end street and a cute, low maintenance back yard. Dual pane windows and fans in each room.

A '10' In Colonial Village!!



4990 Concord Road \$225,000

This fully remodeled gem is going to WOW you. Brand new kitchen boasting stylish quartz countertops, crisp white cabinets, updated bathroom, new flooring throughout, freshly painted with a 1 car garage and a ton of charm!

Exclusive, Gated & Loaded With Style



809 Still Breeze Way \$650,000

A Riverlake home that is the perfect floor plan, has extensive upgrades & boasts designer colors, custom cabinetry, new water heater, new flooring, window coverings & more. Part of a private community with access to a lake, beaches & picnic areas. List of upgrades available.

Randy Parks Home



3114 Ellington Cir \$319,000

Just painted interior and only needs a few minor updates to make it WOW. Park Hills Estates is a quiet neighborhood with lots of charm. Hardwood floors, upstairs loft style bedroom, private backyard w/many fruit/ citrus trees.



Pending Properties

Cute, Quaint And New!



4817 78th Street
\$215,000

Great Investment!



736 Las Palmas
\$125,000

Arden Manor Home



1507 Gladstone Drive
\$249,500

Colonial Village



5370 Priscilla
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