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## Neighbors and community come together over the old vacant IGA market

By **MONICA STARK**  
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Camelot Realty: Moved. Brickhouse Oven Pizza: Gone. Erawan Thai Restaurant: Moved. The dry cleaners: Gone? Highlander: Gone. While the list continues, the biggest blow to the South Hills Shopping Center since earlier this year: Vic's IGA. Things seem to be getting worse. Trash, mattresses and even couches have been found behind the center. And as vacancies at the shopping center mount, neighbors want to know what will become of the old grocery store? Because without a strong shopping center anchor, they fear problems will continue to get worse.

That outlook will not waver the neighborhood's dedication for preservation and revitalization, however.

"What makes Land Park and South Land Park special, as compared to places like Natomas, Elk Grove or Roseville, is the architecture," says neighbor Whitney Roberts Fong. "It seems like the residents recognize that when it comes to homes, but the commercial buildings don't seem to be as cherished. I also hope potential tenants recognize that our neighborhood has the potential to spend a ton there. It's such an underutilized space; we are all eager to see something great."

That vision of hope and passion for the shopping center floods South Land Park's NextDoor every few weeks, says South Land Park Neighborhood Association board member and secretary of the board Brian Ebbert. "It's interesting how passionate people are about their neighborhood market or lack of. The best case scenario is if the shopping center owners (there's three of them) put money into the property for quality tenants."



Photos by Monica Stark  
This couch and Starbucks coffee cup is just some of the trash behind the old Vic's IGA market.

Will that happen? Let's hope so.

In his opening remarks at a packed neighborhood meeting held at Giovanni's Pizza on Wednesday, Nov. 18, regarding South Hills, Sacramento City Councilmember Jay Schenirer said, "It's important to come together as a city. I am in this with you, but there are limits of the power of the city. As a representative of the city, I have no control of the abilities of the owners of the shopping center."

Schenirer told the 150 people in the crowd he can help with code enforcement and provide support to business owners, but that only goes so far as there is no more redevelopment money to help support tenants. "Small business owners who are interested in getting a response from the center's owners, there's not a whole lot I can do," he said.

Litter, peeling paint, graffiti – those are items where code enforcement can cite the owner,

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but even citing an owner can take five to seven years to get it to the point where the city can legally take actions. It's not some quick fix, city staff explained.

While Sacramento Police Captain Dave Peletta said crime has gone down 50 percent, after the meeting, Ebbert said, "our board was briefed that it was up 35 percent. Well, (Peletta) was talking about within the shopping center. But, that's because it's a ghost town and there's no one to rob." Ebbert added owners of the south portion hired a security company that helped reduced crime. They also added lighting in the parking lot.

To many people's displeasure, Schenirer told attendees the old Neptune's Table (also the Highlander, Red Rose restaurants) will soon get the wrecking ball. "It's not worth fixing. It's been there for a long time. Nothing at this point (is slated to replace it). The owners would wait for a tenant built to suit," he said after the meeting.

With a reported 13 vacancies throughout the shopping center, Schenirer explained that many parts of the building are damaged. "It's a fairly old site and particularly for ADA (Americans with Disabilities Acts upgrades) for new tenants --that would have to work out for ownership and the tenant. It may be prohibitive at some level."

The south property, Ebbert said, including the post of-

fice was put up for sale for a couple million dollars and there were no takers. "Maybe because that property as a center needs to be bought up by one entity so that it can be a uniform upgrade, so to speak."

While there are no plans for anything specific at this point for the old grocery store, the city wants neighbors to know that they will continue to reach out to the property owners regarding finding a replacement anchor tenant. The city has contacted the property owners and they've also reached out to Trader Joe's (as have many readers).

But, as Dean Peckam, from the city's economic development department, told the crowd, "Trader Joe's has gone to high density infill markets in places like Chicago, Boston, New York City. They use the ground floor in mixed-use communities. Sacramento isn't on their radar. That's the reality."

However, TJ's hasn't said "yes" or "no" and the chain has a track record of reusing sites (unlike other bigger grocery stores). An added bonus: There's not a TJ's around the neighborhood and there's solid demographics to support the business.

With Raley's on Freepoint Boulevard soon to be expanding into the old Capital Nursery spot, Safeways on Alhambra Boulevard and 19th Street, the Grocery Outlet on Riverside Boulevard and the Smart and Final on Freepoint (near Florin Road), finding a grocer to go into the old Vic's

may be a tough sell to grocers, Peckam explained.

"(The grocery business) is a very difficult business," Schenirer said in a phone interview after the meeting. "I don't think the site is appropriate for a store like Nugget or Safeway, the large chains. The space is a little too small, but maybe we can get a neighborhood grocery store. We'll do outreach."

After the meeting, neighbor Gretchen Steinberg, president of Sacramento Modern, a nonprofit that advocates for preserving modern architecture and art, wrote Schenirer's office thanking them for the public meeting. In her letter she wrote that SacMod has been monitoring the center, participating in various public meetings and engaging in private discussions with other interested parties. She reminded staff of a list of potential markets that neighbors highlighted during discussions on what could fill the grocery store site.

"South Hills Shopping Center is a rare intact example of 'Google' architecture – a mid-20th century modern architecture style – and serves as a visual anchor to the South Land Park Hills neighborhood, which is also a rare and under-appreciated city of Sacramento asset."

"As the city of Sacramento focuses most of its attention on granting entitlements for new shopping centers, it is vitally important to remember our established ones. Legacy businesses generate civic pride and are part of our community."



Shown here is what the old Vic's IGA looks like now. There's a sign that reads: "New business underway. Watch for improvements." Some neighbors have complained about the green fencing that wraps around the storefront. They say it has created a dangerous area for pedestrians.

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Happy holidays from everyone here at Valley Community News.  
Sincerely,  
Monica Stark



## CKM Women's Tennis Comes So Close Again

When the CKM women's tennis team lost a heartbreaking match (5-4) at Benicia High last year to come in second in the CIF Sacramento Division II sectional tournament, that seemed to be the school's best chance to win the section title for the next few years. At the start of the 2015 season, the team began without 6 of its top 7 players from that great 2014 team (five gone from graduation and one out from injury).

But the 2015 Lady Lions far exceeded expectations with hard work, strong par-

ent support, and team play. In non-conference dual matches, CKM knocked off Del Oro, Rocklin, Cosumnes Oaks, Franklin, and Rio Americano. In league play, CKM dominated with a 10-dual match record (winning 90 of 90 "match points" possible).

At the season-ending conference individual tournament, CKM qualified for all of the available postseason spots (Shirley Kwong and Daisy Lewis in singles, and Catherine Kong, Robyn Noguchi, Kylea Wong and

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Clara Ginnell in doubles). Freshman Daisy Lewis "blossomed" at the Metro tournament. She entered the singles draw unseeded because of her spot as the #7 player for the Lions. But in her second and third rounds she upset the #2 seed (by a 6-2, 6-0 score) and the #3 seed (coming back from a 4-6, 2-5 deficit), respectively. Daisy's sophomore teammate, Shirley Kwong (seeded #1 in the conference) qualified easily by rolling through her three rounds without coming close to losing a set.

In the team playoffs, CKM received the 2nd seed in the draw, based on its impressive season. And the Lions lived up to that ranking by first beating Bella Vista 5-4 in a suspenseful match that spanned two days. Then the Lions replicated its early season victory over Rio Americano with another 5-4 win in the playoff semifinal round. But the dream journey finally came to an end at Cosumnes Oaks High, where the 4th seeded team upset CKM 5-4 to take the section title.

Juniors Bethany Gen and Clara Ginnell delivered clutch performances in the two playoff wins by winning in doubles to secure the decisive 5th point in the team score. And Gen/Ginnell did their part to keep the Lions in the hunt against Cosumnes Oaks by getting their third playoff win. Sophomore Debby He and senior Taylor Goto were likewise stellar by sweeping all three of their postseason doubles matches in straight

sets. Sophomore Taylor Ishida chipped in with her own big comeback (down 2-5 in her first set of the #3 singles match in the semi with Rio Americano) that enabled the killer doubles teams to close out Rio.

Despite the disappointment of another 2nd-place finish in the section, the 2015 team enjoyed tremendous respect from schools around the region. The 2015 Lions carried only a few starters from the 2014 squad, but the challenge did not faze them. The fun-filled (and work-filled) season was the farewell chapter for some revered starting seniors (Rachel Wagner; Catherine Kong; Robyn Noguchi, and Taylor Goto) and one

foreign exchange student (Julia Schwarzenberger).

But the 2016 team will enjoy a solid core of returning starters (Shirley Kwong; Taylor Ishida; Kylea Wong; Daisy Lewis; Clara Ginnell; Bethany Gen; Gigi Castaneda; and Debby He. Sophomore Natalie Wong (who played #5 singles in 2014) will be back from the knee surgery that forced her to miss all of 2015. The 2015 team also rostered a record 45 players, and many of these girls will add bite and roar for the 2016 Lions. Lastly, the dedicated and ubiquitous team mom, Kate Judson, has signed on for the 2016 campaign (along with all of the 2015 coaches).

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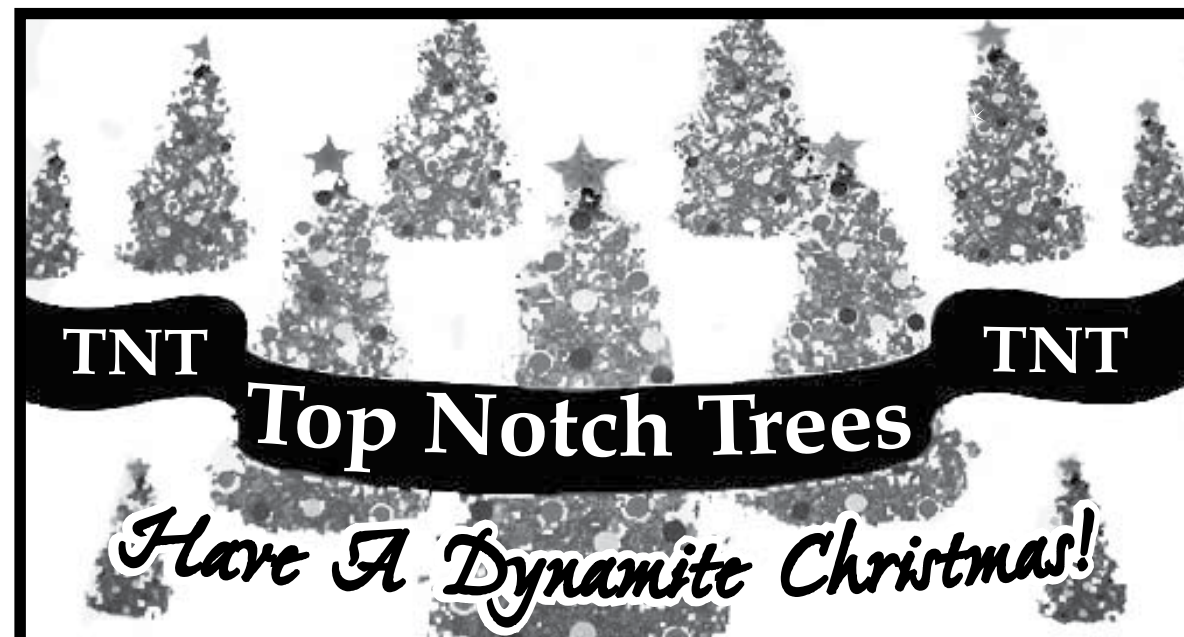
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# CKM Hall of Fame dinner deemed a "huge success"

The fourth C K McClatchy Hall of Fame dinner on Saturday, Oct. 24, was a huge success with more than 425 inductees, friends, family and alums attending. Twenty-nine athletes, two coaches, and two teams were inducted this year.

Over 60 McClatchy students from present sports teams participated as waiters, greeters, and helpers during the event held at the Asian Sports Foundation Hall. Chef Don Lee and his staff again put out an excellent dinner.

Highlights of the evening included the induction of the 1992-83 section championship boys basketball team, present McClatchy teacher and coach Malcolm Floyd, and former teacher and coach Harvey Tahara.

Twenty-fourteen Hall of Fame inductee Brian Bedford



(above left) Coach Harvey Tahara and 1992-93 Section Championship Basketball team. (above right) Inductees Tanisha Kemp, Robin Jury-Dobbel, Jennifer Kerns and Cristin Tahara-Martin.



Photos courtesy of Bob Sertich

ford introduced Tahara by pointing out that his teaching philosophy was not just about winning but helping teenagers become successful adults. Five former players are now coaches and teachers and each lauded Tahara for providing them with a successful teaching and coaching philosophy.

Other McClatchy teachers mentioned as mentors to the athletes included Shannon and Sean Padovan, Pat Honstein, Ellen Wong, and the late Mike Nishio. Athletes came from all across the U.S. for the event: Andre Speech-Charlotte, North Carolina, Tanisha Kemp-Balti-

more, Eric Harper-Dallas, and Mark Sprenger-Portland, Oregon.

Other 2015 Hall of Fame inductees included high school champions, Olympians, NCAA champions, high school and college All Americans, high school and college record setters, international competitors, and

successful businessmen and women.

A special thanks to Bob Sertich, McClatchy athletic director Rob Feikert, and the Restore the Roar Board members who actively participated in the event. Early estimates are that the event made over \$5,000 for the athletic teams.

## LPCA Holiday Sing-Along set for Saturday, Dec. 12

The Land Park Community Association proudly announces its second annual Holiday Sing-Along, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Eskaton Monroe Lodge, a senior independent living community, 3225 Freepoint Blvd.

The Sing-Along is a multi-cultural, multi-generational

event designed to spread holiday cheer through the joy of music. Together with the sing-along, the afternoon will include performances by the children's choir at Holy Spirit School and Celtic Grey, a three-person Celtic band with roots in Land Park. The event is open to all. LPCA asks guests to please bring pairs of new (but unwrapped) socks (any size or style) and/or new or gently used coats to benefit My Sisters House (located in Land Park on Freepoint Boulevard).

LPCA is a volunteer community organization, founded in 1985, committed to preserving and enhancing the quality of life in the Land Park neighborhood, by advocating to protect and preserve William Land Park; hosting events that bring neighbors and the community together; raising community awareness on issues affecting the Land Park neighborhood; supporting local entities, groups, and projects that enhance life in Land Park; and, working with elected officials and City staff to advocate on behalf of the Land Park community. More information about LPCA can be found at [www.landpark.org](http://www.landpark.org).



## Sacramentans enjoyed trip to Cuba with the California Automobile Museum

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*(Editor's Note: The California Automobile Museum invites the public to participate in the 2016, dates to be determined people-to-people educational exchange trip to Cuba to see Cuba's classic cars. It's estimated that Cuba has approximately 60,000 automotive gems in almost-perfect working condition on the streets today. On the 8-day, 7-night trip, "Cuba's Classic Cars 2.0," folks will meet with the owners of vintage automobiles and exchange ideas to understand the level of ingenuity required to maintain these automotive treasures. See an upcoming issue of the Land Park News for a personal account of last March's trip written by Sacramentan Lou Dinwiddie.)*

Earlier this year museum director Karen McClafin, a Land Park resident, spoke with the Land Park News about their 8-day trip

last March, in which 37 travelers took flight with friends from the California Automobile Museum to Cuba, far exceeding the 20 expected to go. "They came from all over the country. We have a collective group based in Sacramento and some of the travelers are related to folks from Sacramento. They came from Maine, the Midwest. They were all interested in cars and car culture and what Cuba had to offer in terms of car classics," she said.

While in the United States you might see a couple classic cars go by, there in Cuba it's the opposite, as classic cars are all that exists. With just about anything there's always an exception, and in Cuba's case newer Asian cars do exist, though they are not commonplace. "When a Kia or a Hyundai went by, we would say, 'Did you see that?'" Karen said, adding that

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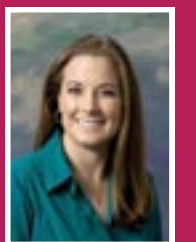
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# Duck season is here and so is the California Waterfowl annual dinner at Portuguese Hall

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As hunters are getting their ducks in a row, California Waterfowl volunteers are gearing up for the 22nd annual dinner to be held this year at Portuguese Hall on Thursday, Dec. 3.

The dinner normally serves 275 people. For \$60 per person, diners get to enjoy hors d'oeuvres, tri tip, shrimp, prawns, caesar salad, pasta and dessert. All the profits go to restore wet-

lands for the migratory waterfowl.

Primarily a duck hunter, Pocket resident Manuel Perry is 84 years old and has been active in the organization since the beginning. He continues to hunt and enjoy the season with his family and friends. Soon he will be going to Washington state with his son, Kenneth Perry. "I hunt in California, but also Canada. I try to hunt as much as possible during the season, and the season goes from the middle of October until

the end of January. I hunt primarily ducks and geese. I only hunt what I eat. If I don't eat it, I don't hunt it. I used to hunt elk and deer, but I don't do that much anymore; it's too tough on the legs."

Manuel Perry said basically the dinner has been about the same since its inception 22 years ago except for the fact the cost was a lot lower, the menu might have changed a little and it was held at a much smaller venue, the old Red Rose restaurant on 43rd Ave-

nue that was owned by the boxer Joey Lopes. "We've changed the menu and have done different things to try to increase membership. There are a lot of these dinners that go on throughout state of California, all for the same purpose to restore wetlands."

Perry reminds readers it's not just ducks and geese but all migratory water birds that benefit from the efforts of California Waterfowl.

According to the stated mission on the organization's website, the California Waterfowl Association is a statewide nonprofit organization whose principal objectives are to conserve California's waterfowl, wetlands and hunting heritage. In order to fulfill that mission, CWA has carefully thought out the following goals:

"Generate sufficient abundance and dispersion of waterfowl throughout California and the Pacific Flyway.

"Protect hunting rights, shooting sports, the use of dogs, and related recreation activities for all Californians.

"Expand hunter opportunity, recruit new hunters, and teach skills and behaviors that will help sustain hunting into the future.

"Communicate the importance and benefits of hunting.

"Increase membership and funding for CWA to increase



our capacity to achieve our mission.

"Ensure the long-term viability of CWA and plan for its growth.

"Maximize volunteer effectiveness."

In addition to the meal and drinks served at the Dec. 3 dinner, Perry said women and children under age 15 are eligible for special prizes. "There are special prizes for females, like jewelry, plants, flowers. For kids, they get a hunting type of equipment. Kids could win bb guns as long as parents are with them. They could also win camping equipment, that kind of stuff."

Portuguese Hall is located at 6676 Pocket Road. Remember it's a sell-out event and only 275 tickets are available. Cocktails begin at 5 p.m. (\$10 will get you unlimited bar drinks and entered into a raffle for a gun); dinner will be served family style at 7 p.m. Register online by visiting [www.calwaterfowl.org](http://www.calwaterfowl.org). Purchase raffle tickets by Friday, Nov. 20 and get "double progressive tickets."

## Spread some holiday cheer to your older neighbors

If you're starting to think about ways to reach out to those in need this holiday season, how about taking a look around your own neighborhood and spread some holiday cheer to your older neighbors with a friendly visit, holiday treats, and maybe even a little help with minor household tasks? What could be more convenient and satisfying than doing good right where you live! And, who knows, the new connection might end up being good for both you and your older neighbor long after the New Year.

More people are living longer and choosing to stay in their familiar homes as long as possible. But this can lead to loneliness and isolation when people become disconnected from others due to limited mobility, loss of life-long friends or limited family supports.

Caring Neighborhoods is Older Adult Services' neighborhood-based program that aims to support safe and independent community living for the growing older population in Sacramento. The program supports healthy "aging in place" by promoting new intergenerational connections in neighborhoods throughout Sacramento.

If the holiday spirit moves you, you can reach out to an older neighbor on your own, by teaming up with your neighborhood association, or forming an informal Caring Neighborhoods group with one or two other neighbors.

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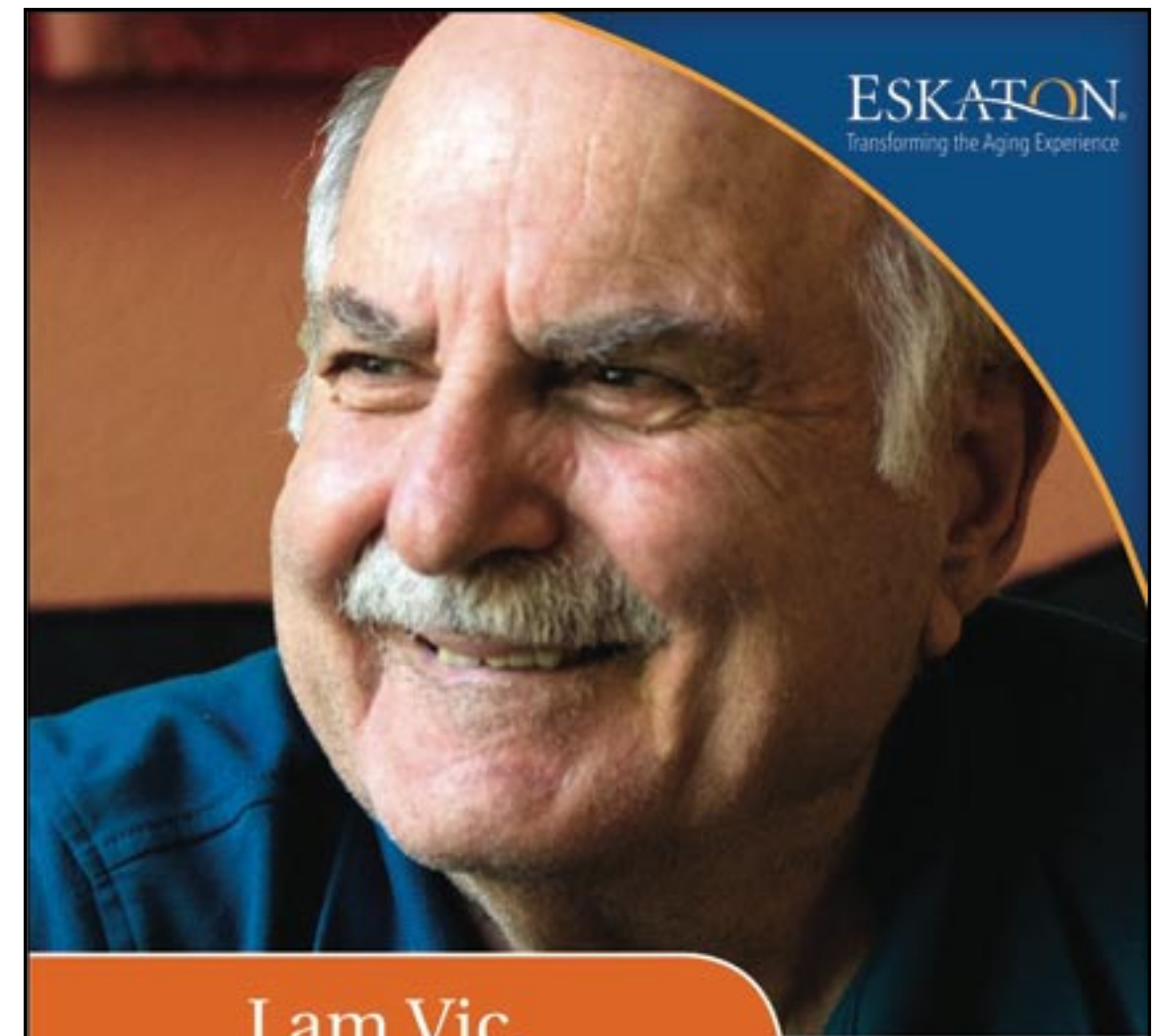
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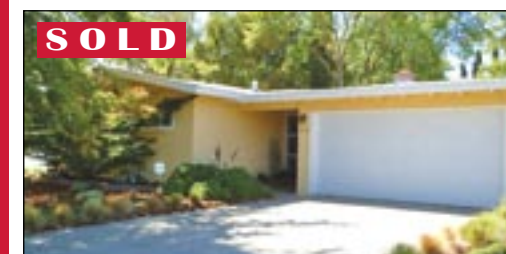
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# Matias Bombal's Hollywood

## 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 begun 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 uncov-

ered an almost more worisome 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 (Mark Ruffalo) who found much 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 vic-



tims, 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 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

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

### Mockingjay:

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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 steer-

age, 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 floorwalker, 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.  
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 boy, Tony (Emory Cohen), who becomes smitten with her. He tells 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 departs, 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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## Cuba:

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in Cuba, owning a car is a luxury for most. “People have to save for years and even then they’re trying to do taxi rides. Most cars, at least two out of three, are available as taxis. They’re all different colors; the most popular are Caribbean colors, which are nowhere near the original, but whatever it takes to get them noticed.”

A culture set back in time, at least by American standards, the physical and cultural beauty of the Caribbean island was like a trip back in time to the travelers. “It is amazing, but too bad it hasn’t been available for people to experience. It was like a time warp. Like you were in the ‘60s. Buildings had an art deco feel. There were cars from that era. It even had the sense of the Cold War with Soviet propaganda and bunkers. They had cannons in places where they were protecting themselves from pirates. They’re a country that never graduated to the 21st century. Cuba is totally set back in time. I wasn’t expecting it to that extent. The Caribbean

and old cars, the whole atmosphere-- from the moment you got off the plane, it was very surreal,” Karen said.

After the initial culture shock, the first thing on the agenda: Go straight to old Havana to get a sense and feel for everything Cuba. The travelers checked in at Hotel Nacional de Cuba, Cuba’s most prestigious and famous hotel, which impressed most of the group. “The hotel was amazing. I love boutique vintage hotels anyway and it was up my alley. The hotel was pretty packed. We were fortunate we had a great view, amenities and comfort. There was such history and pictures everywhere. I stayed in the Frank Sinatra room that featured stars of the 1940s and ‘50s, including past presidents and movie stars,” she said.

While travel has really increased in Cuba, Karen notes as a tourist attraction the country is nowhere close to what it needs to be if they open the gates completely. With about half a dozen hotels, for the most part there was no internet in Havana. Even the Hotel Nacional de Cuba had only one or two floors that you could rent

a computer for about \$10 an hour, which Karen took advantage of out of necessity in order to send photos of the group’s adventures to her employer. “We did have a hair dryer. We could flush the toilet. That was done probably recently, as they needed to get ready for Americans,” she said.

The trip cost \$5,000 but it included everything even two alcoholic drinks per meal and weren’t expected to tip. The only added expenses travelers accrued were the prices for souvenirs.

As soon as a trip to Cuba with the California Automobile Museum was announced, travelers Lou and Anna Dinwiddie eagerly jumped at the opportunity. “Cuba! Cuba? A trip to Cuba with the California Automobile Museum, do you want to go? I checked with my wife and we immediately decided yes and sent in our check. That was in August of 2014 and it was with some dismay that the U.S. government announced months later diplomatic changes with Cuba as it took some of the adventure out of our trip, or so one would think,” Lou said.

“The flight was thankfully uneventful but for a startling custom of the Cubans on board. It seems that as soon as the tires hit the runway they launch into cheers and applause for a safe landing. I was not ready for that though it’s not a bad custom. Cuban customs went easily and we joined our bus driver Junior and guide/interpreter George for a week of getting to know them and their country,” Lou said.

Under the discipline of a local travel guide, the days for the travelers were usually filled with educational, car-themed activities. To Karen, it felt spontaneous, but it was highly scheduled. “We were going to go to the auto museum, but it was closed; they had a water leak, so what we ended up doing, we went to a dance company that performed for us instead. Things often got shifted, and thank goodness for our tour guide who is originally from Cuba. She came over in the ‘60s. She might have been 12 (years old). She spoke Cuban, knew the history, had contacts. If things fell through, she was on the



phone and made other plans,” she said.

While most of the Cubans don’t speak English, Karen said they are very friendly and so happy to see Americans. “They know basic (English words), like ‘hello’. When we would say ‘California,’ they would say ‘California’ and then hug us.”

When they toured Ernest Hemingway’s estate and toured a neighborhood where folks are restoring one of his cars, children rushed out to see the Americans. “We were movie stars in Cuba. Even though there was a language barrier, we didn’t feel any animosity,” she said.

Naturally for this group of travelers, amongst some of the most enjoyable parts of the trip included cruising in convertibles, visiting with local car club members and participating in a car cruise and show.

Karen said the group met intense car collectors who set out searching for original parts to the older vehicles. Explaining the contrast between the car aficionados compared to the average car owner, she said for most, they ended up making the car parts or modifying parts to make them workable for these older American and European vehicles. “Since they can’t import from us, they make it there. They make a part or modify it. The car club guys are a little more sophisticated. They manage to finagle and have really original cars.” As souvenirs, Karen said the travelers brought back spark plugs, gauges. “We crammed our suitcases with things like that, those hard-to-fabricate items.”

Speaking about the car cruise and show that they participated in, Karen said they

had everything from a Model T to a Chevy Malibu. “One of the cars had been owned by President Bautista’s wife. (The event) was fun and well kept. It was fun to talk to the guys. We’d ask them, ‘How did you get this car?’ For the most part, they found a relative who helped them (import) parts.”

Karen said her favorite car during the trip was a little Austin Healey that was owned by one of the car club owners. “I like the little sports cars. It was adorable. I liked it because it was different. Most of them otherwise were American 1950s and ‘60s cars, so it was unique to see little sports cars from England. There were also a lot of Soviet cars, which look like old Datsuns because since the mid ‘80s, since ‘The Fall (of the Soviet Union),’ they haven’t been able to get those either.”

Beside all the car culture experience, Karen said she loved all the cuisine and being able to go into homes. “We had a couple of just amazing moments.”

Lou’s wife, Anna, summed up the trip as follows: “It was a unique trip. I would do it again, but I wouldn’t go back, not because it was Cuba. I don’t know. I just want to stay in the states. You could tell it’s not a welcomed subject, but more people who are critical should go on a trip like this.” The California Automobile Museum will take another trip sometime next April and will cover three different places and will be accompanied by the A Lo Cubano Car Club for a total of eight days.

This car club is featured on “Cuban Chrome” on the Discovery channel. There is a waitlist you can get on. Please contact Karen McClaffin at director@calautomuseum.org.

# CALENDAR

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### Little Hats, Big Hearts looking for newborn and preemie knit hats

**Now until Jan. 15, 2016:** Calling knitters, crocheters and loom knitters of all ages. The American Heart Association Sacramento Chapter is calling for handmade little red hats in preemie and newborn sizes. Hats need to be completed and delivered to the Sacramento Chapter Office located at 2007 O St., 95811 no later than Friday, Jan. 15, 2016. “Little Hats, Big Hearts” is a nationwide campaign of the AHA, bringing awareness to the babies who are born with heart ailments and heart defects. All hats received will be distributed locally in February 2016 as part of Go Red Month. This event is also being hosted on Facebook as “Little Hats, Big Hearts” for Elk Grove and Sacramento. Enjoy being part of this special project. Participants in Elk Grove will have designated drop-off locations to be announced in the Elk Grove Citizen and Facebook. For more information, contact Teresita Valadez at teresitagabriela@yahoo.com.

### Santas needed to fill holiday stockings for formerly homeless women and children

Local residents can bring smiles to formerly homeless women and children this holiday season by contributing to Women’s Empowerment’s annual Holiday Stocking Drive. The group is seeking 250 stockings and specific fillers for local infants and toddlers, children, teens and adult women. For the list of items needed, visit www.womens-empowerment.org. Those interested also can donate \$30 to have a volunteer elf fill a stocking or donate Target gift cards. Items are needed by Dec. 8 and can be dropped off at 1590 North A Street, Sacramento. For more information, contact Kate Towson at kate@womens-empowerment.org or 669-2307.

### The Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society (STJS) monthly music event

Every second Sunday of the month, STJS has music at the Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd., from noon to 5 p.m. Each month STJS has a different band, there is three different rooms to listen to music. Nominal fee for members is \$8; non-member price is \$10.

### Nar-Anon meeting for families and friends

The group meets to learn about drug abuse, share problems, encourage the addict to seek help, replace despair with hope, improve the family attitude, help regain your self-confidence. For more information, call the First United Methodist Church at 446-5025, ext. 101. Meetings are Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., 2100 J St.

### Rotary Club South meeting

The Rotary Club of South Sacramento meets at noon for lunch every Thursday at Iron Grill, located at 2422 13th St. (Broadway and 13th Street). Rotary is one of the largest service organizations in the world dedicated to community service both locally, and internationally. Please call JR Springer at 425-9195 for additional information.

### Beginning tai chi gong

These exercises use the principle of chi flowing properly throughout the body to maintain the equilibrium of yin and yang. Regular practice of these forms will develop better balance and flexibility, gain strength, promote deep relaxation, and improve health. This beginning class will also learn the 24 Yang Style Tai Chi and Yi Jing, a traditional Health Qi Gong. Pre-registration and prepayment required or \$7 drop-in fee at the door. Class will be held on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00 pm at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For more details, call (916)393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.org.

### Widow persons monthly buffet and social

Widowed Persons Association of California, Newcomers’ Buffet and Social is open to any and all widows and widowers, the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. The buffet will be held in the private dining room at the Plaza Hof Brau, corner of El Camino and Watt Avenue, cost varies as the choice is from a no-host buffet menu. There is no charge to attend the social other than the meal chosen. For more information, call 916 972-9722. Widowed Persons Association of California, Sunday Support, is open to any and all widows or widowers, every Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. in the meeting room of the WPAC office, 2628 El Camino Avenue, Ste. D-18. Enter from the back parking lot. For more information, call 916 972-9722. Saturday, Nov. 7, Widowed Persons Association of California Workshop, “Coping with the Holidays,” 2 to 4 p.m., the doors open at 1:30 p.m. A second session will be held Tuesday, Dec. 1, from 7 to 9 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. The workshops will take place at 2628 El Camino Ave., Ste. D-18. Enter from the back parking lot. For more information or to register, call 972-9722.

## NOVEMBER

### Indian Arts & Crafts Holiday Fair

Nov. 27-28: From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., guests will enjoy shopping for unique, hand-crafted items such as jewelry, basketry, hand-painted gourds, dolls, holiday ornaments and much more. This is the perfect chance to meet and support talented native artisans from all over California while also learning more about Native American culture. While special activities are free, regular Museum admission applies (\$5 for adults; \$3 for youths ages 6 to 17 and free for kids five and under). For more information about these events and activities or the State Indian Museum in general, please call 916-324-8112 or visit www.parks.ca.gov/indianmuseum or www.cihcfoundation.org.

### Crocker holiday artisan market

Nov. 27-29: The Creative Arts League of Sacramento is partnering with the Crocker Art Museum in bringing attendees an opportunity to shop for distinctive, one-of-a-kind, high-end modern gifts at the annual three day Crocker Holiday Artisan Market. This one-of-a-kind holiday market will be in East Sacramento at the Scottish Rite Center. Free parking will be available for attendees as well as six rooms to shop from. Vendors will be showcasing and selling functional pieces such as unique glass works, textiles, ceramics, paper, painting, sculptures, jewelry, fiber arts, metallurgy and woodworking. More than 100 artists

and their original works have been carefully juried into this special event to provide attendees with an exciting, varied and elegant shopping experience that is only presented in the Sacramento region. This event is family friendly offering holiday festivities such as picture opportunities with a Victorian Santa, holiday music from local musicians, food from Ambrosia Cafe, gift-wrapping, as well as the opportunity to meet and engage with each designer and artist. Scottish Rite Center is located at 6151 H St. Hours for the sale are Friday, noon to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost for Crocker and CALS members is \$3; non-member adults are \$6. Students and seniors (over 65) are \$3. Parking is free.

### Free admission day and canned food drive at Fairytale Town

**Friday, Nov. 27:** From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on the day after Thanksgiving, Fairytale Town offers free admission to families who bring a canned food item for donation to the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services - Holiday Spirit of Giving Food Drive. The day also includes free arts and crafts activities and a puppet show. Puppet show tickets are \$1 for members and \$2 for nonmembers. For more information, visit fairytaletown.org or call 808-7462. Fairytale Town is located at 3901 Land Park Drive.

### Relles Florist DIY Class

**Nov. 28:** Christmas Wreath including your own decorations. Learn how to make a Christmas-themed Door Wreath that can include your own decorations. \$50 each person. Limited class size, must register in advance. www.rellesflorist.com; sales@rellesflorist.com; 916-441-1478; 2400 J St

## DECEMBER

### Sacramento Senator Lions club will host the 3rd Annual Dandelion Arts and Crafts

**Dec. 5:** Sacramento Senator Lions club will host the 3rd Annual Dandelion Arts and Crafts show at the Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd. from 9 a.m. to

3 p.m. Free admission. All profits are used to support community projects. Event information at SenatorLionsEvents@gmail.com.

### Sacramento Concert Band’s free Holiday Concert:

**Dec. 7:** Enjoy music from Mozart to Gershwin with a little Sousa in between at Sacramento Concert Band’s free Holiday Concert 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. For more information, please contact Grant Parker, Band Director, (916) 691-7632

### Sam Brannan Middle School - Parent-Student Visitation Days

**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; Sambbrannan@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 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.

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